

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF 125th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLURI SITARAMA RAJU

Hyderabad (KCN):The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the closing ceremony of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Alluri Sitarama Raju at Hyderabad today (July 4, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Alluri Sitarama Raju's struggle against injustice and exploitation is a proud chapter of the Indian freedom struggle. She said that all the people, especially the younger generation, should be aware of his patriotism and courage. The President said that the life-character of Alluri Sitarama Raju is an example of uniting society without any



discrimination based on caste and class. She noted that Alluri Sitarama Raju was adopted by the tribal society completely and he also made the

happiness and sorrow of the tribal society his own happiness and sorrow. He is being remembered as a tribal warrior and it is his true identity. He kept fighting for the

rights of the tribal society till his martyrdom. She said that it is the duty of all of us to remember the legacy of such a great freedom fighter. She urged intellectuals,

especially sociologists and historians to make efforts to create awareness about the contribution of freedom fighters like Alluri Sitarama Raju among all citizens, especially the younger generation. The President said that working selflessly and fearlessly for the well-being of the deprived sections of society is the message of the life of Alluri Sitarama Raju. She added that we could pay him real tribute only by adopting his ideals in our conduct. She urged all to adopt the values and ideals of Alluri Sitarama Raju in the interest of society and the country.

If BJP wants, it can split BJD: Congress MLA Tara Bahinipati



New Delhi:Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati on Tuesday took a jibe at the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) by stating that both parties are one in Odisha. Whatever the BJP government at the Centre will say, the ruling BJD in Odisha will follow. At present there is resentment within the BJD and if BJP wants it can split the BJD, said Bahinipati. Bahinipati's made such remarks while responding to media queries about whether

Odisha will face a similar situation to what happened recently in Maharashtra politics. "Whatever happened in Maharashtra is not healthy for the democracy. Who knows what will happen in Odisha. BJD will do whatever PM Modi and Amit Shah say. If BJP wants to split the BJD, they can do taking into account the resentment within the ruling party in Odisha," said Bahinipati. The Congress MLA further said that once ED, and CBI start investigations, BJD will

split on its own. BJP MP, Jual Oram said, "We (BJP) don't believe in splitting any party and they (BJD) will break on their own. BJP works by taking into account people's mandate." Oram further said, if they cannot handle their own party, then blaming BJP is not justified. "BJP doesn't want to include any party or individual by influence," said Oram. Responding to Tara's statement that BJP & BJD are one, Oram said, "BJP is fighting polls independently after coalition ended in 2009. We will form the government with people's mandate here." Similarly, BJD MLA Dhruva Sahoo said, "The daydream of Congress will never come true. The Congress should save its own ship which is sinking across the country."

Dengue cases cross 100 in Bhubaneswar; cases detected from new areas



Bhubaneswar,(KCN):It seems that the dengue is fast spreading its tentacles in Bhubaneswar. The total cases of dengue infections have now crossed 100 in the Capital city. Nayapalli IRC village has now turned into a hotspot, said City health officer, Dipak Bisoi. "Some cases have been detected from Nayapalli, IRC Village, Jayadev Vihar, Salia Sahi, Pokariput, Unit 9 and Unit 3 areas in Bhubaneswar," said Bisoi. According to Bisoi, the team has found unused tyres, earthen lamps and accumulation of rain water in some compounds. As these have a hard surface, they can turn into breeding sources, he said. Senior Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) officials said that fogging operations have already been intensified in different parts of the city.

Two medical student groups clash at VIMSAR during 'Euphoria'

Sambalpur,(KCN):Violent clash between two groups of medical students was reported from VIMSAR, Burla on Tuesday. As per initial reports, the clash was reported between the student groups from Berhampur MKCG and Burla Sambalpur VIMSAR. The incident occurred during the ongoing inter-college medical festival 'Euphoria'. Though the exact reason behind the clash is yet to be ascertained, stones were pelted and even fire extinguishers were used on a bus which was full of students. The bus was also locked from outside which created problems for the students who complained of breathing issues.



Some students have been injured in the incident, sources said. What is more surprising is the fact that the authorities claimed that they are not aware of the incident and efforts are on to ascertain what exactly happened. MKCG student, Devitosh said, "This year, our students reached Burla for the inter-medical fest. When the bus reached the college, they were

welcomed with fire extinguisher. Fire-extinguisher gas was sprayed inside the bus when our students were inside it." The injured students were admitted to casualty and their condition is stated to be stable. "Our Dean has taken measures to bring our students back. We have asked the authorities to take appropriate legal action," Devitosh added.

Another website involved in cheating in name of Lord Jagannath surfaces

Puri,(KCN):Has social media become an easy medium to earn a quick buck by playing with the religious sentiments of devotees? Such questions are now being raised after several websites allegedly duping devotees in the name of Lord Jagannath have surfaced in the recent past. Adding to the list is another website Shaligram Shala which is allegedly taking thousands of rupees on the pretext of performing special puja at Puri Jagannath temple. Not only in Indian Rupees, but the website also collects funds in USD as well. On the website, the price for the special puja of Lord Jagannath and mantras has been fixed at Rs 4500 or 59 USD. The website also offers



discounts for conducting Brahman Bhoj at Rs 6000 or 79 USD and other services. A senior servitor has lodged a formal complaint in connection with the incident today. Senior servitor, Binay Das Mohapatra said, "Devotees can donate directly to Srimandir instead of falling into the trap of such websites and apps. Some people from here are involved. We demand a detailed probe into the matter." It is pertinent to mention here that online platform

– Utsav has been collecting money from several devotees on a monthly basis as a donation for Srimandir and with the promise of offering puja. Singhadwar Police had subsequently written to the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) to submit a report on the allegations of cheating of devotees by an online platform – Utsav. The officials of the online platform are likely to depose before the Singhadwar police station on July 7.

Rail Disaster Response Slow

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Finding delay in response from Railways during Balasore train tragedy, the Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) recommended the Railway Board to review the system if disaster-response in the Zonal Railways. In its inquiry report on the triple train accident that killed 293 people and injured more than 1000 persons, the CRS also asked the Railway Board to strengthen the coordination between Zonal Railways and various disaster-response agencies like State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and NDRF. AM Chowdhary,

Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Eastern Circle, has conducted the inquiry. Apart from CRS, CBI is also investigating the mishap. Notably, the Bahanaga locals had first responded to the massive accident on June 2 evening, then, it was the Odisha Government, which immediately swung to action and carried out a massive rescue and relief operation overnight. NDRF also joined in the operation. However, there was much delay from the railway side. The machinery and big cranes were required to carry out rescue operations during such disasters. But, due to

highly equipped ODRAF teams, the victims were rescued from the ill-fated coaches, sources said. When the cranes and other equipment reached the accident spot, at that time, the rescue operation was almost over. In this mishap the Odisha Government has saved more than 1200 precious lives. So, the CRS did not forget to mention about the delay and lack of coordination from the Railway point of view during the biggest train accident in the past three decades. In its report, the Commissioner said the accident was a case of rear-collision of 12841 Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express,



dropping from 128 kmph to zero abruptly, can only indicate that the train did not derail before it hit the goods train. In fact, it is proof that the train travelled on the loop line and hit the goods train at that speed. "A derailment before the collision would result in a reduction of speed". The rear collision was due to the lapses in the signalling-circuit alteration carried out at the North Signal

to zero abruptly, can only indicate that the train did not derail before it hit the goods train. In fact, it is proof that the train travelled on the loop line and hit the goods train at that speed. "A derailment before the collision would result in a reduction of speed". The rear collision was due to the lapses in the signalling-circuit alteration carried out at the North Signal

Goomty in the past, and during the execution of the signaling work related to the replacement of the 'electric lifting barrier' for level-crossing gate no.94 at the station, it said. These lapses resulted in wrong signalling to train no.12841, due to which the up home signal indicated green for run-through movement of the train on the up main line of the station. But the crossover connecting the up main line to the up loopline (crossover 17 A/B) was set to the up loopline. The wrong signalling resulted in 12841 traversing on the up loop line and eventual rear collision with the goods

train standing there. According to the report, the circuit shifting work that was done on account of cable fault back in 2018. This shifting was allegedly done without following the standard practice and there was wrong lettering on the terminals. The report also mentions a similar incident of mismatch between the intended route set by signals and the actual route taken by a train on May 16, 2022 at Bankranayabaz BKNM station in the Kharagpur Division due to wrong wiring and cable fault. Had corrective measures been taken after that incident to address the wrong-wiring, the accident at Bahanaga Bazar railway station

could have been averted, the report said. Hence, the report concluded that the cause of the accident was not due to "any defect of track or rolling stock (coaches, engine, etc.)." The CRS report has also mentioned the non-supply of circuit diagram for ELB replacement work, which is the responsibility of the accident has been placed on the Signal and Telecommunication Department. It has been categorically mentioned that lapses at multiple levels in the department were responsible for the accident.

Heavy Downpours To Drench Odisha Districts Today IMD Issues Yellow Warning

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Although the southwest monsoon has subdued Odisha, heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places in eight districts of the State. India Meteorological Department (IMD) regional centre in Bhubaneswar issued Yellow Warning today for the next five days.



In its mid-day bulletin, the IMD centre said, "The monsoon trough at mean sea level now passes through Balasore and thence southeastwards to Central Bay of Bengal. The cyclonic circulation over southwest Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood now lies over west-central Bay of Bengal adjoining north Andhra Pradesh coast and extends between 1.5

and 7.6 km above mean sea level tilting south-westwards with height." The highest maximum temperature of 38.8oC was recorded at Paralakhemundi and the lowest minimum temperature of 24.0oC was recorded at Phulbani and Nabarangpur in the plains of Odisha. Yellow Warning (Be

Updated)- Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Rayagada and Gajapati. Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal,

Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj. For Wednesday (Valid from 0830 hrs IST of 05.07.2023 to 0830 hrs IST of 06.07.2023) Yellow Warning (Be Updated)- Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over

the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam, Kandhamal, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj. For Thursday (Valid from 0830 hrs IST of 06.07.2023 to 0830 hrs IST of 07.07.2023) Yellow Warning (Be Updated)- Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Kandhamal and Bolangir and heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Boudh and Nuapada.

