



The Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla in a group photo with MLAs of Goa Legislative Assembly at Porvorim, in Goa

## Ganjam Bags Best Award

**New Delhi(KCN):** Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar will confer the 4th National Water Awards on 17 June, 2023 at an award distribution ceremony being organised at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti. The Department has announced a total of 41 winners, including joint winners, for the 4th National Water Awards, 2022, covering 11 categories. Each award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories. The 1st Prize for the Best State will be conferred on Madhya Pradesh; Best District will be conferred on Ganjam District, Odisha; Best Village Panchayat will be conferred on Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat, Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Telangana; Best Urban Local Body will be conferred on Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh; Best Media will be conferred on Advance Water Digest Private Limited Gurugram, Haryana; Best School will be conferred on Jamiyatpura Primary School, Mehsana, Gujarat; Best Institution for Campus usage will be conferred on Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir; Best Industry will be conferred on Barauni Thermal Power Station, Begusarai, Bihar; Best NGO will be conferred on Arpan Seva Sansthan, Udaipur, Rajasthan; Best Water User Association will be conferred on the Sanjeevani Piyat Sahkari Mandli Ltd, Narmada, Gujarat; and Best Industry for CSR Activities will be conferred on HCL Technologies Ltd., Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

## Know about 'Pahandi' ritual observed at Srimandir in Puri

**Puri(KCN):** The Nabajoubana Darshan of Lord Jagannath and His siblings will be held on June 19, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) sources said today. As per the decision taken by the SJTA, Paramanik Darshan of the deities will be held between 8 am and 9 am on that day. As many as 7000 tickets will be sold for the Paramanik Darshan while the price of each ticket has been fixed at Rs 100. The Paramanik Darshan ticket holders will be allowed to enter the temple through Dakshina Swara (South Gate). The General Darshan of the deities will be allowed from 9 am to 11 am. The Snana Jatra of Lord Jagannath and His siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra was held on June 4, following which the deities have been kept away from public view for 15 days (Anasara period). The popular belief is that after the ritualistic bath during Snana Jatra, the deities develop fever and therefore do not return to the sanctum sanctorum.

## 112 Cr For Mahima Peetha

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The World famous Mahima Gadi Peetha at Joranda in Dhenkanal district will be completely transformed under the 5T Initiative of the State Government with an investment of Rs 112 crore, thanks to V K Pandian, Secretary to CM.

The entire area of the Mahima Gadi Peetha will be developed as a "Best Spiritual Center". On May 29, Secretary of the Chief Minister Shri Pandian had visited the Mahima Peetha and



discussed with the Saints and devotees about the complete transformation of the Peetha and advised concerned officials to submit the project report within 15 days.

According to this suggestion, the Dhenkanal District Collector presented a project proposal of Rs 112 crore to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for his approval.

It emphasizes on the overall development of the Peetha along with various facilities for the devotees.

The 5T plan includes reconstruction of Samadhi temple, Prayer Hall, wall, pond, bus stand, Kaypin Dhari Mahima Samaj Peeth, primary health center etc.

Inside the Peetha, the entire area with internal roads will be illuminated. A road will be constructed from the Jagannath temple to the school ground.

For beautification, 200 palm trees and 200 banyan trees will be planted along with restoration of the big pond in the east. Promenade will be constructed with lighting. Besides, 200 toilets will be constructed for saints and devotees at the site.

The entire project will have all kinds of facilities for Saints, devotees, and guests. All steps will be taken to make it a major pilgrimage and tourist center of the district.

## Orissa HC Stays Tax Demand Of Firm Due To Non-Constitution Of GST Appellate Tribunal

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Taking an unusual step, the Orissa High Court put a stay on the tax demand of a private firm due to non-formation of GST Appellate Tribunal in the state. The High Court issued the order recently while hearing the case of Nilamada Enterprises vs CT (commercial tax) & GST Officer, Cuttack. The private firm had moved the court challenging an appellate order issued by the Joint Commissioner of State Tax, Jajpur Range, Jajpur district. The petitioner appealed to the court that he is not



liable to pay the tax and penalty and, as such, against the order passed by the 1st appellate authority though the second appeal lies, the 2nd appellate tribunal has not yet been constituted. It is contended that the petitioner has already deposited 10 per cent of

the demanded tax amount before the first appellate authority and as there is no second appellate forum, the firm moved the HC seeking relief. The GST officer, represented by standing counsel Sunil, said that the petitioner is liable to pay 20 per cent balance

disputed tax for consideration of its appeal by the 2nd appellate tribunal. The court weighed the arguments of both sides and said, "Since the petitioner wants to avail the remedy under the provisions of law by approaching 2nd appellate tribunal, which has not yet been constituted, as an interim measure subject to the petitioner depositing entire tax demand within a period of 15 days from today, the rest of the demand shall remain stayed during the pendency of the writ petition."

## Odisha BJP ups the ante against power cuts, launches state-wide protest

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) upped the ante against 'unannounced power cuts' and took to the streets on Thursday. The BJP staged protests in at least three districts to corner the Odisha government over power cuts. In Balasore, BJP members staged a protest at Balia. "Even the President of India witnessed power failure during her programme at Baripada recently. So, there is no bigger proof that power outages happen in Odisha. This will be the ultimate battle. BJP will fight for the people until justice is served," said

BJP's Balasore District President, Umakanta Mohapatra. "The State government is shielding Tata Power unduly. We will not stop until the government scraps its license," said Mohapatra. Down South in Koraput, BJP members launched protests at several places in the district including Jeypore, Kotpad, Sunabeda and Semiliguda. "It is like darkness under the lamp here. Despite electricity being generated here, we are facing frequent power cuts," said a protesting BJP member. Another protester said, "The State government

has signed a secret kickback agreement and in return, the government is shielding Tata Power from public ire." Similarly, the BJP staged a protest in the Western Odisha district of Bargarh as well. Members of the saffron party led by MP Suresh Pujari held a meeting and protested in front of the local electricity office at Bargarh. The protesters demanded an uninterrupted power supply in Bargarh and threatened to intensify the protest if their demands are not met. No comments have been received from the State Government & Tata Power sources.

## Nearly 29,000 Affected Due To Floods In 3 Assam Districts

**Guwahati(KCN):** The flood condition in Assam deteriorated on Thursday with nearly 29,000 people reeling under the deluge across three districts of the state due to incessant rain, an official bulletin said. According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), more than 28,800 people are hit due to floods in Dhemaji, Dibrugarh and

Lakhimpur districts. Lakhimpur is the worst hit with over 23,500 people affected, followed by Dibrugarh with more than 3,800 people and Dhemaji with almost 1,500 persons, it added. Till Wednesday, nearly 21,000 people were affected by floods across two districts of Assam. The administration has launched three relief distribution centres in the



Lakhimpur district, but no relief camp has been started as of now. At present, 25 villages are under water and 215.57 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across Assam, ASDMA said. Massive erosions have been witnessed in Biswanath, Bongaijan, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Morigaon, Sonitpur and Udalguri districts, the ASDMA said. Some places in Cachar

and Kamrup Metropolitan reported incidents of landslides due to heavy rainfall. Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by flood waters in Lakhimpur, Goalpara, Biswanath, Dhemaji, Baksa, Dima Hasao and Karimganj districts. No river is flowing above the danger mark in Assam as of now, it added. The Guwahati-based

Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) on Wednesday had predicted heavy rainfall activity over the Northeastern region during the next five days. For three days, the RMC had issued 'Orange Alert', followed by 'Yellow Alert' for the subsequent two days. 'Yellow Alert' stands for watch and be updated, while 'Orange Alerts' implies to be prepared for action.



# Agar Milan Greater Gwalior Marriage Introduction Meeting held at Gwalior



**Gwalior (KCN)** : Weekly marriage introduction meeting of Agar Milan Greater Gwalior was organized in Gwalior. The young men and women were introduced in this meeting. In which more than 50 introductions were made and in many relations Agar Milan Greater Gwalior made relations by becoming a mediator. Here the organization has been

working for more than 10 years in Gwalior and other cities to establish relationships between boys and girls. Along with this, many types of service events are also organized by the organization. The organization has got marriages of poor families and differently-abled youths done through its organization. Along with this, cooperation has also

been provided in the marriage of many orphan girls. The organization works at the ground level and provides help to such people. Along with this, cooperation has also been provided in the marriage of many orphan girls. The organization works at the ground level and provides help to such people who cannot go and speak to anyone for their help. The organization does not

give priority to the organization of any big event, and holds a meeting at a member of its own organization. In which all the social persons of that area can attend the meeting and introduce themselves. The aim of the organization is to make marriage relations as well as move forward by uniting the Agrawal society. The meeting of this

# Cyclone Biparjoy: 150 villagers seek shelter in BSF camps in Gujarat

**New Delhi:** As the threat of Cyclone Biparjoy hitting the coasts near Jakhau in Gujarat intensifies with potential landfall expected by the Thursday evening, the Border Security Force (BSF) deployed along the coastal areas has stepped forward to assist the villagers of the area. In these crucial moments, the BSF camps have turned into shelters for villagers seeking refuge from the impending storm. Approximately 150 villagers from Thumri



and Walawarivand have taken shelter in the BSF camps, including senior citizens, children, men and women. The BSF has not only provided a safe haven, but has also organised for the essential needs of the villagers. Hygiene standards are being maintained at the camps, and provisions for drinking water, food, and medical services have been made available to all the sheltered villagers. The BSF has formed quick response teams, outfitted with lifesaving resources. These teams stand ready to assist the civilians in the aftermath of the cyclone.

