

RESIDENT OF INDIA LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR “DIVINE LIGHT HOUSE” OF PRAJAPITA BRAHMA KUMARIS ISHWARIYA VISHWA VIDYALAYA AT DASABATIA, TAMANDO



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu laid foundation stone for “Divine Light House” of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya at Dasabatia, Tamando today (July 27, 2023) and

launched its theme of the year “The Year of Positive Change” for conducting seminars and conferences. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa

Vidyalaya is not just an organization, but also a social and spiritual campaign run by women. The President said that both material and spiritual development are necessary for humanity. She added that technology is the driver of change and

that change is unavoidable and necessary for development. She stated that materialistic changes can give us happiness but one can attain mental peace by following the spiritual path. She was happy to note that

Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya is paving the way for spirituality through meditation and a disciplined lifestyle. The President said that from time to time some negative thoughts disturb our minds. She added that by due to lack of introspection, we start falling prey to negative thinking. She said that feelings of envy and hatred start increasing within us. She added that the biggest challenge before us today is to get rid of negative thoughts and move towards positivity. She appreciated Brahma Kumaris organization's efforts for making humanity aware and helping people move forward in a positive direction.

Centre Asks CBI To Probe Manipur Horror Video, Wants Trials Outside State

New Delhi (KCN): The case of the horror video from Manipur -- which showed two women being paraded naked by a mob -- will be investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation, sources have said. The Union Home Ministry has referred the case to the

government which has been accepted by Speaker Om Birla. Opposition leaders said they know the numbers are on government's side, but the aim of the motion, they said, was to compel the Prime Minister to speak on Manipur in the House, which would not have

absence of a precedent, there is no cause for the opposition to demand a statement from the Prime Minister. The opposition contends that in view of the 140-plus deaths, injuries and displacements of thousands of people since the ethnic violence broke out in May, there



CBI, sources said, days after it evoked nationwide outrage and sparked a huge political face-off with the united opposition. Sources said the government also wants to run the trial outside the northeastern state, which has been witnessing violence for the last three months. An affidavit will be filed on this. The video from Manipur, coming ahead of the monsoon session of parliament, generated a furore in the house, with the opposition demanding a statement from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. When the government made it clear that none was coming, the opposition took a circuitous route, pushing for a no-confidence motion against the

happened otherwise. Sources said yesterday that the government is likely to seek cooperation for the Manipur discussion after the no confidence motion was accepted. The Centre's plea would be that now the PM's presence has been secured by way of no-confidence motion, a discussion on Manipur should take place in which Union Home Minister Amit Shah would respond. A key point in the government's defence will be that after major violence took place in the state in 1993 and 1997, no statement was made in parliament in one case and in the other, the junior home minister had made a statement. Their stance is that in

is nothing more urgent that can demand the Prime Minister's attention. The government's current move -- calling for a CBI probe -- is seen as an effort to firefight in another direction -- the huge public outrage in Manipur -- a BJP-ruled state -- and out. The violence in Manipur has even drawn attention abroad, with the European Parliament adopting a resolution on the human rights situation in India, with particular reference to the recent clashes in Manipur. The government has said Manipur is a "internal matter. The European parliament's move reflects a "colonial mindset" and is "unacceptable", the foreign ministry had said.

Odisha: Jagannath Temple Committee Meeting On July 28 To Resolve Banakalagi Row



Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) will hold a meeting of its sub-committee on rituals to resolve the row over Banakalagi ritual of Lord Jagannath and his siblings at Srimandir in Odisha's Puri city. The Banakalagi (facial) ritual of the deities has not been conducted since July 1 due to a dispute between the SJTA and Dutta Mohapatra Nijog of the 12th century shrine. As per the temple tradition, Banakalagi ritual of the deities should be conducted

once in a week. The SJTA has been asking the servitors associated with the Dutta Mohapatra Nijog to perform the ritual on Wednesday of every week. But, the Dutta Mohapatra Nijog has been pitching for Thursdays to conduct the weekly ritual, sources said. The SJTA had issued a stern warning to the Nijog to conduct the ritual yesterday (Wednesday). But, the servitors defied the warning, sources added. Subsequently, the SJTA has threatened disciplinary action against the Dutta Mohapatra Nijog. The shrine authorities have also planned to engage Sudha Suar Nijog, another group of servitors, to perform the weekly ritual, sources said. The SJTA is of the view that several other rituals of the deities will be delayed if Banakalagi ritual is performed on Thursday.

J Krishna became the new Chief Commissioner of Income Tax

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Shri J Krishna Kishore an IRS Officer of 1990 batch presently posted as Principal Director of Income Tax (Investigation), Odisha, has been promoted as Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, vide Office Order No. 179 dated 27.07.2023 of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Shri J Krishna Kishore has an outstanding track record and is known to be an officer of impeccable integrity. During his tenure the Directorate of Investigation of Odisha has achieved the best ever results in all parameters, including highest cash ever seizure and highest detection of concealed income in Odisha.



Mastermind Arrested

Balasore (KCN): The Balasore Police on Thursday arrested another eight persons including the mastermind in the Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) question paper leak case. Briefing Media persons here, SP Sagarika Nath said till now 17 persons including the mastermind were arrested in this case. Investigation is still going on and further arrests will be made in coming days, she said. Notably, the question paper of the main written examination for recruitment of 1008 JE (Civil) Group-B posts, which was conducted on July 16, 2023, was leaked. Following this, the OSSC has cancelled the main written test conducted for the post and decided to conduct a fresh exam on September 3, 2023. “We able to find out the source from where the question paper was leaked and arrested the mastermind behind the



crime. The question paper was leaked from the printing press, where the question paper was printed,” said the SP. A worker of the printing press has handed over the question paper to the mastermind, who intimidated his close associates in Bihar about the question paper and then distributed it among some candidates in Odisha. The question paper was leaked by Virendra Singh @ Paswan, one of the workers of the printing press. Virendra, who originally hails from Bihar & is working as a helper in a printing press situated outside Odisha, which was being used by OSSC for

printing the question papers. He came in contact with the mastermind Vishal Kumar Chaurasia, who belongs to the same place as Virendra Singh's brother. Telephonic communication establishes that Virendra and Vishal have known each other for the last 2 months, during which Vishal proposed to Virendra to supply him with any relevant information regarding the question papers being printed at his printing press. On July 11, 2023, when Vishal received confirmation that the question paper related to JE (Mains) Civils examination to be conducted by OSSC on July 16, 2023 is available, he contacted Bijendra Kumar (his main associate), who has already been apprehended from the spot on July 16, while distributing the question papers.

State Bags 1K CR US Invest

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Expressing happiness over the business ecosystem and policy incentives available in Odisha, US-based Silicon Power Group has proposed to set up a 150 mm silicon carbide manufacturing facility in the State with an investment of Rs 1,000 crore. The investment will be made by the group's Indian Subsidiary, RiR Power Electronics. Harshad Mehta, promoter of the group and an electronics and semiconductor industry veteran with 4 decades of leadership experience, has submitted a letter of intent to the delegation of Odisha Government which is on an official tour to the USA, officials said. Started in 1994 by Shri Mehta and headquartered in the US, Silicon Power is a major technology developer



and solutions provider in the design, development, manufacturing and testing of high-power semiconductor devices and utility-applicable systems. This will be a first-of-its-kind manufacturing facility in Odisha and will serve as a testament to the efforts the government of Odisha has put-in to develop a semiconductor

ecosystem in the state. A company team, led by Shri Mehta will visit Odisha within one month, and the company has committed to start operations in the next 18 to 24 months, they said. During a comprehensive and wide-ranging discussion with the company team, the Odisha delegation gave a presentation highlighting Odisha's industrial

ecosystem and the generous package of incentives available under different policies, including in the upcoming semiconductor manufacturing and fabless policy which has recently been approved by the Cabinet. After holding discussion with the team, the company submitted an LoI to set up the

