



Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik at the Ratha Yatra at Puri

## Jaggernaut On Roll

**Puri(KCN):** Amid chants of Hari Bol and Jay Jagannath, pulling of Chariots of Lord Jagannath and his siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra began little ahead of the schedule. With the pulling of three chariots, Juggernaut started rolling in the Grand Road here.

The Holy Trinity started their nine-day journey to Sri Gundicha temple on the scheduled time.

All rituals, starting from Pahandi Bije of the three deities, to Chhera



Panhara of the annual Rath Jatra completed much before the scheduled time and in a very high spiritual atmosphere.

Nearly 10 Lakh devotees present here in Holy Town to witness the Cultural Festival. Adorned with tahias (giant floral crowns), chants of Hari Bol and Jay Jagannath, the three deities along with Lord Sudarsan were brought out of the sanctum sanctorum in the Dhadi Pahandi procession to their chariots parked before Srimandir.

Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati accompanied by his disciples and

servitors offered prayers to the deities on their respective chariots.

Following this ritual, Gajapati Maharaja of Puri, Dibyasingh Deb arrived in his royal palanquin and carried out the Chhera Panhara ritual, the ceremonial sweeping of the chariots with a golden broom, amid chanting of hymns by the priests.

Pulling of the three gigantic chariots by the servitors was started around 3.04 pm. Taladhwaaja of Lord Balabhadra was pulled first followed by Darpadalana of Devi Subhadra and Nandighosa of Lord Jagannath. The Pahandi

ritual at Shree Gundicha Temple will be held tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, four devotees were injured in a stampede-like situation that occurred during pulling of the chariots at Marichikot Chhak on the Bada Danda. The injured persons have been shifted to district headquarters hospital for treatment.

Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Ashwini Vaishnav visited Puri to witness the Rath Jatra.

Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena, Chief Administrator SJTA

Ranjan Kumar Das, District Collector Samarth Verma and others coordinated the entire celebrations.

More than 180 platoons of police personnel, including 1,000 officers of various ranks are deployed in and around Puri to ensure safe conduct of the festival. The State Police made special arrangements for smooth flow of traffic, thanks to Transport Commissioner Amitabh Thakur.

State Police engaged scores of jawans, armed policemen, while CCTV cameras have been installed at various places across the town.

## Jatra Wishes For People

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** On the auspicious occasion of Holy Rath Jatra, President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik wished people.

The President extended heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the countrymen, especially the devotees of Mahaprabhu Shree Jagannath, on this occasion.

She prayed before Lord Jagannath that this great festival of devotion and devotion brings happiness, peace and prosperity in everyone's life.

Extending Rath Jatra

greetings to everyone, Prime Minister Shri Modi, in a twitter post said, "As we celebrate this sacred occasion, may the divine journey of Lord Jagannath fill our lives with health, happiness and spiritual enrichment."

While addressing the countrymen in his Mann Ki Baat programme last Sunday, Modi had said that Rath Yatra bears a unique identity throughout the world and the Rath Jatra in Puri is a wonder in itself.

"When I was in Gujarat, I used to get the opportunity to attend the great Rath Yatra in Ahmedabad. The way people from all over the

country, every society, every class turn up in these Rath Jatras is exemplary in itself. Along with inner faith, it is also a reflection of the spirit of Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat," the PM had said.

He also prayed that Lord Jagannath blesses all countrymen with good health, happiness and prosperity. Similarly, wishing the people on this holy day, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said, "With the blessings of the Lord and your cooperation, let us pave the way for the development of New Odisha"

Union Minister Home Affairs Amit Shah said

Lord Jagannath's Rath Jatra is a very sacred festival of Sanatan Dharma, which is observed with great devotion by crores of devotees across the country. May this festival of Rath Jatra bring peace, prosperity and happiness in everyone's life, he wished. Among others, Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Ashwini Vaishnav wished the people on this festival and both the Ministers in Puri to witness the Rath Jatra. The Union Minister along with BJP Spokesperson Sambit Patra paid a visit to Puri Shankaracharya to seek his blessings.

## Heat Wave: After Sambalpur, 3 More Odisha Districts Change School Reopening Date

**Jharsuguda / Sundargarh/Bargarh (KCN) :** In view of prevalent Heat Wave conditions, the District Collectors of Jharsuguda, Sundargarh and Bargarh extended today the reopening timings of all schools (both private and government) instead of the previously announced date.

After the end of the extended summer vacation, schools in Jharsuguda will reopen on June 22 and have morning classes till June 24. Further decisions in this regard will be taken

considering the weather forecasts, the district Administration informed. Similarly, schools in Sundargarh will reopen on June 23 and have morning classes till June 24. Classes will be held from 6.30 am up to 10 am during these two days and will run as usual thereafter. The timings may further be changed, taking into consideration any change in the weather condition. Likewise, schools in Bargarh will reopen on June 23 and have morning classes till June 24. Classes will be held from 6.30 am up to

10 am during these two days and will run as usual thereafter. However, Sambalpur Collector also ordered for reopening of schools in the district on June 22. It is pertinent to mention, keeping in mind the prevalent Heat Wave, the State government had directed the Collectors of seven districts such as Sundargarh, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Angul, Subarnapur and Bolangir to extend school reopening dates if required.