## Awareness on Child Protection at Baliharachandi Temple on the occasion of Raja



**PURI, (KCN)** : An awareness programme was conducted by District Child Protection Unit & District Administration, Puri on

15th June 2023 at Baliharachandi Temple, Brahmagiri among the devotees and local people on the occasion of Raja Sankranti. Mr.

Manoj Kumar Tripathy, District Child Protection Officer of DCPU along with the team members Mr. Bijay Kumar Parida, Social Worker, Mr.

Harekrushna Sahoo, Accountant of DCPU and Mr. Saktipad Mishra, Ex CWC Member created awareness among the public present over there. Leaflet distributed to the people and placard campaign conducted on prevention of child marriage, child labour, child trafficking, child sexual abuse etc. The team reached at every Chhapa the camp of villagers came across various corner of Brahmagiri Block for 3 days and staying there and the temple management committee members aware on child protection.

## Heat Wave In Odisha: Orange Warning Issued For Several Dists Including Khordha, Cuttack For Today

**Bhubaneswar(KCN)**: Intense heat wave conditions are most likely to continue unabated in Odisha as the Regional Meteorological Centre here has issued Orange Warning for several districts including Khordha and Cuttack for tomorrow. "Heat wave to severe heat wave conditions

very likely to prevail at one or two places over the districts of Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Bolangir, Sonepur, Nuapada, Kandhamal, Cuttack, Khordha, Kalahandi, Angul, Deogarh and Boudh on June 16," the Meteorological Centre forecasted and issued

Orange Warning for these districts. Heat wave condition likely to prevail at one or two places over the districts of Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore and Mayurbhanj, it added and issued Yellow Warning for these districts. It further predicted that there will be no large

change in maximum temperature (day temperature) during the next four days and slight fall thereafter at many places over the districts of Odisha. Maximum temperature very likely to be above normal by 5-7 degree Celsius at a few places over the districts of Odisha during the next 4 days.

## Youth Electrocuted While Installing CCTV For Puri Ratha Jatra

**Puri(KCN)**: In a tragic incident, a CCTV installation staff was electrocuted during installation of cameras on Bada Danda for auspicious Ratha Jatra in Puri. The deceased person has been identified as Rakesh Behera, a resident of Rajabagicha in Cuttack district.



According to reports, the 25-year-old Rakesh died after coming in contact with an electric wire while installing CCTV

above the control room for upcoming Ratha Jatra of Lord Jagannath in Puri. Puri Town Police sent the body to the DHH for post-mortem. The deceased's associate assumed that the incident

might have occurred due to frequent power fluctuation by Tata Power.

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**Netizens Compare Tom Cruise's 'Mission Impossible 7' Stunts To Shah Rukh Khan's 'Pathaan'**

The recently released trailer of 'Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One', which stars Tom Cruise in the lead, is drawing some amazing reactions from people on the Internet.

Netizens are comparing the bits of the trailer to the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Pathaan' which broke all records for Hindi films at the box-office upon its release.

The trailer, which is a treat for the lovers of the action genre, has sequences in question which show Cruise hanging off a clip. Another scene shows a train crashing. This has reminded social media users of the Indian spy



thriller, which also starred Deepika Padukone and John Abraham. Soon after the trailer was released, several social media users took to Twitter to draw comparisons between the two movies. "Few days ago, I saw

the whole twitter making fun of #Pathaan train scene just because it accidentally has similarity with Jackie Chan cartoon. But now t h a t #MissionImpossible also has similar action scenes, nobody will

say anything," one of the tweets read. Another user c o m m e n t e d : "Bollywood should be proud @iamsrk." A third user, referencing the director of 'Pathaan' - Siddharth Anand, wrote: "Lord Anand should be proud."

**'Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga' Actress Priyanka Karunakaran Lauds Yami Gautam, Says 'She Knows Her Work Around The Camera'**



Actor Priyanka Karunakaran who plays an air hostess alongside Yami Gautam in Ajay Singh's directorial Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga is basking in the glory of the positive reviews that the film is getting along with her performance too.

The debutant actor shared her experience on working with Yami Gautam. She said, "Yami as an actor on set is extremely focused. She is very subtle and will do

these small things that the camera captures and that is really beautiful. She knows how to work the camera. We were shooting in cold conditions and our uniform was a short skirt so we couldn't wear our thermals. The evacuation scene was quite tough to shoot but she did it with so much ease, I was inspired too because it was my first time on a film set and it was just encouraging to have a co-actor

like her around." Priyanka who has been a model for most of her career even spoke about her preparation work on the sets. She said, "The first half of the film was shot in a mock plane but it was lit so well that it looked as real as it could be. We had professional air hostesses who trained us, how to operate the galley, how to welcome people, body language of airhostess and just about everything that the job

entails. Being on the set really felt great as I felt that I was a part of something bigger. In this film every moment adds to the development of the story so in a sense every scene and every character is pivotal".

She added, "One of my biggest lessons was to be focused in the moment but learn to have fun while the process is on. On day 1 I was full of excitement and completely charged up but by day 23 it got claustrophobic and tedious shooting inside the same plane, in a confined space and it was a challenge to keep oneself motivated. Later on, we did have location shifts and I felt a new energy rush".

Priyanka earlier stated that playing a South Indian airhostess is poetic for her as her mother is a retired air hostess and their roots are in Kerala. Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga is currently trending on No 1 on Netflix.

**Vikramaditya Motwane Announces 'Jubilee Day' On Prime Video - Watch Celebration of Timeless Hindi Cinema Classics**



After the grand trailer unveil of Amazon Original series Jubilee, Prime Video and the series creator and director Vikramaditya Motwane today announced a special initiative 'Jubilee Day' - a day-long film festival bringing back the magic of yesteryear blockbusters on the big screen. On April 6, four classic hits - Mr and Mrs 55 (1955), Pyaasa (1957), Aradhana (1969) and Kati Patang (1971) will be screened at PVR ICON, Andheri, Mumbai from noon onwards.

Set in the early days of the Indian film industry, Jubilee is a thrilling tale woven around an ensemble of characters and the pursuit of their

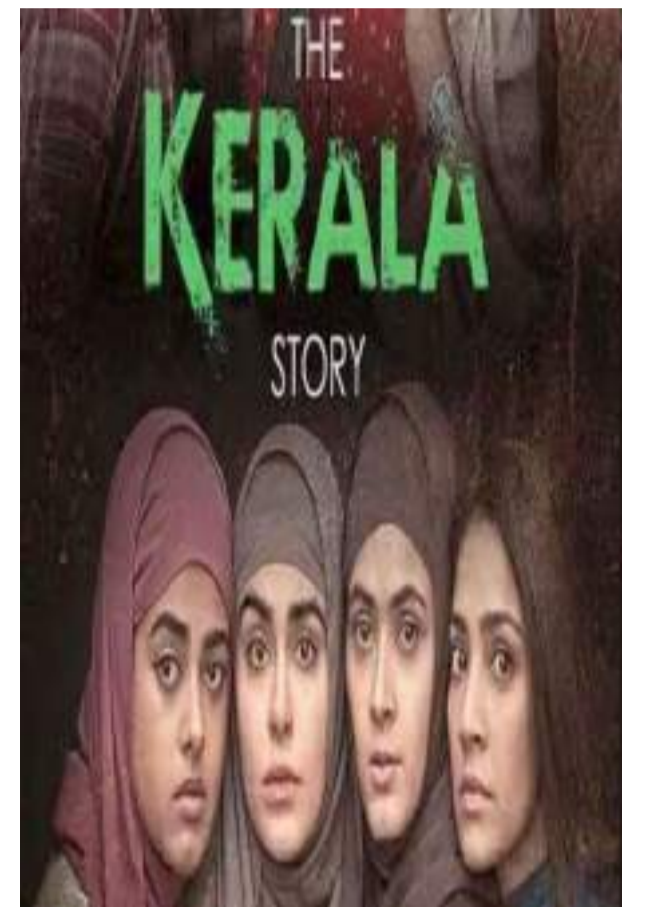
ambitions and love, along with a celebratory ode to cinema. 'Jubilee Day' is an extension of that celebration, showcasing 'jubilee hits' - cinematic classics that back in the day had successful runs of as long as 25 weeks (silver jubilee) to 50-weeks (golden jubilee) in theatres. The rare chance to catch these classics will be open to all audiences. Vikramaditya Motwane, director and creator of series Jubilee said, "I have grown up watching and admiring timeless and classic films. Even before I became a filmmaker, movies have always played a pivotal part in my life. I have always wanted the audience to have a glimpse of the charming

world of the yesteryears of the Hindi film industry, which I have done through the series and I felt 'Jubilee Day' was a wonderful idea to strengthen that effort to pay our humble tribute to this magical industry where we work. We are thankful to Mr Sushilkumar Agrawal of Ultra Media & Entertainment Pvt Ltd and Mr Ashim Samanta for supporting this initiative and helping us bring these milestone films from the history of Indian cinema to audiences. I am hoping for audiences to take back some of the old-world charm of movies with this day-long festival."

