

All Set For Smooth Conduct Of Ratha Jatra-2023 In Puri

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government has made elaborate arrangements for smooth and timely conduct of the annual Ratha Jatra of Lord Jagannath and his siblings on Tuesday in Puri.

All roads lead to the pilgrim town. Thousands of devotees have started thronging pilgrim town Puri to witness the nine-day long Rath Yatra beginning on Tuesday. Lord Jagannath and his two siblings – elder brother Balabhadra and younger sister Subhadra – are ready to give darshan to the public in Rath and visit Gundicha Temple.

The three majestic chariots are almost ready and will be brought to the Singha Dwar and parked facing East towards Gundicha temple. The chariots will be pulled by lakhs of devotees on Tuesday.

A large number of devotees visited the temple on Monday on

the occasion of Nabajouban darshan after the deities recovered from 14-day long illness.

The Parimnika darshan of the Lords was started early at 7:20 a.m. due to early completion of rituals and this was followed by the Sahana Mela darshan from 8:05 a.m. in which the devotees witnessed the Nabajoubana Besha (attire) of the Lords from the Bhitara Katha inside the Jagmohan, said Odisha Chief Secretary P.K. Jena, who was in Puri on Monday.

Praying for a chill weather tomorrow, Jena said all arrangements have been made keeping heatwave condition in view. Sufficient drinking water facilities including distribution of water bottles have been made for the devotees, he said. Water sprinkling will be done by the fire service personnel and ORS will also be given to the devotees, Jena stated.



“Till now, all the rituals are being conducted smoothly and little ahead. We will have another round of discussion with the senior servitors this evening for timely completion of the rituals during Ghosa Yatra,” he added.

Tight security arrangements have been

made in and around Puri town for the festival. The pilgrim town has been divided into 14 zones and 29 sectors.

About 170 platoons of police personnel will be deployed for the conduct of the yatra. For Monday, Nabajouban darshan, 70 platoons of police deployed in the town.

For the first time, a Coast

Guard helicopter will patrol the beach and fast patrol vehicles deployed close by. Interceptor boats will be stationed at Paradip, ready for any contingency, till July 2, said additional DGP, Law and Order, Sanjay Kumar.

The Railways will install face recognising cameras on the railway platforms

to screen the crowd of suspicious people. A total of 125 special trains will ply to Puri during the festival, he said.

A large number of CCTV cameras assisted by drones’ cameras connected to a number of control stations will function during the Rath Yatra.

Under a special mobility

plan, an advisory on vehicular movement to Puri has been issued.

Transport Commissioner Amitabh Thakur said all inter-state tourist buses and local tourist buses will stop and park at Malatipatpur bus stand. Other daily passenger-carrying buses will be allowed up to Talabania temporary bus stand via Malatipatpur railway over bridge, Toshali Sands, Grid Station Chhak and Bhudan Chhaka. Vehicles on the Bhubaneswar-Puri route and Konark will be allowed to park near grid substation and Talabania area while vehicles coming from Brahmagiri will be parked in Florence India Garden parking space.

Puri town shuttle buses/ auto rickshaw will be allowed from Talabania to Zilla School Chhaka. Two-wheelers will avail parking at Jagannath Ballav, Masanichandi, Matitota parking, Nilachala Ashok and

Blue Flag beach.

All Light Motor Vehicles (LMV) like cars and SUVs will avail parking facilities at the parking places at indoor stadium, helipad, Sanskrit University parking, ID College Parking, Nalifield and Yatrika. They will be diverted as per availability of space in parking places accordingly.

For smooth darshan of the Lords by devotees, some shuttle services have been implemented from Talabania to Zilla School Chhaka and from Malatipatpur to Atharanala.

Besides, the areas from Atharanala Chhaka to Hospital Chhaka and from Hospital Chhaka to Subash Bose Crossing, have been announced as no vehicle zones.

The regulation of vehicular traffic will be imposed from June 19 to June 21, 2023. The same traffic regulation will be again applied from June 28 to June 29.

Forest Staff Gunshot In Similipal: Association Warns Of Cease Work, Foot Patrolling Stopped Over 5-Point Demands

Bhubaneswar/Baripada(KCN): Members of Odisha non-gazetted forest services association ceased foot patrolling from today as a token of protest and over a 5-point charter of demands, following the gunshot of two of their colleagues in Similipal National Park of Mayurbhanj district in less than a month.

The non-gazetted employees’ outfit warned of ceasing work from July 10 and also to stage an agitation at Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar, if their demands are not met soon. “We have decided in an emergency meeting to non-cooperate with the Department higher-ups,”

president Jagabandhu Patra stated.

Strong resentment is gradually brewing up among the forest staff across Odisha after the killing of both forester Mathi Hansda on June 16 night and forest guard Bimal Kumar Jena on May 22 evening by armed poachers in Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR). “Our lives are at risk because of the neglect of the State Government and Forest Department higher-ups,” some association members alleged.

“None of the staff will leave their respective headquarters during this period. Rather, they will work in nurseries, plantations and

Department offices. Memorandums will be separately handed over to the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik through respective district Collectors and to Forest Minister Pradip Kumar Amat through divisional forest officers (DFOs) on June 27,” president Patra said. Meanwhile, Minister Amat said that he has not yet received any memorandum from the forest staff in this regard. “I will initiate steps after receiving the charter of demands for consideration by the CM. The State government is taking all measures toward the safety of the Forest staff on duty,” Amat added.

“Forester Hansda had a

revolver with him on the intervening day when he was on duty and there was an exchange of fire. However, two accused poachers have been arrested in connection with the killing of Hansda and both of them were locals,” PCCF (Wildlife) Sushil Kumar Popli said. “At least 16 more vehicles will be provided for surveillance in Similipal forest within eight to ten days. Presently, there are about 27 such vehicles in Similipal. We are intensifying patrolling in the region. Squads comprising around 600 locals were formed at 220 key camps in the forest. Each squad has eight to ten persons.

Odisha Train Mishap: Soro Section Signal Junior Engineer's House Raided By CBI

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), probing the Balasore train mishap in Odisha on June 2, today raided the rented house of Soro Section Signal Junior Engineer at Kamarpur. A four-member team of the CBI raided the rented house of Soro Section Signal Junior Engineer Aamir Khan in the morning. The team

sealed the house as there was no one inside it, sources said.

Notably, as many as 292 passengers were killed and 1,200 others left injured in the mishap involving Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express, a stationary goods train and Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express near Bahanaga Bazar railway station in Balasore on

June 2. The CBI took over the investigation from Government Railway Police (GRP) soon after the Railway Board sent a recommendation in this regard to the Centre.

The CBI sleuths have visited the spot several times and sealed Bahanaga Bazar railway station as part of their investigation into the mishap. The station will

remain sealed till the completion of the probe and no train will halt at the station for now.

The CBI officials have also seized the mobile phones of some railway employees. “The CBI officials seized the mobile phones to collect detailed information on the call records, WhatsApp calls and social media chats of some railway employees,” said a source.

Nor'wester Brings Respite To People In Odisha; Mercury Crosses 40 Degrees C At 7 Places

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Nor'wester-induced rain brought down the mercury level at many places in Odisha. Seven places in the State witnessed day temperatures above 40 Degrees Celsius today. Sundargarh recorded the highest day temperature at 44.8 Degrees Celsius, followed by Jharsuguda (41.6), Rourkela (40.8), Sambalpur (40.5), Titilagarh (40.5), Jajpur (40.5) and Hirakud (40.1). The current meteorological condition indicates that Maximum temperature is very likely to gradually fall by 4 to 6°C during next three days and no major change thereafter at many places over the districts of Odisha. The maximum temperature is very likely to be above normal by 4 to 6°C in some districts of Interior Odisha during the next two days. “Consequently hot and discomfort weather likely during next 2 days and people are advised to take precautionary measures.

Monsoon After 23 June

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With the remnants of the severe cyclonic storm ‘Biparjoy’ over the Arabian Sea having weakened along with decrease in north-westerly wind speed and change in wind direction, the unbearable day temperature across Odisha is expected to fall soon, SOA’s Centre for Environment and Climate (CEC) said on Monday.

The day temperature will fall both in interior and coastal Odisha but western districts would continue to experience 40 to 42 degrees C heat till June 21 while the temperature in coastal region would hover between 36 to 38 degrees C, Dr. Sarat Chandra Sahu, Director of CEC, said.