KIIT Shines in Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2023

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): KIIT has consistently excelled in various rankings and accreditations. Every year, universities and educational institutions are ranked according to various criteria by various government and private organizations globally. As the only institution in Odisha, KIIT has always excelled due to its quality. KIIT Deemed to be University has once again demonstrated its strong academic foundation, securing an impressive 12th position among Indian universities and ranking in the esteemed cohort of 151-200 worldwide in the prestigious Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2023.



In the recently released Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2023, KIIT claimed the 13th position among Indian universities and secured the 147th spot in Asia. The Young University Ranking was determined based on several criteria, including teaching quality, research output, citation impact, international outlook, and industry income. Despite being only 25 years old as an institution and 19 years old as a university, KIIT has now

emerged on par with established and long-standing institutes in India, which have been in existence for over 50 years, thanks to the academic accolades it has received. The faculty, teachers, students, and staff of KIIT and KISS expressed their profound gratitude to Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta for his visionary leadership and unwavering dedication, which have played a pivotal role in the university's remarkable success.

ACF Soumya death case: Police clueless about Bidyabharati's whereabouts after issuance of NBW



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Police are clueless about Bidyabharati Panda's whereabouts after Paralakhemundi SDJM court issued a non-bailable warrant against her and two others in connection with the death case of former Paralakhemundi Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra. Police have returned empty-handed twice

from Kaptipada Gouda village in Mayurbhanj district while going there to execute the NBW against Bidyabharati. Even the police did not find Bidyabharati at Betnoti office where she works. Apart from Bidyabharati, the court has issued non-bailable warrant against former Paralakhemundi Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sangram Behera and cook Manmath

Kumbha. As per sources, the court has directed the trio to appear before it on July 7. Besides, the court has also quashed the plea to dismiss the case against them. In another development, Orissa High Court on Tuesday stayed the non-bailable warrant (NBW) issued by the lower court against Bidhyabharati in connection with death of her husband. The court

has asked police not to execute the NBW. The next hearing on the matter will be on July 27. In June, Bidyabharati and Behera had moved the Orissa High Court challenging the SDJM court's order asking the duo along with cook Manmath Kumbha to appear before the court. Bidyabharati and Behera had made the Odisha government and Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra's father Abhiram respondents to their petitions. It is worthwhile to mention here that the Paralakhemundi SDJM court, while hearing the petition filed by the deceased ACF's father Abhiram Mohapatra in April, had directed the trio to appear before the court. The court stated that their trial would be held pertaining to murder and criminal conspiracy charges against them.

Bhubaneswar family ostracized for inter-caste marriage

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): A family living in Raghunathpur village under Nandankanan police limits in Bhubaneswar has allegedly been ostracized. The matter came to the fore after the victim's family narrated their plight before journalists on Tuesday.



As per the complaint, one of the three daughters of Rambha Dalei was married into a family belonging to another caste. This didn't go down well with the villagers. Sikhar Dalei and others imposed a fine of Rs 30,000 on Rambha's family. As she failed to pay the fine amount, others boycotted her family. As of now, Rambha's family is not allowed to take part in the last rites

or any other social functions in the village. "We don't know what our fault is. My father is a paralysis patient. And my mother works as a daily wage. We are three sisters and married. Now, my parents have been ostracized without any valid reason. In our village, six death rituals and one

marriage ceremony were held. My mother was asked not to participate in those functions. This heinous practice still persists after so many years of independence. Even after lodging a police complaint at Nandankanan Police Station, justice has not been delivered to us. Police are yet to register a case and

instead, they hurled insulting words at me," alleged Sasmita Dalei, daughter of Rambha Dalei. "I don't know why I have been ostracized. That's why I have sought help from the police. Sikhar Dalei has done this," alleged Rambha Dalei. In this regard, reactions couldn't be obtained from the police or Sikhar Dalei.

MAHARISHI PLAY SCHOOL

Nurturing awareness Moulding Future

ADMISSION OPEN FOR

PLAY GROUP (2+) to Onwards

A great Place to grow @ MPS

Laugh
Play
Learn
Share

Call now for Application:

25% reservation as per RTE Act (2009)

MAHARISHI PUBLIC SCHOOL

N-3 B/14-15, IRC Village,
Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar

PH. 2558884 / 2550786 / 8984600700 (M)

E-mail : maharishipublic13@yahoo.com

Find us on
facebook.com/maharishiplayschool

FOLLOW US
ON TWITTER
twitter.com/maharishiplayschool

CLASSIFIED

CAUTION

Readers are advised to make appropriate enquiries while responding to advertisements in these columns. The Kalinga chronicle publication does not vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers. The Printer, Publisher, Editor and Owner of The Kalinga Chronicle Publications shall not be held responsible/liable for any consequences, in case such claims are found to be false.



AUTOMOBILE



REAL ESTATE

SALE
Cawasik Bajaj n tiptop condition for sale. Contact: 2555326

PURCHASE
Required a Marshal/Commandor / Bolo in good condition. Contact :555763

SALE
Flats ready for possession before Rathayatra at Puri near Seabeach for sale. Contact : 986-1078308

Residential plots at Pahala close to NH-5 and near Pata Railway Station, Bhubaneswar for immediate sale. Contact : 0674-2556733
Residential plots at

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT TARIFF

Classified advertisements are released daily. The normal classified advertisement is charged @ Rs. 5/- per word up to maximum number of 50 words. Any extra word will be Rs. 8/- per word. The minimum charges for any classified advertisement is Rs. 100/-. The options for bold lettering and outlining are also available and are charged @ 7/- and 10/- per word respectively. Extra charges for photographs Rs.100/- For Box No. Rs. 100/-

HIRE
For hiring of Car / Jeep / Bus on monthly basis. Contact : 2555763



BUSINESS

Saving 10,000/- for high return, extra earn and foreign trip opportunity, 9238904001.
Independent business work from home, training in Singapore, 9338014287.



MATRIMONIAL

BRIDE WANTED
Wanted bride for Chandayat Boy, 37plus, Taste no bar, 0674-255763

GROOM WANTED
Wanted Groom any service / business family or a Brahmin Girl. Contact 2555228

Gohira/Chhak in front of CV Raman Engineering College beside NH-5, near Tamardo. Contact : 9238991168

PURCHASE
Simplex / Duplex building at BBSR contact: 9437002509

ACCOMMODATION WANTED
Required Single / Double / Triple Storie North/East facing building at Puri. Contact 9432143483



TOURS & TRAVELS

We provide luxury coach buses (16,25,32,41,52 seater) for Picnic, Excursion, Marriage. Maa Santoshi Travels, Contact : 9961079437
For Luxury Passenger vehicle, Contact : Sagacity Tours & Travels, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Ph. 2540219

WANTED

Required Driver/Peon/Attendant/ Aya

Please Contact-8984600400

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Required double/Single/ Multi storied Bungalow type North or East Facing Independent building At-Nayapalli, Jayadev Vihar, V.S.S. Nagar, Mancheswar, Rasulgarh, Sallashree Vihar, Niladri Vihar.

Please Contact- 8338870595

Kartik Aaryan Delivers Career's Best Performance With 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'

Young superstar Kartik Aaryan is busy creating waves with his emotional banger of a film 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'. The film marked his third-highest opening and it has become his highest opening in the UAE. Although his success at the Box Office and unrivalled fandom are apparent, it is his outstanding performance in the film that actually distinguishes him from the others.

Kartik Aaryan has only demonstrated his versatility with his most recent films, and as Sattu from 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', he has completely stunned the



audience in a field that is frequently criticised for its lack of variety. His performance was praised by the public and critics as the best of his career, he makes you laugh with him as well

as cry with him in the run of the movie. Upon bashing a character in the movie with a chappal, the theatre saw audiences cheering and roaring in excitement for him.

Talking about Kartik's performance in an interview with a leading daily, the director of 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', Sameer Vidwans said, "I don't think words can justify what an amazing

job Kartik has done in the film. He is a director's delight. His charm, energy and dedication are next level. His unique style of acting, innocence and vulnerability has added a lot to the character. Sattu ke liye jo innocence aur pure energy chahiye, woh Kartik me hai. He lived the character - har chhote-chhote moment se leke bade scenes tak. Mujhe nahin lagta aur koi bhi actor Sattu play kar sakta tha, jaise Kartik ne kiya hai. He deserves all the love, appreciation and applause he is getting." Kartik's portrayal of the new-age romantic hero

is adored by all. His character, Sattu acts as the support to his woman who is encouraged by him to be the hero of her own story and fight for herself. Sattu is helping in establishing new standards for men as women on the internet are raving about their men to Be Like Sattu. Unquestionably 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' is growing by the day and with positive word of mouth, higher growth for the film is expected. Kartik has delivered an admirable performance and he shows off both his development as an actor and his capabilities to engage with viewers on a deeper level.

Big Boss OTT 2: Abhishek Malhan Loses Captaincy For Flouting Rule, Jiya Shankar Becomes New Captain

The latest episode of 'Big Boss OTT 2' shows Big Boss inviting all the housemates to assemble at the living area, announcing the commencement of open nomination task. Each contestant is instructed to use a 'reject stamp' to nominate two individuals for elimination. During the nomination task, Manisha and Pooja get into a massive argument. Jad is nominated for his action of flashing his butt to Bebika Dhurve during an argument in the kitchen area. Jiya Shankar and Abhishek Malhan are the only two safe contestants this week. Rest all seven housemates - Pooja Bhatt, Falaq Naaz, Avinash Sachdev, Cyrus Brocha, Manisha Rani, Jad Hadid and Bebika Dhurve get nominated. Jiya discusses the 'onion incident' with Jad, interrupted by Manisha's intervention, escalating into a loud argument. Abdu Rozik mocks their voices and antics, adding a touch of humor to the heated situation. Jiya clarifies to Abhi that she didn't include him in her remark about playing differently, expressing



frustration with Manisha's lack of understanding. Manisha cries alone in the garden while Jiya expresses that she could have nominated Bebika but chose not to, leading to a discussion with Abhishek. Bebika confides in Pooja Bhatt, suspecting jealousy from Abhishek and Manisha due to Pooja's support for her. Pooja asserts that she will not tolerate any misbehavior from anyone, regardless of her support. She also states that while she is really fond of Bebika, she will not accept any misbehaviour from her. Abhishek and Manisha

discuss how Bebika's attitude toward him changed after Salman Khan appreciated him, highlighting shifting dynamics within the house. Big Boss announces that it's time for Abdu to leave the house and he can pick any 4 names from nominated contestants and make reels with them on his songs. He picks Jad, Manisha, Jiya and Avinash and creates videos with them. Avinash and Jiya later discuss that Manisha allegedly made Abdu uncomfortable during the reel making leaving the famous Tajikistani

singer embarrassed and in a difficult situation. Avinash also says that he feels that Manisha allegedly tried to plant a kiss on Abdu, which made him stop singing in between. Big Boss announces the new captaincy challenge and Jiya Shankar becomes the new captain of the house. Big Boss gives her the power to nominate one contestant. With the coveted title now firmly in her grasp, Jiya wastes no time in wielding her newfound power, sending shockwaves through the house by nominating the unsuspecting Pooja Bhatt.