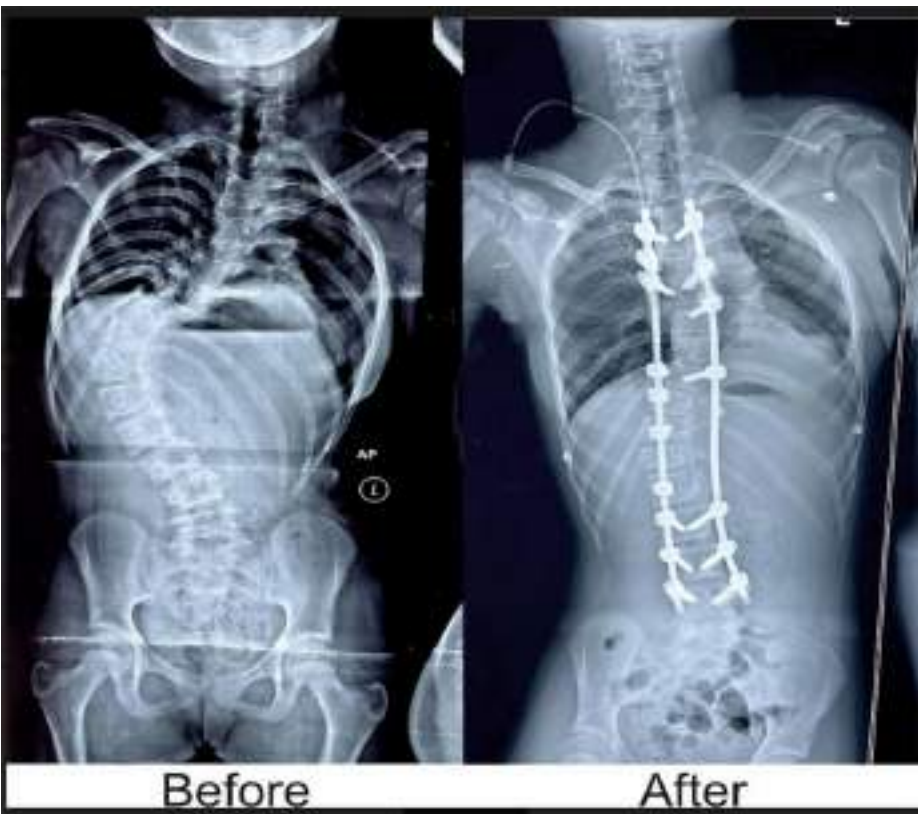
manufacturing facility in the state. It will bolster the industrial landscape and create significant employment opportunities in the state, the state government said. The US firm operates in India through its subsidiary, RiR Power Electronics, which serves customers in a range of fields, including industrial, electric utility, railways, renewables, and defence.

KIMS Doctors Achieve Breakthrough, Saves Young Girl's Life with Complex Spine Surgery

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bhubaneswar has successfully given a new lease of life to a teenage girl from Bhadrak, who was battling a spinal deformity known as Scoliosis. The abnormal curve in her spine gave it an ‘S-shaped’ appearance, threatening her promising future. However, thanks to the expertise of the doctors at KIMS, her spine was meticulously corrected in a recent complex operation, and she is now on the path to a

full recovery, ready to embrace a normal life once again. This ground-breaking surgery marks the first time a private hospital in Odisha has performed such a complex procedure, reaffirming KIMS's position as a leading provider of advanced healthcare in the state. The operation was skilfully carried out by Senior Consultant and Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Rout along with Anaesthsist Dr Sanjeev Giri and Dr Rajmohan. Dr. Rout

ensured that the young girl could return to her studies, play with her friends, and enjoy life without hindrance. were also took a major part in the surgery. Dr. Rout explained that the spinal deformity the girl suffered from is known as "idiopathic scoliosis," a condition that typically develops between the ages of 10 and 15 and if left untreated, can lead to severe deformities and significantly impact self-confidence and self-esteem. Such patients often become targets of ridicule due



to their appearance. Correcting the deformity at an early age is crucial, as it becomes more challenging to treat an advanced age. The girl's family visited several hospitals for treatment, including AIIMS, but had lost hope until they arrived at KIMS. After studying the case in detail, the medical team proceeded with the life-changing surgery, which was covered under the Biju Swasthya Kalyan

Yojana (BSKY) scheme. Notably, Dr. Rout, who is also the Secretary of the Spine Society of Odisha, accomplished the challenging operation in an impressive four hours, a procedure that typically takes 7-8 hours. The success of the surgery was further aided by the use of an advanced 'intraoperative neuro monitoring' machine, which promptly alerts the doctors to any potential complications during the procedure.

Kalinga Literary Festival announces its captivating bi-monthly edition in Millenium city Cuttack at Odisha Maritime Museum

Bhubaneswar,(KCN):The Kalinga Literary Festival is excited to unveil its latest endeavor as it partners with Cuttack Heritage Walks to present an extraordinary bi-monthly literary celebration in the mesmerizing Silver City, Cuttack! The event is set to take place on 30th July 2023, amidst the enchanting aura of Cuttack's rich heritage and cultural splendor. Cuttack, a city that boasts a tapestry of history and cultural heritage, has been a pivotal influencer in shaping the vibrant culture of Odisha. Located along the banks of the majestic Mahanadi River, Cuttack's historical significance dates back centuries, making it an ideal locale to rejoice in the fusion of literature and art. This literary extravaganza will be a unique collaboration between the Kalinga Literary Festival and Cuttack Heritage Walks. As experts in showcasing the city's architectural marvels, cultural landmarks, and hidden gems, Cuttack Heritage



Walks is a valuable partner in our mission to explore and celebrate the heritage of this glorious city. From its awe-inspiring architecture to its intricate silver filigree work, Cuttack emanates a charm that captivates hearts. With its treasure trove of tales waiting to be discovered and shared, Cuttack's history weaves seamlessly into Odisha's rich cultural mosaic, offering a glimpse into the past that remains ever-present. Kalinga Literary Festival will host Kalinga Literary Festival

Cuttack bi-monthly at Cuttack in last Sunday. “Cuttack has been the literary, cultural and business capital of Odisha for centuries. KLF Cuttack is an attempt to engage with & celebrate Cuttack's glorious past, the vibrant present and an inspiring future” said Shri Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Founder & Director of Kalinga Literary Festival. KLF Cuttack's inaugural day will host some of the legendary names of Odisha Literature such as legendary poet and Sahitya Akademi

awardee Padma Shri Jayanta Mahapatra, acclaimed actor, writer & TV Presenter Shri Satyabrata (Kuna) Tripathy, eminent poet Shri Saroj Ranjan Mohanty, Shri Amaresh Patnaik, poet Deepak Samantray, renowned journalist & author Kasturi Ray & Sandeep Sahu and many more literary figures. The festival will also host renowned multilingual poets such as Shri Jnane Debasish Mishra, Shri Amiya Ranjan Mohapatra, Shri Suresh Nayak, Shri Bijay Malla, Ms Ranjita Nayak, Dr Sarojini Sarangi, Prof Anjuman Ara, Shri Chinmay Jena, & Frederick Wright and others. “KLF Cuttack is a unique initiative of the Kalinga Literary Festival that aims to revive & promote Cuttack's glorious past & its cultural contribution to upheld Odisha's traditional values. We invite all the literary lovers & enthusiasts to join us in the mega celebration & bask in the glory of Cuttack's history,” said Mr. Parida.

Mobile network hampers digital services in Rajput Panchayat

Semiliguda(KCN): While the world is running on digital services, mobile network remains a dream to some areas in Koraput district. As a result of which people are facing a lot of problems. Mobile network is blocking the digital services of the portal. In Rajput Panchayat of Semiliguda Block of Koraput District, digital services are also hampered by mobile network. That is why the young man is providing bank services on the bike. Bank services are offered on bikes wherever there is a network. People from different villages come and do their bank work while the bank service is running on a bike under a tree. With no mobile service in Rajput panchayat, people have to cross trees and bushes to make phone calls in



emergencies. Even though the residents of Anchak repeatedly demanded for mobile service, the suffering of the people did not go away. Due to the lack of mobile service in the Rajput village panchayat, a child from there is unable to send online text messages. The said panchayat does not have a mobile tower. are going That is why the young man is

providing bank services on a bike. Sunabeda Utkal Rural Mini Bank Officer Rohan Mandi Chalanput Mukhibidei Banks are seen providing services on bikes under trees in village chowks. Due to network problem, the young man is doing people's bank work all the time in the place where the network is coming. Aadhaar Link, KWEC Update, Money Deposit, Withdrawal,

Registration of Farmer's Name, All the bank employees have given information. Most of the villages in the panchayat do not have mobile service. Chalanput-Mukhibidei village chowk is full of online work. Pitambar Kirsani informed. With Sarpanch Pitambar, the local residents demanded from the district administration to set up a mobile tower in the area of ??Rajput Panchayat.