All schools in other districts are to reopen on June 21 as per the earlier announcement.

## Nandan Nilekani Donates Rs 315 Cr To Alma Mater IIT Bombay

**Bengaluru:** Infosys Co-founder and Chairman Nandan Nilekani has donated Rs 315 crore (\$38.5 million) to his alma mater, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. Nilekani earlier contributed Rs 85 crore to the institute, bringing the cumulative value of his support to Rs 400 crore. The memorandum of understanding was formally signed in Bengaluru on Tuesday by Nilekani and professor Subhasis Chaudhuri, Director, IIT Bombay. "IIT Bombay has been a

cornerstone in my life, shaping my formative years and laying the foundation for my journey. As I celebrate 50 years of my association with this esteemed Institution, I am grateful to give forward and contribute to its future," said Nilekani, also the founding chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). "This donation is more than just a financial contribution; it is a tribute to the place that has given me so much and a commitment to the students who will shape

our world tomorrow," he added. Nilekani joined IIT Bombay in 1973 for a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. "This historic donation will significantly accelerate the growth of IIT Bombay and will firmly set it on a path of global leadership. IIT Bombay is committed to building research and academic excellence that can make India a leader in scientific discovery and its translation towards solving the pressing challenges facing humankind," said Chaudhuri.

## Odisha train tragedy: Railway minister announces Rs 2 cr assistance for development of Bahanaga

**Bhubaneswar,(KCN):** Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav, who reviewed the restoration work at Bahanaga Bazar station where as many as 292 people were killed in an accident involving three trains earlier this month, announced Rs 2 crore assistance for the development of the area on Tuesday.

According to sources, while Rs 1 crore assistance was sanctioned from the MP fund for the development of Bahanaga area, Rs 1 crore was approved from Railways fund for the development of Bahanaga hospital.

"I have come to Bahanaga Bazar and interacted with the locals about what all development works can be done here. I also thanked them for the way they acted during the horrific triple train tragedy," Vaishnav said.

"We have allocated Rs 2 crore for the development work of the village and hospital here," the Union



Minister added. Speaking about the CBI investigation into the triple train tragedy, Vaishnav said, "An independent investigation is underway in connection with the incident."

Notably, 292 people were killed in the triple train accident involving Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, which were carrying over 2,500 passengers, and a goods train laden with iron ore on June 2 evening at Bahanaga Bazar station in Balasore. As many as

21 coaches were derailed and severely damaged in the accident, trapping hundreds of passengers.

'Compromise settlement' provides ways to lenders to recover lost money: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on Tuesday that a "compromise settlement" with borrowers aims to enable multiple avenues to lenders to recover the money in default without much delay.

The RBI made the remarks while issuing a set issued a set of

frequently asked questions (FAQs) on Framework for Compromise Settlements and Technical Write-offs.

"The primary regulatory objective is to enable multiple avenues for lenders to recover the money in default without much delay," the RBI noted. It further said that the provision enabling banks to enter into a compromise settlement in respect of borrowers categorised as fraud or wilful defaulter, is not a new regulatory instruction and has been the settled regulatory stance for more than 15

years.

On June 8, the RBI has issued a circular on Framework for Compromise Settlements and Technical Write-offs. On dilution of penal measures, the central bank said it will remain unchanged what has been mentioned in the Master Directions on Frauds dated July 1, 2016, and the Master Circular on Wilful Defaulters dated July 1, 2015.

These penal measures entail that no additional facilities should be granted by any bank to borrowers listed as wilful defaulters, and that such companies can get debarred from institutional finance for floating new ventures for a period of five years from the date of removal of their name from the list of wilful defaulters. Also borrowers classified as fraud are debarred from seeking bank finance for a period of five years from the date of full payment of the defrauded amount, the RBI added.

# Rath Yatra celebrated at Shrivani Kshetra

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Like every year, the much-awaited Rath Yatra was celebrated at Shrivani Kshetra of KISS, today amidst much religious fervour and gaiety. In the forenoon religious ceremonies like "Mangala Arati, Mailama, Tadapalagi, Rosh Homa, Abakasha, Surya Puja" and establishment of Chariots were held according to the prescribed time and the ceremonial "Chhera Pahanra" was conducted by KIIT-KISS and Founder Achyuta Samanta. At around 4.30 pm thousands of devotees

participated in pulling the three decorated chariots of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra up to the newly-built Gundicha Temple near the KIIT-Sikharchandi Road. The atmosphere along the "Ratha Danda" near KISS was filled with devotees with traditional musical instruments, religious recitals and the sound of "Jai Jagannath". The exclusivity of the Ratha Yatra at Shrivani Kshetra is that the chariot of Devi Subhadra is tugged by women devotees only. More than 40,000