Is Salaar Set In KGF Universe? Prabhas's Film Teaser Has Rocky Bhai Aka Yash's Connection

One of the biggest directors Prashanth Neel has totally left the audience spellbound with his blockbuster film 'KGF 1' and 'KGF 2'. Well, taking the journey ahead, the biggest action director is about to bring along yet another cinematic marvel with Hombale Films upcoming 'Salaar' starring the biggest superstar Prabhas. As we recently got to hear the big announcement about the release of the teaser of 'Salaar', a moment that has grabbed our attention signifies that Salaar could be the part of 'KGF' universe, and we assume how?

We all must have remembered the climax of 'KGF 2' when Rocky Bhai is sailing the ship in the thundering ocean and gets attacked. But not many of us would have noticed the time in the clock that was hanging on the wall was 5:12 am which is exactly the same as the release of the 'Salaar' teaser on July 6, at 5:12 am. Isn't this a big coincidence?



We don't think so. We feel that director Prashanth Neel has left subtle clues for our intelligent eyes to understand that Salaar indeed is part of the KGF universe.

Recently, on the anniversary of 'KGF 2', the makers teased the audience with a short glimpse and gave fire to the conversations of 'KGF 3'. This indeed makes it plenty clear that the 'KGF' saga is far from over. With 'Salaar' now starting to come to the surface, we think that 'Salaar' might be a chapter in the entire Prashanth Neel's cinematic universe. Well, this has further ignited our excitement to see if we will get to see Rocky Bhai coming on the screen with the most violent man, 'Salaar'?

Ektaa Kapoor Collaborates With South Superstar Mohanlal For Pan-India Film Vrushabha

Producer Ektaa Kapoor on Monday announced the new Pan India film 'Vrushabha' in collaboration with actor Mohanlal. Taking to Instagram, Ektaa shared a picture featuring herself, her father-actor Jeetendra and Mohanlal. Sharing the picture, she wrote, "Posing with d legend n the genius !!!! JAI MATA DI so excited to b working with the actor par excellence @mohanlal. Balaji Telefilms partners with Connekt Media and AVS Studios for VRUSHABHA - a Pan India bilingual Telugu Malayalam Film starring megastar Mohanlal. High on emotions and VFX, the film is an Epic Action Entertainer transcending

generations. Touted to be one of the biggest films of 2024, VRUSHABHA, directed by Nanda Kishore, goes on floors later this month and will be released simultaneously in Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and Hindi." The film is an epic action entertainer transcending generations. 'Vrushabha', directed by Nanda Kishore, goes on floors later this month and will be released simultaneously in Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and Hindi. The film is slated to release in 2024. Few hours ago, marking the occasion of Guru Purnima and 23 years of 'Kyun ki saas bhi kabhi



bahu thi," shared a video along with a lengthy note. Ektaa stated that in 1994, the famous astrologer Pandit Janardhan prophesied her prosperity. He promised her that the audience will be as engrossed in her programme as they were in Ramayan and Mahabharat on Doordarshan. The note read, "Year 1994. I'm sitting in my fr

Shabina's house n pandit Janardan sees me (now more popular with indian match making) n tells me I will have my own company I tell him I'm planning to start in august n he says all will b good but wait for ur 25 th year that's when u will @make a show that ppl will watch like they used to watch Ramayan n Mahabharata on doordrshan (his exact words) I say I don't think

I can make a mytho so good but let's see I say." She added, "Year 2000 six years have passed since HUMPAANCH n I'm asking Sameer sir @sameern to give me a drama my South Indian drama is doing well n Hindi channel shud see@it he says yes. Same year mach2000I cast a new girl for a important role but on seeing her on tape I tear her contract

only to sign as her as a lead on a spring day in March it also happens to b her bday @smritiiraniofficial." Ektaa wished her fans Guru Purnima and shared how she learned from her life and viewers. She continued, "Year 2023 July it's guru Purnima n I look at my son n think ' Khelne Wale Baith Ke Dekhenge, Naye Khiladi Khel Yeh Khelenge, Rishton Ka Rang Badla, Naaton Ka Dhang Badla, Aaina, Phir Bhi Wahi. never rung truer as in two hours I announce my first pan india film it's time to say THANKU EVERYONE n happy GURU PURNIMA LEARN FROM LIFE N MY VIEWERS HAPPY 23 to #yunkisaasbhikabhibahuthi."

A JUDGE IS FREE TO ERROR WITHIN HIS JURISDICTION, BUT NOT OTHERWISE



It is a fundamental principle of law that a Court is free to error within its jurisdiction and, howsoever erroneous its decision is, it could be final and binding. Dhananjay Chatterjee, a poor and young watchman, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death by a Sessions Court in West Bengal. The Supreme Court confirmed the verdict. The President of India rejected his mercy petition and he was hanged. A lawyer friend of mine, who represented Dhananjay, told me that Dhananjay was falsely implicated in the case and the President rejected his mercy petition only because the public opinion mobilized by the wife of the then Chief Minister of West Bengal left His Excellency with no other option. Octogenarian hangman Nata Mullick, who was always proud of the unpleasant duty which he was called upon to perform and who carried out his last hanging by executing Dhananjay Chatterjee, was devastated because he was convinced that he was executing an innocent man and cried after completing the job at the Alipur Central Jail.

From a strict point of law, even assuming that Dhananjay was innocent, hanging him meant no illegality because a judicial decision is always treated as truth – *judicium semper pro veritate accipitur* – a judgment is always taken for truth – otherwise there would be no finality of litigation and it is in public interest to end all litigations. On the other hand, supposing that no trial was conducted, no forum for appeal ever existed and, instead of the trial Court and the appellate Court, namely, the High Court, the Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution were to appoint a Committee of, say, three retired High Court Judges, all persons of exceptional integrity, ability and competence, and were to report to the Supreme Court whether Dhananjay had committed murder and assuming that the said Committee, after taking evidence from witnesses, found him

guilty and awarded him death sentence, such a judgment is one rendered void ab initio because the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction to substitute itself for the trial Court, the fact-finding authority, and the appellate Court, the High Court.

3. I am constrained to make the above comparison in the light of the judgment of the Supreme Court in the Maradu case ordering demolition of four buildings for alleged violation of CRZ-III. If the Supreme Court was acting upon as a Court of appeal against the decision of the Maradu Panchayat ordering demolition of the buildings, which had become final, authoritative and binding inasmuch as all the authorities below, namely, the Tribunal, the Single Judge and the Division Bench of the Kerala High Court confirming the order of demolition, then it would have been well within the province of the Supreme Court to order demolition because the Court is free to err within its jurisdiction. It is said *res judicata facit ex albo nigro, ex nigro albo, ex curvo rectum, ex recto curvum* – a thing adjudged makes what was white, black; what was black, white; what was crooked straight; what was straight, crooked.

4. *Tha t res judicata pro veritate accipitur* – a matter which has been tried and adjudicated should be accepted as true – is a fundamental principle of law. Stated in simple words, a judicial decision, whether right or wrong, is final and binding between the parties to the *lis* or *res inter alios acta alteri nocere non debet* – things done between strangers ought not to injure those who are not parties to them – a decision in a case between A and B will not bind C and D who were not parties to it. Even the concept of judgment in *rem*, namely, a judgment binding on all persons, whether they are parties to those proceedings or not, and a judgment in *personam*, meaning a judgment binding only between the parties to the *lis* only, has a limited application in the sense that whether a judgment of a Court has altered the status of a party to the proceeding, that will be binding on the rest of the world, for instance, where a suit between husband and wife

seeking divorce is rejected, such a judgment is a judgment in *personam* binding only between the parties thereto and in a case where divorce is granted, the parties can enter into a marriage with A and B whose marriage the Court has dissolved. In the SLP before the Supreme Court in the Maradu case, none of the home buyers was a party. If the Supreme Court were to allow the plea of the Kerala Government against the order of the Kerala High Court quashing the show cause notice issued by the Municipality, all that it could have done within the framework of law was to allow the Municipality to proceed in furtherance of the show cause notice which it had issued. But the Court, instead, ordered demolition of the flats/buildings, which meant the flat owners being thrown out of their homes and their homes being reduced to rubble.

5. *The* Supreme Court has no jurisdiction to pass such an order because in the appeal before it the only controversy involved was whether or not the *C o r p o r a t i o n / Municipality* was right or wrong in issuing the show cause notice alleging violation of CRZ. I am told that the Court probably noticed this aspect and even had suggested remanding the matter to the High Court to determine the issue after affording an opportunity of hearing to the flat owners. What made the Court to deviate from this judicial procedure, which it is bound to follow, was the Kerala floods of 2018. With utmost respect, I beg to submit that the Court was swayed by emotion. It went on to assume that the unprecedented flood of 2018 was because of structures which have been built in violation of CRZ norms, a total misconception.

