

CM Favors Timely Rath Jatra

Puri(KCN): Chairing a high-level Rath Jatra coordination meeting, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday sought cooperation from all for timely conduct of all rituals of Mahaprabhu Lord Jagannath and his sibling deities during the Rath Jatra. Secretary to CM V K Pandian coordinated the Meeting. Shri Patnaik reviewed the preparedness made by different departments for smooth conduct of the annual Rath Jatra of the sibling deities. Attending the meeting through video conference, the Chief Minister said special attention should be given to the safety and other facilities of devotees visiting Puri. He also directed officials to make special



arrangements in view of the prevailing heatwave condition in the state. The Chief Minister also urged the officers to give special attention to ensure that the devotees coming from across the country and abroad will return with a good feeling. Shri Patnaik sought the cooperation of all for the smooth conduct of the world famous annual Ratha Jatra of Lord Jagannath in the pilgrim

city of Puri this year. "Mahaprabhu is the identity of Odias. The entire world is waiting for Mahaprabhu's Ratha Jatra. It is the responsibility of all of us to conduct the festival smoothly," he stated. Chief Administrator of the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), Ranjan Das said, "We have already started preparations and with Lord's blessing we will be able to conduct Rath

Jatra in a smooth and hassle-free manner. Our focus is on the early completion of rituals. Shri Das said a decision has been taken to inaugurate Shree Jagannath Heritage Corridor project by June 15." Transport Minister Tukuni Sahu said her department is giving emphasis for smooth transportation of the devotees coming to Puri for Rath Jatra. Law Minister, Jagannath

Sarka said all departments have been asked to complete all their works as early as possible. Several other Ministers, the Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena, Director General of Police Sunil Bansal, several servitors of the temple, and senior officials of different departments of the Odisha Government also attended the Rath Yatra coordination meeting in Puri today. Earlier, a meeting was held at the state police headquarters in Cuttack under the chairmanship of the DGP to finalise the security arrangements during the chariot festival which will be attended by lakhs of devotees from across the globe.



State Hikes DA By 4%

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Ahead of auspicious Raja Festival, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday announced a hike of 4 percent in the Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (TI) for the Government employees and pensioners, with retrospective effect from January 1, 2023. With the fresh hike, the DA of Government employees increased to 42 per cent from 38 per cent. The employees will

get the increased DA in current month salary (June) through direct cash. The State Government also hiked TI by 4 Percent of the pensioners. They will also get the hiked TI in their current month pension. All regular employees and pensioners, whose number would be 7.5 lakhs in the State, would be benefited from this move. All work-charged employees, teaching &

non-teaching staff of fully aided non-Government educational institutions, non-teaching staff of universities who are in receipt of regular scale of pay will receive the enhanced DA from July, 2023 onwards. The arrears from the month of January to June, 2022 on account of the enhanced DA will not be drawn before the date of disbursement of salary of July, 2023.

Rozgar For 70K Odisha Brings Asian Bronze

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the National Rozgar Mela via video conferencing today and distributed about 70,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits in various Government departments and organizations. The selected recruits from across the country will be joining the Government in various Departments including the Department of Financial Services, Department of Posts, Department of School Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Defence, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Atomic Energy, Ministry of Railways, Department of Audit and Accounts, Department of Atomic Energy and Ministry of Home Affairs, among others. 43 places across



the country were connected with the Mela during the Prime Minister's address. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that the National Rozgar Mela has become the new identity of the present government as recruitment letters are handed out to more than 70,000 individuals today. He expressed happiness that the BJP and NDA ruled states are also organizing similar Rozgar Melas on a regular basis. Noting that the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal has only begun, Shri Modi said that this is a very significant moment for those who are joining government service as they have the

opportunity to contribute towards making India a developed country in the next 25 years. "Along with the present, you must give everything for the future of the country", the Prime Minister said. Shri Modi congratulated the newly inducted recruits and their family members on the occasion. The Prime Minister talked about the emerging opportunities for employment and self-employment in the economy. He mentioned measures like Mudra Scheme, Startup India, Stand Up India. He said now these youngsters are becoming job creators. The Prime Minister said that the campaign to provide government jobs

to the youth is unprecedented. Institutions like SSC, UPSC, and RRB are providing more jobs with new systems. These institutions are focussing on making the recruitment process simple, transparent and easy. They have reduced the time cycle of recruitment from 1-2 years to a few months, he said. "The entire world is eager to partner with India in its growth journey today", the Prime Minister remarked as he highlighted the trust of the world in India and its economy. The Prime Minister highlighted that India is taking its economy to new heights as he pointed out the challenges of today including the economic recession, the global pandemic and the disruption in the supply chain due to the ongoing war.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Athletes from Odisha have dazzled yet again on the global stage with Md Reyan Basha and Dondapati Jayaram securing the bronze in the 4x100m Relay at the prestigious 20th Asian U20 Athletics Championship in Yecheon, South Korea. On Tuesday, Minister, Sports and Youth Services, Tusharkanti Behera felicitated the champions with cash award of Rs.1,00,000 each to laud their efforts. Both athletes, hailing from Odisha, are products of the Odisha Reliance High Performance Centre of Athletics in Bhubaneswar. Sports Minister expressed his delight on Odisha athletes shining bright at the international podiums and bringing laurels for the state. He wished the two medallists the very best



and assured to extend all support in their onward sporting journey. The Odisha model for sports emphasizes the importance of recognizing athletes for their performance and incentivizing them with cash awards. On his phenomenal achievement and recognition, he received from the Government of Odisha, Dondapati Jayaram expressed his gratitude, and said, "This is a special achievement for us. It is an honour to be recognized and felicitated by the Government of Odisha.

It is a proud moment for us, and we are inspired to do more. We have been training very hard and this would not have been possible without the Odisha Reliance High Performance Centre of Athletics. We have had access to great coaches and great facilities that have really helped us focus on our performance." he said. The sensational victory augurs well for the athletes as they prepare for the World Junior Athletic Championship next year. Speaking on their achievement, Martin Owens, head coach of the

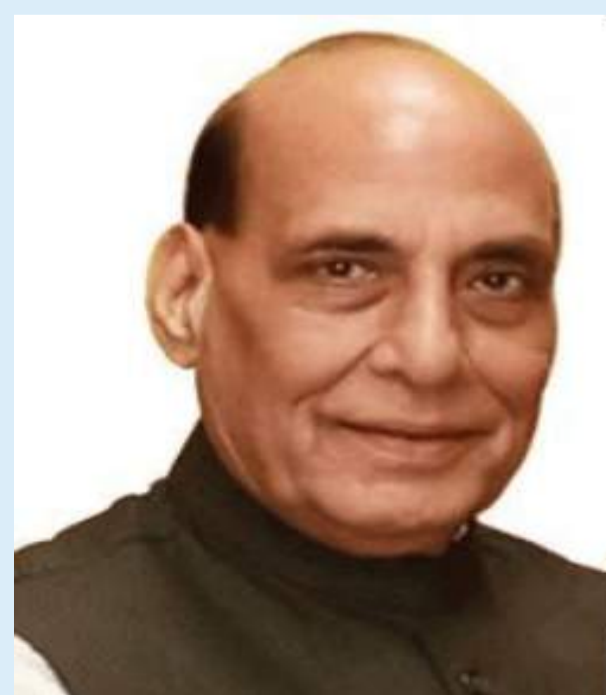
Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics HPC said, "I am proud of Reyan and Jayaram. They are great example of the work that Odisha and Reliance are doing in developing youth athletics for India. However, none of this would have been possible without the vision of our Honourable Chief Minister, Mr. Naveen Patnaik and Mrs. Ambani who heads the Reliance Foundation." He further reiterated the importance of the talent identification and scouting program that has been deployed by the High-Performance Centre. He said, "Both these athletes are immensely talented, and we expect great things from them, but credit must be given to our scouting program that has found ways to consistently identify talent here in Odisha and then go on to nurture these promising athletes with the right guidance".