“Models indicate that less than 35 degrees C day temperature will be experienced across the state from June 23,” he said. Dr. Sahu said remnants of ‘Biparjoy’ had weakened to a depression over Rajasthan and its neighbourhood which caused flow of strong north-westerly dry and hot wind at a speed of 45 km per hour from



Pakistan towards the Bay of Bengal in the lower atmosphere through north west India, central India and Odisha. This was responsible for the long spell of severe heat wave over many parts of the state. Convergence persisted over Bay of Bengal and sea breeze was absent which did not allow radiational cooling, particularly during the night causing discomfort to continue for a week, he said adding though Kalbaisakhi (norwester) occurred sporadically accompanied by light rain in a few locations, it did not counter the heat wave.

Dr. Sahu said a cyclonic circulation was likely to form over Jharkhand and adjoining Bihar and West Bengal on June 23 which was expected to move south towards north Odisha which could trigger rain in the state

from June 23 to 25. This could favour the onset of south west monsoon in Odisha on or after June 23, he said. However, pre-monsoon norwester would occur up to June 23 while light to moderate rainfall was expected over the state with heavy rainfall likely at one or two places over north Odisha. Dr. Sahu said a low pressure area was likely to form over north-west Bay of Bengal on June 29 and the system could cause widespread rainfall with increased intensity over Odisha. As regards the annual car festival scheduled at Puri on Tuesday, Dr. Sahu said the day temperature in the temple city would vary between 33 and 35 degrees C during the day with humidity level oscillating between 65 and 75 per cent. There was less probability of rainfall on the festival day, he said.

CM Naveen should hand over power of attorney, make 5T secretary super CM: BJP

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) went ballistic over 5T secretary, VK Pandian’s frequent public meetings and announcement of welfare projects across several districts in Puri. Going a step further,

Opposition Chief Whip and BJP leader, Mohan Majhi ridiculed the State government by asking Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to hand over the power of attorney to Pandian and declare him CM in-charge or the Super Chief Minister of

Odisha. “A secretary-level employee doing public meetings and announcing projects on behalf of the Chief Minister is unconstitutional. The CM better give him the power-of-attorney and announce him (Pandian) the de-facto CM of Odisha,” said

Majhi. Fresh controversy erupted after BJD leader Prafulla Samal defended Pandian’s visits as a public representative and said that CM Naveen Patnaik cannot move around much and that is why his private secretary is visiting and

doing welfare activities on his (CM’s) behalf. Speaking to the reporters, Samal had said, “The Opposition is concerned with what Naveen Patnaik and his private secretary do. This is not a new thing. Secretaries have always visited places to supervise

developmental works. Because Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik cannot move too much, he sends his secretary for the same.” To which, BJP’s Bhubaneswar MP, Aparajita Sarangi was quick to reply, “Saw the response of Sri Prafulla

Samal ji yesterday about Hon’ble CM’s inability to move around in the State. We are concerned. Is this a serious matter? Why this inability? What has happened? People of Odisha would like to know the reason.” The Congress too has

opened a front against Pandian’s ‘political visits’ as well. Senior Congress MLA, Santosh Singh Saluja said, “People are confused over the statement of Samal. Chief Minister should come out and clarify if he is healthy and able to do official work.”

Intersolar Europe @ IREDA

New Delhi: Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) participated in the three-day "Intersolar Europe 2023" exhibition held in Munich, Germany from 14-16 June, 2023.

The event witnessed the inauguration of the IREDA pavilion by Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA, marking a significant presence of the organization. CMD, IREDA said that "Intersolar Europe provided a valuable opportunity for IREDA to showcase our accomplishments and expertise in Renewable Energy Financing

domain. We are happy to have been part of this esteemed exhibition and as it allowed us to engage with global stakeholders to foster collaborations, exchange ideas, and drive the transition towards a greener and more sustainable future."

Visitors to the IREDA Pavilion had the opportunity to learn about IREDA's initiatives in financing Renewable Energy projects, promoting energy efficiency, and supporting the growth of RE sector in India. The pavilion also served as a platform for networking



and exploring potential business opportunities with IREDA especially at the crucial time of Energy transition and Initial Public Offering

(IPO) plan of IREDA. Team IREDA held meeting with KfW team to review the progress of the current line of credit, technical assistance and

discussing potential future collaborations to support new and emerging RE technologies. A meeting was also held with Commerz Bank, Germany

to explore collaborative opportunities and advancing partnerships. IREDA officials also visited RCT GmbH at Konstanz, and a brief

presentation was made by them on their Global operation. RCT GmbH is the technology provider for Indosol Solar

Manufacturing project, and discussion was held on the technology, milestones, and capex/opex for the projects. IREDA's participation in "Intersolar Europe 2023" highlighted its commitment to contributing to the global Renewable Energy landscape and fostering sustainable development practices. Through collaborative efforts and innovative solutions, IREDA continues to play a pivotal role in India's journey towards achieving its Renewable Energy goals and addressing climate change challenges.

Narbheram Power & Steel company bags Kalinga Environment Excellence Award

Barbil (KCN): Narbheram Power and Steel Private Ltd (NPSPL) in Tanto village of Joda block of Keonjhar district has been conferred with the prestigious Kalinga Environment Excellence Award-2022 for exemplary sustainable environmental practices in mines. Hon'ble cabinet Minister Forest, environment and climate change of Odisha Shri. Pradip Kumar Amat handed over the Trophy to Mr. Sadananda Rana, Vice President and Unit Head of Narbheram Power and Steel Private Limited, in presence of Shri Binod Kumar, IFS(R), Shri Pankaj Kumar Satija, MD TSML, Shri Tapan Kumar Chand, President Vedanta Limited, Shri



Ashok Kumar Tripathy IAS (R) former director of SAIL and GAIL, Dr K. Murugesan, IFS, member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Shri Debabrata

Panigrahi, MD IQEMS and other guests and dignitaries at a function held on date 17th June in Bhubaneswar. Receiving the award Shri Rana said, "NPSPL" always

believes in sustainable mining through the implementation of innovative technologies, best safety, and environment practices. This award is a recognition of our commitment to deliver our business activities in an environmentally sustainable manner and also for the dedication of our team".

Mr Ghanshyam Bera, Manager Mines & Safety, Mr Atanu Bandyopadhyay, Manager Environment and Geology, Mr Nilabja Sen, Sr Engineer and coordinator and Mr Shubham Behera, Geologist of Narbheram Power and Steel Private Limited were also present in the award ceremony

SOA Grad Joins Army

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Ankit Raj Biswal is all set to join Indian Army. Shri Biswal is a product of SOA, Bhubaneswar. He was recently graduated in Computer Science from the Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER) here.

The faculty of engineering of SOA, has been chosen by the Services Selection Board (SSB) for recruitment into the Indian Army as a young officer.

Shri Biswal, who appeared for the SSB assessment at Bhopal in April last has been



selected for the prestigious assignment. He was felicitated by SOA Founder President Prof. (Dr.) Manojranjan Nayak for his success on Monday. SOA Chief Prof. Nayak wished him bright future.

The SSB evaluates the suitability of the candidate for becoming an officer using a standardized protocol of evaluation system.

Shri Biswal was part of the NCC unit at ITER and held the rank of Senior Under Officer.

He is intelligent and hardworking, said a senior faculty member of SOA.

MP Saptagiri Ulaka's show of strength in Koraput, says all's well with Tara

Koraput, (KCN): Following the show of strength at Delhi by Jeypore MLA and senior Congress leader Taraprasad Bahinipati, Koraput MP Saptagiri Ulaka organized a bike rally in Jeypore and felicitated newly-inducted district Congress president, Durgashankar Sahoo at a function on Sunday.

The bike rally warmed up the political atmosphere in Koraput as neither Tara Bahinipati nor his wife & outgoing district president, Meenakshi Bahinipati were

seen at the programme. "This was a welcome party thrown for Durgashankar Sahoo for getting selected as the president of Koraput district Congress Committee. As 2024 elections are nearing, we discussed ways to strengthen the party. All the Congress members and leaders of Koraput district have joined us today. We hope to perform well in 2024," said Ulaka. Speaking on the absence of Tara Prasad Bahinipati

at the felicitation ceremony, Ulaka said, "Some leaders have gone to meet the party high command in Delhi. We will felicitate all of them at a separate function after their return. I could not wait for their return as I do not have enough time right now."

Newly inducted DCC, Durgashankar Sahoo said, "I am sure we will perform well in the coming election. In fact, our aim is to win all five Assembly Constituencies in Koraput.

I respect Taraprasad Bahinipati and there is no friction between us. Our fight is not against each other but against the BJD and BJP." Speculations of a rift intensified after the recent removal of Meenakshi as the president of Koraput district. Meenakshi was at the helm of the affairs in Koraput for a long time. She expressed her resentment against the move openly and said that Koraput MP Saptagiri Ulaka was responsible for it.