6. It is unfair to blame the Court, except to say that the Court allowed itself to be swayed by considerations of *e n v i r o n m e n t a l* concerns, knowing not and not being told the ground reality that the buildings in question have nothing to do with the 2018 floods. At Maradu, where the buildings are situated, the water level did not rise even by an inch during the floods. On the contrary, these buildings provided shelter and rehabilitation to

thousands of people whose houses were sunk or swept away in the floods. The floods could be due to climate change, but nobody knows the exact reason for certain. Even if it is due to climate change, that is because the Americans, Europeans and Chinese use fossil fuel because millions and millions of evergreen forests in Brazil and Africa are destroyed for farming. It is said, in the days of Noah (Bible) there were unprecedented floods in which almost the entire lives were perished. About 100 years before, according to Malayalam calendar era in 1099, there was yet another unprecedented flood with the Munnar town at 5,000 feet above sea level being entirely washed away. (In the said flood) The Periyar River changed its course resulting in the death of hundreds and thousands of people. The Supreme Court cannot be blamed for proceeding on such a misconception, something entirely extraneous in the adjudication of the appeal before it wherein only one issue fell for consideration, namely, whether or not the High Court was right in quashing the show cause notice. Nobody told the Court that it has no jurisdiction to substitute itself for the fact-finding or appellate authorities under the Municipality Act, the appellate authority contemplated being a judicial Tribunal.

7. *I n a c o n s t i t u t i o n a l* democracy as ours, people are sovereign. The sovereign power of the people to frame policies and enact laws for the implementation of the policies is executed through their elected representatives. The executive Government is accountable to the people through their elected representatives for its every action, every deed, nay, every moment. The function of the judiciary is to adjudicate the disputes between citizens and citizens, citizens and State and State and State; it has no power to legislate; the province of the judiciary is to declare/interpret law and not to make it, except in the interstice, to fill in gaps. By its judgment and order dated 8th May, 2019 the Supreme Court ordered demolition of the buildings, entertaining a Writ Petition by the affected parties a Vacation Bench of the Court stayed operation of the said judgment,

directing the case to be listed before the Bench headed by Hon'ble Shri Justice Arun Misra. The Bench headed by Hon'ble Shri Justice Arun Misra did not take kindly the action on the part of the affected parties moving before the Vacation Court and securing an interim order. It did not mince words and by order dated 6.9.2019 directed the Chief Secretary of the State to remain present in the Court to explain as to why the flats/buildings were not demolished. On 23rd September, 2019 Shri Harish Salve represented the State Government. The Bench, in manifest conflict with the fundamental principle that the province of the Court is that of an adjudicator (a Judge) and not an actor or executive, demanded why its orders were not complied with. Neither the Chief Secretary nor Shri Harish Salve uttered a word, which they could have in all humility and with utmost respect to the Court, that enforcement of the provisions of the Municipal Act, which would also take within its ambit compliance of the CRZ norms, is in the exclusive province of the Government. They failed to bring to the notice of the Court, for, none did it before even in the curative petition settled by 'eminent' lawyers, that Section 406 of the Kerala Municipality Act, which empowers its Secretary to order demolition and also provides for the person aggrieved to seek regularization, it is open to the Government to regularize and in case it declines to do so, the party aggrieved can challenge the said order before the judicial Tribunal created under the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act. It appears that the Chief Secretary was mortally afraid of being hauled up for contempt and wanted to save his skin. He accordingly undertook to come forward with a plan of action on demolition. The case was accordingly adjourned for further hearing to 27th September, 2019.

8. *The* Court, it seems, was under the erroneous impression that demolition of the buildings, which suffer from no structural or other defects, is for securing the lives and limbs of the flat owners. However, the Chief Secretary and Shri Salve failed to

bring to the notice of the Court that no threat to the lives and limbs of the residents could even be remotely thought of; that the buildings are sound and safe and that their demolition would mean waste of valuable assets, in the construction of which tons of cement, sand, steel, wood, marble and great amount of human labour have been utilized, the destruction of which would cause enormous environmental damage, health hazard, mental agony and air pollution to thousands of people in and around the buildings, literally to every sane and right-thinking people of the State, except those who are sadistic, destructive and negative in their approach. Neither the chief secretary nor Shri Salve brought it to the notice of the Court that the people of Kerala in social media and otherwise compare the demolition of the buildings as the act of the mythical Naranathu Branthan (a person with least mental balance, a character in Malayalam folklore, who was considered to be a divine person, who pretended to be mad.

His chief activity consisted of rolling a big stone up a hill and then letting it fall back down). They believe that the structures could be utilized for medical college, educational institutions or housing for thousands of people who are rendered homeless in the natural calamities occurred in the State of Kerala continuously for two years or for thousands of migrant labourers who live in extremely inhuman conditions. To allow the demolition to happen, which comes close on the heels of the decision of the Supreme Court in Sabarimala case, which has caused enormous pain and agony to millions of devotees of Lord Ayyappa living in different parts of the world, and in the factional fight between the Patriarch and the Orthodox faction where the Patriarch faction is on the roads, would certainly lead to erosion of the faith and esteem of the Keralites in the Supreme Court as the ultimate Temple of

Justice. To err is human and Judges are humans. Keralites, the most literate people of the country and generally at least one member of their family is settled abroad, though are deeply pained by the decision of the Supreme Court in the Maradu case, still repose their utmost faith in the institution of judiciary. They hope, pray and trust that the Supreme Court will hear the flat owners, undo the injustice caused and render them justice. With utmost respect, nobody can brush aside the grievance that the flat owners are denied a patient hearing because the review petitions were all heard and dismissed in Chambers and when the case was listed for hearing on 27th September, 2019 the Court, with utmost respect, showed little patience to hear them.

The Author is the President, National lawyers campaign for Judicial transparency and reforms & Senior Advocate, Bombay High court

Letter to Editor

Sir

Cricket lovers around the globe were shocked and stunned to see one of their favourite team—the West Indies getting defeated in the qualifying match and thus missing to get a berth in the upcoming world Cup tournament. It will be for the first time in the history of the tournament that spectators will be missing the two times world champion, and one of most powerful team cricket world has ever seen.

It is indeed unfortunate that a team that has an amazing history of having the most number of legends and considered best in the world missing the world tournament.

Who can forget

Garfield Sobers, Brian Lara, Vivian Richards, Clive Lloyd, Malcolm Marshall, Alvin Kallicharran, Andy Roberts, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh and a long list of players who were role models to many of the cricketers around the world. Their skills on the field were mesmerizing and during the 1970's, 80's and early 90's cricketing nations played against them with jerking knees and shuddering hands. Such was their fury and power.

The plight of the present Windies team is a lesson for other teams too. Inconsistent action plan by the board, lack of funds and sponsorship, lack of coordination between the island nations that comprise the West Indies team, lack of payment and grooming of upcoming cricketers, mismanagement of players and cricket tournaments have led to the debacle of the team. An emergency revamping of the cricket board and the team is the need of the hour and if it is not done now the team will be just a thing of the past.

M PRADYU KANNUR

Geeth Thalikavu Kannur 670001.

Dear Editor

EARTHDAY.ORG, the global organizer of Earth Day and lead recruiter to the environmental movement worldwide, has announced their commitment to participate in Plastic-Free July for the third straight year. EARTHDAY.ORG is embracing the spirit of Plastic-Free July to show their unwavering dedication to ending plastic pollution.

“Participating in Plastic-Free July is not only an essential step towards creating a cleaner and healthier planet, but also a catalyst for embracing a plastic-free lifestyle,” said Aidan Charron, EARTHDAY.ORG’s End of Plastics Campaign Coordinator. “By committing to reducing our plastic consumption and embracing sustainable alternatives, we can pave the way for a future free from plastic pollution and safeguard the well-being of our ecosystems for generations to come.”

Since 2019, EARTHDAY.ORG’s End Plastic Pollution campaign has been at the forefront of tackling arguably the most urgent environmental challenge of our time. Plastic pollution has reached alarming levels, causing widespread damage to our ecosystems, wildlife, and human health. With a mission to combat this crisis, the campaign uses a holistic approach year-round to raise awareness and mobilize communities, governments, and individuals to take decisive action in reducing plastic waste by recognizing the interconnectedness of plastic pollution with other environmental issues, such as climate change and biodiversity loss.

Apt 6-409, 43 Street South Lethbridge Alberta Canada T1J 4B3 Mobile: + 1 403 894 4254

GSI hosts AKAM Celebration at Geo-Heritage Site at Jharkhali, Sundarbans Delta-UNESCO World Heritage Site, West Bengal

Kolkata, (KCN): Geological Survey of India (GSI), Eastern Region, State Unit – West Bengal & Andaman, conducted a day-long outreach programme including Geo-Heritage Walk at Jharkhali, Sundarbans, South 24 Parganas District, West Bengal under the aegis of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav during June end. The programme, organised in the premises of the Jharkhali Tiger Rescue Centre was aimed to sensitise the students, local people, and tourists about the importance of the mangroves and the Sundarbans Delta as well as the necessity of their conservation under the



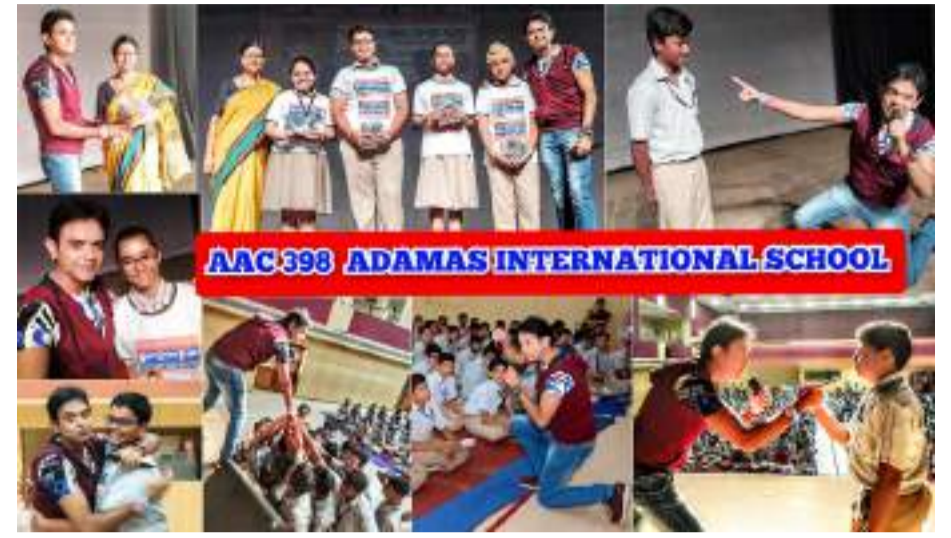
theme "Cultural Pride" of our geo-heritage site. The contribution of GSI towards nation building through its journey of 172 years was also highlighted in the

programme. A total of 62 students from Herobhanga Vidyasagar Vidyamandir as well as 15 members of the DFO Office, South 24 Parganas and

Jharkhali Tiger Rescue Centre participated in the programme. Smt. Moumita Mitra Sinha, Director, State Unit - WB & AN, GSI and Chairperson of the AKAM committee welcomed the participants. The aim and agenda of the programme were briefly discussed. Dr. Anurag Chowdhury, Addl. DFO, South 24 Parganas was felicitated as the chief guest of the programme. Shri Rajinder Kumar, ADG & HOD, ER, GSI; Shri Prashanta Kumar Das, DDG, SU-WBAN, ER, GSI; and Dr. Kasturi Chakraborty, Director, Central Petrological Laboratories, GSI graced the occasion.