Singh Bats For Stability

New Delhi(KCN): Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has called for innovative approaches and enhanced cooperation among responsible nations to ensure the safety & effectiveness of United Nations (UN) Peacekeepers who are deployed in violence-hit regions to maintain stability, prevent conflicts and facilitate restoration of peace. He was addressing a special commemorative seminar, organised by the Indian Army, to celebrate 75 years of UN Peacekeeping, in New Delhi on June 13, 2023. Shri Singh highlighted the fast-evolving challenges being faced by the peacekeepers

today and stressed on the need to invest more in training, technology & resources for their safety and productivity. He also advocated for meaningful participation of women in peacekeeping operations, emphasising that their unique contribution during missions in conflict-affected areas must be recognised. The Raksha Mantri reiterated the necessity to make the UN decision making bodies, including the Security Council (UNSC), more reflective of demographic realities of the world. "When India, the most populous nation, does not find a seat as a permanent member of the UNSC, it

tends to undermine the moral legitimacy of the UN. Therefore, the time has come for making the UN bodies more democratic and representative of the current realities of our age," he said. Shri Singh commended the role of UN peacekeeping operations and explained the enthusiastic global support for such missions through the economic concept of 'externalities'. "When there is a conflict, it is harmful to the directly involved actors. Moreover, it has negative externalities for those involved indirectly. There is a plethora of negative



externalities that have emanated out of the recent Russia-Ukraine conflict. It has led to a food crisis in various African & Asian countries and has fueled an energy crisis in the world. A conflict at a particular place or

region creates ripple effects which adversely impact the whole world. So, the rest of the world becomes a stakeholder in resolving the conflict and to restore peace. This is because peace has positive externality. When conflicting parties restore peace, they benefit in terms of human lives saved, higher economic growth achieved, etc. The rest of the world also benefits as peace fosters stability and encourages economic growth," the Raksha Mantri said. Shri Singh added that the positive externality of peace and negative externality of war drives the UN, along with the responsible nations, to act towards resolving

any conflict. This action is manifested in terms of deployment of UN peacekeeping missions in conflict zones, he said. India has a rich legacy of contribution to UN Peacekeeping operations and is one of the largest contributors of troops. It has contributed approximately 2.75 lakh troops to peacekeeping missions so far, with around 5,900 troops currently deployed in 12 UN missions. Since its first commitment in Korea in 1950, Indian troops have supervised complex, unmanageable peace operations, earning universal admiration for their professional excellence.

The Raksha Mantri expressed gratitude to all the Indians who have served or are currently serving as UN peacekeepers. "Our courageous soldiers, police personnel and civilian experts have demonstrated exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment to the cause of peace. They have selflessly served in some of the most challenging and dangerous environments, embodying the spirit of peacekeeping and upholding the principles enshrined in the UN Charter. Their unwavering commitment, professionalism and sacrifices inspire us all," he said.

LAUNCH OF INTACH'S KENDUJHAR CHAPTER

Keonjhar, (KCN): The Keonjhar Chapter of INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) was launched today at the historic Durbar Hall of the Collectorate. The Chapter was declared open by INTACH's Odisha State Convener Amiya Bhusan Tripathy (IPS) Retd in the presence of the Ashish Thakre, the Collector of the District. In his welcome address, the Keonjhar District Chapter Convener Dr. Ajay Kumar Nayak informed that INTACH was founded in 1984 in New Delhi with the vision to create a membership organisation to stimulate

and spearhead heritage awareness and conservation in India. Former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and former Minister K.P.Singhdeo were among the founder members of INTACH. The Keonjhar chapter has been formed with 20 Life Members with support and involvement of nearly 100 well-wishers comprising researchers, writers, heritage activists, artists and representatives of cultural, educational and social service organisations of the district. State Convener A.B.Tripathy handed



over the badges to all members and recollected his association with the District. He said that he had been a student at the famed D N High School, and later also served as the Superintendent of Police of the District.

In his key-note address, eminent historian, researcher and writer Anil Dhir, the Co-Convener of INTACH Odisha Chapter, lucidly explained the mission of INTACH and its four decades of glorious

journey as India's premier organisation of its kind that has got global recognition. He further elaborated the major achievements of Odisha State Chapter and offered all possible guidance and support in

undertaking projects for the district. Dhir suggested that a District Museum be opened at Keonjhar, with collection of artifacts that are lying in different museums all over the country. He said

that proper listing of all the heritage, both tangible and intangible, should be undertaken and a detailed survey of the monuments of the Baitarani River valley should be made. The rich tribal heritage of the different tribes of the districts should be documented and a proper interpretation centre should be put up. The rich Geological Heritage of the District too should be documented, said Dhir. Expressing his happiness over the formation of INTACH Keonjhar Chapter, Chief Guest and District Collector Ashish Thakre assured all possible support from the district

administration in implementation of INTACH's mission for the district. Speaking on the occasion, Guest of Honour Sri Dhanraj, DFO Keonjhar, highlighted the geological and wildlife heritage of the district. The eminent puppeteer Maguni Charan Kumar, who was decorated with the Padmashree recently, was specially felicitated on the occasion. The ceremony was attended by senior officers of the district administration, media persons and several eminent people of Keonjhar district including educationists, students, researchers and art lovers.

India and Myanmar Poised for Significant Boost in Bilateral Trade with Rupee Trade Settlement Mechanism

Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH): India and Myanmar are poised to witness a significant rise in bilateral trade as plans are underway to establish a rupee trade settlement mechanism. Mr. P K Shah, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Trade Policy & WTO and Past Chairman of EEPIC India, expressed his optimism about the potential increase in trade between the two countries during an interactive session with H.E. U. Aung Naing Oo, the Honorable Union Minister of Commerce for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and his Ministerial Delegation in Kolkata. Mr. Shah emphasized that the establishment of a rupee trade arrangement would enhance the competitiveness of both India and Myanmar, leading to a boost in bilateral trade and investments. He also highlighted the simplicity of this process, as it eliminates the complexities associated with foreign currencies. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has already permitted payments to be received in Indian Rupees, and the Myanmar government intends to enable currency convertibility for the Indian rupee in trade transactions. Under this settlement mechanism, Myanmar will accept payment for all its exports to India in Indian rupees, and the



same earnings can be used to pay for goods and services imported from India. To facilitate this arrangement, the RBI has appointed and authorized Punjab National Bank of India to open a special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA) for foreign trade with Myanmar. Punjab National Bank has already approached CB bank and UAB bank of Myanmar to open SRVA accounts for trade transactions in Indian Rupees and MM Kyats under this special arrangement. The establishment of an Indian Rupee Trade arrangement will promote substantial trade between India and Myanmar, as it eliminates the need for foreign currency involvement. All transactions will be settled using the local currencies of both countries. H.E. U. Aung Naing Oo, the Honorable Union Minister of Commerce for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and

Mr. Thant Sin Lwin, Director General of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, expressed their appreciation for the decision of the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India to introduce the system of International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees. The Honourable Minister also acknowledged India's significant position as the sixth-largest contributor, accounting for 5.01 percent of all of Myanmar's international trade. India currently ranks as the 11th largest foreign investor in Myanmar, with a total investment of USD 1.736 billion between April 2000 and March 2023. The total merchandise trade between India and Myanmar reached USD 1.76 billion in the 2022-

23 period, driven by rising imports from Myanmar. However, India's exports to Myanmar have experienced a decline in both merchandise and engineering sectors in recent years. EEPIC India has appealed to H.E. U. Aung Naing Oo, the Honorable Union Minister of Commerce for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to expedite the trade settlement in local currencies. The Honourable Minister added that the Central Bank of India (RBI) and the Myanmar Central Bank have mutually agreed to the concept paper on the rupee/kyat payment system in principle. The terms of reference and standard operating procedures are being negotiated to align with the foreign exchange policies of both countries. Once the negotiation between the two central banks is concluded, direct payment in Rupees and Kyats can commence.