devotees joined the festival today as the weather conditions were good. It can be mentioned here that all rituals at Shrivani Kshetra are done as per the traditions of Jagannath Temple Puri. The traditions of Ratha Yatra are also followed as laid by the Puri Shri Mandira. For the construction of the three beautiful chariots special "bindhani", "maharana" and "chitrakara" are engaged by the Shrivani Kshetra Temple Trust. Starting from the construction of the Jagannath Temple at Shrivani Kshetra to all the rituals, "niti" and "puja", all activities are done with the consultation and guidance by the Gajapati Maharaja of Puri, Shri Dibyasingh Deb. As per the Ratha Yatra traditions of Puri, the three chariots of Lord Balabhadra, Jagannath and Devi Subhadra have 16, 14 and 12 wheels, respectively. During this nine-day festival, there will be "Bhajan Samaroh" every evening near Gundicha Temple. Devotees from nearby localities through the Gundicha temple and have a 'darshan' of the Trinity.

## 500 volunteers to serve devotees during Rath Yatra in Puri

PURI(KCN) : Ahead of Rath Yatra, International Human Rights Defenders Organisation & Indian Police Community - Puri formed a brigade of local volunteers, namely to assist police in rendering different public services to devotees. While they will be engaged to assist Puri police in different activities from 20th-June to 3rd July-2023, their first and immediate task is to render assistance to the elderly and differently-abled devotees during the nine-day Rath Yatra, starting June 20. All of our 500 volunteers will help the elderly to negotiate the crowd and facilitate their darshan of the deities on the chariot. They will also be mobilised in streets, connecting Grand Road where the chariots would be tugged by devotees, to control crowd and regulate traffic. "As the



volunteers are also well known to the sevayats, they will help our personnel in free and unhindered movement of the sevayats during Rath Yatra. They will be deployed at strategic

locations along with sufficient police personnel. Involvement of the local community would augment the public service delivery in a professional way," said Sri Mina Ketan Patnaik, Chairman of IHRD. The volunteers will be trained and sensitised by Puri police on discipline, good conduct and behaviour aspects. They have been provided with uniform and identity cards of International Human Rights Defenders. "We have inducted them as volunteers after verifying their antecedents. Keeping in view their support in the upcoming Rath Yatra, we have selected a motto for the Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, said by Biswa Ranjan Sahoo, President of IHRD, GCC Country Board, International General Secretary.

## Former Leader of Opposition (LoP) interacts With Odia Students in Delhi



New Delhi(KCN) :Students and lawyers from Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University held a meeting with Hon'ble Bhawanipatana MLA & Former Leader of opposition Mr. Pradipta Kumar Naik at Jubilee Hall, University of Delhi. This was Mr. Naik's first public appearance after recovering from Covid

2019. During this thorough discussion students kept three issues before him and requested to raise the same in the Odisha Assembly in the upcoming session. The three issues were presented before Mr. Naik such as establishment of National Tribal University campus at

Kalahandi; Establishment of a Hostel in Delhi for all Odia Students studying in Delhi and Opening of an Odia Department in University of Delhi. Students among them were Lokesh Durga, Ranendra Pratap Rout, Bharat Majhi, Dakrushi Sahu, Makardhaj Kar, Raghupati Naik, Pradip Sahu, Yogesh Badhei, Rahuldev Meher.

Mr. Naik motivated the students and encouraged them to contribute to society for better development from the ground. Lokesh Durga, Ph. D scholar, says Mr. Naik is the first MLA from Odisha who was felicitated by Odia students in Delhi University. His health and happiness are wished by the students.

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# JERSEY: A MOVIE REVIEW



The film 'Jersey' is a sports drama directed by "Gowtam NaiduTinnanuri". It is his Hindidirectional debut, and was released on 22 April 2022. The remake of Gowtam's 2019 Telugu movie with the same title, Jersey's 174 minutes of running time, are packed with nail-biting moments revolving around the heart-touching story of a father-son duo. In the concise manner possible, the film is about a father's determination to buy his son an Indian Cricket Team Jersey. The cinematic shots of the cricket match in the film have been captured perfectly, and is nothing short of goosebumps inducing to the audience.

This movie revolves around a former Ranji Cricket Player Arjun Talwar (Shahid Kapoor) and his school-going son Kitu (Ronit Kamra). The chemistry between them is pretty palpable. The film portrays the

journey of Arjun defying all odds to fulfil the wish of his son 'Kitu' for a Jersey T-shirt of the Indian team. However, he cannot afford it as he has no money and has lost his job. This leads to him begging for alms but soon gets frustrated owing to people misbehaving with him in return of his request for lending him some money. These circumstances push Arjun to start playing cricket again.