Lectures were delivered on 'History and Activities of GSI' by Smt. Moumita Mitra Sinha and 'Importance of Conservation of the Sundarbans Delta' by Dr. Kasturi Chakraborty. Audio-visuals on GSI's work, quiz competition, and other activities were arranged for the participants. The students were involved actively in the programme, visited the rock-mineral-fossil-poster gallery of GSI, and interacted with the GSI officers. The programme concluded with prize distribution to the winning teams of the quiz competition followed by vote of thanks.

LIFE CHANGE SESSION OF BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO. 398 AT ADAMAS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, KOLKATA



KOLKATA, (KCN): The morning of July 3rd saw the packed auditorium of Adamas International School, Kolkata, comprising of eager students from the 8th and 9th grade, going through a rollercoaster of laughter, infotainment, raw emotions, confessions and euphoria like never before. The reason being none other than Mr. Bobby Chakraborty, who is an actor/teacher of method acting by profession and an activist, fighting against addiction and harmful social trends among the youth globally, free of cost, by passion. His award winning session as we all know is named 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND', which has been changing lives of the youth for many years, was on a repeat mode here again. The Principal, Smt. Mitra Sinha Roy along with each and every teacher, who were present throughout the session were equivocal about this being an unprecedented, mindbending event, which could keep the children glued to their seats, miraculously for more than 2 hours,

without any distraction! Bobbydada, as he is popularly known as, is an Executive Committee Member of The International Academic Advisory Board of Adamas University, which is headed by Founder Chancellor Prof (Dr.) Samit Ray, who happens to be the Chairman of The Rice – Adamas Group too. The Official Photographer of the session was Piyasa Dutta, an extremely hardworking, obedient student from the 9th grade, who was assisted by Kishalay Majumdar of the 8th grade. The reason for this global awareness program has been the mishap in Bobbydada's family, which was destroyed due to the addiction of his younger uncle, who died at a young age of 29. The tears in Bobbydada's eyes, while he was narrating this, brought tears in everyone's eyes. Other burning issues of substance abuse, smart phone abuse, inappropriate behaviour online, online gambling through games, evils of internet, abusive language etc. ...and the ways to stay free from

them were discussed, with a whole lot of interaction from the 'soldiers' of Bobbydada's army. The formula of HCF (Health Career Family) became favourite among the soldiers. The ceremonial titles of the '1st soldier' went to Kishalay and 'The Trendsetter' went to Anirban. The surprise contest at the end had Davinder, Meghna and Subhraneel as the proud winners, who along with Piyasa, were given special HCF T-shirts, other prizes and community service certificates by Bobbydada. The spectacular event came to an end with everyone shouting out the mantra of a soldier's life "I AM THE KING OF MY MIND" from their heart. Later we caught up with Bobbydada who said "My platforms on IG, FB and Yahoo have been flooded by comments, mails and messages from the soldiers and their parents. I am very satisfied with the feedback, as awareness is all I want... nothing more, nothing less."

India Post launched "Gangasagar Ganga jal" on Guru Purnima in Kolkata

Kolkata (Partha Roy): India Post launched "Gangasagar Ganga jal" on Guru Purnima at iconic GPO (General Post Office) Building in Kolkata. India Post released a Special postal cover to celebrate launch "Gangasagar Ganga jal" on Guru Purnima i.e. on 3rd July 2023. Shri Anil Kumar Post Master General MM & BD Region mentioned India Post is 250 Years old institution which is serving people of India and the world in multifarious ways and launching of Gangasagar Ganga jal project which is part of providing another service to the people & community. Gangasagar Ganga jal was launched by Shri Anil Kumar Post Master General MM & BD Region, in august presence of Shri Sanjiv Ranjan Post Master

General Kolkata Region and Smt Bipasha Singla Director Of Postal Services Kolkata. Gangasagar is about 100km South of Kolkata is the place where holy river Ganga merges with Bay of Bengal sea starting its journey from Gomukh in Gangotri and considered as one of the holiest place as per Hindu beliefs. Gangasagar or Sagar Island is not only a holy pilgrimage but an intricate intermingling of emotion and faith. Lakhs of devotees from across India take holy dip on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. As Hindu and Bengali diaspora is present across India, India Post West Bengal circle has decided to make holy water available to people in all corners of India. Each Gangasagar Ganga jal pet bottle is priced ₹30 and contain 250 ml of Ganga jal sourced from Gangasagar. Currently,



India Post is producing 1000 bottles per day which will be expanded depending upon market demand conditions. Gangasagar Ganga jal will be available in all Post Offices in Kolkata in next 3-4 days and across all most all 1100 Post Offices in West Bengal by 15th July 2023 as indicated by Shri Anil Kumar. India Post through its "Gangasagar Ganga jal"

project is making effort to promote rich spiritual heritage of India. Earlier India Post started marketing Ganga jal sourced from Gomukh in Gangotri since 2016 which is continuing. To fortify the venture of Department of Post, West Bengal circle has taken special initiatives for distribution and vending of Gangasagar Ganga jal through its Post Offices. The price and quantity of

Gangasagar Ganga jal is in line with Gangajal of Gangotri. Gangasagar Ganga jal will be available at Post Offices in Port Blair Andaman, Gangtok Sikkim. Ganga jal from Gangotri is also available in Post Offices. As month of Shraavan is going to start within upcoming few days, and there is religious practice to bathe Bhagwan Shiva with Ganga jal every day, India Post is expecting huge demand for bottled Gangasagar Ganga jal. Also, within next 2 month Hindu religious festival season will be starting including Ganesh utsav as well as Navaratri, when devotees use ganga jal as part of religious rituals. Gangasagar Ganga jal will be available in Post Offices across West Bengal so people can visit Post Offices to buy it.

Animal Taxonomists of the Country & Abroad Pledge for Fostering Collaboration, Sharing of Best Practices and Developing Understanding of India's rich Biodiversity



Kolkata (KCN): The prestigious and first of its kind in the country, the two-day Animal Taxonomic Summit (ATS) 2023, the brain-child of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) Director, Dr Dhriti Banerjee concluded in the city today. The event was inaugurated by Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav, as a part of celebrating the 108th ZSI Day, in presence of the Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Ashwini Choubey, Director General of Forests and Special

Secretary, Shri Chandra Prakash Goyal and Director, Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Dr Ashiho Asosii Mao on July 1, 2023. The Summit provided the opportunity for the esteemed experts, researchers and scholars across the country, as well as abroad to deliberate on key issues in the field of taxonomic studies. It also served as a platform for fostering collaboration, sharing of best practices and developing the understanding of India's rich biodiversity. The two-day discussion programme culminated into the understanding that there is necessity of

scientific vigour adhering to the international standards and requirement of establishing a robust methodology to ensure accurate and credible research outcomes. One of the significant outcomes of the Summit is the recognition of the imperative to refine taxonomic methodologies in alignment with the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN codes). Dr Banerjee emphasised upon the importance of adhering to such codes to achieve consistency and standardisation in the

taxonomic research. The Summit strongly recommended for deposition of type specimens in National Zoological Repositories recognized by the Centre, facilitating meticulous documentation, verification and long-term trends analysis in biodiversity research. Besides, there were sharing of views towards critical need for scientific rigour in study design, data collection, analysis and interpretation of results. The participants emphasized upon the significance of transparent practices and adherence to robust methodologies, which act as safeguarding the

integrity of the taxonomic research findings. The deliberations also highlighted upon the requirement of a national-level repository dedicated to taxonomy-related literature—an invaluable resource to a wide range of taxonomic knowledge and vents out to further exploration and discovery. The scientists also threw light on integration of DNA bar-coding of the newly discovered species—a means of species identification, thus helping researchers to expand their understanding of biodiversity. Last, but not the least, ATS 2023 recommended refurbishing the All India Coordinated Project on Taxonomy (AICOPTAX) Scheme and allocating 100 fellowships for taxonomic research through the Research and Education (RE) Division.

GSI hosts AKAM Celebration at Geo-Heritage Site at Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park, Birbhum District, West Bengal

Kolkata, (KCN): Geological Survey of India, Eastern Region, State Unit – West Bengal & Andaman, conducted a day-long outreach program including Geo-Heritage Walk at Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park, Birbhum District, West Bengal under the aegis of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav During June end. The program, organized in the premises of the Rangabitan Tourism Complex along with the geo-heritage Walk at the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park was aimed to sensitise the students, local people, and tourists about the importance of the wood fossils as well as the needs for their conservation under the theme "Cultural Pride" of our geo-heritage site. The contribution of GSI towards nation building through its journey of 172 years was also highlighted in the programme. A total of 100 students from Bolpur Kendriya Vidyalaya as well as members of the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park participated in the programme.



Smt. Moumita Mitra Sinha, Director, State Unit – West Bengal & Andaman, GSI and Chairperson of the AKAM committee welcomed the participants. The aim and agenda of the programme were briefly discussed. Shri Srikanto Ghosh, Addl. DFO, Suri, Birbhum was felicitated as the chief guest of the programme. Shri Prashanta Kumar Das, DDG, SU-WBAN, ER, GSI; Shri Pradip Halder, Range Officer, Bolpur Forest Range Office; and Shri Souvik Roy, Principal-in-Charge, Bolpur Kendriya Vidyalaya graced the occasion.

Lectures were delivered on 'History and Activities of GSI' by Smt. Moumita Mitra Sinha and 'Geo-Heritage Sites of India' by Shri Sanjay Debnath (Senior Geologist, GSI). Audio-visuals on GSI's work, quiz competition, and other activities were also organised for the students. The students participated enthusiastically, visited the rock-mineral-fossil-poster gallery of GSI, and interacted actively with the GSI officers. The programme concluded with prize distribution to the winning teams of the quiz competition followed by the vote of thanks.