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Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel-Starrer 'Gadar 2' Drops Trailer

Actors Sunny Deol and Ameesha Patel are all set to come up with their much-awaited action drama film 'Gadar 2'. Recently, Sunny Deol shared the trailer on Instagram and captioned it, "Apne parivaar aur desh ke liye, ek baar phir se Gadar machayega Tara Singh! On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, presenting you all with #Gadar2Trailer. Trailer is out now! (Link in bio) #Gadar2 aa rahi hai bade parde par lagane iss Independence Day! Cinemas mein 11th August se."

With amazing performances and powerful dialogues, and the iconic hand pump, the three-minute-long trailer showcases Tara Singh and Sakeena's legacy, set amidst the tumultuous 'Crush India Movement' of 1971 and Tara Singh going all the way to Pakistan to save his kid, Charan Jeet Singh (played by Utkrash Sharma) from the Pakistani Army. At the trailer launch of the movie on Wednesday in Mumbai, Sunny and Ameesha received a grand welcome. The duo



arrived at the event dressed as their characters Tara Singh and Sakeena. Sunny wore a saffron kurta paired with white pyjamas, a black blazer and a beige turban, Ameesha was seen wearing a red sharara outfit.

Several pictures and videos from the event went viral on social media in which the co-stars could be seen posing in front of a truck. In the videos, both actors could be seen getting a grand welcome at the event with dhol beats. As

the beats got intense Sunny and Ameesha performed bhangra in front of the paps.

Along with them, actor Utkarsh Sharma, director Anil Sharma and the other team members of 'Gadar 2' were also present at the trailer launch. Talking about the film Sunny Deol said, "I am highly grateful to the fans for their unwavering support for 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha' and I assure you that 'Gadar 2' will deliver double the action, emotions, and entertainment".

Helmed by Anil Sharma,

the film stars Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel and Utkarsh Sharma in the lead roles. Before releasing the official teaser online, the makers of the film attached the trailer with 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha' which was re-released in the theatres on June 9.

Director Anil Sharma said, "We are excited about bringing back a story that epitomizes patriotism, intense action, a heartwarming father-son bond, and a love story that transcends all boundaries". Veteran actor Nana Patekar has lent his voice in the movie.

'Gully Boy' to 'Darlings'- Vijay Varma has come a long way

Gully Boy, India's official entry to the Oscars celebrates 4 years today, and while the film was highly celebrated for its impactful performances, it was dark horse Vijay Varma who stood for the sheer potential he showed and for holding his own despite the strong and established cast.

The actor was praised for his performance as Moeen Arif, and his portrayal instantly caught the attention of audiences and critics alike. From thereon, Vijay continued to impress with web series' like A Suitable Boy, She and Mirzapur 2 and Ok Computer, all of which he won rave reviews for.

But it was finally with Darlings, that Vijay



Varma cemented his position as the 'King of Grey' as his character 'Hamza' was yet another example of Vijay's incredible prowess as a performer who constantly raises the bar with every project he takes on. Critics spoke about how Vijay 'nailed

the character', 'was like a chameleon', 'terrific and absolutely scintillating' making audiences feel the dread that Badru (Alia Bhatt) felt everytime his character Hamza came home.

From being a supporting cast

alongside Alia Bhatt in Gully Boy to being a parallel lead opposite her in her production Darlings, the actor has come a long way in the last 4 years and his journey has been nothing short of inspiring.

It's no surprise then that after his phenomenal performance in the film, he is now part of some of the most exciting theatrical and OTT content including Sujoy Ghosh's untitled next alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan, Reema Kagti's Fallen and Sumit Saxena's untitled project that took almost 100 days of immersive, relentless work. Each of these are versatile and challenging but nothing that the actor can't pull off!

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was

accompanied by her 'Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood

actor Varun Dhawan.

'Citadel' is the Indian version of the international sci-fi action web series of the same name created by the Russo Brothers. In the international series, Priyanka Chopra plays the lead.

The Indian web series is directed by the

director duo Raj and DK, who had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him." Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakunthalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.

Karan Johar reviews 'The Romantics', asks Aditya Chopra if he can share their personal pictures clicked over the decades

The 'Romantics', which released on OTT on the occasion of Valentine's Day, has received an emotional review from Karan Johar. He confessed to binge-watching the four episode long docu series, which got him thinking about old school filmmaking.

"I realised the purity, the innocence and the conviction we all collectively had... is so lost today for most of us.... Yash Chopra is not

just a legend of romance... a connoisseur of chiffon, music and beauty... a maestro of musicals... he was also a pillar of belief and conviction... is there any conviction left today? We are burdened by media commentary... box office opening analytics, research engines (all probably relevant to the technology and times) but where did good old fashioned conviction vanish," shared Karan Johar.



He went on to state how the series made him reflect on his own journey and added, "The rom doc reminds us of the past that seemed so organic and



heartfelt.... Makes me want to go back to that zone of filmmaking I am so deeply inspired by the YRF story... it's

origin and it's journey... Having learnt everything I know from the corridors of the studio I stand blessed and watching The Romantics made me so self aware ... of my strengths.... and my failings.... Thank you @smritimundhra for weaving a narrative out of the archives and actually making an audience go through the many emotional beats through the 4 episodes... just brilliant!"

Paving an ode to

Chopra scions, Aditya and Uday, KJo added, "And finally my Best friend has a face and how beautifully articulate was he!!! Adi does that mean I can post all the images we have shared over decades that you have threatened to never speak to me if I put out ??? #justasking #IloveyouAdi congratulations to my dearest friend @udayc for being such a force behind this."



Avinash that housemates have been appreciating Jiya Shankar despite that she has not been able to cook food properly. Avinash shares it with housemates and calls her 'jealous'.

Bigg Boss announces the 'Ticket To Finale' task and says three contestants will enter the final week. The Bigg Boss contestants are divided into three groups. Group A consists of Avinash Sachdev, Aashika Bhatia, and Jad Hadid. Group B includes Abhishek Malhan, Manisha Rani, and Pooja Bhatt, Group C has Jiya Shankar, Elvish Yadav, and Bebika Dhurve.

With every buzzer, one group has to talk about the other contestants or things related to the BB House to make viral content. The audience will be watching the group that is performing. The group that makes the most viral content will win at the end and get closer to the finale week.

Team A's player Avinash goes around and starts asking everyone what they feel about his and Falaq Naaz's relationship. He asks them to describe his and Falaq's bond in one word.

Aashika and Jiya talk and sorts out their differences with each other. Jiya tells Aashika that while she is quite popular on social media, she has not been able to utilise her talent in the house.

Team B's Manisha and Abhishek target Bebika and ask her questions. Pooja, who is also part of Team B, interrupts in the middle and says that they are sounding fake. Pooja says that even though they belong to the same team, she finds Abhi and Manisha talking in a fake tone. Manisha gets upset after Pooja's sharp rebuke. Abhishek confronts Pooja and tells her that this is his tone. Both of them have a conversation about this and Abhi feels that he has successfully created some content out of it.