**SC Stays West Bengal Government's Order Banning 'The Kerala Story' In State, Asks Tamil Nadu To Provide Security To Moviegoers**

The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the West Bengal government's order banning the screening of the film 'The Kerala Story' and asked Tamil Nadu to ensure the safety of moviegoers after theatre owners decided to stop screening the film due to security concerns.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud also directed the producer to put a disclaimer in the movie by 5 pm on May 20 on the claim that 32,000 Hindu and Christian women were converted to Islam. According to the apex court, the disclaimer should say that 'there is no authenticated data to back up the suggestion on figure of conversion and the film represents the fictionalised version'. The bench, also comprising Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala, said it would like to watch the movie



before proceeding to decide the pleas challenging the grant of CBFC certification. It said the petitions will be heard in the second week of July.

The bench also took note of submissions that there was no ban on the film in Tamil Nadu and asked the state government to ensure the safety and security of moviegoers.

During the hearing, it said that statutory provisions cannot be used to 'put a premium on public intolerance'. The bench said it is the duty of the state government to maintain law and order as the film has been granted certification by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

"Bad films bomb at the box office," the bench said. "The legal provision cannot be used to put a premium on public intolerance. Otherwise, all films will find themselves in this spot," the bench, also comprising justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala, said during the hearing.

The states cannot sit in appeal over the grant of certification to the movie, said senior advocate Harish Salve appearing for the producer of the movie.

**Gaslight: Vikrant Massey Impresses Fans With His Performance As Real Estate Manager, Check Reactions**

Vikrant Massey starrer mystery thriller 'Gaslight' has finally been released and the actor has yet again given a testament to his proficient acting. Vikrant can be seen playing a character named Kapil who dwells into different shades of a nice guy and the bad guy in the film. Starring with two strong performer ladies Sara Ali Khan and Chitrangada Singh, Vikrant very brilliantly marked his presence on the screen and has left the audience impressed who just could not stop flooding the internet with their praising comments for the actor. As Kapil, the estate manager in Gaslight, Vikrant Massey has yet again given a worthwhile justification to his character with his acting prowess and



indeed proved himself one of the most talented actors of his era. The actor has successfully hooked the audience hooked to their seats till the end while his portrayal of the bad guy in the climax is loved immensely by the audience and critics. This has certainly made the netizens drop their praising comments for the actor

on Instagram as they wrote, "Ur hardwork will defintely pays off." "Great job." "All d best Vikrant.... Our blessings are good wishes are always wd u... Ur film is going to b a super hit." "You have been on of the versatile actors of your time, m sure there must be versatility to this film as well?." "Excited to watch."



## Why Beckham to Madonna practise Yoga?



What is common among world celebrities like David Beckham (Soccer star), Matthew McConaughey (Hollywood star), Gisele Bundchen (Brazilian supermodel), Lady Gaga (Singer), Madonna (The Queen of Pop), Jennifer Aniston (Hollywood) and host of their Indian counterparts like Kareena Kapoor and Malaika Arora? Well, they all practise Yoga to remain fit and fine. Like any other Yoga enthusiasts, these celebrities too would be gearing up for the International Yoga Day (June 21). As the 9th edition of International Yoga Day is just couple of days away, all those who practise Yoga enthusiasts in India and across the world would be preparing to be part of the big day in a big way. It goes without saying

that since its inception in 2014, International Yoga Day has gained immense popularity worldwide. Millions of enthusiasts, who are conscious about their physical, mental, and spiritual health, practice Yoga on a regular basis. It is important to note that the two important features of this year's International Day of Yoga celebration are "Yoga from Arctic to Antarctica" and "Ocean Ring", which will demonstrate that Yoga is life sustaining force; it promotes physical strength, flexibility, and balance while enhancing mental clarity, focus, and emotional well-being. "Yoga from Arctic to Antarctica" has been conceptualized to showcase Yoga demonstration on North and South Pole region i.e. Himadri - the Indian research base in Svalbard, Arctic and Bharati- the Indian research base in Antarctica and in countries falling on or near the Prime Meridian line. Whereas "Ocean Ring" will be yoga demonstration on Indian

Naval bases, Coast guard stations, and friendly countries locations. Well, the word "yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit word "yuj," which means to join or unite through various physical postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), meditation, and ethical principles. Even though the roots can be traced to ancient India but it has evolved over time and has been equally embraced by people around the world. The transformation of Yoga through yearly International day of Yoga celebration has made it a global mass movement. 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam' is this year's International Day of Yoga theme, and it highlights the continuing, intrepid, and persistent efforts to build a world that is holistically healthy, joyous, peaceful, and dynamic. It has become a powerful driving force to realise the prayer of yore: 'Sarve bhavantu sukhina, sarve santu niramaya' (may all become happy and may all become disease-

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free'). Yoga has gradually integrated into mainstream society, reaching individuals who may not have been exposed to it before. The International Day of Yoga has played a crucial role in promoting yoga as a form of exercise, stress relief, and overall well-being, making it more accessible to people from diverse age groups, cultures, and socio-economic backgrounds.

The medical and therapeutic benefits of yoga have gained wider recognition globally during and after COVID-19 pandemic. The positive impact of yoga on physical and mental health led to the integration of yoga into healthcare systems and the development of yoga-based interventions for various health conditions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself

had recently asked the stakeholders of Ayush to speed up the efforts towards scientific evidence based research in traditional medical practices. For this, Ministry of Ayush has further strengthened and started propagating outcome of previous research work done through research councils and globally recognized research institutions at national and international level. Last year, the Union Cabinet, has approved the establishment of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat by signing an agreement between the Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO). The setting up of the World Health Organisation's GCTM in Jamnagar is likely to accelerate and give direction to this aspect. This work will be further accelerated through the schemes of CSIR-IGIB Ayurgenomics, Ayurtech-IIT Jodhpur, NIMHANS etc. under the Center of Excellence. If we compare research and clinical trials

published per year before 2014, it revealed that the publication of research studies increased by about six times and clinical trials by about 11 times. This growth is not just numerical but also qualitative. Research is now being done in Yoga at par with modern science and the process of integration and holistic approach has gained momentum. The Centre for Integrative Medicine of AIIMS New Delhi has published more than 20 research papers in international level journals. Similarly, a multicentre, nationwide research study conducted in 100 districts in India called Controlled Diabetes India found that yoga is effective in controlling diabetes. The other research such as yoga therapy in mental health, research related to Covid-19 and research being done in partnership on heart and cancer. Bangalore-based NIMHANS, AIIMS Rishikesh, HSC Group of Cancer Hospital, Indian Association for Palliative Care, Indian Cancer Society, etc. are partners of the Central Council for

Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, which has taken initiative in such research. It is well-known fact that the Indian government has been actively involved in promoting yoga both within the country and on the global stage. In 2014, Prime Minister Modi proposed the idea of observing June 21st as the International Day of Yoga, which was unanimously adopted by the United Nations. Since then, it has been organized on a massive scale across the country and around the world. Come June 21, the world would celebrate Yoga Day to spread awareness about the invaluable benefits of Yoga. Remember practicing yoga might seem like just stretching, but it can do much more for your body than the way you feel, look and move. It even helps you with increasing flexibility, muscle strength and body tone. It improves respiration, energy and vitality.