Social worker had a courtesy meeting with the Hon'ble Governor Odisha

Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Eminent social worker, renowned writer Subhashree Mahapatra belongs to Cuttack district, Mahanga Block had a courtesy meet with Governor of Odisha Mr. Ganeshi Lal Ji at Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar. She felicitated the Hon'ble Governor and gifted him his ideal life history by poem writing. Governor paid thanks with appreciation for her writings and presented her some copy of the Padmashree books respectively. Moreover social worker Subhashree doing great job for betterment of society, awareness camp, service for utterly helpless peoples also associated in rural Mahila Sashaktikaran abhiyan and much more. She is awarded by many organisations for her extraordinary quality.



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

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



release. As the song dropped, it started to spread its magic and collected 30 million views in just 24 hours, becoming the most-viewed video worldwide across all platforms. The song is also trending at the top of music charts and on YouTube in just 24 hours. Having touched the hearts of millions with its melody, the song has profoundly proven itself

to be worth as good as iconic romantic numbers like 'Kesariya' and 'Kabira'. Moreover, Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani's crackling chemistry in the song makes them stand in the league of iconic pairs of Bollywood like SRK-Kajol and Ranbir-Deepika. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also marks a massive collaboration between NGE and Namah Pictures. Interestingly, Sajid Nadiadwala and Shareen Mantri Kedia with Kishor Arora and director Sameer Vidwans won a National Award for their respective feature films. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' will be released in theaters on June 29, 2023.

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

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



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

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

Khan's dedication and hard work have been commendable. Recognizing the importance of physicality in portraying a character convincingly, Saif Ali Khan has invested

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

'Devara'. Khan's determination to excel in every aspect of his performance is a testament to his professionalism and passion for his craft. Every character brings unique challenges and requires a certain level of dedication. For 'Devara', he wanted to not only understand the emotional depth of the character but also physically embody his strength and resilience. It has been an exhilarating journey, and excited to bring this character to life on the silver screen. With 'Devara', Saif Ali Khan continues to push his boundaries as an actor,

delving into the action genre with the same finesse that he brings to his diverse repertoire of roles. His collaboration with NTR has generated tremendous excitement among fans and industry insiders, who eagerly await the release of the film. 'Devara' promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience, combining edge-of-your-seat action sequences with an engaging storyline. With Saif Ali Khan's unwavering commitment to his role, the audience can expect an immersive and authentic performance that will leave a lasting impact.

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

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

Festival. film of Vijay after Monsoon Shootout, Gully Boy, Ok Computer, and Suitable Boy, which will be premiered at the International film festival. Dahaad is all set to become India's first Web series to premiere at Berlin Film Festival. The actor made a presence on the prestigious stage along with the team.

As Vijay is gearing up for Berlin Film Festival let's look back at his previous projects which were appreciated internationally - Monsoon Shootout was screened at the Cannes Film Festival, followed by one of the most amazing performances Gully Boy was screened at the Berlin Film Festival then he has Ok

Computer at Rotterdam and Suitable Boy at Toronto Film Festival! This Vijay Varma starrer is set in a small town in Rajasthan and is an 8-episodes slow-burn crime drama. Created by Reema Kagti, and Zoya Akhtar, Dahaad is directed by Reema Kagti and Ruchika Oberoi. The show stars also star Sonakshi Sinha, Gulshan

Devaiah, Sohum Shah, Yogi Singha, Sanghmitra Hitaishi, Ratnabali Bhattacharjee, Nirmal Chiraniyan, Vijay Kumar Dogra, Abhishek Bhalerao, and Waris Ahmed Zaidi. We just cannot value Vijay and his dedication to his passion - acting through which he has made us all proud and happy!

Ananya Panday's Cousin Ahaan Panday To Make Debut With Aditya Chopra's Yash Raj Films

Ahaan Panday, cousin of Bollywood actress Ananya Panday, is getting his big break under the guidance of Aditya Chopra. The actor has been undergoing intensive grooming for the past 3 years and is now set to be launched under the YRF banner. Aditya is known for his knack for creating stars from Anushka Sharma, Ranveer Singh to Ayushmann Khurrana. As per a source, the film starring Ahaan will go on floors next year. The source informed, "It is the Gen Z era now and so it is highly likely that the next big star of India will be from this generation, someone who is relatable to today's youth. With Aditya Chopra feeling that Ahaan is a strong contender for this level of stardom, all eyes will be on the young boy to see how he can floor everyone with his first film." "Ahaan has shown that he chooses to stay away from the public gaze in recent years to only focus on improving his craft and that goes well with the YRF ethos because the company always bets on talent and sincerity.

Sunny Leone: There is something magical about being part of this entertainment industry

A decade ago, she was introduced into the Big Boss house to add more glam and spike up the ratings. After that, the doors to Bollywood opened up for Sunny Leone and she quickly embraced the opportunities that came her way. In a chat with Bombay Times, she talks about the fast-growing entertainment space in India, how she fits into it all and how the next few years seem packed with the kind of work she always desired to do. Excerpts:

You're completing a decade of living in India and being a part of the entertainment industry here. What do you think has worked for you and made you turn India into your home?

It has been so amazing. My husband Daniel (Weber) and I could erase some of the bad memories, but it has been a fulfilling decade which we have spent here. It's been a dream — we've gotten into production, films, shows, television and entrepreneurship in different spaces. I love being here and I am very happy about it. A long time ago, Daniel and I were staying at a five-star hotel, our make-shift home. I was shooting for Jism 2 at that time and I met a woman who had told me that once you are here, India will get a hold of you and you will never

want to move to another country. She was right! Like it happens to so many people who come here, it happened to me, too. There is something magical about being in India and being in this industry. This country holds you back in a good way. I remember what that lady said as I complete each year here. I never want to leave and be anywhere else. This is my home. At work, I have tapped into so many different outlets of entertainment. India is one of the fastest emerging countries as far as creating content goes — we're doing so much of it every single day. It's unbelievable. If you are a professional and



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

Bangladesh's Tyrant with the Indo-Pacific

Pratap Kishore Mohanty



Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs published its first formal report on the Indo-Pacific in April 2023, outlining the guiding principles and goals that would serve as the cornerstone of Dhaka's regional policy. The document shows Dhaka's desire to interact with the region's main countries and is a significant advancement in its efforts to clarify its vision for the Indo-Pacific. Although the document's contents are fairly generic, they shed light on Bangladesh's difficulty in picking sides in the face of intensifying US-China conflict in the Indo-Pacific. The projection provides little insight into Bangladesh's strategy for navigating

the intricate and unpredictable geopolitical landscape of the Indo-Pacific. Instead, the guiding principles are more akin to Article 25 of Bangladesh's constitution, which declares that collaboration, respect for international law and norms, non-interference, and peaceful coexistence should govern the country's foreign policy. In it, Bangladesh's constitutional commitment to promoting a peaceful international order based on the UN Charter is reaffirmed. The paper makes no mention of military cooperation or defence cooperation with any specific bloc. Instead, it advocates for the use of track-2 diplomatic channels to resolve current conflicts by enhancing "mutual trust and respect, [forging] partnerships and cooperation, and [promoting] dialogue and understanding with a view to ensuring

peace, prosperity, security, and stability for all in the Indo-Pacific." The concept of a "Culture of Peace," which was a United Nations declaration that Bangladesh helped write in 1997, is emphasised throughout the document. The vision called for the construction of "rules-based multilateral systems" to foster "equitable and sustainable development," despite the fact that the fundamental strategic and security concerns facing the region were not addressed. The phrase "rules-based order," which the Quad prefers, is not used in the document. This purposeful phrasing choice demonstrates Bangladesh's aim to take a neutral stance in the geopolitical environment. Bangladesh is expressing its preference for a more open and inclusive security structure in the area that takes into

account a range of interests and viewpoints. The viewpoint discusses unusual security issues. Priority has been placed on maritime security. Strengthening "existing mechanisms on maritime safety and security in the Indo-Pacific" is emphasised in the text. Additionally, it alludes to how natural disasters and climate change may affect security. Regarding international rules and norms, the perspective had a clear stance. Dhaka has pledged to 'uphold the exercise of freedom of navigation and overflight, in conformity with international law and agreements'. The declaration of Bangladesh's adherence to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) must be interpreted in the context of its own country's