Odisha has lowest debt burden; best state in fiscal management



Odisha is best state in the country in fiscal management. Odisha is the only state in the country that has reduced its public debt in the last three financial years. Odisha reduced its outstanding liability by 1.8% in 2019-20, by 8.4% in 2020-21 and by 12% in 2022-23, a rare feat no other state government was able to achieve in the last five financial years in India. CareEdge report has rated Odisha as best state in fiscal management. Similarly RBI, World Bank and IMF have appreciated Odisha's fiscal discipline and marksmanship. Odisha has never violated fiscal targets of Fiscal Responsibility and

Budgetary Management Act, 2003 since its inception. Odisha is only state in the country to achieve this magnificent fiscal discipline. This is result of visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik who chartered 5T principle of good governance. Total outstanding liabilities of gross loans of State Governments and Union Territories have hit record highs in the financial year 2022-23, showing the latest official data, disclosing that Tamil Nadu has accumulated the highest debt in the country, which has been estimated over Rs. 7.53 lakh crore as per the last financial year's budget estimate. The state is followed by India's most populous state Uttar Pradesh which has a debt of over Rs. 7.1 lakh crore during

the same fiscal. Other major states that are highly indebted are Maharashtra (Rs. 6.8 lakh crore), West Bengal (Rs. 6.08 lakh crore), Rajasthan (Rs. 5.37 lakh crore), Karnataka (Rs. 5.35 lakh crore), Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 4.42 lakh crore), Gujarat (Rs. 4.23 lakh crore), Kerala (Rs. 3.91 lakh crore), Madhya Pradesh (Rs. 3.87 lakh crore), Telangana (Rs. 3.66 lakh crore), Punjab (Rs. 3.05 lakh crore), Haryana (Rs. 2.87 lakh crore), and Bihar (Rs. 2.86 lakh crore). In response to a question, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed the Loka Sabha that all the states in the country have enacted their own fiscal responsibility and budgetary management laws. Compliance to the State FRBM Act, including monitoring

of debts of state owned entities is monitored by the respective state legislatures. During last five financial years no nationalised bank has disbursed any loan to any state government. The data shared by the Government in Parliament clearly indicates that some states have been doing better than other in managing their finances and they have been following better fiscal policies to reduce their outstanding loans. Odisha is in the top place in this list and has only Rs. 1.1 lakh crore debt, making it lowest in the country. As against this, some states have reported a massive rise in their outstanding liabilities during this period. For instance, the state of Tamil Nadu, which has the highest debt among all the states in the

country, reported a double digit increase in its liabilities during the last five years. The state's debt burden increased by 22.9% in 2018-19, by 15.1% in 2019-20 and then it jumped by a massive 23.1% in 2020-21 and then it increased by 15.4% in 2021-22 and by 14.8% in 2022-23. The data also showed that heavily indebted states such as Punjab and West Bengal have been following a pattern as they have been trying to restrict the annual increase in their outstanding liabilities to around 9-10% per year. The same is the case with India's most populous state Uttar Pradesh, which has the second highest debt burden in the country, but has been trying to limit the annual increase in its debt burden to around 10% or less during the last five

fiscal years. On the other hand, some other states and UTs such as Telangana and Delhi have seen significant annual increases in their debt burden during the last five years. The annual increase in Telangana's debt burden has more than 15% in each of the last five financial years. In the case of NCT of Delhi, the annual increase in the last three financial years has been 161.5% in 2020-21, 73.5% in 2021-22 and 33.3% in 2022-23. Public debt can be vital for development. Governments use it to finance their expenditures, to protect and invest in their people, and to pave their way to a better future. However, it can also be a heavy burden, when public debt grows too much or too fast. This is what is happening today across the

developing world. Public debt has reached colossal levels, largely due to two factors. Financing needs soared with countries' efforts to fend off the impact of cascading crises on development. These include the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis, and climate change. The weight of debt drags down development. Debt has been translating into a substantial burden for developing countries due to limited access to financing, rising borrowing costs, currency devaluations and sluggish growth. These factors compromise their ability to react to emergencies, tackle climate change and invest in their people and their future. States are facing the impossible choice of servicing their debt or serving their

people. Today, states are spending more on interest payments than on education or health. This must change. Odisha has shown a proven road map of multiple fiscal management actions to address the debt burden and achieve all round development. The state has grown 15 times since the year 2000 and state is one of the fastest growing economy in the country. Per capita income growth is 73% in recent years and nearing national average. The implementation of fiscal discipline and fiscal consolidation is crucial to unleash the resources needed to build a more prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable state, nation and world.

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Taking care of your feet during monsoon



Taking care of feet during monsoons can be quite tricky as they're exposed to dirt, germs, humid wet climate and Fungal infections than any other body part due to prolonged and constant exposure to standing water and rainwater during a downpour. Getting drenched in the rains is common during monsoon and it happens to almost everyone. Monsoons bring along an excess of humidity which causes into wet shoes, sweaty feet, cracked toes, fungal infections, itching, athlete foot and many other allergies, Your feet bears the

real brunt of monsoon. That's precisely why foot care is of extreme importance this season. Your feet are the most care worn part of the body during rainy season. You can avoid foot and toe infections during rainy season by taking some extra care. The main problem during the Monsoons is high humidity and sweat. The feet are among the areas where germs accumulate and odour forms. The waste matter, which is secreted with sweat, has to be removed by daily washing, to eliminate odour and feel fresh and clean. Pay special attention to your feet, while bathing. After washing them well, dry them thoroughly and apply talcum powder. If you wear

closed shoes, talcum powder can be sprinkled inside the shoes. However, in the hot season, slippers and open sandals are best, as they allow maximum ventilation and help the perspiration evaporate. However, if you have no option but to wear closed footwear, make sure you're using fungal powder to prevent any infections. But, open footwear also attracts dirt and therefore, foot hygiene becomes all the more important. After a hot day, soak your feet in cold water, to which some salt has been added. Developing a habit to wash feet right after an outdoor visit does wonders. Wash your feet with an anti-bacterial soap/mild shampoo with warm water thoroughly. Pat them dry immediately after without letting them

be damp for a prolonged time. A foot problem called "Athlete's Foot" develops more easily during hot and humid weather, because it thrives on soggy skin. If neglected, it can become a stubborn problem, with an itchy condition. Athlete's foot starts as a fungus infection. So, if there is dry scaling on the feet, especially between the toes, with some itching, consult a dermatologist without delay. Anti-fungal preparations are effective in dealing with the

problem in the initial stages. However, excessive moisture, caused by excessive sweating, tight shoes and humid weather can lead to bacterial activity and this worsens the condition. Avoid socks and wear open shoes, use talcum powder and keep the feet as dry as possible. If socks are a must, wear cotton ones. In fact, during the hot and humid season, the feet should be exposed to the air as much as possible. Have a salon pedicure once a

week. It keeps the feet in good condition and is also most relaxing! Here are some home remedies for Monsoon foot care: Moisturize ----- Moisturising is the golden rule for feet during hot and humid monsoon season. Massage a moisturizing lotion with a nice fragrance gently on your feet, and wipe it off with a warm towel after a few minutes twice a day, in the morning after shower and at night before going to bed. Invest in a good foot cream that will keep your feet hydrated, prevent allergies, and keep the heels soft and smooth. Foot Soak: In one-fourth bucket of warm water, add half cup of coarse salt and 10 drops of lemon, or orange essential oil (if you cannot get essential oil, use half

cup of lemon or orange juice). If your feet tend to sweat a lot, use a few drops of tea tree oil, as it has germicidal properties. It helps to deal with bad odour. Soak the feet for 10 to 15 minutes. Foot Lotion: Mix together 3 tablespoons of rose water, 2 tablespoons of lemon juice and one teaspoon pure glycerin. Apply on feet and leave on for half an hour. Foot Care for Dryness: In one-fourth bucket cold water, put 2 tablespoons honey, one tablespoon herbal shampoo, one tablespoon almond oil. Soak feet in it for 20 minutes. Cooling foot bath: Add rose water, lemon juice and a splash of eau de cologne in cold water and soak feet in it. Cools, cleans and removes odour.

Toenails ----- Keeping your toenails groomed by cutting them to an optimal short length is a way of making sure that an unnecessary amount of dirt doesn't get accumulated in your toenails. Additionally, moisture causes toenails to become brittle so a regular trim keeps it under check. Cooling Massage Oil: Take 100 ml olive oil and add 2 DROPS eucalyptus oil, 2 DROPS rosemary oil and 3 DROPS khus, or rose oil. Mix together and keep in an airtight glass jar. Use a little of this for foot massage. It cools and protects the skin and keeps it healthy.