Auto Raj rules Cuttack roads as police surrenders

CUTTACK(KCN): It is virtually auto-raj on Cuttack roads. Thanks to the inefficiency, apathy of Cuttack police, who seem to have completely washed their hands off their responsibility of making city roads safe, the auto-rickshaws have turned into a living nightmare for the hapless citizens. Emboldened by the police inaction and absolute lack of any enforcement or regulation, the auto-rickshaws have unleashed themselves on the roads breaking every rule with sheer impunity. Illegal parking, dangerous driving, over-speeding and overloading -

name any rule breaker, all have become the norm for auto drivers who have no fear of law or action. Rash driving and overloaded three-wheelers are a common sight on the busy streets of the city, causing traffic jams and other problems. They have turned the Badamabi bus stand, Cuttack Railway station, OMP Square bus stop, Madupatna bus stop, SCB Medical and Collectorate square, etc., into their personal fiefdom where no one enters or plies without their permission. The harassed and hassled citizens have nowhere to go.



At least 8,000 auto-rickshaws ply in and around the city. As per section 32 of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Police Commissionerate (Traffic and Public Order) Act, a three-

wheeler can carry a maximum of four passengers- one on the front seat and three in the rear. Giving a damn to the rule, the auto drivers carry six to seven and even 10 passengers which

often result in mishaps. The auto-rickshaws halt in the middle of the roads at will to pick up, drop or negotiate with passengers. The drivers are not scared

of anyone, not even the traffic police. "The Commissionerate Police, which conducts regular checks to penalise illegally parked four-wheelers and two-wheeler riders without helmets, has turned a blind eye to the biggest menace on the city roads. Even pedestrians are facing problems due to the three-wheelers," said Sirish Kumar Mohapatra, a resident of Badambadi. Sources said, a majority of the auto-rickshaws are plying in the city without mandatory documents like driver's licence, fitness certificate and insurance. Apart from

rash driving and illegal parking, many drivers are intoxicated while driving and often misbehave with helpless commuters. Some of them also assault, loot and even threaten their passengers with dire consequences. On June 30, 2019 night, an auto-rickshaw driver stoned a passenger to death at Betabindhani Sahi ground in Khannagar after robbing him of cash and valuables. He was assisted in the crime by three associates including the son of the vehicle owner. DCP Pinak Mishra said police will carry out a special drive against rash

driving, illegal parking and overloading by auto-rickshaws. But, the city residents are not convinced. "The facile drive may bring relief for few days. But after that, the auto mafia will be back to their routine. We cannot understand what is holding the police back from performing a key duty - to make roads safe for people and protect them from harassment. Why are police's hands tied? The menace can never be curbed if regular enforcement activities are not carried out and fear of immediate action is not drilled into them," rued a local.

IIT Kharagpur Inks a MoU with AIIMS Kalyani



Kolkata, (KCN): To celebrate the National Doctor's Day, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Kalyani, a beacon of medical excellence under the aegis of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, created by an Act of Parliament under the initiative of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) On July 1, 2023. The MoU was signed in the august presence of Dr. Ramji Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Kalyani and Prof. V K Tewari, Director, IIT Kharagpur along with Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Head, Department of Biochemistry and Dean, Academics, AIIMS Kalyani; Col. (Dr.) Ajay Mallick, Head, Dept. of ENT & Medical Superintendent, AIIMS Kalyani; Prof. Saswat Chakrabarti, Dean, Faculty of Bio-Technology and Bio-Sciences; Prof. Soumen Das, Dean, Dr. B. C. Roy Multi-Speciality Medical Research Centre and Prof. Debashish Chakravarty,

Associate Dean, Alumni Affairs, International Relations & Branding. The two premier Institutes in their respective domains have, in principle, agreed for institutional collaboration in education, research outreach programmes and medical services. The primary objective of this collaboration is to promote collective and collative teaching and research collaboration involving faculty members and students at IIT KGP and at AIIMS Kalyani to ensure teaching and research of highest medical standard, carry out joint academic and research programmes, joint supervision of masters and doctoral students as well as collaborative research projects. On the lines of the above collaboration, Dr. Ramji Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Kalyani remarked, "AIIMS Kalyani was conceived with the noble objective of bridging regional disparities in tertiary healthcare and fostering excellence in medical education promoting ground-breaking research. AIIMS Kalyani stands as a testament to India's commitment to healthcare and aims to develop collaborative

programmes with premier institutions in India like IIT Kharagpur where the undergraduate and graduate medical students, researchers, doctors and faculty members will rise up to the occasion to lead the healthcare system of India." Both the institutes agreed to share professional expertise for infrastructure development and academic resources along with collaborative activities concerning Dr. B. C. Roy Multi-specialty Medical Research Centre (BCRMMRC) at IIT Kharagpur after detailed evaluation by both institutions and the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, Govt of India. Micro-Specialization and Micro-Credit Courses may be designed for the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the two institutions on a collaborative basis with a vision of appraising them about recent developments in advanced topics relevant to their respective domains of study and internships at respective institutes. Prof. V K Tewari,

Director, IIT Kharagpur remarked, "On this auspicious day of National Doctor's Day, IIT Kharagpur joined hands with AIIMS Kalyani on the lines of establishing a research driven medical college, Dr. B. C. Roy Multi-Speciality Medical Research Centre (BCRMMRC) and a hospital, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Superspecialty Hospital (SPMSH) within its campus at Kharagpur. The upcoming medical college will be equipped with state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities embedding world standard technologies and IT connectivity in providing a stimulating academic environment for faculty members willing to stretch their clinical boundaries. The primary objective of this endeavour is to run Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical programs and to nurture world class translational medical research in a multidisciplinary environment in collaboration with allied academic partners like AIIMS Kalyani. The hospital in the first phase has started out-patient service, and the in-patient services with critical care and operation theatre to follow."

74th Forest Festival Celebrated at 42 Mouza

Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya at SriRam Cuttack Sadar 42 Mouza organized a planting program on the occasion of 74th Forest Festival Week or Van Mahotsav. In this paribesh suraksha program forester Srikant Behera, environmentalist or Vishwa Manavadhikar Parishad state abahak Dr. Sk. Kalimulla, prakruti bandhu Nabakishore Panda, social worker Basanta Panda, educationalist Prakash Ranjan Satapathy, others members & students were joined with make program grand success.





2023-2024

ADMISSION OPEN

Maharishi Public School, Baripada

STD-NURSERY TO VIII

ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY

(Special discount for new admission before 15.03.2023)

Find the Difference

- Small Classes
- Experienced, trained & loving teachers.
- Individual attention to each child.
- Regular meditation and yoga.
- Unique exam system, evaluation & Principles etc.

25% reservation as per RTE Act (2009)

MAHARISHI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Baghra Road, Baripada
For details
Contact :

Call-9438102188, 06792-255227
Time : 8.00 A.M. to 12.00 noon
E-mail- mps.bpd@gmail.com

Find us on
Facebook.com/Mps, Baripada

SAMCO bets on the future of investing in India

Mumbai: SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited, a distinguished investment management firm, is thrilled to announce the launch of India's first actively managed momentum fund - SAMCO Active Momentum Fund. Leveraging the persistent and globally acclaimed momentum anomaly in finance, this pioneering fund aims to deliver exceptional risk-adjusted returns to investors, tapping into the immense potential of momentum investing in the Indian market.

The Nifty 200

Momentum 30 index has achieved an impressive compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17.79% over 18 years, outperforming the broader Nifty 50 and Nifty 500 indices. Similarly, the Nifty Midcap 150 Momentum 50 index has achieved an exceptional CAGR of 21.28% since its inception. Moreover, when compared to the MSCI World Momentum Index, which produced 20x returns, the MSCI World Index delivered a commendable 10x return. Based on this extensive market research

and a proven track record, SAMCO MF launches India's 1st active momentum fund that utilizes these insights, offering investors an opportunity to tap into the remarkable growth potential that market momentum can provide.

Extensive historical research conducted by MSCI World Momentum Index substantiates that the Momentum factor has consistently proven itself as one of the most potent generators of excessive returns. Building upon this

powerful investment strategy, SAMCO Active Momentum Fund meticulously selects stocks with momentum characteristics such as breakouts, price leadership, and more, deploying a proprietary momentum-seeking algorithm. By capitalizing on the prevailing price trends, the fund aims to outperform the market and generate superior returns for investors.

Umesh Kumar Mehta, Chief Investment Officer (CIO), SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited, said,

"Historically, the momentum factor, or the phenomena based on persistence of stock price trends has been one of the strongest return generators. In Momentum investing, active management offers several unique advantages such as a wider investible universe, quicker rebalancing and hedging flexibility during periods of anti-momentum. By investing in stocks exhibiting momentum characteristics, we aim to offer our investors the potential for superior risk-adjusted returns."

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance relaxes claims settlement process for Odisha train accident victims

Bhubaneswar: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has relaxed the claim settlement process for the families impacted by the Odisha train accident and stands in solidarity with them. The Company will also expedite the claim settlement to provide financial relief to those affected by the tragedy.

The processing of death and health claims including those covered under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), will be done on the basis of just three basic documents.

Documents required to settle claims:

- Bank account details
- Death certificate from municipal authorities.

If death certificate is not available, list of deceased passengers issued by hospitals, government authorities or the police

- Copy of valid address proof of the nominee

To assist with claim related inquiries, the Company has set up a dedicated 24X7 helpline number (1-860-266-7766). Mr. Amish Banker, Senior Executive Vice President - Customer Service & Operations, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance said, "We express our condolences at the loss of lives in the horrific train crash in Odisha. In this hour of grief, our customers can count on us to be supportive and sensitive to their needs. We have therefore relaxed the claims settlement process as per which the nominee needs to submit only three basic documents. Our dedicated 24X7 helpline is equipped to handle all queries pertaining to claims. Nominees can also call our helpline to get all their queries clarified."