viewpoints. Unrestricted access to the sea and respect to UNCLOS standards are essential for protecting Bangladesh's economic interests because of the country's reliance on maritime communication routes. A minor state's successful use of international law in Bangladesh's settlement of maritime issues with India and Myanmar in accordance with UNCLOS is another illustration of this. The focus Bangladesh has placed on current international laws and norms does not constitute a criticism of China. Instead, it shows how cognizant the nation is of its place in the world and the boundaries of its power. Despite appearing to have been written largely for a foreign audience, the paper also has sections that are directed at domestic stakeholders. One illustration is the

mention of "Smart Bangladesh," which emphasises Dhaka's ambitious plan to market its regional projects on a global scale. The release of the forecast comes at a critical juncture in Bangladesh's foreign policy as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's trips to Japan and the United States in April 2023 place the nation in the limelight on a global scale. Hasina and Fumio Kishida, the prime minister of Japan, reaffirmed their common commitment to "a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific" in a joint statement they signed while she was there. This strategic alliance is important because Japan is building a new economic corridor that will link Southeast Asia with Bangladesh and Northeast India, as well as because Tokyo has historically provided the majority of Bangladesh's foreign aid. Geopolitics played a significant influence in

the formation of the strategic alliance, which is primarily motivated by economic considerations. Relationships between the US and Bangladesh have seen a number of setbacks due to differences on a number of issues, including human rights and democratic procedures. Diplomatic ties between Bangladesh and the Western countries have been made more difficult by the country's close defence and economic links to China and Russia, particularly in the wake of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. In this situation, the joint statement issued by Japan and Bangladesh has become an essential tool for Dhaka to communicate to Washington that it is willing to support some of the Quad's goals without making a formal strategic alignment. The diplomatic community in Dhaka has given a variety of

answers. The Indo-Pacific vision of Bangladesh, according to the United States, is essentially in line with its own Indo-Pacific Strategy. The outlook's publication was praised by India's Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, who emphasised the importance of upholding international norms. China, on the other hand, has reacted with a lot more restraint. Although Bangladesh's Indo-Pacific strategy does not explicitly favour the Quad, it does demonstrate Dhaka's intent to strengthen current ties with the group. However, the paper provides for a more complex and practical foreign policy strategy, takes into account regional power dynamics, and aims to preserve Bangladesh's strategic independence.

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CULTURE, TRADITION & RELIGION



The manifest of Lord Vishnu, Lord Jagannath is the presiding deity of Odisha. Jagannath is considered a Ratanavedi (Jewelled Platform) along with his brother Balabhadra and sister Subhadra. The significance and uniqueness of God Jagannath is that- it is made up of a Piece of Neem (Azadirachta Indica) tree, what every Hindus called "Daru" or "Mahadaru" and the God is known as 'Daru Debata', where as other deities are made with rock, clay and metals expect Jagannath. Jagannath consciousness has become a wide spread phenomenon on the world at

large. The word Jagannath itself denotes that "God of the Universe". From ancient times, Odisha has become the cradle of several religious faiths. Jagannath is the symbol of Unity and Integrity of all religious of the world. He neither represents any religion, division, caste, nor any Country. He is above all those boundaries. Puri is the Prime and the foremost Dham among the four Dhams. The name of this Dham is otherwise known as "Mukti Dham" and "Baikuntha Dham" and it has its own special peculiarities. In spite of many cultural invasions by outsiders and cross cultural barriers by few insiders, Odisha is still maintaining its "Unique Culture" i.e., "Jagannatha Culture" of "Unity in Diversity". Odisha's traditional culture is a combination of

verities, so diversity is found in Jagannatha Culture. It means collective differences; such difference distinguishes one group of people from other. These differences may be biological, religious, Linguistic etc. The Jagannath Culture is a beautiful combination of Worldly and cosmic realities. There is no other religion in the World where a common man sees God as his own family member, who is an inseparable entity. But it is regreated to say that today there is tug of war is going on in

between culture and tradition. Culture is the "ideas, customs and social behavior of a particular social group" where as "tradition is the transmission of customs and beliefs from one generation to another". In my opinion tradition is also a part of culture. In present situation the outbreak of Corona Virus and subsequent 21days of nationwide Lock Down then again 18 days Lock Down have made many people skeptical about the annual Car Festival of Lord Jagannath and his Siblings here

Uma Shankar Prasad

scheduled for June 22. Now question arise how the devotees will be congregate to see their "Bhakta Bandhaba" in Car Festival. This pandemic Corona Virus would have little effect on Ratha Yatra preparation. This apart, the temple body and the State Government have the final comment over the issue as it is the matter of national importance and saving of lives of the people. As per schedule the work of construction of the chariots should begin from 26 April while the famous

"Snana Jatra" and the Car Festival will be held in June. Due to Corona fear restrictions are likely to be imposed in gathering of people. Also, whether the construction of the chariots will start or not during the Lock Down period is also a big question. It is to be noted that the nation avoid Lock Down has been extended up to 17 May. If you termed of the history we can get that history of 452 years, Car Festival has stopped 32 times. In present period there is a controversy among the Scholars and Researchers regarding the Ratha Yatra. They opined that the Ratha Yatra should be celebrated as per culture, tradition and its antiquity, but as per administration gathering of lakhs of devotees can be panic and also aggravate & infected the diseases as the Virus loves

crowded bazaras, buses and trains and Public gatherings. In the time of Ratha Yatra quite impossible for the Govt to control the situation. History says a number of religions of the world had been mingled in the Jagannath Culture. It symbolizes a highly electric spirit of synthesis of different Indian religions. What has happened, what will happened and what is going to be happened, these are all the mercy of the Lord Jagannath, "Who is the God of Universe". Everybody has faith but our faith should be deep and internal. One of the major Salient Features of Culture of Lord Jagannath is tolerance. Which is an outstanding human value propagated by culture of Lord Jagannath, which postulates with every way &

situations of life as its contribution in the human welfare. Perhaps the most difficult obligation for many, though, will be forgoing the long planned gathering of the season, in order to comply with precautions issued by authorities. But following these majors is a duty of our citizenship and a necessity of our social responsibility to respect gods law in the universe. As lord Jagannath is just like our families and our core values. As a God of the entire humanity his blessings be endowed to each inhabitants of entire Universe. So let leave everything on his mercy. What will have to happen it will happen.

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The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu in a group photograph with the members of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) from various States and Union Territories at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi

Jharkhand Government should immediately bring changes in the 60-40 planning policy

Ranchi (KCN) :If Hemant Soren government does not bring changes in the 60-40 planning policy in the interest of the students and youth of Jharkhand, then he will prove to be the last Chief Minister of JMM. The above things were said today by Jharkhand Bachao Morcha's central convener cum former MLA candidate Vijay Shankar Nayak in his reaction on the success of the 72-hour Jharkhand bandh today. He further said that if Jharkhand's Chief Minister Hemant Soren government does not change the 60-40 planning policy as soon as possible and does not implement Khatian-based local policy, then in the coming days all

tribal native societies of Jharkhand will unite. Will be bound to do a phased movement until it is 60-40As long as the anti-people policy is not canceled and Khatian based local policy is not implemented, the movement will continue*. He has expressed gratitude to all the student youth organizations who cooperated in the bandh and told them that on the question of Jharkhand's interest, Jharkhand Bachao Morcha had also given moral support to the Jharkhand bandh done in the past and this time also the Jharkhand Bachao Morcha called for a 72-hour bandh. have supported.



Mr. Nayak further said that the government should take lessons from the agitations and bandhs and should not do the work of denying Jharkhandi public sentiment and Jharkhand values and dreams of a separate state and

breaking the dreams of Jharkhandi society and as soon as possible in the 60-40 planning policy. Bring changes immediately and implement Khatian based local policy immediately. Otherwise, Jharkhand's student youth power has awakened and if the politics of postponement is done, then it will have to face serious consequences in the coming days because people are gradually getting disenchanted with this government. Mr. Nayak said in clear words that Jharkhand Bachao Morcha has fulfilled its commitment by supporting the Jharkhand Bandh morally, standing with

the tribal native community of Jharkhandi society and supporting them step by step in all their struggles and in the future also in the interest of Jharkhandi. The Morcha will keep an eye on all the matters related to public interest. And if needed, will do the work of struggle by agitating on the road as well. He also said that in order to protect the interests of the indigenous society, their rights and constitutional rights, work unitedly to resist, so that in future, any government will be forced to think a million times, not a thousand times, before implementing the anti-Jharkhand policy.