The 'bourgeoise-samurai' mindset portrayed through Arjun's is vividly shown as his despair when no one offers to help him to buy a Jersey. He had retired from playing cricket himself previously as he suffered from heart disease. However, he wanted to buy the Jersey for his son himself and thereby remain a 'Hero' in his son's eyes. His wife (Mrunal Thakur) had significantly less faith in him as he had lost his job, and the entire burden of earning was on her. To fulfil a small wish of buying a Jersey for his son, Arjun faced the realities of life and became very frustrated at last; and he decided to start playing cricket from the point where he had



left it due to having risk for his own health. To stand at the crossroads again to rediscover him and to stage him as a 'Hero' in front of his son's eyes he takes the ultimate leap of faith. Arjun was not readily accepted back by the Punjab Ranji Team as he was trying to re-enter the Arena of Cricket at the

age of thirty-six i.e., around retirement as an Indian Cricket Player. When he could not get help from anyone to buy a Jersey for his son, he decided to again plunge into the world of cricket, knowing that he had to sacrifice his life for that. Arjun was so determined that not only did he get selected to play in Ranji

Trophy Match, but he also made the Punjab Team win the Trophy for the first time as depicted in the film. This showed the combination of the divine spirit, strong determination and perseverance through which he made an impossible thing possible and made his co-players realise their

mistakes concerning jealousy towards him. Everybody accepted him as a great batsman and gave him the respect he deserved. The songs by Sachet-Parampara in this film have made the movie more attractive and enjoyable. Though Arjun successfully retained the image of being a 'Hero' in front of his son, he lost his life due to a heart attack out of the stress that he put on his body for winning a Jersey for his son. In the film's last scene, in a felicitation ceremony organised by BCCI, Arjun's son Kitu got the Indian Team Jersey of his father. This shows how a robust and determined wish gets manifested even after one has died to fulfil it. This movie is quite different from other sports-drama movies as the protagonist Arjun never gave up before any difficulties and he sacrificed his life to fulfil the wish of his son.

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## India's Best Dancer 3 Mother's Day Special: Contestant Ram Bisht Gets Reunited With His Mom After 7 Years

Popular dance reality show India's Best Dancer Season 3 will see the 'Best Ka Double Test' on Saturday and the 'Battle of the Best' on Sunday. Combinations of two or three contestants along with their choreographers will have to perform together to win the hearts (and marks) of the E.E.N.T specialists - judges Sonali Bendre, Geeta Kapur & Terence Lewis in the first challenge. The second challenge will have the contestants battling each other in intense dance face-offs, truly proving their mettle with each move. One such battle that is set to leave everybody spellbound will be between the 'Best 13' contestants - Ram Bisht and Apeksha Londhe on the song 'dum dum mast hai' from the film 'Band



Baaja Baaraat'. Geeta Kapur is affectionately called Geeta "Maa" for good reason and on 'Mother's Day', Geeta will plan a sweet surprise for Ram Bisht. Ram, who has not met his parents for the past seven years, will be reunited with them on the stage of India's Best Dancer Season 3. The reunion would make him

emotional, and a grateful Ram Bisht would share, "I had met my father once, I had called him when I was in Punjab and cried on the phone. However, I did not meet my mother and I went back to Mumbai. It's been 6-7 years since then and I am meeting them now. And, India's Best Dancer Season 3 made this happen by giving me this opportunity. Truly

Grateful. I could have gone back but I was chasing the dreams of my life and I always want to see them happy as I come closer to achieving my dreams." With his family by his side, Ram would be motivated to give his best in the dance battle, and he would dedicate this performance to his family. Talking about how his

beloved mother has always supported his dreams, Ram Bisht added saying "My mother has always supported me and my dreams. Although we did not have much money, my father would pay my school fees and my mother would then convince my principal to let me use the school fees for my dance classes. I wanted to go to a dance competition and at that time, my mother used to earn 200 rupees a day. She worked for a whole month, earned 1500 rupees and paid for my entrance fee into the competition. She always wanted me to pursue my dreams. I want to tell my mother a big thank you. I have danced a lot for myself and for others, today I want to dance for my mother." Ram Bisht whose is 25 from Ludhiana, Punjab known for his breaking and open

style is amongst the Behereen 13 for India's Best Dancer Season 3. He is amongst the most favorite of contestants of this season and enjoy dancing to the fullest. Praised by everyone on the sets, Ram will be seen performing this weekend with his mom to whom he has never seen since last 7 years and will be performing the same on Mother's Day special occasion. The young dancer will also pay a tribute to his dear mother, dancing to the tune of 'Tujh Mein Rab Dikhta Hai'. The performance will be so moving that it will leave everybody teary-eyed. Judge Sonali Bendre would tell Ram to not punish his parents like this anymore, and meet them frequently and not keep his mother waiting for another 7 years.