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Karan Deol-Drisha Acharya's Star-Studded Wedding Reception: Salman Khan, Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh Attend

Actor-politician Sunny Deol's son Karan Deol got hitched to his longtime girlfriend Drisha Acharya in an intimate wedding ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Later in the evening, Karan and Drisha hosted a lavish wedding reception for their industry friends and family members. The event was a star-studded affair with several A-listers from the tinsel town in attendance.



Earlier, Karan Deol also shared a wedding picture and wrote in the caption, "You are my today and all of my tomorrows.. The beginning of a beautiful journey in our lives. We are overwhelmingly thankful for the abundant blessings and well wishes that surround us!" Karan and Drisha have been in a relationship for a long time now. She is a fashion designer and granddaughter of Bimal Roy's daughter, Rinki Bhattacharya, who was married to filmmaker Basu Bhattacharya. Karan followed in his father's footsteps and took acting as a profession. He made his Bollywood debut with Sunny Deol's directorial 'Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas' in 2019.

Salman Khan, Aamir Khan, Jackie Shroff, Sanjay Dutt, Suniel Shetty, Subhash Ghai, Raj Babbar and others were seen gracing the event to bless the newlyweds on their journey ahead. While for the reception, Salman arrived in elegance sporting a deep blue suit. He was seen smiling at the cameras. Aamir was seen in

kurta and denim pants for the occasion. He teamed up it with simple-framed spectacles and flaunted a moustache. Power couple Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh were seen arriving hand-in-hand at the reception. Jackie Shroff arrived at the reception in his unique style. He was seen wearing a blue coat with jeans.

Soon to be debutant Ahaan Panday posed with his mom Deanne Panday at the wedding reception of Karan Deol and Drishya Acharya. Raj Babbar chose a black suit for the occasion. Subhash Ghai was spotted with Suniel Shetty. Ace filmmaker was also seen at the reception of Karan Deol. Suniel Shetty

graced the special occasion. While 'Taal' director opted for the Kurta set, Suniel looked stunning in a black suit. Film director Rajiv Rai arrived at the reception in a black suit that he teamed up with a white shirt and a tie. Veteran actor Prem Chopra, Shatrughan Sinha, Kapil Sharma and his wife Ginny Chatrath were also

seen attending the reception. Drisha donned a floor-length embellished gown for the special occasion. She wore diamond jewellery as accessories and had her hair loose. Karan chose a black tuxedo, which made him appear dashing. While the paparazzi took images of them together, they could be seen smiling.

'Adipurush' Box Office Collection Day 2: Prabhas, Kriti Sanon-Starrer Remains Rock Steady, Mints Rs 240 Cr

While 'Adipurush' released to a grand response on Friday, troll propaganda followed it soon. But it couldn't break the might this Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, and Saif Ali Khan starrer carried. The film opened to great box office numbers on day 1. It collected Rs 140 crores globally, surpassing the trade predictions of a 100 crore opening day collection. On its day 2

also the film has been standing strong at the box office. It has raked in Rs 100 crores on the second day with its total collection standing at Rs 240 crores globally. While the mythological drama has witnessed stability in its business, this feat only traces back to the time when Prabhas starrer Baahubali 2 saw a dip on day 2 at the box office. For those who don't



know, Baahubali: The Conclusion saw a drop in its collection on day 2. In fact, many

magnum opuses like RRR, and KGF 2 also saw a drop on its day 2 box office collection

but this drop was only for them to bounce back even in a better way. However, Har

Bhartiya Ki Adipurush is creating a new record by having a strong stand even on its second day. Adipurush seems to have taken a small flight on Saturday, but it is only to soar higher. And hopefully, it will be just like these other blockbusters did. The film has been receiving strong word of mouth and is only bound to rise to blockbuster status in the coming days.

'Pushpa 2: The Rule' Holds First Spot In The Most Anticipated Hindi Films List

Pushpa: The Rule, featuring the powerhouse performer Allu Arjun, has been generating immense anticipation among fans and film enthusiasts. With each passing month, the film continues to dominate the most-awaited film lists, solidifying its position as one of the highly anticipated releases of 2023. The recent release of a captivating poster showcasing Allu Arjun's sensational avatar as Pushpa Raj on his birthday further fueled the excitement, propelling 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' (Hindi) to the number one spot in the list of Most



Awaited Hindi Films, as per Ormax Media report. Taking to social media, Ormax media shares "#OrmaxCinematix

Most-awaited Hindi films, as on Jun 15, 2023 (only films releasing Aug 2023 onwards whose trailer has not released yet

have been considered)" With Pushpa 2: The Rule (Hindi) leading at the No. 1 position in the list of Most Awaited

Hindi Films, Hera Pheri 3, Jawan, Tiger 3 and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 are other films that made their names in the list. The film,

directed by Sukumar, promises a gripping narrative, high-octane action, and Allu Arjun's dynamic performance. The combination of an intriguing storyline and the star power of Allu Arjun has propelled the film to the forefront of audience expectations, making it a highly anticipated project. 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' is directed by Sukumar, stars Allu Arjun, Rashmika Mandanna, and Fahadh Faasil. The film is produced by Mythri Movie Makers. 'Pushpa: The Rule' has been creating waves since its announcement, with fans eagerly awaiting its release.

Gunnar Myrdal's Perspectives on Welfare State and Economic Development



Gunnar Myrdal, the renowned Swedish economist, and sociologist achieved international recognition and was honoured with the Nobel Prize in Economics for his groundbreaking contributions. Gunnar Myrdal's ideas on the welfare state and economic development hold relevance for India as they address regional inequalities, emphasise the importance of social policies, and highlight the need to strengthen spread effects to promote balanced growth and reduce backwardness in different regions of the country. Myrdal's insights can inform policy approaches to tackle poverty, address disparities, and foster inclusive development in India.

Prof. Myrdal maintains that a deregulated labour market spontaneously produces increasing unemployment and

wage cuts. Three aspects of policies implementing a Welfare State system will be considered: a) labour market regulation aimed at reducing job insecurity; b) public transfers to the benefit of workers (in particular, health services and public education). C) the payment of unemployment benefits.

According to Prof. Myrdal, labour productivity crucially depends on human capital and the health services supplied by the State. Apart from the direct effects of education and health on the productive capacity of workers, Myrdal also stresses that a positive relationship between education and 'social capital' exists. Welfare State and Economic Development:

Prof. Myrdal's view on the role of the expansion of the Welfare State in promoting economic development is ultimately based on his prevailing view. He said that a deregulated market economy is likely to naturally generate the most efficient allocation of resources and full

employment. The orthodox view, Myrdal observes, is based on the 'liberal' idea that 1) in all markets (and particularly in the labour market), agents have the same bargaining power; 2) the interplay of demand and supply certainly guarantees equilibrium.

An equilibrium condition is regarded as the realisation of the "harmony of interests", which, in turn, is a natural outcome of capitalist dynamics. Myrdal opposes the traditional view that greater income equality is incompatible with the sustained growth of economies. He was also confident that, in the long run, both because of the development of the levels of education and the increasing demand for public policies to benefit workers, the expansion of the Welfare State would preserve the interests of all parties in the economy.

According to Prof. Myrdal, the development of a society comprises progress in various fields, including trade, agriculture, industry, education, health, etc.

Prof (Dr.) S N Tripathy

It also includes the welfare of weaker sections, women and children, sick, unemployed, and older adults. Prof. Myrdal strongly supports the institutional approach to social change and development. He emphasises understanding the people's desire for development or of the articulate ones from amongst them. The passion for development includes changes in institutions, feelings towards life and work (for example, the theory of 'karma'), levels of living, conditions of production, productivity, and income.

According to Prof. Myrdal, an upward change in any of these conditions suggests an upward movement of other ailments and, therefore, of the whole system. However, a change may occur in other conditions independently, or it could affect the one already affected them. Thus, the independent value of change and the ability of flux in one situation to effect change in other conditions. This is

important to the conception of causal interdependence in development.

Backwash Effect: Backwash happens if the adverse effects dominate and the level of economic activity in the marginal communities decreases. The growth in urban areas may reduce rural population and employment (a backwash effect) if rural-to-urban flows diminish rural economies.

It means that if one area in a country begins developing, it causes people, human capital, and physical capital (infrastructure, finance, machines etc.) from other parts of the country to move towards this growing centre.

According to Prof. Myrdal, the world's hope for a peaceful solution to the economic and social problems triggered by gross inequalities depended on two interrelated changes. Firstly, 'that the underprivileged nations succeed in joining forces effectively', and secondly, that 'as the present power vacuum

is thus filled, a greater equality of opportunity is brought about'. For all his moral appeal to the liberalism of the 'Western world', his main hope for change resided in the growing harmony between 'underdeveloped' countries.