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## YOGA FOR BEAUTY

**SHAHNAZ HUSAIN**



Deeply associated with Indian culture and spirituality, Yoga is undoubtedly one of the most healthy and trending practices worldwide. Yoga is known to give you a flexible and fit body, But did you know your time on the mat can also help your skin? There are some yoga poses that can help you attain that charming glow on your skin. Yoga is known to de-stress your body, reduce tension and bring flexibility. There are many poses that also take care of your skin and give you a natural glow and texture. A basic pranayama daily can help to firm up and tighten the skin. It can also boost collagen and reduce the appearance of fine lines. The practice can improve flexibility, strength, sleep quality, and your well-being overall. When an individual performs yoga, the blood circulation in their body gets improved, which means more oxygen & lesser free radicals. Also, fresh blood imparts a warm glow to the cheeks. Alongside this, yoga flushes out toxins, and the body is toned. With more and more people understanding the benefits of yoga in various aspects of their life, from fitness to overall gut, mental, and body health, I would like to introduce you to our favorite side of yoga as beauty buffs—the skin

benefits! Here are few asanas to practice regularly to achieve a healthy, rejuvenated glow on your skin. Padmasana, which means "Lotus throne," is an asana that helps you relax your mind. Lotus pose is an established meditative asana in Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist traditions where a person sits in a cross-legged posture placing his/her feet on the opposite thighs. Padmasana calms down your brain and relieves your stress making it amazing for healthy glowing skin. Padmasana also relieves menstrual pain. It relieves your stress and improves blood circulation, making it amazing for healthy glowing skin. When the blood flow in your skin is improved, it glows naturally and it gets easier for the skin to absorb the nutrients you consume from food. Proper circulation also detoxes your skin which solves problems like excess oil or dryness. The lotus pose also encourages the digestive process and tones sacral nerves by increasing the flow of blood. Tadasana----- This basic posture contains the secrets of how to hold yourself in countless other poses. Known as Mountain Pose, it acts as the foundation for all other standing yoga postures. It helps to concentrate on deep & rhythmic breathing which is one of the essential components for healthy skin. This asana is vital for all those who wish to have a radiant and glowing complexion by practicing yoga poses. This asana can be practiced any time of the day. The foundational posture asks you to stand

upright with your feet facing forward parallel to each other and your arms at your sides, palms facing forward. But there's actually a lot to pay attention to in the basic pose. It is best to avoid this asana if you are experiencing Headaches, Insomnia and Low blood pressure. Halasana----- This yoga pose is effective in improving the overall blood circulation of the body. It helps you feel relaxed and calm, and the positive effective reflects on your skin too. If you have trouble sleeping this asana will definitely help you since it improves blood circulation of all over your body giving you calm and relaxed body which will reflect on your face and skin. It is also called as Plow pose, and it is the best asan for attaining naturally healthy glowing skin. It assists in improving individual's digestive process which is vital for the glowing and healthy skin. It also heals lower back and hip pain and boosts the metabolism. Halasana also works on your core muscle to give you a toned abdomen. Lying on your back, raise both legs above the stomach. Bend your body and try to extend your legs above the head to touch the ground with the toes. Hold this posture for 10-15 seconds, relax for a minute and repeat again. Cobra Pose or Bhujangasana This type of asana reflects a cobra's posture – one which has a raised hood. It's a great asana for increasing flexibility and strength in your back, arms, and shoulders. Practicing this pose every day will also help you stay relaxed and elevate your mood, leading to smoother skin. If you find your skin

rough and often feel stiff, then Bhujangasana or simply known as the Cobra Pose is for you. This yoga pose helps reduce the stiffness in the back and shoulders. Lie flat on your stomach and place your head on the ground. The hands are placed near the body while palms touch the ground. The legs are to be kept straight and palms firmly pressed against the floor. The arms should be straightened as one inhales and the chest lifted, as one follows the upper back. The hips are to be kept steady and this position is to be retained for a duration of fifteen to twenty seconds and then released. Doing this pose helps with premature ageing, acne, psoriasis and helps in improving your overall skin and body health. Anulom Vilom Pranayama or The Nadi Shodhan pranayama- Pranayamas are the most effective way of keeping the skin young and healthy. They ensure proper blood circulation and keep the skin glowing. Pranayama is a breathing exercise that helps clear blocked energy channels called nadis and thus calming the mind. Alternate nostril breathing helps to purify the blood and oxygenation is better resulting in a natural facial skin glow. Pranayama or breath control is a purification

technique which directly targets your respiratory system and corrects its functioning by removing unwanted energy blocks. Regular yoga practice pranayama, and meditation aid you in reverse the signs of ageing including wrinkles, saggy skin, crow's feet and fine lines amongst other. Pranayam helps purifying the blood because of the healthy and attain inner beauty. Mindfulness meditation can have benefits for health and performance, including improved immune function, reduced blood pressure and enhanced cognitive function. Meditation produces more antibodies in people. It significantly increases left-sided, anterior brain activation part of my life and I have experienced its numerous benefits. The appeal of Yoga lies in the fact that it helps both body and mind. It not only works on all the muscle groups, but also increases vitality, tones the internal organs, stimulates the nerve centres, relieves stress and clears the mind which boost immunity and gives you attractive personality and beauty from within. Although it is an ancient Indian discipline, it has also gained relevance as a means of attaining a well-balanced personality and delaying the visible signs of ageing. The other important aspect of Yoga is that it involves breath control and specifies the inhalation and exhalation of breath during the exercises. Thus, it helps oxygenation which boost immunity imparts a feeling of physical and mental exhilaration. This is so important for beauty, because feeling good is an integral part of looking good. Yoga improves blood circulation, including the circulation of blood to the skin surface. This is so important for the good health of the skin, as it helps to supply essential nutrients to the skin. It also promotes the removal of toxins through the skin which boost immunity. This is so important, especially in cases of skin congestion. It tones the skin, improves oxygenation to the skin, imparts a beautiful glow and keeps the skin youthful and free from problems. The same goes for the hair. Yoga helps to promote blood circulation and oxygenation to the scalp and hair follicles. This helps to supply nutrients in the bloodstream to the hair follicles. It promotes hair growth and keeps the scalp healthy. When we talk of beauty,

we do not talk only about the beauty of the face. It also includes the figure, giving it suppleness, good posture and grace. Where the appearance is concerned, a slim figure can take years off and helps in staying youthful for a longer time. It supplies oxygen to every tissue and this, itself makes way for both health and beauty. If you are leading a life that does not provide enough physical activity, you are actually encouraging ageing. Exercise is a potent remedy for pre-mature ageing, not only because it strengthens the body, but also keeps it looking trim, fit and enhances immunity in body. The yogic asanas are designed to keep the spine and joints flexible and supple. They make the body strong and agile, tone the muscles, improves blood circulation, imparts vitality and enhances both beauty and good health. Many beauty problems are triggered off by stress. Since yoga helps to induce relaxation and reduce stress, it certainly helps in dealing with stress-related conditions like acne, hair loss, dandruff, etc. Studies conducted on those who practice yoga have shown that positive changes also occur in the personality, in attitudes, emotional stability, self-confidence. It has a direct effect on the mind, emotions and mood. In fact, it is a regular stress-buster and puts the glow back on the skin. You will feel instantly rejuvenated and good about yourself. Indeed, the benefits of Yoga reflect as external beauty. For a flawless skin, shiny hair and a slim figure, good health must be on top of the list. In fact, I promoted the Ayurvedic principles of holistic health, with yoga as an integral part of the program. This concept of holistic beauty care was unique and caught on worldwide. In fact, I believe that yoga is very relevant to our modern lifestyle, in terms of both health and beauty. Personally, it has been a

part of my life and I have experienced its numerous benefits. The appeal of Yoga lies in the fact that it helps both body and mind. It not only works on all the muscle groups, but also increases vitality, tones the internal organs, stimulates the nerve centres, relieves stress and clears the mind which boost immunity and gives you attractive personality and beauty from within. Although it is an ancient Indian discipline, it has also gained relevance as a means of attaining a well-balanced personality and delaying the visible signs of ageing. The other important aspect of Yoga is that it involves breath control and specifies the inhalation and exhalation of breath during the exercises. Thus, it helps oxygenation which boost immunity imparts a feeling of physical and mental exhilaration. This is so important for beauty, because feeling good is an integral part of looking good. Yoga improves blood circulation, including the circulation of blood to the skin surface. This is so important for the good health of the skin, as it helps to supply essential nutrients to the skin. It also promotes the removal of toxins through the skin which boost immunity. This is so important, especially in cases of skin congestion. It tones the skin, improves oxygenation to the skin, imparts a beautiful glow and keeps the skin youthful and free from problems. The same goes for the hair. Yoga helps to promote blood circulation and oxygenation to the scalp and hair follicles. This helps to supply nutrients in the bloodstream to the hair follicles. It promotes hair growth and keeps the scalp healthy. When we talk of beauty,

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S National Security Advisor, Mr. Jake Sullivan calls on PM, in New Delhi

## Bhupesh Baghel Hits Back At JP Nadda's Remark On Dynasty Politics

Raipur: Hitting back at Bharatiya Janata Party national president JP Nadda over the allegations of "dynasty politics", Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Tuesday said that several cases of family politics are available in his party as well. The Chief Minister said that "over dozens" of cases of dynasty politics are available in BJP and the party should think before pointing fingers at others. His remarks came in response to JP Nadda's jibe, "Congress is a party of Maa, Beti and Beta". "Anurag Thakur is a minister and his father was also a minister;



Rajnath's son is an MLA and Amit Shah's son is in BCCI. Whose party is it? Similarly, one son of late Baliram Kashyap was MP while another was a minister and Raman Singh was chief minister while his son was MP," Bhupesh Baghel told reporters. Taking a dig at BJP, CM Baghel said, "It's easier to preach than really act. BJP should think about what is ongoing in their party before pointing fingers. If counted, then dozens of cases promoting dynasty politics will be found (in BJP)".