## Mandana reacts to being called a gold digger, 'I have dated powerful men but not because they have money, I spoil myself with my own money'

In the latest episode of Lock Upp, Azma Fallah tells Mandana Karimi that some people were badmouthing her saying she has only dated directors. Mandana says it's not true and Saisha Shinde adds, "Even if she does, what's the problem." Azma talks about the secret that

Mandana revealed previously and says she's also being called a gold digger. Mandana says, "I may look fancy but I am spoiling myself with my money, what I have earned. As far as my dating is concerned, yes, I have dated powerful men. But it is not for their money. It is on record, I have broken up with a powerful man because it wasn't worth



my time or life. In fact, many times my things have gone. They have ruined my name, and my life. Just like my ex." Mandana says that Ali Merchant has been putting words in her mouth. She says, "I know what I have done. I know who I have loved and with whom I have been in a relationship and how it was. Later, Ali goes to

speak in front of the camera and calls Mandana the most fake person in the house. He says, "I am not directly calling her a gold digger. But she has similar traits of a gold digger. She looks for prey, earns their sympathy, gets close, makes them hear her sob story and then befriends them like she tried to do with Zeeshan and I.

## Yoga: A Medium to Achieve Peace, Harmony & Non-Violence



The 9th celebration of International Yoga Day will be celebrated in India as well as in most of the countries around the world on 21st June 2023 with a new theme- "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", which beautifully captures our shared aspiration for "One Earth, One Family, and One Future." From the United Nations headquarters in New York, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the global celebration of yoga this year. Yoga is being made a medium to connect human beings. In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had proposed to celebrate Yoga Day in the United Nations meeting, after which it was announced on 11 December 2014 to celebrate 21 June every year as International Yoga Day. Due to India's efforts regarding the importance of yoga, countries around the world started celebrating Yoga Day at the world level. Through Indian Yoga and Meditation, India is succeeding in achieving 'Vishwa Guru' status and a

unique identity in the world. That is why International Yoga Day has been accepted by the whole world. The vision and efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created an unusual atmosphere for the international acceptance of Yoga Day. Today every sphere of life is surrounded by problems due to pandemic, Great War, terrorism, rising inflation, poverty, unemployment, due to which every person and family is feeling extreme stress/pressure in their daily life. Everyone is living a life of doubt, conflict and mental turmoil. There is a crisis of life in front of man. Mental balance is getting disturbed. Mental balance means to establish harmony in different situations and to achieve this; the powerful and effective medium is yoga. Yoga is such a technique, a science that heals our body, mind, thoughts and soul. It removes our stress and frustration. When we do yoga, focus on the breath, do pranayama and exercise, all this inspires our body and mind to be happy and cheerful from within. Yoga is a powerful way to get rid of the hustle and bustle of life. Yoga is the process of purifying and enlightening the consciousness of man, it

is an undertaking to elevate man, it is a means to establish balance in life and it is the science of oneness with God and the universe. Realization of self is the task of life, the goal. This realization can neither be attained by discourse, nor can it be attained by intellect, nor by listening a lot, for that it is necessary to have self-realization and this realization happens only to the one whose conscience is pure and selfless. The pure conscience is the mirror in which the vision of the soul, the manifestation of nature and the vision of the self are seen. In a pure conscience, the intellect remains heavenly and clean, the mind as pure as the Ganges, the mind as steady as the light of a motionless lamp without wind, and the entire consciousness flowing like rivers to meet the ocean. Just as one's face

is visible in the mirror only when the mirror is clear and stable, similarly the Supreme power of self is visible only through a pure conscience. Yoga is such an effective form of exercise, through which balance is created not only in the parts of the body but also in the mind, and soul. This is the reason that apart from physical ailments, mental problems can also be overcome by yoga. The importance of yoga, which is found in our Vedas or even earlier literature, today the same yoga is gaining its fame all over the world and due to the corona crisis, the usefulness of yoga has increased more than before. Seeing its benefits, everyone seems to be adopting it in their rushing life and life crisis caused by epidemics, war, violence, economic instability and terrorism. Slowly, but people are

- Lalit Garg -

understanding that by doing yoga, not only the biggest diseases can be driven away but also happiness can be brought in their life, life can be balanced, Work-efficiencies can be increased, peace and mirror for the reflection of truth. That's why all spiritual practice is for purifying the heart. When it becomes pure, all the truths are reflected in it at that very moment. Unholy imagination is as bad as unholy acts." Modern materialistic and convenient life is pushing man towards disturbance, imbalance, tension, fatigue and irritability, due to which the disorder is increasing. Yoga is such a powerful medicine that keeps the mind cool and the body fit to keep such heterogeneous and discrepant life healthy and energetic. The pace of life can be given a musical pace through yoga. Yoga is the oldest identity of our Indian culture. The awakening of Yoga-consciousness leads to purification of the mind. Its process is to see the soul through the soul. Observing the tendencies and states of mind by the free consciousness of attachment and aversion. Right philosophy is a powerful undertaking to transform the Self. The secretions of the glandular system are balanced by the experiments of self-realization. Due to this the feelings remain pure, thoughts become healthy. The word yoga is derived from the age of culture, which means the union of the soul with the universal consciousness.