In the hope of motivating these efforts, Myrdal continued his work. In 1956, at the height of Egyptian nationalism and the emergence of the Movement of Nonaligned Nations, he was invited to Cairo to hold a series of conferences. He published a book from these conferences entitled, 'Economic Theory and Underdeveloped Regions'. In this book, he gave a central place to a frontal attack on the Heckscher-Ohlin trade theorem on factor price equalisation, arguing for a broader analytical framework. He put certain sets of phenomena as the 'economic factors' while keeping other factors outside the analysis and discussed a procedure directly related to the stable equilibrium approach. Myrdal's Theory of Circular Causation: Prof. Gunnar Myrdal

maintains that economic development results in a circular causation process that results in the rapid development of developed countries. In contrast, the weaker and backward countries remain behind and poor. The theory of circular causation has been built upon the two effects, viz., the backwash effects and the spread effects. The circular causation theory highlights that poverty is further propagated by poverty, and prosperity is further promoted by wealth. In an underdeveloped country, the backwash effects are prevalent, and the spread effects are reduced. This tends to regional inequality as well as international inequality. In short, 'backwash effects' have unfavourable effects on economic expansion. The migration of people from backward regions results in regional imbalances. The developing economy will attract young and active people from other parts of the country. This will tend to favour the developing area and depress the other backward region where people migrate. Capital shifted from poorer

regions to prosperous where the rate of return is high, and prosperity is more secure. Therefore, the poor areas make poorer again. According to Prof. Myrdal, "the spread effects in underdeveloped countries are weak, and they are incapable of balancing the backwash effects and regional imbalances." Conclusion:

The free play of the market, price mechanism and Laissez-faire policy have created more regional inequalities with weaker spread effects. Therefore, the government should spread products to avoid the regions' backwardness and bring economic development in circular causation. In other words, the government of underdeveloped countries should adopt equalitarian policies to reduce the backwash effects and strengthen the spread effects to eliminate regional inequalities.

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Mody government fulfilling the dream of poorer



To achieve Bread, Cloth and House are the only dreams of the poor in his life. For the same they used to pray to God day and night. It is the duty of a good government to make these dreams come true. In fact, a good government is also one which, thinking and working keeping in mind the needs of the last people of the country, makes sincere efforts to improve their social and economic condition. From this point of view, if we review and evaluate the works of the present central government, then we can give them distinction.

Ever since Modi ji took over as the Prime Minister, his priority was not only to make plans to solve the problems of the poor but also paid personnel attention to their proper implementation. Whenever Modi ji made public his schemes in the interest of the poor, he was called a 'jumlebaaz', 'playing with the dreams of the poor'. But when the slogan "Garibi Hatao Desh Bachao" was given by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the 1971

general elections, no one objected and criticized it. She was not called a 'jumlebaaz' even when poverty was not removed during his reign. On the contrary, the opposition also considered that idea as the best, and had called it a poor benefactor.

Today, under the leadership of Modi ji, many poor-friendly schemes are being implemented. It is being ensured by the government that more and more poor people can get its benefits and the heat of corruption does not fall on it. Perhaps this is the reason why today the poor of the country are seeing their dreams coming true. A belief has started awakening in the minds of the poor that there is some government which shows good dreams and also makes them come true. The purpose of this article is to introduce you to some such dreams.

It is the dream of every poor person to have his own house. Today, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, thousands of pucca houses are being constructed for the poor in rural and urban areas. 2.3 crore have already got their own house under this scheme.

The dream of every poor woman is coming true in which she used to pray to God daily to get rid of the smoke from the 'chulas'. She used to think that when that day would come in her life, she too would cook on gas. Starting from 2016,

under the 'PM Ujjwala scheme', more than 10 crore free LPG connections have been given so far. At present there are 31.36 active LPG connections in the country, through which women today are free from smoke-borne diseases and also contribute to environmental protection. It is the dream of every woman to become a mother, but women in poor families were afraid that how would the expenses for the birth of a child be arranged. 'PM Matru Vandana Yojana' gave them a solution to this problem. In this scheme, assistance of Rs 3000 is given on getting pregnant and additional assistance of Rs 2000 is given on the birth of a child. In case of a second child, this amount increases from Rs.5000 to Rs.6000.

Today the dream of the poor is coming true that now they will not have to go far out of the house for drinking water and for bathing etc. They will be able to get pure water from the tap in their homes. Since 1919, 8.5 crore new tap connections have been given through 'Nal-Jal-Yojana' whereas before 2019 only 3.24 crore people had this facility. Today 60 percent rural households including 11.6 crore households and 58 crore people are getting clean water through household tap connections.

Prof. Dr Man Mohan Prakash

Now the poor will not have to go far out of the house in the open for defecation. Now, under the 'Prime Minister's Rural Toilet Grant Scheme', an amount of ? 12000 per toilet is being given to economically weaker families for the construction of toilets. Under the 'Swachh Bharat Mission', more than 100 million toilets have been constructed in all the villages and districts of India. Women are getting the maximum benefit from this scheme. They are now feeling safe from the molestation that happens during this work.

A big problem of the poor used to torment them while sleeping. If they do not get work today, then how will food be arranged for family members. Now they are sure that family will not have to face hunger problems. Through the 'PM Garib Kalyan Yojana', food grains worth Rs 3.91 lakh crore have been distributed free of cost to 80 crore beneficiaries till December 2022. This scheme is also applicable in 2023. This scheme gave a huge support to living in the Corona period when all avenues of income through work had been cut off.

The poor farmer used to sleep awake in search of some trick to save their crops from the natural calamity. His sleep used

to go away till the crop was good, till he got a good price from the sale. Because he has seen his farmer brothers and sisters committing suicide due to crop failure. Now he/she is sure of the plans and efforts of the government that even in adverse circumstances, he will not have to commit suicide, because through the 'PM Fasal Bima Yojana', his Loss can be compensated. After 2018, 11.42 crore farmers got registered in this scheme. Under this scheme a payment of Rs 32 lakh crore was received for donating 25186 crore insurance premiums. Not only this, the small poor farmers are getting the help of Rs 6000 per year from the 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana' and the beauty of this scheme is that the amount is being directly transferred in installments to the accounts of farmers. This is helping the farmers to buy fertilizers, seeds etc. So far Rs 25 lakh crore has been deposited by the government in the accounts of 11 crore farmers. The support price is also getting better than before.

Getting insurance was never even a part of the dreams of the poor - due to the high premium amount, they did not even consider such schemes. Now by giving

consent of Rs 20 auto debit in the accounts, one can take advantage of this scheme and can get coverage of Rs 2 lakh in case of death or total disability and Rs 1 lakh in case of partial temporary disability. 30.57 crore already registered in this scheme till December 2022. Similarly, in the 'PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana', a coverage of up to two lakh rupees is received on the death of one rupee per day on the consent of auto-debit in the bank. People of 18-50 years of age can take advantage of this scheme. Both the schemes are not mere announcements. Together in both the schemes, more than 15592 crore claims have been settled so far.

Nowadays the poor are getting free from the worry of old age that they will not have to extend their hands in front of anyone for money to live on. For all citizens of 18-40 years of age in the unorganized (house helper, gardener, delivery boy etc.) sector by the central government, they can opt for a monthly pension. If a person of 18 years deposits Rs 42 every month, then after 60 years he gets a pension of Rs 1000 every month. On the other hand, if a 40-year-old person deposits Rs. 291 per month, then after the age of 60 years, he gets a monthly pension of Rs.

1000. Similarly 'PM Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana' is an old age protection and social scheme of unorganized workers whose monthly income is less than 15000 and age is between 18 to 40. 3000 monthly pension is available in this scheme.

Now poorer are getting free from the worry of illness and their dream of getting treatment from a good doctors.

In a good hospital is also coming true. In this scheme, health insurance has been given for free treatment up to five lakh rupees per family. So far 60 crore beneficiaries have got benefits through 26434 service providers for hospitalization under this scheme. 'PM Jan Aushadhi Project' has also been started so that the poor can get medicines at affordable prices, under which 50 to 90 percent cheap medicines are being distributed through 9307 (by April 2023) drug distribution centers. Today About 12 lakh people are buying medicines from these centers every day. Besides these two, in the health sector the innovative 'e-Sanjevani scheme' has been launched. Actually this is the 'Indian National Telemedicine Service', which provides an alternative to traditional face-to-face consultation free of cost, from the comfort of homes or

work place through a digital platform. The significance is that it saves patient time, cost, leave and wages etc. The platform of this scheme has an impressive track record of serving more than 4.34 lakh patients in a day. So far, the target of more than 10 crore tele-consultancy has been achieved.