## In today's times, students have to play a vital role in crime control



Warangal (KCN): Shi Team Sub-Inspector Kanchi V Dyasagar said that in today's times when crimes and atrocities are increasing, students have to play a vital role in crime control. He participated in an awareness program on TSWRS&JC (Telangana State Welfare Residential Schools and Junior Colleges, Industrial

Area, Madikonda) to about 300 students on cyber crimes, women's safety, violence against women and violence against students. Especially girls should be careful in sharing personal photos and details on social media like Facebook and Instagram. He said that they should be aware of cyber crimes. When students are in

trouble from someone, if someone behaves inappropriately and rudely, the team should be brave enough to inform them. Team mobile numbers C. P. Gari WhatsApp number 8712685257, CI WhatsApp number 8712685142, S. I. WhatsApp number 8712685270 keep the details of complaints

confidential and take action by counseling the offenders. When students face problems, parents, family members, lecturer He said that crimes can be prevented at the primary stage by sharing them. In this program, College Principal D. Uma Maheshwari said that in today's times, girls should be very careful while traveling. They say not to share things, not to believe what they say in the name of love and not to go to unknown places without telling their parents. She Team Sub-Inspector of Police Kanchividya Sagar Head Constable Jayara Ju Bichya Naik, Women Constable Bull Lakshmi Vice Principal Mallikarjun Lecturers and others were present in this program.

## SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL ADDS ANOTHER FEATHER TO IT'S CAP

New Delhi (KCN) :As per the vision of the Honourable Health Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya ji and esteemed Director General of Health Services Dr Atul Goel to start a Bone Marrow Transplant facility in Central government hospitals at the earliest, Medical Superintendent Dr. B.L Sherwal and OSD Dr. Vandana Talwar inaugurated it's much awaited Bone marrow transplant unit at Safdarjung Hospital. Dr.Sherwal stated that opening of a BMT unit at Safdarjung hospital, one of the prime central government hospital, would provide a big relief for all the poor patients. Earlier in Delhi, only AIIMS offered this facility in a government set up for patients of blood cancer and other cancers. SJH is the first central government hospital where BMT facility will be



available at a negligible cost to the patient against a cost of 10-15 lakhs in private hospitals. BMT is a process where the blood or marrow of a healthy donor replaces unhealthy blood forming cells (stem cells) of the patient with healthy stem cells which later form red blood cells, white

blood cells and platelets stated Dr Kaushal Kalra HOD Medical Oncology. Bone marrow transplant may use cells from own body (autologous transplant) or from a donor (allogeneic transplant). This is done in transplant eligible patients and is an essential treatment procedure especially in

blood cancer, lymphoma, multiple myeloma patients and some congenital diseases. The occasion was graced by other Additional MSs. The transplant will be performed by the teams of Medical Oncology under Dr Kaushal kalra and Dr Mukesh Nagar, Hematology under Dr J M Khunger and Dr Sumita Chaudhry.

## No Relative Of Federation Chief To Contest Wrestling Body Poll: Report

New Delhi: The family members of outgoing WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh will not contest the upcoming federation elections despite eligibility, reliable sources told PTI on Tuesday. The Wrestling Federation of India elections will be held on July 6 for the post of president, senior vice-president, four vice-presidents, secretary-general, treasurer, two joint secretaries, and five executive members. Sports Minister Anurag Thakur had assured the protesting wrestlers that neither Singh's family members nor his associates will be allowed to contest the

impending elections, following which they had halted their protest till June 15. Singh's son Karan Bhushan heads the Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association while his son-in-law Aditya Pratap Singh is head of the Bihar unit. "They had a discussion and have decided that neither his son Karan nor his son-in-law Aditya will file nominations for WFI elections," a source close to the Singh family said. "In the current circumstances, it is not advisable to do something that further fuels the controversy," said the source. Both Karan and Aditya will, however, participate in the



elections and exercise their voting rights. The outgoing chief Singh himself is ineligible to compete since he has completed 12 years as President. The Sports Code does not allow elections after serving three consecutive terms

of four years each. It was being feared by the wrestlers, though, Singh will not hold any position in the federation officially, he will still rule the sports body by installing either Karan or Aditya or both in key positions.

Singh, 66, has been accused of sexual harassment and intimidation by the country's top wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia. The Delhi Police has filed two FIRs against

him and is likely to file a charge-sheet in the case soon. While Singh's family members have agreed to step aside, it remains to be seen which of his associates are asked to stay away from the elections. Thakur had said that the protesting wrestlers will be consulted while forming the new executive body. BJP's Haryana chief Om Prakash Dhankar and former Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) secretary NR Choudhary have expressed interest in contesting elections but are unlikely to get into the fray. To be eligible for contesting elections, the

candidate has to be a member of the executive committee of a state unit and neither Dhankar nor Choudhary holds such a position. A total of 25 state units will participate in the elections. Each state unit can send two representatives. Both members will have voting rights. A few units which were dissolved earlier by WFI -- Karnataka, Maharashtra, Haryana -- have staked claim to be the rightful state bodies for representation in the elections. Returning Officer Mahesh Mittal Kumar, who is a retired high court judge, will have to decide which body from among the rival factions

gets to vote. The last date for receiving two nominations from each state and union territory for constituting the electoral college has been fixed as June 19 and the scrutiny will be completed by June 22. The submission of nominations for elections will commence on June 23 and conclude on June 25, which will be followed by preparation and display of the nominations, while the scrutiny of the nomination papers will take place on June 28. The candidates will be able to withdraw their nominations between June 28 and July 1, following which the final list of contesting candidates will be put up on July 2.



# Talk On Digital Economy

**Pune:** The Third Meeting of 'G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG)' with the three days' agenda concluded on 14 June. Agenda of the meeting included the Global DPI Summit and Global DPI Exhibition as the side events and closed-door meetings among the G20 delegates, invited countries and IOs on the priority areas. The Summit was attended by over 250 delegates in-person, out of which, there are around 150 foreign delegates from 50 countries. More than 2000 persons attended virtually. India signed MoU with four countries namely Armenia, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Antigua and Barbuda on

sharing INDIA STACK i.e. successful digital solutions implemented at population scale. The summit provided the global platform to discuss sector agnostic (foundational) and sectoral DPIs that inter-alia involved leadership, policy & practitioner level insightful, thought provoking and future shaping discussions among overall 60 Global Experts on DPIs, who participated in 10 important sessions viz. 'Overview of Digital Public Infrastructure', 'Digital Identities for empowering people', 'Digital Payments and Financial Inclusion', 'DPI for Judicial Systems and Regulations', 'Digital Document Exchange for



efficient service delivery', 'Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) for DPI', 'Digital Education and Skilling', 'DPI for Digital Health and Climate Action', 'Digital Agriculture Ecosystem', and

'Building the Global DPI Ecosystem'. By providing the global platform on DPI to digital decision makers from 50 Countries and multiple International Organisations, India took the lead and further

strengthened its role of acting as a strong bridge between Global North (G20 members) and Global South (Developing and LMIC countries). The closed-door meeting of G20 DEWG meeting

began on 13 June 2023 with participation of 77 foreign delegates from G20 Members, 9 Guest Countries, 5 International Organizations and two Regional Organisations. The discussion under

Indian Presidency was led by Shri Sushil Pal, Co-Chair G20 DEWG. In the meeting, discussions were held on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and the concept of "One Future Alliance & One Future Fund" for DPI, enabling principles for good DPI, and recognition of the need for financing opportunities for DPI in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC). Thereafter, Digital skilling, upskilling and reskilling, capacity building & awareness, building a mutual recognition framework for digital skills and information sharing were discussed. On the last day of the

meeting i.e. 14 June 2023, the security for a safe, resilient and trusted digital economy and various aspects such as capacity building for children & youth, and countering potential security threats were deliberated. Over the last three days, several cultural programmes were organised, and the delegates were treated with the experience of Indian culture, Indian cuisine, Indian arts, Yoga, and folk forms of India. Government of India acknowledges and thanks the state Government of Maharashtra for providing full support and coordination in organizing this event.

## Two get 20-year rigorous imprisonment for raping minor girl

**BARIPADA:** Special POCSO court judge of Mayurbhanj district Sumita Jena on Monday sentenced two persons to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) each for raping a 14-year-old girl. The convicts are Keshab Chandra Tiriya (46) of Takudipal village within Jashipur police limits and Asish Digi (28) of Anandpur in Keonjhar. Public prosecutor Abhinna Pattnaik said on February 11, 2017, the two convicts entered the victim's house taking



advantage of her parent's absence. Finding the girl alone, the duo raped her.

On February 13, the victim's mother lodged an FIR in Jashipur

police station against the duo based on which a case was registered under sections 376-D and 506 of the IPC and section 6 of the POCSO Act. Subsequently, police arrested Keshab and Asish. Pattnaik said the court also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on each of the convicts. Failure to pay the fine will result in an additional jail term of three months. The court directed the secretary of the district legal services authority to pay a compensation of Rs 4 lakh to the victim.