Yoga has been practiced for more than ten thousand years. According to the Vedic Samhitas, it is mentioned in the Vedas about the ascetics since ancient times. Sculptures depicting yoga and meditation were also found in the Indus Valley Civilization. In Hinduism, Yoga civilization was adopted by sages, monks and yogis from the very beginning, but not much time has passed since this method has spread among the common people. However, knowing the glory and importance of yoga, it is being adopted extensively for a healthy lifestyle, mainly because of its positive effects in busy, stressful and unhealthy routines. Yoga is necessary for us to stay healthy. Through yoga, you can benefit from many diseases like asthma, diabetes, blood pressure, arthritis. Yoga removes stress and gets good sleep, appetite is good, not only this, digestion is also improved. Body fat can be reduced only through yoga. When man takes shelter of yoga to solve his physical, mental and spiritual problems and get their solution, then he connects with yoga, makes relationships, tries to bring it into life. But when one starts knowing something about it, knowing it steps in the process of action, then it

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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 Antarctic" 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-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-

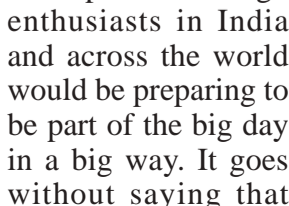
healthcare systems and the development of yoga-based interventions for various health conditions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had recently asked the stakeholders of Ayush to speed up the efforts

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

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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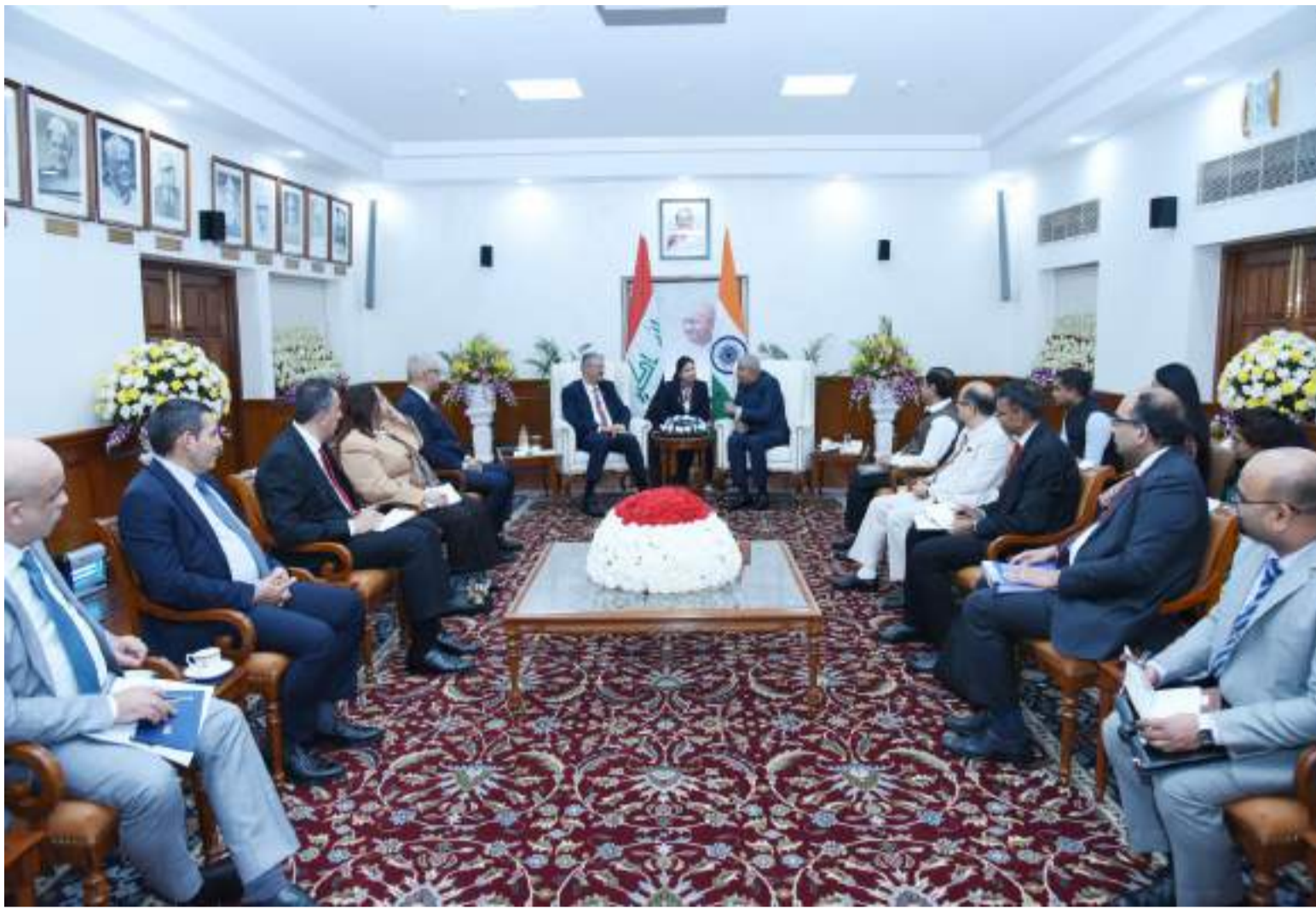
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The Deputy Prime Minister for Energy Affairs and Minister of Oil, Iraq, Mr. Hayan Abdul Ghani Al-Swad calls on the Vice-President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar at the Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas, in New Delhi