'PM Swanidhi Yojana' provides loans to street vendors at affordable rates to join food delivery platforms like Swiggy and Zomato etc. 45.32 lakh beneficiaries have already taken advantage of this scheme. In this way, this scheme provides employment opportunities to the poor.

Apart from caste, today the facilities ranging from fee waiver to scholarship etc. are being provided by the Central and State Governments to the children of the poor for better education.

In this way, it can be said that Prime Minister Modi and his government not only worked to read the dreams of the poor but also gave priority to make them come true. It doesn't even care where the money will come from for these schemes. Due to these poor friendly schemes the poor look free from the worries of bread, cloth and house and hopeful for a better life in the future.

10 IIT Kharagpur Students Receive Scholarship from Guru Krupa Foundation

Kolkata, (KCN):In collaboration with IIT Kharagpur Foundation, USA (IITKGP), the Guru Krupa Foundation (GKF) Scholarship was awarded to 10 students of IIT Kharagpur this year. This is the second year that the GKF Scholarship will support the IIT KGP students to carry out their research internship in foreign universities. Ten students were selected by the IIT KGP selection committee for a total scholarship award of \$45,000. Each conferred scholarship depends upon the funding received by the student from their host institutions. The GKF scholars are pursuing their summer research internship at premier universities in the USA, UK, Belgium, Canada, and Germany.

noble initiative who stated, "These summer programs definitely add value to IIT KGP academia and it is my pleasure, as an Alumnus, to be able to provide these internships to the current students that will further contribute to their holistic development." The funds are donated by the KGPIan through his Guru Krupa Foundation (GKF) www.guru-krupa.org Mukund Padmanabhan received a BS in Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering from IIT Kharagpur in 1997, and a MS (1989) and PhD (1992) in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles. After UCLA, he worked in the area of speech recognition at the IBM T. J. Watson Research Lab where he managed the Advanced Telephony Speech Algorithms



group. After IBM, he pivoted to Wall Street and is currently a partner and researcher at hedge fund Renaissance Technologies in New York. He is the founder and president of the US-based private charitable foundation, the Guru Krupa Foundation that supports the scholarships for research internships for IIT Kharagpur students. Dr. Padmanabhan is the recipient of the Professional Achievement Award from the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering in the year 2019 and the

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2021 from IIT Kharagpur. Manav Nitin Kapadnis, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur and one of the recipients of this prestigious scholarship remarked, "As a student pursuing my passion for advancing the field of Artificial Intelligence and Natural Language Processing, I was granted the remarkable opportunity to work on improving ChatGPT during my internship at Inria Paris. This invaluable experience has not only broadened

my academic horizons but has also provided me with practical knowledge and exposure to cutting-edge research in my field. The financial support provided by GKF has been instrumental in making this transformative journey a reality. The scholarship enabled me to cover the expenses associated with my visit to Paris, including travel, accommodation, and living costs. During my internship at Inria Paris, I had the privilege of collaborating with esteemed researchers and professionals in the

field....." Prof. V K Tewari, Director, IIT Kharagpur also congratulated the recipients remarking, "The scholarship has opened doors to new possibilities and played an instrumental role in shaping the future trajectory of meritorious students. This kind of scholarship inspires the students to pursue their passion and gives them a practical notion about research development and implementation of ideas in terms of global industry expertise. I am thankful to Dr. Mukund Padmanabhan for being

such a thoughtful person and his act of generosity that transcended into such inclusive student welfare activity." Shrey Gogia, Department of Physics, IIT Kharagpur and one of the recipients of this prestigious scholarship remarked, "I am truly grateful to be a recipient of the IIT Kharagpur Foundation Scholarship 2023 funded by IITKGP USA. IITKGP USA Foundation connects KGP Alumni with their alma mater in the US and Canada with the purpose to facilitate and enhance connection and devotion to their alma mater. Their participation takes place by aiding in the development and improvement of IIT KGP by the endowment of funds and extending support towards institutional development, student welfare and community development around the KGP campus.

Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Biotechnology, Aerospace Engineering and Electrical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur have been awarded the IIT Kharagpur Foundation Scholarship 2023 funded by IITKGP USA. This scholarship has enabled me to pursue a research internship at one of the leading scientific organisations in Europe - l'Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France. My experience here would be essential for my development towards becoming an accomplished physicist by providing exposure to frontier research...." Apart from the above scholarship, 15 students from departments of Agricultural and Food

BSPS working committee Meeting held in Virtual Mode

New delhi (KCN) :An important meeting of the National Working Committee of Bharatiya Shramjeevi Patraakar Sangh (BSPS) was held virtually under the aegis of president Sanjay Singh on Sunday. It was coordinated by national general secretary Shanawaz Hassan. The discussion focused on Digital Media Act, Railway concession for journalists, safety related issues of journalists, Journalist Insurance Scheme and providing financial support to BSPS. It was decided that a delegation of BSPS will be meeting Union Minister Anurag Minister regarding the amendment and implementation of Digital Media Act. The members also decided to ensure that the Journalist Insurance Scheme is included in



the manifesto of all the national political parties for the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha Polls. The BSPS wing of Bihar will be hosting a one day conference in the month of July. Similarly, the BSPS Delhi NCR state wing will host a conference on 25th August while the Madhya Pradesh BSPS wing will organize it in September. Notably, BSPS members have decided to take strict action against

people promoting spreading fake news or showing half-truth of a matter. Lifelong membership will be valid for 20 years. The members approved to begin associate and corporate membership. National secretary Jitendra Pandey, Shul Pani Singh, Delhi NCR state wing president Rakesh Kumar Singh, co-convenor Amit Gandhi, Shrikant Bhatia, Madhya Pradesh

wing president Dr. Naveen Anand Joshi, general secretary Mahendra Sharma, Arun Saxena, Chhattisgarh state wing president Nitin Choubey, Sukhmandan Banjare, Gangesh Dwivedi, Tamil Nadu wing's Suresh Kumar, Indrajit Singh Maggo from Punjab, national councilor Shamim Akhtar from Karnataka, and representatives from all states were present here.

AWAJ of INDIA Camp Meeting Held at Bokaro

Bokaro(KCN) :The Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India (AWAJ of INDIA) today organised one Camp Meeting at Bokaro Circuit House , Bokaro Steel City, Bokaro of Jharkhand State. The Camp Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Senior Journalist Sunil Kumar Mishra , Chairperson of ABWJAI & Smt.Sanghamita Singh who was a Senior Journalist of Ajtak Electronic Media & now member of Press Club of India , New Delhi attended as Guest of Honors. Senior Journalist, Sunil Mishra Jee told about the Vision of Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India & he told that as a Chairperson, he is personally moving across India to unite all Journalists of India in



one Platform for Nation Building as well as to look into the welfare of the Journalists. He requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister for implementing the Journalists Protection Bill across the India & it has already been worked out in Maharashtra & Chhatishgarh State of India as well as the main genuine demand of the Journalists is to implement Journalists

as the Fourth Pillar of the Constitution before 2024, General Election in Pen & Paper with due Government Notification. The Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India will arrange A Mega Rally & Meeting in the Capital City of India , New Delhi where not only the Journalists of India, but also across India Sensitive & Intelctual Citizen of India will be

invited with proper planning , preparation & arrangements. One request letter from Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India has already been sent to the Hon'ble Prime Minister India , Sri Narendra Damodar Modi Jee for considering the above mentioned genuine denands. In this Camp Meeting numbers of Journalists across India were participated.

International Day of Yoga will be celebrated with underprivileged children at Science City Kolkata

Kolkata(Partha Roy):Science City, Kolkata and The Kidney Care Society have planned to celebrate the International Day of Yoga with underprivileged children and school children in the Science City premises on 21st June 2023. The program is in sync with this year's theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" resonating the message of "Har Aangan Yog" Renowned Athlete Ms. Soma Biswas, Commonwealth Games Gold medalist and Arjun Awardee, Mr Ali Qamar, Chief Coach of Indian Women's Boxing team Mr. Ali Qamar will grace the occasion.