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PM at the inauguration of multiple development projects at Rajkot, in Gujarat

HIMACHALI INDUSTRIALIST DONATED GLASS HOUSE FOR HOLY SHRINE AT KEDARNATH

Shimla (KCN): Himachali Industrialist and Philanthropist Sh Mehinder Sharma have donated a glass house at the Holy Shrine of Kedar Nath at Uttarakhand to bring complete transparency in the counting of Donations on the lines of Triputi Temple.

Sh Mehinder Sharma Leading Himachali Industrialist who is also a member of the Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee said that the move is a "first of its Kind initiative" has aimed to "to bring complete transparency in counting of donations" that is received as an offering from the devotees visiting the shrine on a daily basis". The glass enclosure called the "transparent



counting room" has been set up around 25 metres away from Main Shrine and now all donations in Kind and Cash including precious gifts will be counted in this Glass House. The CCTV cameras have been set up in the Glass House to facilitate the Pilgrims to watch the counting process live and the counting will also be recorded on CCTV

cameras to facilitate the Management for checking the entire process at any time later. The Glass House has been constructed at Rishikesh by Experts from UP in around 3 Months times and it has been designed in a robust manner so that it could bear the extreme weather conditions experienced in the holy shrine during winter months when the temperature dips below zero degrees temperature on many days. There was some delay in the construction of the Glass House owing to continuous adverse weather conditions this year which led to difficulties in transporting material to the Kedarnath Dham he added.

Zee Studios releases electrifying trailer of the most anticipated film of the year Gadar 2

Mumbai (Saikat Kumar Basu): Introducing the electrifying trailer of Zee Studios' highly anticipated film of the year, Gadar 2, where the legendary Tara Singh returns to vanquish his foes & protect the honour of country and family! The long-awaited moment has arrived, as the trailer showcases Tara Singh in his formidable and action-packed avatar, in what promises to be the most awaited legacy-sequel of the year. The Gadar 2 trailer was released on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Divas. The trailer was launched at a grand event attended by Anil Sharma, Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel, Utkarsh Sharma, Shariq Patel, Simrat Kaur, Mithoon, Alka Yagnik, Jubin Nautiyal and Aditya Narayan.



Prepare yourself for an enthralling experience as the trailer portrays the a w e - i n s p i r i n g continuation of Tara Singh and Sakeena's legacy, set amidst the tumultuous 'Crush India Movement' of 1971. With powerful dialogues, high-octane action featuring military tankers, trucks, and the iconic hand pump. The trailer keeps the spirit of "Mein Nikla Gaddi Leke" alive. Get ready

for an adrenaline-pumping adventure with captivating action sequences, stellar performances from an exceptional cast, and soul-stirring music. Sunny Deol expressed, "I am highly grateful to the fans for their unwavering support for Gadar: Ek Prem Katha, and I assure that Gadar 2 will deliver double the action, emotions, and entertainment". Director Anil Sharma

shared, "We are excited about bringing back a story that epitomizes patriotism, intense action, a heartwarming father-son bond, and a love story that transcends all boundaries". Shariq Patel, CBO, Zee Studios shared, "It's an honour to be associated with one of the biggest films in Indian Cinema's history. Gadar is an emotion for the masses

and a symbol of love and patriotism for over two decades. We have carefully preserved all the elements of Gadar: Ek Prem Katha in Gadar 2 to retain the magic and essence of the original". Along with Sunny Deol, the movie features stellar performances by Ameesha Patel, Utkarsh Sharma, Simrat Kaur, Manish Wadhwa, and Gaurav Chopra in pivotal roles. The film is directed by Anil Sharma and produced by Zee Studios, Anil Sharma Productions and M M Moviez. Mark your calendars as this exhilarating film is set to hit cinemas on 11th August 2023. Get ready for an extraordinary cinematic journey that celebrates the power of emotions and storytelling in Indian cinema!

"No-Confidence Motion Will Serve No Purpose": Union Minister Jabs Opposition

New Delhi: Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Thursday trained guns at the Opposition parties who have been protesting jointly, saying that moving a No-Confidence Motion against the government and wearing black clothes will serve no purpose. "PM Modi had said that they (Opposition) can bring the No-Confidence Motion in 2023 once again. They have come prepared. But there is a little divide there. Congress party, as per its usual attitude, did not consult the other Opposition parties. First, there should be confidence among Opposition parties, among each other. After that, they can talk about people's confidence in PM Modi. Moving No-Confidence Motion and wearing black clothes will serve no purpose," Mr Joshi said while talking to ANI. He further said that



the people showed "confidence" in the Prime Minister in 2014 when Modi was elected as the PM. "People showed this in 2014, 2019 and even in 2024, they will show the credibility of PM Modi," he added. A No Confidence Motion has been moved against the PM Modi government on Wednesday by Congress's Lok Sabha Deputy and Northeast leader Gaurav Gogoi, marking the first such motion in 20 years.

The ruckus in both Houses forced them to adjourn for the day. The Rajya Sabha on Thursday faced a second adjournment till 2 pm in a span of 20 minutes over ruckus on both the treasury and the Opposition benches raising slogans against each other. Soon after the House reassembled at 12 noon after a gap of 15 minutes of the first adjournment announced by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, the ruckus

continued leading to another adjournment till 2 pm. Notably, the Opposition leaders went to the Parliament in black attires to show their protest against the Manipur issue. They have been demanding a statement from PM Modi over the Manipur situation in the Parliament ever since the Monsoon Session started. Aam Admi Party MP Raghav Chadha will reach Parliament in all-black attire

expressing his solidarity with the people of Manipur. Speaking to ANI, AAP MP said that the opposition will make the Government realise Manipur violence and sack State Chief Minister unceremoniously. "Today the MPs of the 'INDIA' alliance have decided that to oppose the atrocities on the people of Manipur and the barbarism going on there, we will wear black clothes and go to the Parliament today. This will be a symbolic protest to give a message that we stand with the people of Manipur in this hour of grief. We will try to make the government realise that an integral part of this country, Manipur is burning. We urge the government to save Manipur and shoulder their Constitutional duty. The State government of the day should be dissolved and the CM should be unceremoniously sacked," the AAP MP said.

Compassion in Action: Indian Army's Humanitarian Efforts in Lolab Valley Kashmir



Kup Jk (Aasif Malik): the residents of Margi, Diver reported damage to House no 10 due to heavy rain, along with injuries sustained by Maniza Begum, the wife of Riyaz Khan, residing in the same house. The Indian Army promptly acted upon receiving the information and moved to provide aid to the locals. They quickly reached the incident site

and, with the help of the residents, evacuated Maniza Begum to the Government Hospital in Sogam for medical assistance. Moreover, the Indian Army's efforts to control the crowd at the incident site, ensuring there was no panic, and restoring normalcy in the area is praiseworthy. It reflects the spirit of their motto, "Humsaya Hain Hum," which translates to

"We are your friends". This motto exemplifies their dedication to supporting and aiding the local population during difficult times. Such actions build trust and appreciation among the locals and showcase the Indian Army's commitment to serving the community and protecting the citizens during emergencies and challenging situations.

52K CR For Odisha Rails

New Delhi: As many as 35 railway line projects total length 4,257 km costing Rs 52,189 crore have been taken up in Odisha, of which, 1184 km length has been commissioned with an expenditure of Rs 20,141 crore upto March, 2023.

This was informed by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in Lok Sabha on Wednesday while replying to a question of BJP MP Basanta Panda.

In a written statement, Shri Vaishnaw said 12 new lines, 1 gauge conversion and 22

doubling, which are in the planning/approval/construction stage, are falling fully/partly in Odisha. Out of which, 1184 km length has been commissioned with an expenditure of Rs 20,141 crore, he said.

Out of these, nine projects (3 new lines & 6 doubling works) of a total length of 99 km have been sanctioned in the last four years (2019-20 to 2022-23) and current year 2023-24.