## Unknown disease ruins paddy crop, dashes farmers' hope in Odisha

**BARGARH:** Farmers of Bargarh district are in dire straits after an unidentified plant disease has affected their standing paddy crops leaving them damaged and pale. The unknown disease was first noticed by farmers of the Attabira, Bhatli and Bheden blocks during mid-April. They reported that the tip of their paddy crops first turned pale after which the entire plant got damaged.




Later farmers of other blocks also complained of their paddy showing similar symptoms. While some reported the matter to the district agriculture office, others sent tweets to the principal secretary of the Agriculture Department, Government of Odisha, Arabinda K Padhee. "We will incur huge losses as standing paddy grown on large tracts of land are now damaged," alleged farmer leader Ramesh Mahapatra. The crops


have symptoms of two to three diseases but farmers are unable to identify the exact cause. The Agriculture Department officials have collected samples. Large tracts of paddy cultivation have been affected by the disease, farmers said. "While the officials have assessed the damage of crops on over 300-400 hectare land, in reality, around 2,000-3,000 hectare has been affected," Mahapatra further informed. Chief district agriculture officer (CDAO), Bargarh, Ashok Kumar Amat said a team from Krishi Vigyan Kendra

(KVK) will visit all blocks to further assess the situation. The region witnessed inclement weather conditions for the last few months, said Amat, adding, the district witnessed sweltering heat and incessant rainfall in succession while some regions faced hailstorms. "While the crops developed Rice Blast and Bacterial Leaf Blight diseases, excessive application of urea on the affected plants further led to Neck Blast Disease," Amat stated. Official sources informed that while the farmers

applied excess urea to their crops, a decrease in the application of potash by 50 per cent has left the crops more susceptible to pest attack. Amat informed that the crops on which the disease is in its initial stage can be revived by the use of pesticides. "But those that have entirely been affected by the disease, are almost destroyed. The KVK scientists have recommended the application of necessary pesticides for them. We will carry out a loss assessment soon," he added.



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## Dalmia Bharat Foundation Signs MoA with BSL to Enable Social Transformation in Bokaro

Bokaro, Jharkhand : Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF), the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Dalmia Bharat Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) with Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) to drive its community-centric initiatives in Jharkhand by upskilling 600 youth, annually. The aim of the MoAs to establish a skill training centre to impart short term, placement-based courses to local youth in the surrounding villages through DBF's DIKSHA (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing) centre. The MoA was signed by

Shri Chaudhary Ratnes Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. General Manager (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant and Shri Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and Chief Executive Officer, Dalmia Bharat Foundation.

"Since our inception in 2009, we've witnessed our role gradually transform from being a resource provider to a key enabler for positive change in society. While we've created a legacy of development and change for the better, we continue to strive to ensure that we meet newer economic and environmental needs and close wider societal gaps as much as possible,"

said Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and CEO, DBF. "Through our leadership and dedication towards achieving social transformation, we will continue to work towards our vision of creating opportunities for people across the nation so that they can reach their full potential and give back to the community. We look forward to our partnership with BSL and also call upon our industry peers to join us as we make significant and sustainable differences and ensure social, economic, and environmental progress.

The skill development center at Bokaro Steel City, in association with

DBF, will help strengthen the social ecosystem in Jharkhand. While BSL will provide the necessary infrastructure support, DBF has been entrusted with managing day to day activities of the center including faculty and placement support.

"BSL and DBF share a common vision and value system for bringing about a transformative change in society by leveraging its demographic dividend through empowering the local youth through training that makes them market-ready," said Mr. Chaudhary Ratnes Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. GM (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant. "It is our firm belief that this combined expertise and experience

will ensure that the youth being educated at the DIKSHA facility will receive quality and need-based training for the purpose of gainful employment across industries."

To ensure viable and sustainable income generation, training will be imparted in trades for self-employment and trades such as Assistant Electrician, Solar PV Installer, General Duty Assistant (GDA) and Customer Relationship Management, to begin with. Subsequently, more courses will be added as per demand and future prospects. The center shall largely focus on the development of the youth residing in BSL's peripheral villages.

## Navi Finserv Limited is planning to raise ₹600 crore through public issuance of Non-Convertible Debentures

**Bengaluru:** Navi Finserv Limited (NFS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Navi Technologies Limited (Navi), today announced the public issue of Secured, Rated, Listed & Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) amounting to ₹600 crore with a base issue of ₹300 crore and an option to retain over-subscription of another ₹300 crore. The issue will open on Monday 23rd May, 2022 and is scheduled to close on Friday, 10th June 10, 2022 with an option of early closure or extension.

The proposed NCDs have a rating of A (Stable) by India Ratings & Research Pvt Ltd. This rating is considered to have adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry low credit risk.

Investors get an opportunity to participate in secured NCDs under various series for tenure of 18 months and 27 months

with an effective yield of upto 9.80%\* and a minimum application size of ₹10,000.

Speaking about the NCD issue, Ankit Agarwal, Managing Director of NFS said, "The upcoming NCD issue aims to raise funds for onward lending and financing purposes. This will further diversify our borrowing profile and add more retail investors to our portfolio to complement our wide base of Institutional partners. This is a secured instrument with A (stable) rating, a low application size and an effective yield of upto 9.80%\*. Sachin Bansal, Chairman & CEO of NFS added: "At Navi, our mission is to provide financial products that are simple, affordable and accessible. I believe that our customer centric and technology first approach along with our robust underwriting and collections capabilities adds value to Navi Finserv's maiden public debt issue."

NFS offers personal

loans and home loans under the "Navi" brand and we have approved personal loans to customers across over 84% of all Indian pin codes. The Company's net worth stood at Rs 11,895.72 million as on December 31, 2021 and maintained a comfortable standalone debt to equity ratio of 2.1x as on December 31, 2021.

NFS has maintained a strong asset quality reflected by its Net NPA of 0.08% (as on December 31, 2021), which is supported by a collections efficiency of 96.63% (for personal loans disbursed subsequent to April 1, 2021 till December 31, 2021). Its outstanding borrowings on a standalone basis of ₹27,749.76 million as of March 31, 2022 was diversified across an array of instruments such as NCDs, sub-debt, term loans, market linked debentures, commercial papers and, securitisation instruments such as PTCs.

## Flipkart's Shopsy Summer Store steers tremendous growth for sellers in Odisha

**Bhubaneswar:** As the summer starts rolling in, Shopsy - Flipkart's social commerce platform, recently launched the Summer Store, a unique curation to address customers' nuanced seasonal needs by offering a wide range of products across categories under one umbrella. As a testimony to this endeavor, sellers in Cuttack recorded nearly a 9X growth in sales and sellers in Puri recorded nearly a 16X growth in sales bolstered by the summer store initiative. Sellers in Sundergarh have garnered a tremendous 34X growth in their sales over the past month. The summer store recorded increased traction from women buyers which indicates a positive women reseller growth

in Cuttack. Amongst several categories, Hygiene and Wellness, Fashion, Kitchenware and Home Decor emerged as top priorities for customers with demand for products such as deodorants, sunglasses, body washes, essential oils, sarees, table covers, bedsheets and kitchen tools topping the charts.

Shopsy Summer Store is a one-stop-shop for products ranging from electronics, personal care, baby care, food and beverages, apparel, swimwear and kitchenware including air conditioners, deodorants, baby sunscreen, aerated drinks, cotton clothes for men and women, swimsuits and juicer mixer grinders. Of this, deodorants have taken up

the major share of the demand pie clocking over 50% growth, followed by sunglasses which grew by close to 22%. Kitchen tools also contributed to a 6X growth over the past month in Cuttack. This was followed by categories such as kurta sets, cotton sarees, deodorants and body washes that witnessed a 3X jump over the past month in Puri.

Shopsy aims to continue its endeavor to offer a wide range of quality and engaging products for customers at affordable prices, while being a value-based and reliable platform. By providing a simplified social media interface, Shopsy is able to overcome user apprehension of trust and authenticity while shopping online.

## Walkathon organized by Shanti Memorial Hospital on the occasion of World Hypertension day

**Bhubaneswar:** In observance of World Hypertension Day 2022 - commemorated every May 17th, to create awareness amongst people, a walkathon was organized by Shanti Memorial Hospital, Cuttack which covered some important roads of Cuttack city on the day. The walkathon was flagged off by Dr. Sreejoy Patnaik, Chairman & Managing Director of the hospital after a briefing on the purpose of the observation day presented by Dr. Priyadarshi Tripathy, Cardiologist of the hospital. More than 150 employees joined the walkathon with plaque cards and banners carrying awareness message on hypertension prevention and treatment to communicate to the public the importance of hypertension and its serious medical complications, and to provide information on prevention, detection and treatment.