Science City, Kolkata and The Kidney Care Society have planned to celebrate the International Day of Yoga with underprivileged children and school children in the Science City premises on June 21, 2023. The event will be a one-of-a-kind initiative at the heart of the city as several dignitaries and sports personalities like Ms Soma Biswas, Commonwealth games Gold medalist and Arjun Awardee, Mr Ali Qamar, Chief Coach of Indian Women Boxing team and Shri A. D. Choudhury, Director



General, National Council of Science Museum (NCSM) will be present during this live session. Following the Common Yoga Protocol, renowned nephrologist and

philanthropist Dr. Pratim Sengupta will conduct the live session to promote Yoga as a medium to attain a healthy life. Dr. Sengupta believes that Yoga and healthy lifestyle

practices are essential for the overall development of a child and hence should become a part of their daily routine. This year's International Day of Yoga (IDY)

endeavors to connect with the larger global community, as India's G20 presidency theme "One Earth, One Family, One Future" resonates with the principle of "Vasudhaiva

Kutumbakam". Along with global outreach, the IDY focuses on taking Yoga to each and every household in India through the active participation of each and every family with a spirit of "Har Aangan Yog". "We have planned to acquaint the underprivileged children with Common Yoga Protocol to encourage them to adopt yoga in their daily lives. This resonates with the spirit of "Har Aangan Yog" in the true sense." – said Shri Pramod Grover, Director-In-Charge, Science City, Kolkata. The Kidney Care

Society has been on this active mission for more than 10 years and has conducted different activities to promote wellness and relaxation through the healing practice of Yoga. The organization believes in approaching the problem of kidney diseases from all possible angles, through diet and lifestyle education by spreading awareness and through a series of activities. Officials of NCSM in Kolkata will also participate in the yoga session. The entire initiative will directly influence over 500 kids participating in the yoga session.

Mobile Healthcare@GPL Shelter For Homeless



Bhubaneswar(KCN): As a part and parcel of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the Gopalpur Port Limited (GPL) organised a free and mobile healthcare service at Arjyapalli village here in Ganjam district today. This noble gesture and CSR activity was in sequel to GPL's "Concern for Community Health" drive successfully held earlier in shape of three free and mobile

healthcare camps meant for the people in Haripur-Bandar village, at Kalipalli Higher Primary School and also in K Arjyapalli village. Today's free healthcare service was conducted at Arjyapalli Govt High School located at Arjyapalli village. Teams of doctors from various fields like Gynaecology, Medicine & Paediatric, nurses, pharmacists and expert medical technicians took part in

this drive. While preliminary medical consultations, blood tests, blood pressure monitoring and basic check-ups were provided completely free of cost by the GPL, about 150 villagers discussed their various health issues with the doctors. The GPL's employees also volunteered for successful execution of the health camp.

Speaking on the initiative, Mr. V Janardhana Rao, CEO, Gopalpur Port said, "Our CSR programme for healthcare named as "Concern for Community Health" gives us an opportunity to serve the people who need basic healthcare facilities. It's reflected in our endeavours to better up the collective health status in the regions where we operate." Mr. Ajay Kumar

Mishra, Senior Vice President (HR & IR) said, "Health is one of the core thrust areas of our CSR activities. The mobile healthcare service is aimed at providing preventive healthcare services and promoting wellness in the local communities." He also opined that more and more plantation drive will be undertaken in the port peripheral during the current financial year. The cooperation and involvement of the local villagers has greatly inspired Gopalpur Port.

Prominent among others, the healthcare camp was attended by Shri Trilochan Behera, Sarpanch, Aryapalli Panchayat, Aryapalli Village Committee Member, Shri Vikash Kumar, CFO, Gopalpur Port, Shri Chittaranjan Bahinipati, AVP, (HR/IR), senior and experienced medical team, many Port officials, local intellectuals and leaders.



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Shelter for Urban Homeless has been created across the state to ensure no needy is left abandoned in the street. In a recent case, it was observed that in CMC area some are still sleeping on footpath which was very disheartening. All the ULBs have been instructed to activate their patrolling team formed for the purpose. An urgent meeting of CMC SUH team, State SUH team and NGO OPUS working in this field was convened

today. The meeting chaired by Sarada Prasad Panda Joint Secretary H&UD and Director State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) held in the conference hall of SUDA discussed the matter in details. He issued instructions to all the ULBs to activate their patrolling team, OPUS, engage the Community Partners i.e. Mission Shakti SHGs and make sure they are linked to nearest SUH. The team CMC Cuttack was directed to come up with an action plan by

21st June 2023 for driving this important issue in the City. They should start taking steps from today itself. The State Government would bear the cost implication on this. Dy Commissioner, CMC Swetapadma Satpathy and her team, State SUH Team and NGOs working in partnership with urban department participated in the meeting and decided to "Let's do everything possible to take care of every shelter less person in ULB areas of the State"

4G cover for 140 remote pockets of Sundargarh by January 2024: DoT



ROURKELA: In a significant development, the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has set a target to launch 4G services in 140 remote pockets of the tribal-dominated Sundargarh district by January next year. At least 140 towers will be installed under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) of the DoT and public sector telecom operator BSNL would provide the services and maintain the infrastructure.

The move aims at enabling high-speed internet access and other 4G services to the neglected rural population as part of the Digital India programme. The initiative aims to ensure digital access, inclusion and empowerment besides bridging the digital divide in the country. Incidentally, Rourkela city and rest of the district are getting 2G and 3G networks of the BSNL. However, the public sector telecom operator is often found struggling to provide

steady 3G connection. Rourkela-based general manager, telecom district of BSNL RK Chandrakar said following a survey, it was found that 140 remote villages of Sundargarh do not have access to mobile network, not even of private operators. These targeted areas are low on revenue generation and with private operators unwilling to spend, the DoT decided to set up 140 4G towers under the USOF. Chandrakar further

said the district administration went the extra mile to provide the required land at cheap price to set up telecom infrastructure. Work on setting up mobile towers and battery power plants along with optical cable laying will start shortly. Asked about the possibility of upgradation of the existing 2G and 3G services of BSNL to 4G in the district, Chandrakar said the BSNL would subsequently go for upgradation from its own resources. In absence of mobile and internet connectivity, major part of the mineral-bearing areas including Hemgir, Koida, Lahunipada, Rajgangpur and Kuanrunda along with remote pockets of other blocks in Sundargarh continue to be deprived of digital services of the government.

Maoists Kill Man Over Police Informer Suspicion In Odisha's Nabarangpur

Nabarangpur: Resorting to violent act yet again, Maoists allegedly killed a man on the suspicion of police informer at Khalepara village under Raighar block of Odisha's Nabarangpur district, last night. The deceased was identified as Chandan Mallick (42). According to reports, more than 25 Maoists reached the village at around 9 pm and took



Chandan to a nearby field from his house. The extremists tied his hands with a rope and thrashed him mercilessly. The ultras left posters at

the place mentioning that Nabarangpur SP, Chhattisgarh Police and Intelligence Department were responsible for the death.

The Maoists further mentioned in the posters that Chandan was informing police about their movement and presence for which he was earlier warned by them at a 'Jan Adalat'. As he continued to help the police despite the warning, he was given death punishment, the poster read. Raighar police have started an investigation into the incident.



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4 students of Aakash BYJU'S from Bhubaneswar inks stupendous results in JEE Advanced 2023



Bhubaneswar : 4 students of Aakash BYJU'S from Bhubaneswar, the national leader in test preparation services, have made the institute proud by securing impressive result in the prestigious Joint

Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced 2023 much to the elation of their parents and the entire staff of the institute.

The top scorers are Aliv Sahoo who secured AIR 326, Pratyush Kumar Swain

secured AIR 439, Priyanaka Sar secured AIR 621 and Varun Mishra secured AIR 981. The results were announced by IIT Guwahati today.

The students joined Aakash's classroom programme to crack

JEE. They attributed their entry into the elite list of top percentiles in JEE to their efforts in understanding the concepts, and their strict adherence to their learning schedule. "We're grateful that Aakash has helped us with both. But for the content and coaching from Aakash, we would not have grasped many concepts in different subjects in a short period of time," they said.

Congratulating the students, Mr. Ajay Bahadur Singh,

FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

Bhubaneswar: FURO Sports Shoes, (from the house of Red Chief Shoes), is thrilled to announce its much-coveted collaboration with the Bollywood Superstar, Shahid Kapoor. Shahid's youthful and sporty personality of an affable boy gels with the aspiring core values and ethos of FURO Sports Shoes. Shahid appeals to a wider audience across all age groups. While his exceptional fitness lifestyle, dancing prowess, and romantic-action-oriented movies attract the youth, his responsible family guy persona connects with relatively mature age groups as well. Mr. Manoj Gyanchandani (Managing Director) expressing his views on the collaboration, shares, "We are extremely honored to welcome Shahid Kapoor as the newest FURO family member. We couldn't have asked for a better partner in 2022 who comes with such high credible energy which is much needed in such dynamic times to inspire the youth towards athleisure lifestyle. We look forward to a successful partnership with him and hope to have a mutually beneficial long-term relationship."

Mr. Rahul Sharma, (Marketing Head) further shared "To continue leveraging our association both in mass media & digital platforms - Shahid would be part of our forthcoming Brand campaigns, which are back to back lined up starting few weeks from now."