Karyashala – One-week High-End Research Training Program on “Material Science in Additive Manufacturing” held at NIT, Warangal



Warangal (KCN): One week High-End Research Training Program – Karyashala on “Material Science in Additive Manufacturing” inaugurated today at 10:00 AM in Khurana Hall of Seminar Halls complex, NIT Warangal. The training program is organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering and is sponsored by DST-SERB under Accelerated Vigyan Project.

Dr. Vamsi Krishna Balla, Chief Scientist and Head (CSIR, CGCRI, Kolkata), chief guest of the event congratulated NIT Warangal for organising the training program. He said that there are several applications with Additive manufacturing and the participants will be highly benefited from the training program. Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director, NIT Warangal wished the participants a great learning experience. He asked the participants

to practice and gain hands-on experience during the training program. He said he is happy to know that NIT Warangal has established a Metal 3D printing facility and have signed an MoU with National Centre for Additive Manufacturing (NCAM). NIT Warangal has also taken the Initiation to start M. Tech in Additive Manufacturing in collaboration with Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI), Bangalore. This program is the first of its kind in India, he said. Dr. Uma Maheswar from GE Aviation, Bangalore was the guest for the program. The event was coordinated by Dr. Manjaiah M, Prof. Y. Ravi Kumar, Prof. Adepu Kumar, and Prof. V. Suresh Babu (Head of the Department) participated in the inaugural function. 25 participants from various research organizations are participating in the seven-day training program.

Kailash Satyarthi's Bachpan Bachao Andolan rescues 306 children from 13 states in a day

New delhi (KCN) :On the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour today, Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA), along with its partner NGOs, state governments, and the law enforcement agencies conducted 24 raids and rescue operations in 13 states and freed 306 children from the clutches of child labour. Maximum number of children at 92 were rescued from Gujarat, followed by Punjab at

57. When the rescue team of BBA, founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, reached Besimari Bazar in Darrang district in Assam, the mob attacked them. The team rescued 20 children from the spot but the angry mob compelled them to release four of the rescued children. The police team had to come to the rescue of the BBA team. In total, 37 child labourers were rescued from the state of

Assam. Besides Gujarat, Punjab and Assam, 26 child labourers were rescued from Rajasthan, 17 from New Delhi, 13 from Uttar Pradesh, 12 from Bihar, 11 from Jharkhand, 10 each from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Uttarakhand, and 7 from Haryana. June is the action month when NGOs and law enforcement agencies conduct raid and rescue operations around the



country to free children from child labour. The month holds special significance for BBA as their founder Kailash Satyarthi was the one man whose fight and demand led to the formation of June 12 as the World Day Against Child Labour. “As we mark the 25th year of the historic Global March Against Child Labour, the first global mass movement led by Kailash Satyarthi, we laud the progress made for

protecting children. BBA has assisted 16 state governments and the Railway Protection Force in rescuing 1377 child labourers in the past 2 weeks alone from exploitative conditions and trafficking. We continue to work with the various state governments and law enforcement agencies towards making India child labour free.” Rear Admiral Rahul Kumar Shrawat, AVSM (Retd.), Managing Director, BBA, said.

"Unique Connection": Top US Diplomat On Ties With India

New Delhi: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Monday said that the trajectory of the India-US partnership is unthinkable and filled with promise. Blinken addressed the US-India Business Council's India Ideas Summit in Washington DC. The annual USIBC summit is part of the US Chambers of Commerce and is being conducted ahead of the upcoming state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US on June 22. Blinken spoke about the unique relationship between the world's oldest and largest democracies and added that there is still work to

be done to advance transparency, promote market access and strengthen the respective democracies to unleash the full potential for the people. “We know that India and the United States are big, complicated countries. We certainly have work to do to advance transparency, to promote market access, to strengthen our democracies, to unleash the full potential of our people. But, the trajectory of this partnership is unmistakable and it is filled with promise,” Blinken said. Trade between India and the US reached a record

\$191 billion in 2022, making the US, India's largest trading partner. Blinken spoke about US companies having invested nearly \$54 billion in India across the manufacturing and telecommunication sectors. Indian companies, from IT services to pharmaceuticals have invested over \$40 billion in the US, supporting over 4.25 lakh jobs from California to Georgia, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said. Blinken said that there is a “unique connection” between India and US. He said that the two nations see deep bonds between people who

participate in exchange programs and stream shows. “We see this (India-US) defining the relationship as a unique connection between the world's oldest and largest democracies, with a special obligation now to demonstrate that our governments can deliver for and empower all of our citizens. We see all of this and the deep bonds between our people who participate in exchange programs, stream shows like having to watch me stop chef. I know there are a few folks in the audience who do that. But, maybe most important here in the United States and Indian American diaspora over a

4-million strong and growing stronger every day,” Blinken said. While addressing the 'India Ideas Summit', he said, “We see the importance of the partnership in a shared commitment to address regional and global challenges promoting health security, working with our Quad partners to build a free, open, secure, prosperous Indo-Pacific where people, goods, and ideas can travel freely and rules are applied fairly. I have witnessed India's constructive leadership on these issues up close these last two and a half years, and I see it in their ambitious agenda at this year's G20.”

The US Secretary of State stated that Indian companies in the US have made investments of over \$40 billion in IT pharmaceuticals and more and are supporting 425,000 jobs. Speaking about the upcoming visit of PM Modi, Blinken stated, “We are here almost literally, on the eve of what we believe will be a historic state visit by Prime Minister Modi, one that will further solidify what President Biden has called the defining relationship of the 21st century.” In his opening remarks, Blinken also expressed condolences to the victims of the train crash in Odisha which claimed the lives of

over 200 people. “I again express our deepest condolences on behalf of the United States of America to the victims of the terrible train crash in Odisha. I had the opportunity to speak with my friend Dr S Jaishankar shortly after the accident, and just to convey to him how much it had resonated here in the United States as we saw the images, and to let him know that we stand with the people of India as they recover from this human tragedy,” Blinken said. India's ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu said that the speed and scale of the transformation of the

India-US relationship have been “phenomenal.” While addressing the 'India Ideas Summit' organised by US-India Business Council, he said that PM Modi is the third Indian leader to be accorded the honour of a state visit by the US President. Mr Sandhu said that PM Modi is the only Indian leader to address the US Congress twice. At the invitation of US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, PM Modi will visit the US from June 21 to June 24. Indian Americans are eagerly preparing to extend a warm welcome to PM Modi during his state visit to the US.

SOP For RE Projects

Bhubaneswar(KCN): To attract investments in renewable energy (RE) sector, the State Government has fully exempted registration fee and stamp duty on land allotted for establishment of RE projects.

The Revenue and Disaster Management Department has recently issued two different notifications for this purpose.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 (2 of 1899), the State Government do hereby remit the stamp duty in respect of deed executed on purchase or lease of land for establishment

of RE projects involving harnessing maximum potential for Renewable Energy," read one notification of the Revenue Department. In another notification, the Department said, "In exercise of the powers conferred by section 78-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (16 of 1908) as amended by the Odisha Act 8 of 2002 in its application to the State of Odisha, the State Government, having been of the opinion that.....do hereby remit the registration fee in respect of the deed executed on purchase or lease of land for establishment

Renewable Energy (RE) projects." According to official sources, the stamp duty and registration fee in respect of the deed executed on purchase or lease of land for establishment of renewable energy projects have been fully exempted as per provision laid down under the Odisha Renewable Energy Policy, 2022. Odisha has substantial potential to become a major renewable energy state in the country, as per a study conducted by iFOREST. The International Forum for Environment,



Sustainability and Technology (iFOREST) says that Odisha can install over 170 gigawatts (GW) of solar capacity. This is six to seven times higher than the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) estimate.