World Hypertension Day was first inaugurated in May 2005 ever since it has become an annual event. The main purpose behind the celebration of the World Hypertension Day is to promote public awareness of hypertension and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer, the modern epidemic. Later at Shanti Memorial Hospital, a free hypertension check-up camp was held in which around 100 persons checked their blood pressure and received free consultation.

## Ecom Express announces 55,000 registrations for its Delivery Partner Program

**Bhubaneswar / Gurugram:** Ecom Express Limited, a new-age technology-driven end-to-end logistics solutions provider to the e-commerce industry, announced that it has crossed 55,000 gig workers registration on their dedicated app called 'Ecom Sanjeev' to onboard delivery partners since its launch in September 2021.

The company's delivery partner program aims to create part-time work opportunities for individuals with the option of flexible timings to maximize their earnings by delivering e-commerce shipments to customers. Delivery Partners working through Ecom Express' gig model can earn

anywhere between Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 60,000 per month.

Close to 60 per cent of registrations have been from Tier 4 cities and towns, indicating massive affinity for gig opportunities in those areas. The top 10 cities/towns with the highest registrations include from Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Lucknow, Gurugram and Patna.

In Odisha, over 4000 gig-workers have registered for part time engagement as delivery partners with Ecom Express. Most of the registrations have been from Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela, Berhampur and Sambalpur among other

cities.

Saurabh Deep Singla, Chief People Officer, Ecom Express said, "Since the launch of our ESP program last year, we have created opportunities for students, homemakers and individuals looking to supplement and maximize their income by delivering e-commerce shipments during their spare time. This flagship program, besides empowering gig workforce, also helped the company to scale their delivery capabilities in assuring speed, reliability, and effective logistics solutions to deliver online-ordered products at end-customers' doorstep safely."

The company has also

announced provision of accidental insurance of Rs. 2 lakhs to safeguard delivery partners from any mishaps, besides offering a host of other benefits, including attendance bonus depending on their work continuity. Referral programs are run from time to time to expand the delivery partner base while rewarding the existing partners. To create stronger affiliation with delivery partners, Ecom Express has further collaborated with leading brands to provide numerous enticing benefits.

Any individual, male or female, fresher or experienced, can earn extra income by applying for this part-time job online using the

app, Ecom Sanjeev, available on Google Playstore. They will have the flexibility to choose their preferred time slots and workdays.

To join as a Delivery Partner with Ecom Express, candidates must possess a valid Aadhaar card, preferably own vehicle, and have a smartphone. Ecom Express also allows gig workers who don't have any owned vehicle to register themselves and work. All personal documents for enrollment can be uploaded through the Ecom Sanjeev app and the verification (PAN card, Bank account) is done online along with physical document verification at the nearest Ecom Express center.

## JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' Offer

**Bhubaneswar:** Reliance Retail has launched a limited period Exchange to Upgrade offer for JioPhone Next. As per the offer, customers can exchange a functional 4G feature phone or smartphone for a brand new JioPhone Next for just Rs. 4,499.

The JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' offer allows many more Indians to embrace a truly smart Digital Life. With this offer existing 4G feature phone and smartphone users will no longer be held back by their device constraints and be able to enjoy the true 4G Jio Digital Life to the fullest. Current users of 4G feature phones will now be able

to migrate much more easily to the large screen digital experience on the world's most affordable 4G smartphone. Similarly, the current 4G low-end smartphone users too can affordably upgrade to a seamless and enhanced digital life offer by JioPhone Next which runs on Pragati OS - the optimised version of Android that supports a rich suite of applications and usage without compromising on the user experience.

The offer is available through Reliance Retail's extensive network of JioMart Digital, Reliance Digital and other outlets in the remotest corners of the country, making it

geographically and economically accessible to many more Indians.

It is worth mentioning here that JioPhone Next, designed jointly by Jio and Google, is the world's most affordable 4G smartphone that comes with a 5.45" HD screen with Corning Gorilla Glass 3 anti-fingerprint coating, 2GB RAM, 32 GB in-built storage (expandable up to 512GB), 13MP back camera, 8MP front selfie camera, 3500 mAh battery, and a range of other advanced features which include voice fast capabilities, read aloud, translate now, easy and smart camera, automatic feature update, easy media share, OTG support etc.

## JK Lakshmi Cement Posted Net Profit up at Rs 161.26 Cr. in Jan-Mar.22

**Bhubaneswar:** JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd., one of the leading cement companies of India, recorded a turnover of Rs.1497.64 crore in Jan-Mar.22 with an increase of 13% over Rs.1321.99 crore in the corresponding quarter Jan-Mar 21. Despite unabated increase in Petcoke and Diesel prices which are hovering at all time high, JK Lakshmi Cement could achieve healthy profitability by continuous improvement in operational

efficiencies, energy cost, better product mix and higher volume. JK Lakshmi Cement's EBITDA before Other Income moved up to Rs.276.23 crore in Jan-Mar.22 from Rs.267.88 crore in Jan-Mar.21. After providing for interest, depreciation & Exceptional Item, PBT stood at Rs.197.93 crore in Jan-Mar.22 as against Rs.186.53 crore in Jan-Mar.21. After Providing for Taxes and Other Comprehensive Income, JK Lakshmi Cement's Profit was up at Rs.161.26

crore in Jan-Mar.22 against Rs.138.27 crore logged in the corresponding quarter. During the Twelve months April 21 - March 22 Company's Sales increased by 15% to Rs.5040.78 crore (Rs.4384.71 crore) and EBITDA was up at Rs.868.52 crore (Rs.864.22 crore). JK Lakshmi Cement's profit at PAT level during this period moved up by 14% to touch all time high at Rs.417.56 crore against profit of Rs.366.24 crore in the same period last year.

## Ambuja Cements and ACC's Change The Story campaign wins Bronze at the ABBY Awards

**Mumbai:** The first sustainability campaign 'Change The Story' of Ambuja Cements and ACC, has won a Bronze Award at the recent ABBY Awards 2022, under the Green Award category. This category is awarded to outstanding communication that features planet conservation, sustainability etc. The

"Change The Story" campaign aimed to create awareness about sustainability and showcase technology-backed solutions that offer effective and measurable outcomes in this regard.

The #ChangeTheStory campaign highlights a non-invasive bubble barrier technology, which will remove around 2,400 tonnes of

plastic waste from Agra's Mantola canal, thereby preventing its entry into the Yamuna river. The crux of the campaign lay in reaching out to a wide audience across India and globally—and communicating the campaign's features. The campaign winning this honour at the ABBY Awards—often touted as the Oscars of Indian advertising—was

designed in collaboration with Alok Nanda and Company and serves as another reminder of the crucial role sustainability plays at Ambuja Cements and ACC.

#ChangeTheStory campaign was rolled out across multiple platforms, including print and digital, reaching out to an approximate 32 million people. One of its lead video films conveyed the

message, through the lens of a scientist, that it's time to change the story by taking out the plastic and freeing our rivers of their polluted past. The campaign further leveraged the power of music and created a rap song across owned platforms featuring the campaign mnemonic "Bubble Sharma". This was followed by a bouquet of informative posts and

videos on social media. ACC and Ambuja Cements collaborated with micro and nano influencers to drive engagement around the bubble barrier technology.

The two companies were the first to launch an augmented reality-based game in India, which created an immersive experience for users by illustrating the state of marine plastic pollution

and the basic functioning of the Bubble Barrier technology. This game convinces the user to play their role in driving change by encouraging players to "bubble pop" their way to cleaner oceans and safer habitats for marine organisms.

Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and Managing Director & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said that the

award served yet another reminder of the company's efforts towards sustainability. "We are elated and honoured that a campaign that's important to us has received the recognition that it deserved. Sustainability and business go hand in hand at Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd. This will encourage us to further step up our efforts in this direction."

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## David White to step down as NZC Chief in August



New Delhi: Eleven years after being appointed to the CEO position of New Zealand Cricket (NZC), David White is all set to end his long tenure as the helm in August this year. In what has been a long and distinguished stint, White has been only the fourth CEO of the NZ Board ever since the Hood Report recommendations were put in place back in 1995. Reflecting on his time at the top, White felt that there couldn't have been a better timeline to let go of his position. "I feel the time is right for myself, my family, and NZC", White said. "NZC is in a secure financial position with a solid balance sheet and long-term commercial agreements in place. The BLACKCAPS are strong; women's cricket is healthy, our high performance programme is producing excellence, and the community game is stable. It feels like the right time to step aside." White extended his gratitude to the length and breadth of New Zealand cricket and felt that the success achieved under him was nothing but a result of a collective

effort. Right from the players and administrative staff to the key stakeholders involved, everyone had been in sync with White's vision. "I'm incredibly grateful to the Major and District Associations, the staff and Boards of NZC, our players and, not least, the New Zealand Cricket Players Association, for their willingness to share an aligned vision and strategy. Nothing happens in isolation, and I think everyone involved can be really proud of what's been achieved." The final part of White's tenure will be spent in ensuring that the upcoming New Zealand summer goes according to plan. NZC Chairman Martin Snedden was profuse in his praise of the outgoing CEO. "David's legacy has been immense," said Snedden. "Our high performance systems have never been stronger, our cricket network has a level of financial security and stability never before experienced, and the future for women and girls has never been brighter. "We've seen the

BLACKCAPS qualify for three World Cup finals and win the inaugural ICC World Test Championship title, something no-one would've had on their bingo card in 2012, I'm sure. David's commercial acumen has driven revenue, enabling increased investment across the organisation. "His administrative skills have unearthed unique, bespoke solutions for our high-performance programmes and infrastructure - no better illustrated than in the all-weather, turf-based training facilities now located throughout the country." Under David, cricket in New Zealand has become far more inclusive, especially in regard to women and girls, our tangata whenua, and our Pasifika communities. "When you think of how he navigated the Covid-19 pandemic, preserving the integrity of the community, domestic and international game, and his strong influence at ICC level, it makes you realise just how lucky we've been to have him at the helm." David leaves NZC with our sincere gratitude and best wishes."