BOB Financial crosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

Mumbai: BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (Bank) that issues and manages Bank of Baroda Credit Cards, has crossed the 1 Million Credit Cards mark.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank of Baroda Credit Cards have grown 9X over the last four years - from 0.12 million cards in March 2018 to over 1.1 million cards in March 2022. Further, the monthly spends on credit cards have grown 10X over the same period - from Rs.80 crore in March 2018 to Rs.830 crore in March 2022.

In CY2022, cobranding with IRCTC, HPCL, Defence Services, and partnerships with fintechs have been some of the key initiatives in the ongoing transformation journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shailendra Singh, MD & CEO, BFSL said, "In 2017, we started on a journey of transforming BOB Financial into a leading credit card issuer in India. Crossing the 1 million credit cards mark is an important milestone. However, while we celebrate this achievement, our ultimate aspiration is to become one of the largest Credit Card issuers in the country, serving customers of every demographic and socio-economic classification."

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

Vedanta Aluminium deploys IIoT technology in power plant to improve emissions control

Bhubaneswar: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has augmented its 2400 MW Thermal Power Plant with Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) devices in fabric filters to improve emissions control. Fabric filters are special bag filters placed after electrostatic precipitators in chimneys to collect or particulate matter from the hot gas emanating from the power plant boiler system, stopping them from escaping into the atmosphere. The differential pressure between the bags plays a pivotal role in improving the efficiency of the filters. This is the 3rd line of defense in capturing particulate matter and gases, which significantly improves the air quality. The company has moved from the traditional way of measuring differential pressure through transmitters to using IIoT

devices for precise monitoring and immediate action.

Customised applications of leading-edge technologies across the value-chain are helping Vedanta Aluminium exercise stringent control on operational parameters to bolster ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) performance. This includes a laser focus on environmental parameters such as energy conservation, carbon reduction, air quality, water sustainability, circular waste management, and biodiversity.

Vedanta's Smelter-I in Jharsuguda (Odisha) was the national benchmark in water efficiency amongst aluminium producers, with the lowest amount of water consumer per tonne of metal produced in FY22

All of Vedanta Aluminium's business units have robust Environment Management Systems (EMS) adhering to ISO

14001:2015 Speaking about Vedanta Aluminium's endeavours to bolster ESG excellence, Mr. Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business, said, "We are committed to further improving our environmental sustainability performance through a structured approach that includes adoption of best-in-industry practices, leading-edge digital technologies, consistent improvements in efficiency of resource-intensive processes, circular initiatives and incorporation of 'Design for Sustainability' principles into our operations. In our journey as India's largest aluminium producer and the world's second most sustainable aluminium company, we are striving to emerge as the industry benchmark in operational excellence and environmental performance, as we add value to our customers, communities and country."

Ambuja Cements introduces Cool Walls, a special product that keep homes cool in summers and hot in winters

Mumbai : Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India's most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls. Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solution that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. The 'heat barrier technology' of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5°Celsius as compared to external temperature. These innovative heat barrier

technology, consistent quality and enhanced strength (>5 MPa) are the main differentiators of this product.

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge posed by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits include noise reduction,

high fire resistance etc. Also it enables speedy construction and reduces project completion time by ~ 30%.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house. Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, "Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It's our endeavor to provide world class solutions to customers in India. Ambuja Cool Walls is a testimony to our commitment to provide sustainable, high strength and durable solutions to our customers".

Flipkart clocks over 200 Million Fashion products in the Spring-Summer

Bhubaneswar: As the Spring Summer season 2022 draws to a close, Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has recorded a sale of over 200 million fashion products across close to 19,200 pin codes. The Spring Summer Season also played a key role for customers and sellers and saw close to 175,000 fashion sellers participating. These sellers came from not just metros but from tier 2 and tier 3 towns as well. Customers shopped for fashion and lifestyle products including sarees, men's t-shirts, watches, sunglasses, women's kurtis and footwear, from national, international and homegrown fashion brands.

The season saw customers shopping for fashion products from across the country including metros and a majority of these customers also from tier 3, 4 and 5 cities shop for fashion products from cities like Ranchi, Ernakulam, Kanpur,

Medinipur, Cuttack to name a few; and a substantial number of the overall customer base were first-time fashion shoppers.

Sandeep Karwa, Vice President, Flipkart Fashion, said, "We are extremely delighted with this overwhelming response from the customers, who consistently choose Flipkart for all their fashion and lifestyle needs. This year's spring-summer season saw a resurgence in consumption on the back of renewed economic recovery post-pandemic and we are pleased that lakhs of sellers saw a phenomenal response during this season. It is also a testament to our efforts to bring unparalleled value in fashion shopping to our customers. With a range of technology-led innovations that are making shopping experiences personalised and seamless for our customers, we are bringing India and Bharat closer ushering in considerable growth

opportunities for lakhs of sellers and brand partners."

Ayush Baid, a Flipkart Fashion seller who sells Women's ethnic wear from Surat, Gujarat, said, "We have grown on Flipkart by 500% during the spring-summer season and this was possible due to the technology and power of ecommerce. Growth on Flipkart has led to the overall growth of the company."

Harish Dadwani, a Flipkart Fashion seller partner from Agra, Uttar Pradesh, said, "It has been 4 years since I joined ecommerce and through the Flipkart platform have seen a growth of over 10X since then.

I had launched several new products in the spring-summer collection which has seen a 50X growth spike. I am very positive to set new milestones and garner new opportunities in the coming years and feel that I can achieve much more through ecommerce, technology and Flipkart."

IIT Delhi Student Wins Coveted TCS CodeVita Season 10

MUMBAI: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (BSE: 532540, NSE: TCS), announced the winners of Season 10 of its flagship global coding contest, TCS CodeVita, at a virtual grand finale. CodeVita, holder of the Guinness World Records™ title as the world's largest computer programming competition, has been inspiring students across the world to build and test their coding expertise for the past 10 years. The contest promotes programming as a sport and encourages participants to pit their skills against each other and solve intriguing real-life challenges.

The winner claimed the grand prize of \$10,000, while the first and the second runners-up were awarded \$7,000 and \$3,000 respectively. In a first, the third runner up, Michal Stanik from Czech Republic, was also recognized by TCS with a prize of \$1,000. Moreover, all four winners earned an internship opportunity with TCS' Research & Innovation organization. Registration for Season 11 of TCS CodeVita will commence soon.

"Season 10 of CodeVita has been remarkable in harnessing the passion for coding among the youth. We were thrilled to see how the four finalists

solved all the 10 problems, which has never happened before. I am happy to see CodeVita is encouraging youngsters to write good code and apply it to solve challenging problems," said K Ananth Krishnan, Chief Technology Officer, TCS. Winner Kalash Guptasaid, "Thank you so much. it's unbelievable! When I started with the contest, I never thought I would even be in the top 3 but this is a very humbling experience. I'm very excited about the prize money. Initially I was not confident, as I took longer than I expected to solve the first problem.

KiiT International School becomes the only school from Odisha to win at Toycathon

Bhubaneswar: The revered founder of KiiT International School, Shri Achyuta Samanta, has always inspired and encouraged the youth to think outside the box. This motivation has led to an immense achievement for the school. A game, 'Untold Stories', designed by Shree Roy, a 10th Grade student of KiiT International School, has been selected as one of the top 7 winning games at Toycathon, an inter-ministerial initiative of GOI, in association with AICTE.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School said, "This is an extremely proud moment for KiiT International School family. I congratulate Shree for her endeavours. This is an

accomplishment not just for her but the entire school. We always nurture our students to think beyond their textbooks and take interest in activities outside their classroom. I am glad that this morale-boosting has steered us to achieve this great honour. I firmly believe that these leaders of tomorrow can drive us towards a better tomorrow with proper education and guidance."

Shree's game 'Untold Stories' is a multiplayer game where one must answer questions about India's heritage to move on to the next level. With this game, Shree intended to revive the art and culture of India. With modernization and technology, most youngsters are glued to their smartphones and the internet. Shree designed this

game with the help of the school's research wing, Inspiron, in a pursuit to move them away from this exposure while enhancing their knowledge on India's art, history, and culture. From over 14 lakh online entries, 200 games were chosen for the physical edition of Toycathon. Untold stories was the only winner from Odisha among the top 7 felicitated games.

Under the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Toycathon is conceived to challenge India's innovative minds to conceptualize novel Toy and Games based on Bharatiya civilization, history, culture, mythology and ethos.