## Man Slits Mumbai Woman's Throat In Moving Auto, Then Attempts Suicide

Mumbai: A man allegedly slit the throat of a woman in a moving autorickshaw in Mumbai today and then tried to end his own life using the same weapon, police said.

According to the police, the victim, identified as 30-year-old Panchsheela Jamdar, was a resident of Sangharsh Nagar. She was traveling in an autorickshaw when she got into a fight with the accused, Deepak Borse, who was travelling in the same vehicle.

Borse slashed the woman's throat before she could get out of the autorickshaw. She staggered a few steps before collapsing to the ground. Borse fled the scene of the crime and



then tried to end his own life by using the same sharp weapon. However, he could only manage to give himself a gash on the neck and was later hunted down by the police.

"Deepak Borse slit the throat of Panchshila Jamdar inside a moving autorickshaw. She got out of the vehicle to escape but fell some distance away. Borse tried to end his life by

gashing his neck with the same sharp-edged weapon," a police official said as quoted by news agency PTI. Both the victim and the accused were rushed to the hospital where the woman was declared brought dead, the police said. Visuals from the spot where the woman collapsed show blood splattered across the ground. The police have cordoned off the area and launched a probe.

# YOGA FOR BEAUTY



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 asana 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.

### SHAHNAZ HUSAIN

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

Regular yoga practice pranayama, and meditation aid you in reverse the signs of ageing including wrinkles, saggy skin, crow's feet and fine lines

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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

amongst other. Pranayam helps purifying the blood because of the increased intake of oxygen, which is very crucial for improving immunity. Yoga is one of the most effective and time-tested natural immunity boosters that can lead to a healthy, sickness-free body. Mindfulness meditation can have benefits for health and performance, including improved immune function, reduced blood pressure and enhanced cognitive function. Those who regularly practice yoga and meditation have a certain glow about them that comes from within and radiates outward. Yoga helps lower stress hormones that compromise the immune system, while also conditioning the lungs and respiratory tract, stimulating the lymphatic system to oust toxins from the body, and bringing oxygenated blood to the various organs to ensure their optimal function which helps us to remain healthy and attain inner beauty.

significantly increases left-sided, anterior brain activation (pattern indicating positive emotions) in meditators (compared to non-meditating controls) and that this activity was associated with the rise in antibodies. The practice of yoga may greatly aid in helping you look more youthful and more refreshed. I have always said that a strong immune system, good health and beauty are complimentary to each other. Unless you are healthy from the inside, you cannot reflect true 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, 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 premature 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, graceful figure, make yoga a part of your daily life.

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# Clay artisans in Odisha look to sell well during Rath Yatra

**KENDRAPARA:** WITH a few hours left for Rath Yatra, as many as 25 clay idol artists of Kamarakhandi village are ready with the idols of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Goddess Subhadra near Baladev Jew temple here. The clay images are high in demand during the eight days of the car festival. Suprava Moharana, 48, of village Kamarakhandi has been one of the active artists among the lot. She along with her husband Ranjan

Moharana, a sixth-generation chitrakar of the deities, and two daughters make more than 50 clay images of the deities on a day. "I have been making the idols since the past 30 years. Our family members have been doing 'Chitrakar Seba' by painting the stone deities in the temple and the chariot," said Suprava. Apart from painting the deities 12 times in a year for several 'beshas', the family also makes clay images during the car festival. Two decades ago, over 50 families were practising the art.



Today, it has come down to around 25, added Suprava while painting an idol in her thatched house. Largely women paint the clay images of the Trinity with fabric colours and the price ranges from Rs 50 to Rs 200, informed Suprava. "Our scope of work is restricted now. We also make other images during Dussehra, Kali Puja and diyas during Diwali," said Moharana (45), an artisan. This is the time when we sell good as the demand

is high, he adds. The age-old tradition of making clay images of the gods and goddesses however is losing sheen as the current crop of youngsters in these families are not showing interest in the craft. Lamenting the diminishing number of artists, Manoj Moharana, an artisan said, apart from Rath Yatra time, the business is never encouraging on other occasions. So we cannot force our younger generations to continue the art.