As on April 1, 2023, 64 survey works (26 new lines & 38 doubling) having a total length 3414 km have been

taken up in the State. Demands of railway projects are raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railways' own requirements. They are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc., he said.

The Union Minister said the train services, serving Kalahandi and Naupada districts



which were discontinued during Covid-19, have now been resumed. Further, introduction of train services over Indian Railways is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources, etc.

On the proposed wagon factory in Kalahandi district, Shri Vaishnaw said the work of setting up of electric loco periodical overhauling workshop at Kalahandi was sanctioned in 2017-18 under Plan Head-42. Presently, the land acquisition from the

State government is under process for the project.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of Projects. Average annual budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in State, during 2014-19 has been enhanced to Rs 4,126 crore per year, which is 392% more than the average annual budget allocation of Rs 838 crore per year during 2009-14, he pointed

out.

For FY 2023-24, highest ever budget outlay of Rs 10,012 crore has been provided for these works, which is 1095% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14. (Rs 838 crore/year) During 2014-23, he said, 1,583 km sections (384 km new line and 1,199 km doubling) falling fully/partly in the State have been commissioned at an average rate 175.89 km per year, which is 229% more than commissioning during 2009-14 (53.4 km/year).

Drunk man kills wife for dancing at wedding party in Odisha

BALASORE(KCN): In a shocking incident, a man reportedly killed his wife for dancing in a wedding procession without taking his permission at Paikapada village within Oupada police limits in Balasore district on Saturday night. The accused is 43-year-old Ram Singh of Paikapada. The deceased was identified as Sharmila Singh (35). Ram is a driver by profession. Sources said a wedding ceremony was organised by Ram's neighbour on Saturday night. During the marriage procession,

some women requested Sharmila to dance with them. Though she refused, the women forcibly dragged her to the middle of the procession and made her dance.

Ram, who was also present at the spot, saw Sharmila shaking a leg and became angry. However, he did not express his displeasure and waited for the function to get over. In the meantime, he consumed alcohol with his friends and became completely drunk.

After attending the wedding feast, the couple

went home. At around 11 pm, a fight broke out between them as Ram yelled at Sharmila for dancing in the procession without his permission. When the woman protested, Ram became furious and in a fit of rage, assaulted her with a digging bar.

The couple's two minor kids snatched away the iron bar from Ram's hands but the latter grabbed the handle of an axe and continued to assault Sharmila. The woman bled to death. On hearing the commotion, neighbours rushed to the spot and

found Sharmila lying in a pool of blood. They immediately informed the police about the incident.

The next morning, a team of Oupada police rushed to the village for investigation. Sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) of Soro Ritesh Kumar Mahapatra said the woman's body was sent for postmortem. Basing on the complaint of the deceased's parents, police registered a case under section 302 of the IPC and arrested the accused. Further investigation is underway.

Bitumen plant of Gopalpur MLA's aide sealed in Kukudakhandi



BERHAMPUR(KCN): An illegal bitumen mix plant at Baulajholi village in Kukudakhandi tehsil of Ganjam district was sealed by the administration on Saturday. Sources said the plant belonging to one Balyaram Dalai was being run by violating the pollution norms since the past many years. Dalai is reportedly a close associate of

Gopalpur MLA Pradeep Panigrahi. Locals alleged the illegal plant polluted the area, causing diseases. They had also written to the Ganjam collector and sub-collector and Berhampur SP urging action against the plant several times in the past.

Accordingly, basing on collector Dibyajyoti Parida's direction, an enforcement team led

by Kukudakhandi tehsildar Kalyani Sanghamitra Devi along with officials from the pollution control board conducted a raid on the area.

According to the sale deed, Balyaram's wife Priyanka had 2021 purchased around 750 decimal land in the village along with a stone crusher. The documents, however, reportedly

had no mention of the bitumen plant being set up on the said piece of land. Since Dalai failed to produce requisite official permission for running the plant, it was sealed on the charge of being run in violation of environmental laws. However, the fact that the plant continued to operate and stayed out notice of the administration for so long has surprised many.



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Bajaj Allianz Life launchesworld’s first music video ‘Superstar After Retirement’, created by retired senior citizens

Pune: Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India’s leading private life insurers, launched a world’s music video “Superstar After Retirement”, created byretired seniors showcasing their creativity and fulfilling their life goals. Retirees including ex-bankers, ex-entrepreneurs, ex-educator, ex-engineers and other professionals, areseen unleashing their hidden talents like singing or dancing, and attempting to live their second innings with utmost zeal and passion. For most individuals, their dreams and desires take a backseat as they strive to ensure financial security and stability for their families.

Commenting on the

initiative, Mr. Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life, said “Aligned to the brandpurpose of enabling LifeGoals, we launched Superstar After Retirement initiative to encourage retired senior citizens to rediscover their talents and explore a world full of possibilities and freedom.Financial security provided through a regular stream of income, post-retirement, allows individuals to pursue their earlier unfulfilled passions.”

Bajaj Allianz Life had launched a pan-India talent hunt, to showcase their talent and fulfil their dreams of

becoming a superstar. From a total of over 5400 entries, 11 superstars from different walks of life were handpicked to be part of the music video. All of these participants,at some point of their lives, had aspired to be dancers, musicians, singers, cinematographers, lyricists, art director and stylists, aside from being retired senior citizens.

The music video was created entirely by these 11 senior citizens, after going through multiple enriching workshops with expert mentors from Bollywood.The team’s collective efforts for 37 days and 450+ hrs has resulted in this one-of-a-kind music video.

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA’s toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL’s toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started it’s India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

“Keeping with our

honourable Prime Minister’s vision of Atmanirbhar India, this collaboration with Plastic Legno’s deep experience in world-class toy manufacturing coupled with our strong footing in the global toy retail industry would open new doors and u n p a r a l l e l e d opportunities for toys manufactured in India. It is imperative for RBL to build design to shelf capability for a strategic advantage over the competition and to be an accelerator in building a robust toy manufacturing ecosystem in India not only for domestic consumption but also for global markets.” said the spokesperson of Reliance Brands Limited.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand – Rowan, making RBL one of the leading

toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

“We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno’s experience in Toys production and Hamley’s commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development.” said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

Aditya Birla Group formally launches TMRW – a Digital First ‘House of Brands’ venture in the Fashion & Lifestyle space

Mumbai:Aditya Birla Group today announced the formal launch of its new ‘House of Brands’ entity– TMRW. This move is in line with the group’s strategy to launch and back new-age digital ventures. TMRW, an Aditya Birla Group venture, will create India’s largest portfolio of disruptor brands in the fashion & lifestyle space and enable the next phase of direct to consumer (D2C) growth in India, which is poised to be a \$100bn market by 2025. Over the next 3 years, TMRW will acquire as well as incubate 30+ innovative, customer-obsessed brands. The venture will also enable multiple founders to operate within a synergistic ‘house of brands’ platform that share a common vision and shared capabilities.

Aditya Birla Group has appointed ex Facebook & Bain executive, Prashanth Aluru, as the CEO & Co-Founder to lead the build out of this new venture. Prashanth

will set-up a nimble and agile founding team with the right skill sets and capabilities. Prashanth comes with extensive experience in Digital & Technology across strategy, growth and investing. He also brings to the fore rich entrepreneurial experience in helping build and scale new age ventures in Digital & E-Commerce.

Ashish Dikshit, MD of ABFRL said, “ The formal launch of our D2C business, TMRW, is a key milestone for the company. This venture has the potential to become a significant growth engine by tapping into the new wave of entrepreneurial energy in India. Our aspiration is to build a portfolio of 30+ brands in the next 3 years. With the launch of this venture, we intend to double down on our ongoing program of strategically attracting new pools of capital that are seeking investment in high-growth businesses. We are confident that this

foray will successfully meet the aspirations of digitally native consumers and also create long-term value for investors and other stakeholders.” Prashanth Aluru, CEO and Co-Founder, TMRW said, “I am excited to embark on this journey to build TMRW - a long-term enduring platform that will be home to the leading disruptor brands that provide the new age digitally savvy consumer what she is looking for across Fashion & Lifestyle. With the backing of the Aditya Birla Group and the right profile of long-term investors we will bring in, we are confident of powering the growth of several brands that shape the next phase of digital commerce growth till 2030 and beyond. With a new age Digital first DNA, at TMRW, we will jointly create an ecosystem of the most-loved disruptor brands partnering closely with highly competent founders.”