I don't care how it's perceived - Robinson on Khawaja send-off

NEW DELHI: An inspired spell from Ollie Robinson ensured that Australia did not go past England's total on Day 3 of the Edgbaston Test. The pacer bagged three wickets, including the important one of Usman Khawaja, to bowl Australia out for 386. With an umbrella like field setting in front of the batter, Robinson forced Khawaja to try something different and the left-hander

ended up being bowled. The angry celebration that followed, with Robinson hurling abuse at Khawaja, didn't make for a pretty picture. The bowler, who appeared to have told the batter 'F*** off, you f***ing prick', later defended himself and said he brought in some 'theatre' to the game. "It's my first home Ashes and to get the big wicket at the time was special for me. I think Uzzy played



unbelievably well. And to get that wicket for us at the time as a team was massive," said Robinson after the third day's play on Sunday (June 18). "And I think we all want that theatre of the game, don't we? So I'm here to provide it. "I don't really care how it's perceived to be honest. It's the Ashes, it's professional sport. If you can't handle that, what can you

handle?" Robinson said it was the passion of the Ashes that brought about the send-off to Khawaja, pointing towards similar treatment received by the England players at the hands of Australia in the past. "...I think when you're in heat of the moment and you have the passion of the Ashes that can happen. I think we've all seen Ricky Ponting, other Aussies do the same

to us. So just because the shoe's on the other foot, it's not received well." Alex Carey, meanwhile, said he wasn't aware of what happened and that he was only informed of the incident before he came out to address the press conference. "I was actually worded up that something happened before coming in here. So I didn't see it at all. (I) didn't see anything over the top there."

Spain Win UEFA Nations League Title After Unai Simon's Sensational Penalty Saves In Final Vs Croatia

Rotterdam: Spain's 11-year trophy drought is over. Croatia and their veteran captain Luka Modric are still waiting for their first international title. Goalkeeper Unai Simon saved two shots as Spain beat Croatia in a penalty shootout after their tense Nations League final had finished 0-0 on Sunday. The Bilbao goalkeeper used his feet to save a penalty by Lovro Majer when the shootout was level at 3-3 and then dived full-length to tip Bruno Petkovic's spot kick around the post. Dani Carvajal converted his penalty — with a "Panenka" chip — to seal the victory. Spain coach Luis De La Fuente said Carvajal had taken penalties well in practice ahead of the final. "He has a fantastic personality and that's the way he decided to take it," he said. "We have total confidence in his ability to take penalties." Spain's other previous titles came in the 2010 World Cup and the European Championships



in 1964, 2008 and 2012. Midfielder Rodri, who punched the air after scoring his penalty, has four titles this season after also winning a historic treble with his club, Manchester City. He was named the player of the Nations League tournament to cap his memorable year. Spain did not manage a shot on target until the 84th minute of the match and when substitute Ansu Fati finally looked like breaking the stalemate, Ivan Perisic was on the goal line to block his effort. It was Spain's only

goal-bound attempt, compared to five by Croatia. In the first period of extra time, Majer broke through and fell in the penalty area under a challenge by Nacho, but German referee Felix Zwayer ruled that the Spain defender had played the ball and waved off Croatia's appeals for a penalty. "I think it makes the win even more epic doing it this way," De La Fuente said. Croatia's fans — many wearing shirts with Modric's name and No. 10 on the back — far

outnumbered their Spanish counterparts at De Kuip stadium in Rotterdam. But they were forced to leave disappointed as their nation and the 37-year-old Modric continued their wait for a first international title. Croatia finished second at the World Cup in 2018 and third in Qatar last year. Modric, meanwhile, has won the Champions League five times with Real Madrid and was named FIFA's world player of the year in 2018, breaking the decade-long dominance of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo on the title. But he has not been

able to cap his glittering career with international honors. Whether he will have another try at next year's European Championships remains to be seen. "I'd love Luka to stay," Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said. "He's a very important player for us." De La Fuente agreed. "I hope he carries on because we never want great players to leave the game," he said. Spain went a step better than the last Nations League final in 2021, when it lost to France. Not bad for a team with a coach, Luis De La Fuente, who only took charge after the World Cup in Qatar and came in for criticism when his team lost 2-0 to Scotland in European Championship qualifying. Spain's players went to a small section of their fans in one corner of the stadium to celebrate their victory. Both sides came close in the first half.

Leigh Kasperek replaces Jess Kerr for Sri Lanka tour

NEW DELHI: Fast bowler Jess Kerr has been ruled out of New Zealand's upcoming tour of Sri Lanka due to a broken toe. Kerr was struck on the toe while batting in the nets last week, and subsequent scans showed a fracture. She now needs up to six weeks of rehabilitation. Leigh Kasperek has been named Kerr's replacement. "Picking up an injury so close to departure for a tour is always disappointing," New Zealand women's team head coach Ben Sawyer said. "Jess is a key part of our bowling group in both formats and will be missed on what will be a challenging tour. "Jess has been working really hard over the winter and we were excited to see how she would perform in new conditions for her, but we're confident she will be back fit and ready for our next challenge after Sri Lanka," Sawyer added. Kasperek meanwhile, has been picked to be part of the New Zealand squad for the first time



since the tour of England in 2021. She has featured in 39 ODIs and 46 T20Is before with 65 and 75 wickets to her name respectively. Her T20I tally puts her second on New Zealand's list of all-time leading wicket-takers in the format. Kasperek comes in with a rich vein of form in domestic competitions for Wellington Blaze. "Leigh has had a challenging 18 months since the World Cup but has always been a player that has been on our radar," Sawyer said. "She's been kept out of the side given the form of Fran (Jonas) and Eden (Carson) who've been performing consistently

well and those spin positions have probably been the most hotly contested in our team." "With Leigh, Fran, Eden and Melie (Kerr), we have strong depth in our spin bowling stocks, and ultimately that's the level of depth we want to get to in all positions. Leigh brings a wealth of international experience to the group and I'm sure she will thrive in the Sri Lankan conditions if given an opportunity," Sawyer added. The New Zealand women's team are currently at NZC's High Performance Centre in Lincoln for a training camp, and will depart for Sri Lanka on Thursday.

Hathurusingha pleased with youngsters stepping up

DHAKA: Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha said their mammoth victory over Afghanistan in the one-off Test series is 'more than a Test win'. Bangladesh defeated Afghanistan by 546 runs to write their name in the record books, registering the third highest win in Test cricket in terms of margin of runs. Hathurusingha was especially pleased with the manner the youngsters stood up to achieve the success. Bangladesh were missing two of their stalwarts as Tamim Iqbal and Shakib al Hasan were out due to injuries. Despite their absence, Bangladesh

came up with a clinical display on the green-top wicket that is not used often in Bangladesh. "I don't know whether you all have seen and actually I have put it on social media saying that it is more than a Test win. What I meant was, the way we prepared for this game, which we haven't done before...like how we prepared for the fast and green wicket, and so I thought that big win for us to play on that type of wicket and then come out with flying colours," Hathurusingha said on Sunday (June 18). "So I think it's just more than a Test win as well as the new heroes

emerged from the performance of that Test match. If the conditions help and the condition is conducive to positive batting, we will definitely do that. That's how we trained and we have given freedom them to score runs. The name of the game is scoring runs." If the conditions are difficult, yes, we will be smart enough to bat the way the conditions allow us to bat. In the same way we must give credit to [Najmul Hossain] Shanto how he batted in the first two innings and especially the first two hours he and [Mahmudul Hasan] Joy... the way they batted, calmed the nerves of everybody in



the dressing room. So if the conditions allow we will definitely push the boundaries. Hathurusingha said he is impressed with the new opening pair of Zakir Hasan and Mahmudul Hasan. Both of them scored half-centuries in their comeback match,

though it was overshadowed by Najmul's hundreds in both innings along with Mominul Haque's first Test ton after 26 months. "I was very impressed actually, and for the first time I saw Zakir batting. You know that

he got injured after that India game. So he had a really good start to his Test career but for the first time I saw him batting, and what I saw was very impressive. He is good against pace as well as good against spin, very rarely you see the openers good in

both," said Hathurusingha. "And Joy showed good temperament the way he batted... his record also says that if you get start good, go with it. So really (taking) positives from those two youngsters as well as very pleased that Mominul is coming into runs as well," he said. Hathurusingha was also pleased with the pace bowling unit's discipline as they did not carried away despite seeing a green-top wicket. "The pleasing thing is that even on that fast and bouncy wicket they didn't get carried away. The way the bowled was so good, a very

professional approach. They didn't use the bouncer for the sake of using it and most of the dismissals were on front foot, so those little things show the maturity of those fast bowlers that they have come a long way. I am very pleased. Hathurusingha, meanwhile, expected a stiff challenge from Afghanistan in the ODIs after they announced a full-strength team for the 50-over games, with Rashid Khan returning to the side. The Bangladesh head coach also expected the senior duo of Shakib and Tamim to be fit before the ODI series.