## Asia Cup resolution sets the stage for disruption-free World Cup

NEW DELHI: The resolution of the Asia Cup issue has paved the way for a World Cup in India later this year without any disruptions. The controversy surrounding the Asia Cup had the potential to lead to a boycott of Pakistan in the upcoming tournament scheduled for October-November. However, the decision made by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Thursday (June 15) seems to have preempted any acrimony between the neighbouring countries. At least for the time being, potentially leading to Pakistan's unconditional participation in the World Cup. "I appreciate the efforts of ACC President Jay Shah in strengthening the council so that we can collectively continue to protect each other's interests and provide opportunities and platforms to emerging Asian nations," said Najam Sethi, chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), in a statement. The ACC decision was reached after discussions among the ACC members, including Sethi,



who had been insisting that Pakistan, as the original host, should not be deprived of hosting the championship matches. Shah was eager to conduct the Asia Cup to ensure that the ACC has sufficient funds to support its activities. It is important to emphasise that the Asia Cup is the primary source of income for the continental body. Sethi added, "I am elated that our hybrid version for the ACC Asia Cup 2023 has been accepted. This means the PCB will remain as the event host and stage matches in Pakistan, with Sri Lanka serving as the neutral

venue, which was required due to the Indian cricket team's inability to travel to Pakistan. "Our passionate fans would have loved to see the Indian cricket team in action in Pakistan for the first time in 15 years, but we understand the BCCI's position. Like the PCB, the BCCI also requires government approval and clearance before crossing borders. "In light of this situation, the hybrid model was the best solution, and that's precisely why I advocated for it so strongly. The acceptance of the hybrid model means the event will take place as

originally planned, the ACC will stay united, and the game of cricket will continue to thrive and move forward. These will be interesting and exciting times for cricket fans in the subcontinent over the next 20 months. "In the past 15 months, the PCB has successfully hosted high-profile bilateral series as well as two immensely successful HBL Pakistan Super League events, featuring some of the world's leading cricketers who have enjoyed Pakistan's outstanding arrangements and unprecedented hospitality. We look

forward to providing a similar experience to the participating teams in the ACC Asia Cup, which will serve as a prelude to the ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan in February/March 2025. "I now look forward to continuing our discussions and deliberations with the ACC and Sri Lanka Cricket to iron out a few minor operational and logistical details so that we can proceed with our event planning and preparations. "I want to assure the ACC, its commercial partners, participating countries, and the cricket fans in Pakistan and Sri Lanka that the PCB, as the event host, will spare no effort in successfully delivering this critical event for the teams participating in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India in October/November." This will be the first time since 2008 that matches of a multi-nation cricket tournament will be staged in Pakistan. Fifteen years ago, Pakistan successfully hosted the six-team ACC Asia Cup 50-over tournament.

## Ebadot backs more greentops in Bangladesh

NEW DELHI: It is not common to see Bangladesh fielding with four slips and a gully in a home Test match - and yet that's exactly what Bangladesh captain Litton Das did on Day 2 of the Test against Afghanistan, when his pace unit was uncharacteristically backed by a home greentop. The pacers did not disappoint him either, sharing six wickets between them with Ebadot Hossain being the wrecker-in-chief, claiming

4-47 to help them bowl out the visitors for 146, right after a batting collapse by the hosts in the second morning, where they lost five wickets for 20 runs. Ebadot Hossain expects these kind of home surfaces prepared in the future, and is excited about the country's fast bowling prospects, given suitable pitches. "We lost wickets, but we scored a lot of runs. The weather was a bit gloomy, and we thought at the time

that we would go in and get their wickets as quickly as possible. This was the plan," said Ebadot. He added that seeing Mushfiqur Rahim getting out against a Nijat Masood bouncer further motivated him. "Certainly, the wicket gave showed us that the pitch is good for pace bowling. As the weather was good, there was bounce and the wicket really helped me," he said. "There was a bit more bounce today and yes

when I bowled from that side the wind helped me." "If you do well, you get the confidence of winning matches. As we are doing well, we can hope (for green wickets)," he said. "The wicket was helpful and our three fast bowlers bowled well, but the match is yet to be over and we just bowled in one innings. Let's see if we can continue to do well in the second innings too. We all three pacers were confident that we'll bring a good start for the team,"

he said. "All three of us tried to use the conditions as well as we can and the rest is up to the management. I think if we can continue like this, definitely they can rely on us," he said. "Our pacers improvement graph has been excellent over the last three years. I am not telling that we grew up as excellent bowling group but if we can keep this up, we will be a dominating group in world cricket."

## Intense competition for finisher's role pleases Shakib

Dhaka: Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan feels that there are several candidates lined up to grab the number seven spot in ODIs ahead of the World Cup, scheduled in India from October. Bangladesh are currently trying Mehedy Hasan at number seven in 50-over format since the home series against Ireland in May and the team management appear to be keen in giving him the finisher spot. Afif and Mahmudullah, who failed to retain their places in ODIs, had been often discussed as leading candidates to fill the role. Meanwhile, the team management also carried Yasir Ali to England for the just concluded three-match series against Ireland but failed to give him a place in the playing XI. In the recent past, Bangladesh's ODI

skipper Tamim Iqbal has spoken about a few spots being up for grabs and the number slot is one of them. While expressing joy at the intense competition, particularly for number seven spot, Shakib feels that it is a problem of plenty for the selectors. "I am neither the selector nor part of decision making so it is difficult for me to say but I am happy with the team and I feel whoever will be in the team they will be representing 17 Crores people and will try to give the best," Shakib told reporters on Monday (May 15) in England while attending a private program. "From personal point of view the competition is not only about one guy there are many guys for it (number seven position). Everyone is performing there and if you see domestic cricket



there is Afif (Hossain), Mossadek (Hossain), Sohan (Nurul) while Riyad (Mahmudullah) bhai is playing brilliantly. There is Rabbi with the team while Miraj is batting at seven," he said. "So there are six to seven options for one place and so the decision is not easy to make. I am sure

keeping the World Cup into mind the coach, selector and captain will take the right decision," he said. Bangladesh have tried several players for the finisher's role in the past with no real success. On his part, Mehidy has begun reasonably in the number seven spot. From five innings, the all-

rounder averages 37 with a strike rate of 92. While the numbers, especially the strike-rate, can improve further, Mehidy has certainly shown the spunk needed for the task. Afif Hossain got the longest rope among the others with 12 innings under his belt but his strike rate at 74 was considerably below the

accepted levels in the modern-day cricket. The likes of Yasir Ali and Nurul Hasan featured just for the odd game or two. Shakib hoped that the spot would be sealed before the Asia Cup and underlined the importance of backing the selected player and the management's decision irrespective of the results. Bangladesh are slated to play three ODIs against Afghanistan before the Asia Cup that still looks doubtful under the present situation but the team management need to fix the number seven position sooner than later. "Now we are in the primary stage and whatever wrong or right we are doing I think everything will be all right from the World Cup or the Asia Cup. We don't have too many

international matches and I am certain that the coaches and the captain are recognizing in which areas we need to do well to earn better result. I am sure no leader of a team or a nation wants badly for his team. They don't have bad intentions it can be right or wrong," said Shakib. "Basically we talk after the result and at that point it looks like a wrong decision. The decision is taken before the result. I am sure the selectors coach and decision makers will think good for the team," he said. "We will have our right combination when we go to the World Cup and it will depend on opposition and condition. In some grounds four pacers might play while there will grounds where you will have to pace bowler. In some field you need

six bowlers while in some places we will need five bowlers. When the decision is taken you have to take lot of things into consideration. Now we are just having trials," he said adding that they need to make sure they don't repeat similar mistakes that prevented them from going far in the previous World Cup. "The condition is always fair in ICC tournament and it is even for every team. We have to do well in all the departments if we want to do well. In the last World Cup we had a good chance but couldn't capitalise on it due to some small mistakes. We must make sure that we don't repeat those mistakes. Certainly other teams are improving in their respective areas but we have to improve if we want to compete with them," he concluded.