Odisha Vets stand firm with Government: Donate 20 Lakhs to CM's relief Fund to mitigate the train tragedy

Bhubaneswar: The whole world is shaken by the railway mishap at Bahanaga, Balasore on 2nd June 2023, that has disturbed many families both within the state and outside. While many children have been orphaned by the tragic incidence, many other families of survivors have fallen prey to prolonged physical and financial sufferings. The heart-breaking occurrence has driven humanitarians contributions from all corners in many forms to support the victims. The instant rescue and rehab measures taken by the locals have been widely praised.

The Government of Odisha under the dynamic leadership of Honourable Chief Minister S. Naveen Pattanaik is also leaving no stones unturned in

combating the disaster. The entire Government machinery of has also been working day and night to bring down the sufferings on the parts of the affected passengers.

As sensible human beings and responsible employees of the Government, the Veterinarians of the state under the banner of Odisha Veterinary Service Association (OVSA) have also extended their supporting hands to the victims of the tragedy. Dr. Jadunath Parida, President, OVSA has informed that they have donated a sum of Rupees Twenty Lakhs to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on 6th June 2023. A bank draft with the above amount has been handed over to the Chief Secretary of Odisha by the office bearers of Central Executive Committee of OVSA in

Presence of the Principal Secretary, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department. The General Secretary Dr. Sankarshan Mahanta has informed that a special General Body meeting of the association was held in virtual mode on Dt 03.06.23 where all members unanimously decided to raise a fund for financial assistance to the victims. The association also decided to collect the contribution at earliest so that it can help the very cause to the maximal extent and the amount was contributed by all veterinarians within only 12 hours.

The association has also planned for organisation of a blood donation camp shortly to meet the needs of the injured passengers who are under treatment now.

Honda's New Global SUV ELEVATE makes its World Debut in India

New Delhi: Honda Cars India Ltd. (HCIL), leading manufacturer of premium cars in India today unveiled Honda's latest global SUV - Honda ELEVATE at a World Premiere event in India. Scheduled for launch during festive season this year, India will be the first country to manufacture and sell the All New Elevate globally. While the initial introduction of Elevate is focused on domestic

market, India also aims to serve as an important export hub for the new model to other parts of the world, catering to the robust demand for SUVs globally.

Developed on the grand concept of 'Urban Freestyler', Elevate aims to appeal to customers with active lifestyles & a global mindset, and blends cutting-edge aesthetics with functionality to create a visually stunning,

incredibly versatile, comfortable, and fun-to-drive SUV that's ready for adventure inside and outside the city limits.

The Elevate is a mid-size SUV that features a Bold and Masculine exterior design with striking front face, sharp character lines and unique rear design which come together to create a vehicle with strong road presence. The front fascia showcases Honda's

signature grille, flanked by sleek LED headlights, while the side profile emphasizes its sporty character, and the rear boasts a distinctive tailgate design and LED taillights.

All New Elevate has been developed by Honda R&D Asia Pacific center located in Thailand to match the needs and aspirations of younger customers who are looking for status, comfort and have an

active lifestyle. The R&D team in India has specifically worked on understanding potential target customers through extensive market surveys which reflect their three main motivations for purchasing SUVs including Stylish Bold Exterior design, Strong Safety package with active and passive safety and Overall Comfort when travelling Long Distances with Interior Roominess & Space.

Amitabh Bachchan partners with GSK for shingles awareness and prevention

Bhubaneswar: GSK today announced a partnership with veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan to raise awareness about shingles, a painful condition that affects 1 out of 3 adults above the age of 50 years. The campaign film evocatively captures the agonising pain caused by shingles and its debilitating impact on the people living with it. It gives an important message that it is possible to protect ageing adults against this pain through vaccination.

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Amitabh Bachchan said, "Shingles is known to be painful and thus certainly

a setback to senior citizens. For prevention against Shingles, I recommend the senior citizens to talk to their doctors." Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. The virus remains inactive in the body after a person recovers from it. When the immunity of the body weakens, it re-activates to cause shingles. More than 90% of Indians by the age of 50 years have this virus in their body and are vulnerable to shingles. Dr Rashmi Hegde, Medical Director, GSK, said, "Amitabh Bachchan has been the face of several disease and vaccination awareness campaigns before, and his support has motivated people to take

the required action to prevent these diseases. Today, India's ageing population is rising, and we need to make them aware of diseases such as shingles which can impact their quality of life. We believe this will persuade more people to talk to their doctors about protecting themselves or their loved ones from shingles."

Commenting on the creative insight for the film, Sagar Kapoor, Chief Creative Officer (Global Brands), Lowe Lintas said, "Our challenge was to find a way to 'show' the unbearable pain of shingles, a sensation that can only be 'felt'.

Meesho Unveils New Brand Identity to Reflect Aspiration & Inclusivity

Bhubaneswar: Meesho, India's only true e-commerce marketplace, has revealed a new brand identity to reinforce how the e-commerce platform helps every Indian derive absolute joy by making a value-first purchase decision. The company aims to strengthen its positioning as a one-stop horizontal platform that meets the everyday needs of millions of Indian shoppers. The brand revamp also aims to showcase the e-commerce platform's inclusivity with a vast collection of value-first products, and how it's helping consumers across income segments, geographies, languages, genders and age groups realize their shopping aspirations.

The new color palette features hues of 'Jamuni' and 'Aam', which encapsulate the vibrancy and grandeur of India's diversity. According to color theory, Jamuni has an association with aspiration while Aam is seen as inviting and welcoming. The refreshed color palette aims to evoke personality traits of confidence and approachability among Meesho consumers and sellers. However, the logo retains Meesho's iconic 'M', albeit in a more colorful and interconnected avatar - which has been strongly associated with the brand since its inception in 2015. As part of this initiative, Meesho has leveraged auditory touch points to build an emotional connect with users. Built on the premise of 'all good things arrive with a ting tong', the company's sonic identity beautifully captures the anticipation and excitement that one experiences while expecting the delivery of an online order.

Aditya Birla Group forays into branded jewellery retail

Mumbai: Aditya Birla Group is set to foray into the branded jewellery retail business with an investment of around Rs 5000 crore. This business will be housed in a new venture, "Novel Jewels Ltd", that will build large-format exclusive jewellery retail stores across India, with in-house jewellery brands. The new venture will seek to transform the customer experience by creating an aspirational national brand with unique designs and a strong regional flavour. This is the Group's third major foray into a new business in the last two years after paints, and B2B e-commerce for building materials.

Mr. Kumar Mangalam

Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group said, "Aditya Birla Group's foray into branded jewellery retail marks a pivotal moment in our storied legacy of building businesses underpinned on trust. This foray is a strategic portfolio choice that allows us to tap into new growth engines and expand our presence in the vibrant Indian consumer landscape. With rising disposable income, discerning and aspirational consumers are leaning more towards design-led, bespoke, and high-quality jewellery. This venture will capitalise on Aditya Birla Group's deep expertise in lifestyle retail and nuanced understanding

of consumer preferences."

The new venture will be operated by a newly recruited leadership team with deep retail and category expertise.

India's gems and jewellery market contributes approximately 7% to the GDP. The jewellery market is projected to grow to ~USD 90 billion by 2025. Amidst this rapid growth, a steady transition from an unorganized to an organized sector is being observed. The Group's timely entry is set to embellish this dynamic landscape, offering Indian consumers a diverse array of meticulously crafted and intricately designed jewellery.

Embrace the spirit of the festive season in true style as you celebrate with Lifestyle Stores

Bhubaneswar: Immerse yourself in a world of latest fashion and elegance as Lifestyle Stores invites you to indulge in a stylish celebration like never before. Lifestyle Stores has launched a curated festive edit with the newest trends of the season. From glamorous ethnic wear to contemporary western outfits, you'll find an extensive range of apparel, footwear, handbags and accessories that cater to every style and occasion.

With the upcoming festivities, the collection is designed to inspire and enhance your festive dressing, ensuring that you make a striking impression on every celebratory occasion. To

elevate the fashion experience, Lifestyle has partnered with the renowned Odia celebrity and dancer, Bhoomika Dash. In an engaging and interactive reel, Bhoomika gracefully showcases a captivating range of outfits from Lifestyle's new festive collection. Her seamless transitions between Indian and Western ensembles beautifully capture the essence and versatility of styles available at Lifestyle.

Commenting on her association with Lifestyle stores, Bhoomika Dash said, "I am thrilled to be associated with Lifestyle again. I am a loyal customer and I am always fascinated with the wide range of trendy

styles and brands available at the store. Lifestyle offers the most up-to-date, fashionable collection across various categories, all within an affordable price range. For those seeking the latest in festive fashion, I highly recommend a visit to the Lifestyle store at Forum Esplanade mall for a memorable shopping experience during this festive season."

Rohini Haldea, Assistant Vice President - Marketing, Lifestyle said, "Our goal at Lifestyle is to constantly deliver an exceptional shopping experience where customers are able to find an array of options across brands and categories.

On World Environment Day, Reliance Foundation launches 'Plant4Life' initiative for a greener tomorrow

Mumbai: 'Plant4Life', a community-driven environment initiative by Reliance Foundation to enhance green cover and to care for the Earth was launched on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5.

Over the course of the next few months, 500,000 saplings are set to be planted across the country with the support of at least 50,000 volunteers through 'Plant4Life'. The campaign aims to build a buzz around environment conservation and involvement of the

community. A strong momentum would be generated by Reliance's community of volunteers imbuing the spirit of 'We Care'. "On the 50th anniversary of World Environment Day, we wanted to mark the occasion with a special initiative, bringing together thousands of Reliance volunteers across the country to create momentum for individual and community action, to protect and preserve our Earth for future generations," said Mr. Jagannatha Kumar,

CEO, Reliance Foundation.

On Monday, the campaign kickstarted with the planting of over 1 lakh saplings in 25 states and three Union Territories. Plant4Life also has a self-plantation component for Reliance employees to take care of their own plants. The campaign, which will continue over the next few months, includes making of seedballs by volunteers and their families. Seedballs made with mud and compost germinate and give way to plants when dispersed during rains.