The Policy was released during the last Make in Odisha Conclave, 2022. The Policy to attract investments in clean energy in the state, with a focus on new areas such as green hydrogen, green ammonia, floating solar, and wind energy, among others. The State, which has around 627 MW of

installed capacity of renewable energy, plans to increase this to 10,000 MW by 2030 through this Policy.

In the recently presented state Budget in the assembly, the Odisha Government has set out Rs 100 crore for the development of a green energy sector in the State.

In his Budget speech, Finance Minister, Niranjan Pujari said Rs.50 crore has been proposed in the Budget for Green Energy Evacuation Corridor while another Rs. 50 crore has been proposed for Odisha Renewable Energy Development Fund.

Science Communication in a Primary School at Khejuri, East Midnapore, West Bengal

Saikat Kumar Basu



Education is an important platform for nation building and it starts in the school. Primary education is one of the most important educational sector of any nation as it is the building blocks if our future citizens. Most highly developed Western nations spent a significant amount of their annual budget for the smooth running and operation of their primary education system. According to most western educators, different primary education administrators, policy makers and scholars of educational research and development; the primary education system needs the most robust functional support and initiatives for securing the educational future of any nation.

A one day, 'connect to science with fun and colour' workshop was organized in collaboration with Miraloke (Kolkata) and Howrah Suparna in a primary school named Sri Ram Krishna Sishu Tirtha Nursery Vidyamandir (established 1991) at Khejuri, East Midnapore, West Bengal on May 27/2023. The gala workshop was attended by 50+ students along with their

teachers, administrators and executive body member of the school. The students have not yet been formally exposed to science and hence was a challenge to bring science to them directly.

Resource person, Saikat Kumar Basu made a colourful slide presentation appreciated by the students on the importance of the conservation of wildlife,

forests and biodiversity and how it impacts our life. Then next session of the workshop involved use of simple nature based chemicals and vegetables like beet, carrot, potato, chilli, turmeric to understand the concept of acidity and alkalinity, ph range as well as importance of macro and micronutrients in our daily diet through simple wet chemistry experiments and hand on presentations. The children enjoyed the basic nature based colour reactions and appreciated how science helps them in understanding their surroundings better with logical thinking and experiments to establish facts.

Kolkata, West Bengal
India

Miraculous Finding OF Lord Hari Hara

Kendrapada/ Jagatsinghpur/ Paradeep(KCN) :The Miraculous Findings of Lord Hari Hara was found at the Village Tikarapanga of Kendrapada District and it is 10 kms away or distances from Paradeep of Jagatsinghpur District, Odisha State. This Hari Hara Lord Stone was found about 10fts inside the earth. The Villagers of Tikarapanga dug the earth about ten feet uttering with Hari Bola along with Nama Sankritana, " Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare & Namha Shivaya. On this Stone, Eyes & Mouth were there. Villagers worshiped & they have kept it on a small open cemented concrete square type pendal. Now Villagers have given named as Hari Hara Gadi Gosaein Shakti Pitha. The Villagers are now requesting to the Government of Odisha for taking care of this Hari Hara Shakti Pitha and for construction of a Temple.





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India's economic indications remain robust says DSP Mutual Fund

Mumbai :India's economic growth continues to remain strong even in times when the world is facing economic turbulence says DSP Mutual Fund in the February 2023 issue of its monthly report Netra which tracks the latest economic trends and insights. The report highlighted that India's high frequency indicators remain robust. These include healthy GST collections, near record high volume of petroleum products

sold (a proxy for consumption), electronic toll (including Fastag) collections indicating brisk economic activity along with business activity and sentiments being positive. The report mentions that the recent flat performance of Nifty Index compared to a 26% rally in the MSCI Emerging markets index has resulted in the vanishing of the high valuation premium that India had over its emerging

market peers. This is a positive development as foreign inflows in India had become muted lately due to high valuations. Further consolidation and steady earnings growth can cause India to become attractive once again as we progress into 2023. DSP Mutual Fund feels there is an opportunity in the bond market. Whenever RBI has raised rates, corporate bond spreads have gone up. This

monetary policy is least disruptive the reasons being rates are not as high as previous cycle, liquidity conditions are better vs the last hiking cycle, corporate spreads are also not very high. This means corporations can borrow even during the tightening cycle and the rates are also more conducive. This will help in India's growth from a long-term perspective. DSP Mutual Fund believes that Banking sector is poised for an

appreciation. The current dip in banking equities is another opportunity to add lenders over borrowers. The ratio of NSE Bank Index to NSE Metal Index bottomed out at a timewhen the yield curve was very steep & RBI was about to embark on a rate hike journey. The recent correction in Banking stocks & a rally in Metals equities makes an attractive proposition once again. Auto sector is also looking very

promising. The long-term earnings trajectory for the technology sector continues to remain attractive. Investors who have been waiting on the sidelines are likely to get a good opportunity to buy into

this valuation and price correction in the technology sector. "The most important thing for equity markets in 2023 is earnings growth and softening valuations. The last 17 month of consolidation has

removed a lot of valuation froth. There is a higher likelihood of better market backdrop going forward," said Sahil Kapoor, Market Strategist and head of products at DSP Mutual Fund.

Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital successfully treated 33-year-old suffering from a rare case of Salivary Gland Cancer

Bhubaneswar/Cuttack :Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, Cuttack, treated 33-year-old Reema (name changed), hailing from Western Odisha, from Parotid Gland Carcinoma, a rare form of cancer that occurs in the salivary glands situated right below the ear lobes. The cancerous gland was resected by conducting an advanced form of Total Parotidectomy Surgery on the patient while preserving her facial nerves, which are responsible for facial expressions. This incredible feat was achieved by Dr Manjunath NML, Senior consultant Surgical Oncologist and his team at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack.

Reema suffered from unexplained excruciating pain continuously on the face and earlobes for a period of 8 months. In order to get relief from the pain, she visited neurological specialists and physicians from multiple hospital where she was misdiagnosed for other neurological diseases and was treated with analgesics, as they failed to diagnose her actual condition.

She consulted the doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, who discovered a vague swelling near the earlobes and with suspicion of a tumour. Imaging of the parotid gland was conducted to check for any malignancy and it was discovered that she had

a parotid lobe tumour in the junction between the superficial lobe and the deep lobe, right behind the mandible or the lower jaw bone. Nerve sparing total parotidectomy was conducted using advanced form of equipments such as surgical loupes, nerves monitoring devices and Vessel Sealer, which helped surgeons achieve an absolute haemostasis or minimal blood loss during the surgery. This four- and half-hour surgical procedure was conducted by preserving the facial nerves that passes through the superficial lobe and deep lobe and any implication on the facial nerves would lead to disfigurement of the face, paralysis on one

side of the face, lack of expressing emotions, inability to close the eyes and move the eyebrows.

Elaborating the complexities of the surgery, Dr Manjunath NML said, "This is a unique and a rare case among young women, where we usually witness just one or two cases per year. This was one challenging case, as the cancer tumours were adjacent to the facial nerve and we had to carefully dissect them without causing any hindrance or impact to the nerve. With the advanced facilities at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack, we were able to resect the tumour successfully and witness a big smile on the patients face." Post her successful

surgery, while thanking her doctors, Reema said, "For the past eight months, the events that occurred to me because of this condition are unexplainable. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr Manjunath and the entire team for the timely help in relieving the pain I was enduring and helping me recover back from this deadly tumour. Also I was worried about my facial expressions when doctors explained me about the tumor in relation to facial nerve and need for its removal if required. Thanks again to the entire team for helping me to get rid of this bad tumor with my smile intact" (with a big smile on her face).