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE’S PARTICIPATING POLICYHOLDERS RECEIVE Rs344 CRORE BONUS FOR FY23

Mumbai,: Reliance Nippon Life Insurance C o m p a n y Limitedannounced a total bonus of ₹344 Cr. for its participating policyholders in FY23.The Company registered a strong financial performance in FY23 delivering ₹108 Cr. as profits after tax (65% growth over FY22). As per this announcement, all participating policies with reversionary bonus in-force as of March 31, 2023, have been credited with

bonus declared. For policies with reversionary bonuses, this will increase the guaranteed benefits on Death and Maturity. This bonus is paid out of the profits generated by the company's participating policyholders' funds for the year FY23. This bonus issuance will advantage over 5,69,000 participating policyholders of Reliance Nippon Life. The company has been regularly declaring bonuses over the last 22 years as these

bonuses serve as an incentive for customers to regularly pay their premiums and stay invested for the entire policy term. Commenting on this bonus announcement, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, “We are purposed to deliver prosperity and peace of mind to all our customers. We are delighted to announce this bonus which will benefit over 5.6 Lakh customers. The bonus rate declared for various

participating policies is a testimony of our consistent endeavours to deliver superior value to customers. In the last few years, we have launched very competitive Participating plans such as the Milestone Plan and the Smart Zindagi Plus plan, and we hope to continue delivering value on these products.” Bonuses announced under participating policies help in wealth creation,allowing customers to fulfil their long-term life goals. In

addition, the guaranteed benefit offered on policy maturity or in the unfortunate event of the demise of the policyholder, provides financial security for both the policyholder and their loved ones, ensuring a stable future. Reliance Nippon Life Insurance is India’s leading and one of the most trusted private life insurance companies, with total Assets Under Management (AUM) of ₹30,609 Cr. and a Total Sum Assured of ₹85,950 Cr. as on March 31, 2023.

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3, 53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company’s total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May’22, Mr.Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said,“The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsidingcoupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May’21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon.”

TVS Motor Company registers sales of 302,982 units

Hosur: TVS Motor Company sales was at 302,982 units in May 2022. The year-on-year growth is not comparable due to the low base of sales in May 2021 because of the localised lockdown imposed by the Government of India during that period.

Two-Wheeler Total two-wheelers sales grew from 154,416 units in May 2021 to 287,058 units in May 2022. Domestic two-wheeler sales grew from 52,084 units in May 2021 to 191,482 units in May 2022.

Motorcycle sales grew from 125,188 units in May 2021 to 148,560 units in May 2022. Scooter sales of the Company grew from 19,627 units in May 2021 to 100,665 units in May 2022.

The shortage in the supply of semiconductors has impacted the production and sales of

premium two-wheelers. We are working aggressively with alternate sources and taking every effort to improve supplies at the earliest. Some improvement has been seen this month. We are optimistic that volumes will revive to normal levels once the semiconductor supplies improve.

The Company's total exports registered sales of 110,245 units in May 2022 as against 114,674 units in May 2021. Two-wheeler exports recorded sales of 95,576 units in May 2022 as against 102,332 units in May 2021.

Three-wheeler of the Company grew by 28% from 12,473 units in May 2021 to 15,924 units in May 2022.

The domestic two-wheeler sales include TVS iQube Electric sales of 2,637 units in May 2022.

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country’s principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/ Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/ Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the

Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said “MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the

Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank’s vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI.”

Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI’s commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

New Delhi: The Government of India has disbursed PM KISANsubsidy, directly to the farmers’ bank accounts benefitingover 10 crore farmers and families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each. Spice Money, India’s leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pincodes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AePS at their doorstep Adhikari outlet.

The PM Kisan Scheme, a central sector scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India, became operational on December 1, 2018. Under this scheme, income support of ₹6000

per year, divided into three installments, is directly transferred to the bank accounts of landholding farmer families, consisting of the husband, wife, and minor children. Speaking on this, Sanjeev Kumar, Co-Founder &CEO, Spice Money, said, “At Spice Money, we have been striving to solve the problem of access to banking & financial services in rural India. As the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is rolled out, our 1 million Adhikaris operating across 18,500 pin codes, will be an enabler in ensuring easy access and withdrawal of this subsidy to the rightful 10 crore beneficiaries of this scheme. Farmers and farmer

families will no longer have to travel large distances to bank branches or just let the money lie idle in their accounts in times of need. Our Adhikaris, trusted banking partners in their communities, will be there at the villages to help farmers withdraw their money, with the help of AePS, thereby providing much-needed safe and secure access to the subsidy amount.”

Spice Money has been spearheading the efforts towards bridging the financial services gap in rural India by providingbanking and financial services to the remotest corners of the country, across 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, thereby revolutionising the way Bharat banks.

Vedanta Aluminium Commissions India’s Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India’s largest producer of a l u m i n i u m , hascommissioned India’s largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India, this

sets the ball rolling on Vedanta Aluminium’s plans to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalisedat the company’s aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world’s largest single-location aluminium

smelter, ex-China. Further, as testimony to its endeavours towards increasinggender diversity in core manufacturing operations, Vedanta Aluminium is recruiting and training women to operate these top-of-the-line forklifts. The company has previously hired transgenderemployees as

forklift operators in its aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh. These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge ‘Smart Fleet Management’ system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IOT (Internet of Things) technology to

integrate the data collected by intelligent terminals and provide Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.

"Our aim is to win the Ashes and that's the opportunity in front of us." - Pat Cummins

London: Despite winning the World Test Championship and retaining The Ashes following a rained out final day at Old Trafford in Manchester, Pat Cummins, the Australian captain, admitted that there is still a lot of learning left for him as a captain. The Australians were visibly chaotic in the fourth Test as England had taken a firm hold in the contest with their attacking play. Too many players from too far in the field ran across to the captain and the bowlers with their thoughts. Cummins admitted that it wasn't as calm an environment as the team would've liked. "Something we speak a lot of as a group, is a calm environment. It's off the field but on the field as well. Probably wasn't our best day in

terms of that. And that's my fault. It's no-one else's. It's tough. You're out there, the wicket's a flat wicket, the batters are batting well, it's played at a different pace to pretty much any Test cricket before. You've seen similar on the flip side as well with them, having nine fielders out, the whole dynamics is different. It's good. I love the problem-solving aspect of it. Learnt a lot of lessons from the last game. "I think it (captaincy) does have a shelf life. I won't put a date on it, I've got to get there first. I feel like every test match I learn quite a bit, you just get exposed to more things with each game. I'm loving working with this team and the staff. Enjoying it at the moment, we'll see what the future holds. Feel like with each game, getting

better, and I think there's a fair bit more left in me. Even as England piled on 592 runs in less than 108 overs in their first innings in Manchester, Cummins doesn't believe that England's attacking approach has thrown off Australia's plans as much. Even as England have improved significantly after losing the first Tests by a close margin, Cummins insists that the Australian bowlers need to trust their plans. "I don't think it's shifted too much over the series, to be honest," he said. "Think Edgbaston, again that was another moment there wasn't a lot in it for the bowlers. They scored 400 on day one and I don't see it as too dissimilar to last week. Think you've got to hold your never a little bit sometimes, you've got to trust that's your best



percentage to get nicks even if they hit a few cover drives." With Australia holding on to just a marginal lead of 2-1 going into the final Test, England have a chance of levelling the series. However, Cummins wants to focus on winning the final Test and with it, cap off the English summer tour on

a high - having already won the WTC final and retained the Ashes. "If we win this one and you look back, it's been an incredible tour over here really. We've played five games, we've won three and only lost one. It's already a fantastic tour. But to go home, winning the urn will be phenomenal. It's a final