This Summer, Home Credit India says 'LifeMeinNoSamjhauta' with a new #ZindagiHit campaign on Home Appliances

New Delhi: Home Credit India (HCIN), a local arm of the leading global consumer finance provider, unveiled its summer campaign, with a considered focus on home appliances - #LifeMeinNoSamjhauta. The new digital campaign under #ZindagiHit brand thoughtshowcases the consumer finance NBFC as an enabler towards fulfilling aspirations with easy financing options beyond mobiles

to home appliances such as air conditioners, coolers, television, refrigerator, and other essentials. The #ZindagiHit brand thought centers on traits such as optimism, progress, trustworthiness, transparency, and that of an enabler, making it a brand of choice when it comes to consumer loans. Home Credit is trusted by 1.6Cr+ customers with the support and special

relation enjoyed with over 50,000 retail partner network pan-India. Commenting on the summer campaign, Ashish Tiwari, Chief Marketing Officer, Home Credit India, said, "With the revival in positive consumer sentiments and declining inflationary pressures, the new brand campaign talks about Home Credit's expanded consumer financing categories beyond mobiles.

Australia will 'have to live with' Bairstow stumping - McCullum

LONDON: England head coach Brendon McCullum believes the dismissal of Jonny Bairstow on the final day of the Lord's Test will serve to galvanise his team as they look to become the first team since Don Bradman's Australian side of 1936-37 to overcome a 0-2 deficit and win the Ashes.

Bairstow was out stumped by Alex Carey, caught wandering out of his crease off the last ball of a Cameron Green over, with the third umpire upholding Australia's appeal having deemed that the ball had not been dead. The dismissal created a huge furor with opinions divided between the laws and the spirit of the game. A few MCC members indulged in a verbal exchange with the visiting team at the Lunch break. Even UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak stepped in on Monday, adding his voice to the chorus of

dissenters against the visitors.

McCullum opined that the decision to not withdraw the appeal would have an "effect" on Australia and lend the series a spiky edge that had been mostly absent in the first two games.

"In the end, they made a play, they've got to live with that. We would have made a different play but that's life. In time, we'll see, but I get the feeling that it might have an effect on them," said McCullum. "I don't know if it's anger, but our unit is galvanised. There are times as a coach where you've got to reduce emotion because it's going to bubble over and you can make poor decisions, but there's times when you allow emotion to go because it's going to galvanise the unit."

"From our point of view, we believe that we can still come back in this series, and that's where our focus has got to be. What I will say is it's a



galvanised unit up there and we saw the fight from the skipper, Broady [Stuart Broad] and the boys at the end there as well, which shows how much this means to the side. We'll lick our wounds and try to come back and rectify things. That's what I felt this

emotion did for the side. I looked around the group and the guys were a little upset. If that helps us to win those key moments in the next Test, then I'm all for it. 3-2 has a nice ring to it."

"In the end, Australia won the Test match and fair play to them. It's just a

shame that when you've got millions of people all around the world, and you've got a full house at Lord's, and you've everyone's eyeballs on this series, that for the next couple of days probably the most talked about aspect is going to be that [the dismissal]

and that's disappointing," McCullum added.

McCullum himself has faced calls of hypocrisy in the aftermath of the Test match after claiming that the relations between the sides had strained and that he couldn't imagine "having a beer" with the Australians anytime soon.

The former New Zealand cricketer had effected a rather similar dismissal during his playing career, infamously running out Muttiah Muralitharan when the Sri Lankan was out of his crease celebrating a century for teammate Kumar Sangakkara.

The 41-year-old has since cited this as a major regret of his playing career, bringing the incident up again during his MCC Spirit of Cricket lecture he delivered at Lord's in 2016. "When I was a younger man, I didn't quite understand the significance of what the game and the spirit of the game meant. It's only with the benefit of time and experience that we were able to learn that and cherish it. In time, we'll see, but I get the feeling that it might have an effect on [Australia]." Echoing his captain Ben Stokes's take, McCullum said the magnitude of the task notwithstanding, being 0-2 against the reigning World Test

Champions actually presented the best opportunity of winning the series. "We always say that if we are winning and things are going great, you don't want to get too high, and if we are losing you don't want to get too low either. We are on a path to where we want to get to and want to stick to that. Because a) it's fun, and b) I think it gives us our best chance. Albeit we are 2-0 down at the moment, I think it gives us our best chance of winning the series." "We've got to polish up a couple of the areas where the game has sat on a knife-edge and we haven't been able to grab it. We knew coming into this series it was going to be tight and there was going to be those moments. If we can do that, there's no reason why we can't bounce back. Morale is high and we've played some good cricket amongst other things as well, and we look forward to the opportunity."

CAC interviews begin for women's coach, men's chief selector



NEWDELHI: The all-powerful Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has conducted interviews for the women's coach. The interviews, held in person as well as online, will continue for another day, on Tuesday (July 4), after Monday's proceedings remained inconclusive. The BCCI may announce the women's coach in two days, if not on Tuesday itself.

The shortlisted candidates - Tushar Arothe, the former coach who was the helm when women's team made the 2017 ODI World Cup final, Amol Muzumdar, a former Mumbai coach, and John Lewis of

England - were believed to have been interviewed by the CAC members - Sulakshana Naik, Ashok Malhotra, and Jatin Paranjpe.

Muzumdar, considered the favorite, attended the interview in person while the other two were interviewed online. All three CAC members were in the temporary BCCI office in Worli, Mumbai.

Sources said some candidates were interviewed for the national selection committee as well, but there was no immediate information if Ajit Agarkar, considered the favourite for the men's chief selector position, has been called in yet. Currently out of the country, the former India

all-rounder will be available only online of course, if he has already not been spoken to by the CAC. The new chairman of the men's selection committee is also expected to be announced along with the name of the new women's coach soon.

It is not clear if the new coach will travel with the women's team to Bangladesh for the July 9-22 white-ball series. But, if it were to be Muzumdar, he could well be on the flight with the team.

Meanwhile, in the Caribbean, the Indian men's team, except for the players selected for the ODIs, has assembled in Bridgetown, Barbados. The team tried to have a net session at the Kensington Oval on Monday but had to call it off due to rain. They are expected to have a session in the evening. The team will have a two-day match amongst themselves, with some local players joining them. The contingent will then move to Dominica for the first Test, starting on July 12.

NEWDELHI: Rashid Khan surely makes a lot of difference to the Afghanistan group as his presence boosted the morale of the squad ahead of the ODI series against Bangladesh. The atmosphere was a lot more vibrant compared to the one that prevailed during the one-off Test recently that Afghanistan lost by 546 runs in Rashid's absence.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board decided to rest him for that contest to give him time to recover from his back pain but his absence was very glaring during the game. The squad returned to UAE following the Test series and had a two-week preparation camp before arriving in Bangladesh that was attended by Rashid, Mohammad Nabi and Mujeeb Ur Rahman, the trio that has played a crucial role behind most of the success stories written by the Afghans.

At ZACS during the training session, Rashid turned out to be the center of attraction making most of the calls in the nets even though he was not allowed to have a look at



the pitch despite making a request. "He (Rashid) took it very sportingly as we informed him that we cannot open the cover," ZACS chief curator Zahid Reza Babu told Cricbuzz on Monday.

Rashid seemed to be hardly bothered by that and was seen bowling for more than an hour as he prepares to make his

comeback. ODI's skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi expressed his delight at the star man's presence. "Of course, he (Rashid) is a big man for us. When he is with us, as a captain, I feel very confident," Shahidi said.

"It's a positive sign for us. He didn't play the Test for us but now he is available in the ODI series. And I know he will do good for

us," he said adding that they have learnt their lesson in the Test series.

"The Test game gave us a lot of lessons. So we are well prepared now. We had a camp in Abu Dhabi for the last 14 days. So we are prepared for everything that was missing in the Test. Still, some of the ODI players were not part of the Test team. We don't know

what is going to happen. We have prepared for everything."

Hashmatullah pointed out that Bangladesh are a very formidable unit in the ODI format but backed his own side's recent improvements in 50-over cricket. "Bangladesh always plays good in their home ground. They also did well in last couple of years in ODIs. But still, we also have played good cricket in the last two years," he noted.

"We also qualified for the World Cup from the Super League. We did that before playing last nine games of Super League. So we also did very well. Here we want to play good cricket and it will be a good competition between both teams."

"This (series) is very important for both the teams because we know each other very well. We have games in Asia Cup and World Cup. So this will be a good preparation for our team to judge the opposition like Bangladesh and their bowlers and batsman."

Vikramjit Singh, Wesley Barresi set up huge win for Netherlands

NEWDELHI: Vikramjit Singh's maiden century trumped Ayaan Khan's unbeaten 105 as Netherlands managed to keep their World Cup hopes alive with a 74-run thumping of Oman in a rain-affected game in Harare. Ayaan kept the fight going for win-less Oman, but the target of 363 proved too tall a mountain to climb. Rain had shortened the game to 48-overs-a-side

affair, and the Netherlands opener played the aggressor in the 117-run stand with his opening partner Max O'Dowd (35). He raised his maiden triple figure score in ODI cricket off 102 balls, but fell soon after. However, Wesley Barresi had taken charge then. The Netherlands no. 3 was unlucky to miss out on a hundred by just three runs, but his 65-ball assault on Oman

- laced with 10 fours and three sixes - put Netherlands comfortably past the 300-run mark. Cameos from Bas de Leede (39 off 19) and Saqib Mulfiqur (33 off 17) ensured their total was a stiff 362/7 from the 48 allotted overs. Oman's tall chase got off to a rocky start with them losing two wickets inside the powerplay itself, including their captain Aqib Ilyas.



Ayaan then held one end together enroute his 92-ball unbeaten 105, and found supporting hand from Shoaib Khan (46 off 61). But the scoreboard pressure and asking rate kept spiking. Shoaib succumbed to it, four short of what could have been his fifty, but Ayaan raced to the milestone in just 84 balls. Not that they were anywhere close, but bad light halted play when

Oman were on 246/6 with four overs remaining. The weather had the final say and Netherlands picked up their second win of the Super Sixes to stay afloat in the competition.

With Sri Lanka already through, there's an intense race for the second qualification berth. Netherlands now need Zimbabwe to lose to Scotland and will

obviously need to win their final game to stand a chance of going through.

Brief scores: Netherlands 362/7 in 48 overs (Vikramjit Singh 110, Wesley Barresi 97; Bilal Khan 3-75) beat Oman 246/6 in 44 overs (Ayaan Khan 105, Shoaib Khan 46; Aryan Dutt 3-31) by 74 runs (DLS method, match reduced to 48 overs per side)