Ashok Leyland reaches yet another milestone, showcases 'CNG engine H series' at EXCON

Chennai: Ashok Leyland, the flagship Company of the Hinduja Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer today showcased 'CNG engine H series' at the ongoing EXCON 2022, organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Based on strong leverage of Auto BSVI engine development, the CNG engine H series (4 and 6 Cyl) is designed for off highway / CEV clients, and this product will be

the first of its kind in the CEV / mining and off highway segment. The H series CNG engine has a number of features, including ECU-controlled gas leak detection; improved cold start capability; enhanced lower end torque and flat torque from 1200rpm to 2000rpm; gear-based torque control for better fuel economy; durable engine valves and valve seats for CNG operation; proven, durable engine for CEV application;

turbocharged engine provides higher torque, fuel efficiency, better drivability, and transient response; maintenance-free engine. The CNG engine H series also fulfils CEV V standards without SCR or DPF, and features proven multipoint sequential gas injection for dependable performance; a 500 hours oil drain interval; and the maximum power in the sector. Sharing his views, Mr. Dheeraj Hinduja, Executive Chairman,

Ashok Leyland said, "Ashok Leyland's expertise in engineering has paved the way for the company to establish itself as a key player in the CNG engine sector, and we aspire to continue to do so by expanding our portfolio of CNG Engines and technology solutions. Ashok Leyland aims to make India's CNG engine sector self-reliant, and to be one of the leaders in the "Make in India" narrative." Present at the event Dr

N Saravanan, CTO, Ashok Leyland said, "Ashok Leyland has a track record of catering to customer needs with world class products that generate higher profitability. With the increasing need for better fuel efficiency and use of alternate fuels, we have a solid pipeline of such technologies. We aspire to lead the market in this segment, as the need for engines with alternative fuels grows".

AIC-GIM Foundation, Climate Collective and the Taj Hospitality Brand collaborate on a Global Single Use Plastics Challenge

Panaji: The consumption of Single Use Plastics (SUP's) in the food and beverage industry grew dramatically during the Covid-19 outbreak and is now expanding at a 2.5-fold rate. With the aim of reducing single use plastic from the F&B industry in Goa, Atal Incubation Center Foundation at Goa Institute of Management (AIC-GIM) in partnership with Climate Collective Foundation and IHCL's Taj hospitality brand is bringing the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Challenge.

The SUP challenge is inviting innovations to reduce single use plastic from the F&B sector. The selected solutions will get the opportunity to test their ideas in Goa with the Taj hotel network of Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL). "As a company, we want to put a strong emphasis on sustainability as a way of life for everyone, which thus culminates in the adoption of a variety of sustainable business methods. We are happy to collaborate with AIC-GIM Foundation and Climate Collective Foundation for the Global SUP challenge which will reduce the usage of Single Use Plastics across our properties in Goa" said Mr. Vincent Ramos,

Area Director, Indian Hotels Company Limited.

The SUP Challenge will assess the volume of single-use plastics waste reduced through piloting and scaling ventures' innovations along with environmental impact avoided, such as waste diverted from landfills, incineration or avoided entirely. Additionally, the challenge will guide startups to fine-tune their business cases for F&B industry and insights derived from their pilots will contribute to a study around understanding the environmental impacts of alternatives to single-use plastic packaging.

Symphony, in partnership with AEEE, invests in the 'SAHARA Programme'

Bhubaneswar : around four trillion-person cooling degree days, India is characterised by tropical and sub-tropical climatic conditions coupled with a lack of access to cooling, rising temperatures and ever-evolving socio-economic trends such as rapid population growth and urbanisation, which will not only amplify the climate change-induced heat stress but would also fuel the demand for space cooling. SAHARA programme would act as a catalyst for disseminating knowledge about the thermal comfort situation in India's academic institutions. It could bring about systemic changes on multiple fronts in the long term.

Eminent Author/Poetess Ms. Lilian Woo gets Grand slam award

New Delhi: eminent Author/Poetess Ms. Lilian Woo is a Malaysian residing in Penang, Malaysia. She is a prolific poetess, having accumulated several prestigious accolades for her soulful writing internationally. Her poems have been published in several international anthologies and prestigious journals. She is the author of the poetry book "The Pearl Wonder". Recently, she was honoured with the Grand Slam Award in a poetry competition in conjunction with Mother's Day. This competition attracted more than 130 participants globally, and she emerged as the winner to receive the



Grand Slam Award with a beautiful trophy.

RESTORATION OF SER TRAINS

Kolkata, (KCN): The South Eastern Railway (SER) authority has informed today that the following trains which were cancelled earlier due to track maintenance works at Bahanaga Bazar Station of

Kharagpur-Bhadrak Section in Kharagpur Division have been restored. 22826 MGR Chennai Central-Shalimar Express, journey commencing on tomorrow, will now run as per schedule. 12892 Puri

Bangriposi Express, journey commencing tomorrow, will now run as per schedule. 12821 Shalimar-Puri Dhauuli Express, journey commencing tomorrow, will now run as per schedule.

ViStrengthens 'Vi Hero Unlimited' Proposition with 'Data Delight'

To ensure a worry free data experience for its prepaid users Vi, leading telecom service provider, has launched 'Vi Hero Unlimited Campaign' with yet another unique proposition, 'Data Delight'. With this, Vi users can unlock up to 2GB of extra data

every month, over & above their daily quota, at no extra cost. Truly providing an unlimited data experience, Vi Hero Unlimited portfolio also includes other unique benefits such as Unlimited High Speed Data from 12am - 6am and Weekend Data Rollover. In addition, to

further strengthen its hero unlimited portfolio, Vi has introduced more recharge packs under the portfolio. Vi Hero Unlimited packs are structured to provide a one-stop solution to the common concern of data quota exhaustion faced by prepaid users.

Microtek Organised Rockstar & Star Retail Partners' Meet in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : We recently launched our wide range of UPS' in the Indian market like the SmartHybrid UPS series. It is powered by Smart Hybrid Electronics Integrated Circuit Technology for True Sinewave out that gives noiseless performance, and more load handling capacity. The other efficient UPS launched series are Superpower, Heavy Duty with the capacity of running heavy loads & energy-efficient model - Energy Saver. It has an inbuilt energy-efficient transformer for better performance in energy saving. Luxe and iMerlyn are the premium series launched with Luxe having the LCD display that shows running load status, battery charging time and backup time. I am sure this event and our new product range will further strengthen the brand presence in the

Odisha market." The key people of the industry were present at the event. The company also felicitated its channel partners at the event. The event was attended by the officials of Microtek International and trade partners from Odisha. Odisha is one of the important markets for Microtek and the company is looking forward to expanding its presence in the state with the new series. Microtek is planning more such activities for the Odisha Market to create awareness about its new products and further strengthening its business relations with the retail market in the state. The price of the new product range starts from MRP Rs. 6240 and the products are already available through the company's vast distribution network across India.

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'Wins in the subcontinent got us here' - McDonald after WTC win

New Delhi: Australia's performances in the last WTC cycle played a major role in their success, according to coach Andrew McDonald. Speaking after Australia's triumph over India in the WTC Final, McDonald lauded his side's wins in Test matches across Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India. Last year in their historic tour of Pakistan, Australia managed to win the third and final Test after the first two Tests ended in draws. After clinching that series, Australia also managed to win a Test match in Sri Lanka before drawing that series 1-1. Earlier this year, they kept the series alive in India by winning the third Test that also sealed their place in the final.