thing to tick off the list of titles to win for a few of the guys, who again you never know if they'll get another chance to do it. So, we've said the whole time, our aim is to come here and win the Ashes and that's the opportunity ahead of us." Cummins brushed aside rumours of Steve Smith and David Warner's

retirements but elaborated. He also didn't reveal if any of the players could be unavailable for the final Test and stated that the XI could be announced on Thursday or on the match day. However, he did admit that Mitchell Starc, who had injured his shoulder in the fourth Test, is still far from being fully fit, but expects him to recover in time for the contest. "Yeah, he's got something going on there. But he's come out and bowled. We weren't really sure about it. Yeah, he's got a history with it right now. At the MCG (when he'd injured his finger), didn't think he was going to bowl and he came out and his seam position was perfect. Probably helps his bowling. We expect him to be right as well. He didn't do much today but

will give another look tomorrow. "I think he might only be the second-most capped Aussie bowler and you don't do that without being extremely tough. Specially the way he bowls, 150 ks. I reckon his pain threshold is high as I've ever seen. And his resilience, not only through injuries but everything he goes through. He's someone who loves playing and you know he's desperate to be on the team-sheet each week, which as a captain I absolutely love." Australia did play an all-pace attack in Manchester but that didn't prove effective. Given Nathan Lyon's record at the venue, Cummins admitted that the thought of including a spinner for the Oval Test would be a consideration.

Klaasen ton helps Orcas chase record MLC score

New Delhi: Heinrich Klaasen's 44-ball 110* - the first century of MLC - downed MI New York in their last league game of the inaugural season of MLC 2023. The South African wicketkeeper-batter's effort ensured Seattle Orcas chased down the record 195-run target with two wickets in hand and four balls to spare and finishing on top of the points table. Despite the narrow loss, MI New York have qualified for the playoffs. Orcas were in trouble in the tall run chase despite a 62-run stand between Klaasen and opener Nauman Anwar, who had powered away to a 30-ball 51. Once Nauman departed while attempting to play one shot too many against Nosthush Kenjige and top edging to Rashid Khan at extra cover, Orcas were left in a tricky position. Shubham Ranjane departed soon after gloving a swivel pull off Trent Boult to the keeper. However, the 16th over of the run chase proved to be



the turning point. Only a few balls after Klaasen was dropped by Brevis at deep mid wicket, he took apart Rashid Khan in his final over. The legspinner was smashed for three sixes and a boundary in a 26-run over to turn the momentum in favour of Orcas. However, a flurry of wickets brought the contest back in balance. David Wiese cleaned up Dasun Shanaka in the next over, while Trent Boult struck thrice in the over following that. Dwaine Pretorius got an outside edge to the keeper, while Imad Wasim and Harmeet Singh were foxed by slower deliveries, trapped legbefore and bowled

respectively to have Orcas reduced to 176 for 8 with just more than two overs left. Klaasen didn't take it too deep. He clubbed a boundary off Ehsan Adil down the ground to bring up a century, and followed it up with another four to end the penultimate over. In the second ball of the final over, he smoked a slower ball by Kenjige over long on for a six to help Orcas secure the highest run chase of MLC 2023. Earlier in the day, MI New York posted 194 for 8 after being asked to bat first, courtesy Nicholas Pooran's 34-ball 68. The hard-

hitting southpaw smashed three boundaries and a seven sixes to lay the platform for his team's big total. He was well supported by Kieron Pollard's 18-ball 34 as the West Indian duo added a 67-run stand in 36 balls through the middle overs for the fourth wicket. The left-arm spin duo of Imad Wasim and Harmeet Singh bowled stingily and picked a brace each, with the latter even dismissing the dangerous duo of Pollard and Tim David. Interestingly, Trent Boult provided a brief flourish lower down the order with a couple of sixes, in his brief but entertaining 6-ball knock. Brief Scores: MI New York 194/8 in 20 overs (Nicholas Pooran 68, Kieron Pollard 34; Harmeet Singh 2-21, Imad Wasim 2-23) lost to Seattle Orcas 195/8 in 19.2 overs (Heinrich Klaasen 110*, Nauman Anwar 51; Trent Boult 4-31, Rashid Khan 2-41) by 2 wickets.

BCCI exploring alternatives for India-Pakistan World Cup match date

New Delhi: The World Cup schedule may see a slight tweak following revelations that Ahmedabad police have reportedly expressed their inability to provide security for the India-Pakistan game on October 15 as it coincides with the first day of the sacred Navaratri festival. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is believed to be exploring alternatives, one of them being to advance the match by a day to October 14. However, the option, on the face of it, is easier thought than implemented. With Pakistan playing a game against Sri Lanka in Hyderabad just two days earlier, on October 12, it may not be possible for the team to play the high-voltage game 48 hours later. Besides, there are two other games scheduled for October 14 - New Zealand versus Bangladesh in



Chennai (starting at 10:30 am) and England versus Afghanistan in New Delhi, starting at 2 pm. Adding a third match on the same day, that to an India-Pakistan contest, may cause concerns for the broadcasters and result in logistical and operational nightmares for the organizers. At this time, it appears that the BCCI is exploring various options. However, there has not been any formal communication to

the International Cricket Council (ICC) or the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), although some feelers may have been given to both bodies. Cricbuzz reached out to the ICC and Ahmedabad city police for a comment but is yet to receive a formal reply. There was no response from the BCCI either. It is now evident that merely advancing the India-Pakistan match date may not solve the

problem. The alteration will likely have a domino effect, and this is the matter that the BCCI is believed to be wrestling with. It is expected that some sort of solution may be hammered out at the meeting of the hosting associations, scheduled for Thursday, in New Delhi. The World Cup starts on October 5 and concludes on November 19, with Ahmedabad being the venue of both matches.

Who Is Jayanti Gupta? MS Dhoni's Elder Sister Who Is Married To CSK Captain's Best Friend And Works In A...

New Delhi: MS Dhoni, one of India's greatest captains ever, is also the most-loved Indian cricketers ever too. Even at the age of 42, three years after his international retirement, Dhoni is still winning Indian Premier League trophies and getting the stadiums to fill in the seats. Dhoni is ageing like a fine wine. He is still very fit and eager to play cricket. It was assumed that the legend would clai it quits this year after the end of IPL 2023. However, he chose not to use the word 'retirement' in his comments after the final, which CSK

won to lift their fifth trophy. Dhoni's journey has been a memorable one. That's why fans don't want him to go ever from the cricket field. This epic cricket journey would not have even started and Dhoni would have ended up doing a 9 to 5 job with his dreams burried under it. This special person in his life helped him become a successful person. This person is neither his mother or father. That special person is his sister Jayanti Gupta. Dhoni is among the three children of Pan Singh Dhoni and Devaki Devi. His father had a mid-



level government job and lived with the family in Ranchi. Dhoni's elder brother Narendra Singh Dhoni reportedly

became a political later in his life. Dhoni obviously chose the cricketing path. Narendra did not have much say in

lifting Dhoni's cricket career as he had left Ranchi for studies when Dhoni first took up cricket. It was his sister

Jayanti who took a lot of interest in Dhoni's cricket. As per reports, it is believed that Jayanti is 3 to 4 years older than

MSD. In MS Dhoni's biopic 'M.S. Dhoni The Untold Story', one can see how important a role Jayanti had in his career. After seeing that his career was not going anywhere, Dhoni wanted to quit it all and begin a day job. But it was his sister who persuaded him to stick to cricket and that something big will soon transpire. Jayanti, before wife Sakshi Dhoni, was the pillar of strength in his life. Dhoni, today, reportedly earns over Rs 1,000 crore a year. However, Jayanti lives a life away from social media and is an independent woman.

Jayanti is a school teacher who works in a private school in Ranchi, Jharkhand. No wonder, Dhoni's bringing up was so good. He had supportive people all around him, starting with the family. A billion cricket fans in India will be hugely indebted to contribution of Jayanti in making MS Dhoni a cricketer. Otherwise, India would have missed out on a terrific cricketer. This fact is also unknown to many that Jayanti is married to Dhoni's best friend named Gautam Gupta. He is Dhoni's oldest friends from Ranchi who is still in touch with the former India captain.