"You can string down series in isolation, you can talk about the subcontinent journey where we went from Pakistan to Sri Lanka into India," he said. "We had to navigate through that. So it was a tricky World Test championship cycle. So I think the wins in the subcontinent got us here. We're really strong in Australia. So I think that most people would expect us to be winning Test matches in Australia, but to be able to execute in Pakistan, win a Test match in Sri Lanka and then to get that win in Indore to secure a place in the final was vitally important to give us this opportunity. And we've been able to take that, so it's a job well done." When asked where this triumph ranks amongst the numerous trophies Australia have collected



over the years, McDonald admitted that Australia are just buying into the new concept of the WTC having missed out on the inaugural final in 2021. "It's a new concept," he remarked. "But we're certainly buying into the concept and I think that was probably the

disappointment of the first couple of years when it was in existence where we missed out due to over rate so we've made it a significant focus of ours. "Every time we come into a series we're checking in around where we are, there's a ladder, albeit stretched out over two

years, which is a little bit different to other sports, but yeah, it's high on the priority list. And you put on the priority list, you want to be here and you want to win it and that's what we've been able to do. So it's right up there. And if you go into that dressing room at the

moment, there's a lot of happy people about, reflecting on what they've been able to achieve over the last few years." With the schedule cramped up, the celebrations will have to be put on hold for Australia with the Ashes campaign set to get underway in five days' time. "Probably the next 24 hours we will switch our focus as you will, in what you do to the Ashes and the first Test," he said. "We can't wait for it to come around. First was the World Test Championship final. Let's enjoy what the team's been able to achieve over the last couple of years and then get excited about Edgbaston ball one. "So one thing that we've got to factor into England is how we deny them those boundaries. So there's a couple of things

that we can potentially tidy up and take from this game into the next one, but different opponent. So we'll get back to the drawing board around that." Australia will have a selection dilemma ahead of that first Test against England following Scott Boland's impressive performances. Mitchell Starc's spot could come under consideration with Josh Hazlewood set to return especially after the left-arm seamer went for plenty of runs in the WTC Final. McDonald, however, defended his strike bowler. "India showed good intent at certain times and the game went at high three-four runs per over," he recalled. "Mitch at times went a bit more than that and he generally goes at a

fraction more than the other bowlers, and they complement each other really, really well. His wicket-taking ability is second to none. We've got to weigh all that up when we make decisions. But it's not a concern because we know what we're in for in the summer is slightly higher rpo and that's because of the grounds and the surfaces. "We value Mitch and what he's been able to do but we also value Scott and Josh and Patty (Cummins) is clearly an automatic pick being the captain and then you've got Nathan Lyon and Cameron Green in and around that. We feel as though we've got really good coverage and we've got some people here playing county cricket if anything should go wrong."

Sunil Chhetri's Unique Celebration After Scoring Goal Vs Vanuatu Goes Viral, Showers Flying Kisses Wife Sonam Bhattacharya

New Delhi: In the scorching heat and humidity of Bhubaneswar at the intercontinental Cup, all eyes were on India's captain, Sunil Chhetri. Igor Stimac's decision to include the 38-year-old forward in the starting lineup against lower-ranked teams like Vanuatu and Mongolia raised some eyebrows, but Chhetri soon proved his worth on the field. As the match unfolded at the Kalinga Stadium, it became evident why Chhetri was chosen. The Indian team struggled to break through Vanuatu's resolute defence until Chhetri stepped up in the 80th minute, becoming the difference maker and scoring the lone goal of the match. Chhetri's 86th international goal brought relief to the Indian camp and justified their 61% ball possession. His ability to sniff out danger and position himself well in



the box is unmatched by any of his teammates. When Subhish Bose delivered a well-measured cross, Chhetri was perfectly positioned in the center of the box. He controlled the ball with finesse and unleashed a thunderous left-footed volley into the top corner of the net. After scoring, Chhetri celebrated by blowing kisses towards his wife, Sonam, who was present in the stands. In a post-match interview, he revealed that he

dedicated the goal to her, mentioning that they were expecting a child. This heartwarming gesture added a personal touch to Chhetri's remarkable achievement. While Chhetri stole the spotlight, there were other notable performances on the field. Nandhakumar Sekar, making his debut, showcased his skills on the left flank, creating opportunities alongside his future club teammate Naorem Mahesh. Naorem impressed on

the right channel, displaying excellent movement, creating space, and consistently looking to provide killer passes. Despite their dominance in possession, India faced pressure due to missed chances, forcing Stimac to give instructions from the sidelines. The team's full-backs, Pritam Kotal and Subhish Bose, pushed forward to deliver crosses into the box. However, their accuracy was lacking, and the central midfielders struggled to rotate the ball

effectively. Vanuatu, though limited in attacking prowess, defended diligently, preventing Indian players from breaching their backline. But Chhetri's goal finally found a way through their defense. In response, Stimac made substitutions, bringing in Sahal Abdul Samad, Anirudh Thapa, Jeakson Singh, and Lalinzuala Chhangte around the hour mark. Earlier in the day, Mongolia held Lebanon, ranked 99th in the world, to a goalless draw, reducing their match against India to a warm-up game before they meet again in the final on June 15. Sunil Chhetri's celebration after scoring the crucial goal encapsulated the passion and dedication he brings to the Indian team. With his remarkable skills and leadership, he continues to inspire fans and make a significant impact on Indian football.

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

New Delhi: Dallas, Texas, and Morrisville, North Carolina, have been chosen as the two venues for the first edition of Major League Cricket (MLC) in the United States. The tournament is scheduled to take place from July 13 to 30. The North Carolina ground regularly hosts Minor League Cricket fixtures. The inaugural season will feature six teams, with four of them being associated with the Indian Premier League (IPL). The participating IPL franchises are as follows: Chennai Super Kings (Texas Super Kings), Mumbai Indians (MI New York), Kolkata Knight Riders (Los Angeles Knight Riders), and Delhi Capitals (Seattle Orcas). The remaining two teams are Washington Freedom



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

The opening match will be played between Texas Super Kings and LA Knight Riders. According to the MLC, the tournament will feature many of the world's top cricketers representing the six MLC teams, all vying to become the champions of the inaugural season. The matches will be played under floodlights, and the broadcasting rights for the games in India have been secured by Viacom 18. Below is the schedule for the tournament:

India to kickstart West Indies tour with two Tests



New Delhi: India will kickstart their West Indies tour with two Tests, Cricket West Indies confirmed on Monday (June 12) while announcing the schedule. As reported by Cricbuzz previously, the two Test matches, beginning on July 12 and July 20 will be played in Dominica and Trinidad. These two Tests will be India's first assignment in the World Test Championship for the next cycle. The teams will then play three ODIs and five T20Is

following the conclusion of the Test series. The first two ODIs will be played in Barbados on July 27 and July 29. The teams will then move to Trinidad for the final ODI and the first T20I with Guyana slated to host the next two T20Is. Like Cricbuzz reported earlier, India and West Indies will then fly to Florida in the United States to play the final T20Is and conclude the tour. "We are delighted to be able to confirm the schedule and venues for the highly anticipated visit by India," Johnny Grave, CEO of CWI, said. "One of the highlights will be the 100th Test at the Queen's Park Oval and this promises to be a fantastic occasion as we celebrate this historic event between these two proud cricketing nations."

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

New Delhi: Real Madrid defender Nacho confirmed he will stay with the team despite interest shown by clubs like Roma, Inter Milan and the Major League Soccer in the United States. According to Goal.com, Nacho will also wear the club's armband and has taken over the position of captain from Karim Benzema, who recently left Real Madrid after an illustrious 14 years with the club. "I have decided to stay at Real Madrid. There are offers as always but I want to stay one more year, I am so happy about it," he said. The defender has made over 300 appearances



for the Spanish giants ever since starting his senior career with its B team, joining the club in 2011. He has won the UEFA Champions League with the club five times

and La Liga on three occasions. Nacho has been associated with Real Madrid for his entire career. Earlier in June, it was announced that Benzema will leave the

club after his contract expires at the end of the season. Real Madrid released a statement about the departure of the veteran striker. "Real Madrid CF and our captain Karim Benzema have agreed to end his brilliant and unforgettable period as a player for our club. Real Madrid wants to show its gratitude and all its affection for who is already one of our greatest legends," it said. In 2009, at the age of 21 Karim Benzema found his way to Los Blancos and since then he has been a fundamental figure in creating a golden decade for the Spanish Giants.

After spending fourteen seasons with the club he has won 25 titles, a record number for Real Madrid, 5 European Cups, 5 Club World Cups, 4 European Super Cups, 4 Leagues, 3 Copas del Rey and 4 Spanish Super Cups. The Frenchman has made a remarkable 647 appearances for Real Madrid, and he is the second all-time goalscorer for Real Madrid with 353 goals behind Cristiano Ronaldo (450). Along with this, he is also the fourth goalscorer in the history of the UEFA Champions League.