## Air Ambulance Service Soon



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** After successfully implementing Mukhya Mantri Bayu Swasthya Seva (MMBSS), the State Government has now initiated steps to roll out air ambulance service across the state. The State Government had launched the Mukhya Mantri Bayu Swasthya Seva scheme in September 2021 to provide modern healthcare facilities by super specialty doctors to patients of remote areas of Nuapada, Kalahandi,

Nabarangpur and Malkangiri districts. Now, the Government moved to extend the privilege throughout the State with deployment of a dedicated helicopter in Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in order to provide a speedy medical outreach to needy citizens, sources said. It can cohesively augment the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in regions where challenging topography and road terrain prevent

road ambulances from rendering timely medical aid. By utilizing the versatility of helicopters which are suitably equipped for EMS role, HEMS can increase the accessibility and timeliness of trauma care services to a wider population base across the country. The chopper will be stationed at one of the major medical colleges like AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, SCB Medical College &

Hospital, Cuttack, Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Science & Research, Sambalpur and MKCG Medical College & Hospital, Berhampur. The helicopter will be equipped with ventilator, monitor defibrillator, Fibre optic laryngoscope with all types of blades, syringe pump, portable oxygen bottle, advanced life support crash kit, stretcher, neonatal transport incubator, hand held blood gas analyser, etc.

Whenever there is any emergency or a major accident like the Bahanaga triple train mishap, this service will be utilised to save maximum people, the source said. The Commerce and Transport Department has invited tenders from prospective bidders to run the air ambulance service. Once the service provider will be selected, the service will be rolled out, which will be first of its kind in the history of Odisha.

## OSBC Pays Dividend To State



**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha State Beverages Corporation (OSBC), a State owned Public Sector Undertaking paid its dividend to the State Government today. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra received the a cheque of Rs. Rs.7,58,01,326.00 from the Principal Secretary Excise and Chairman OSBC S.K.

Lohani in Lokseba Bhawan. Development Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Jena and Principal Secretary Finance Ashok Kumar Meena were present on the occasion. Principal Secretary Mr.Lohani said, "As per the decisions of the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation, we have

paid this amount to Government towards dividend for the year 2019-20". He added, "apart from this amount, the OSBC has also donated Rs.15 crore to the Chief Ministers' Relief Fund; and, Rs.1.43 crore to the Health & Family Welfare Department for purchase of the ambulances with advanced life support

system and technology during the year". Managing Director OSBCL Saroj Kumar Sethi present on the occasion said, "OSBCC in its fight against ongoing pandemic of Covid-19 has distributed sanitizer and masks to the differently-abled persons and transgender communities during the current year".



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'UnserHaus' by BSH Home Appliances - Kolkata's new luxury address

**Bhubaneswar:** BSH Home Appliances Group, one of the world's leading home appliances companies today launched its first 'UnserHaus' in Kolkata. This is BSH's only experience center in India to house all its three brands - Bosch, Siemens and Gaggenau under one roof. Located at Salt Lake city's Advantz Infinity @ 5, this new experience center is all set to welcome customers as well as Kolkata's strong architecture & design community. The company already has two other stores in Kolkata - a multi-channel Bosch & Siemens Brand Store in Dhakuria and a Bosch Studio in Shakespeare Sarani. UnserHaus is the German name for "Our House". It is a place where comfort, convenience, inspiration,

and memories reside in every corner. The philosophy and core ethos of BSH's UnserHaus are focused on building long-lasting trust with all customers & business partners. Keeping this in mind, the space is designed to ensure that all visitors feel at home when they visit, helping them experience the products as if they were in their own house.

Commenting on the launch of UnserHaus, Kolkata, Neeraj Bahl, MD & CEO, BSH Home Appliances (India & SAARC) said, "Kolkata is one of our high performing markets and we're thrilled to further expand our presence here by opening doors to our 101st retail space". The new-age Indian consumer continues to look for offline experiences especially in

the home and cooking category and we're glad to offer this state-of-the-art, practical space where buyers can get a first-hand experience of our innovation-fueled appliances across all three brands Bosch, Siemens and Gaggenau. This is our sixth experience center in India and the only one to house all our three brands. We look forward to continued growth momentum in the city and we're confident that this space will also boost our presence in key neighboring cities as well."

\*The company now has six experience centers across Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai and Kolkata, and an India-wide retail network of 95 brand shops (80 brand stores for Bosch and 15 brand stores for Siemens).

Mahagram offers door to door banking services through Kirana stores

**Bhubaneswar:** Mahagram is a social enterprise focusing on Financial Inclusion that has enabled banking from the mom-and-pop store around the corner through fintech solutions. The company's mission is to enable rural women to save money at the local Kirana (or grocery) stores, instead of traveling miles to the nearest bank branch.

Recently, Mahagram has tied up with a public sector bank - the Bank of Maharashtra to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha. The fintech

would provide financial technology and infrastructure support to augment rural financial inclusion. As part of the tie-up, the company has onboarded more than 11,000 bank sakhis (women) on the BharatATM platform to help the rural citizens avail themselves of basic banking services at their doorstep or the next door Kirana stores.

Mahagram aims to increase the ratio and habit of household savings in rural India. "At Mahagram, we are indulged in offering basic banking services

like deposit and withdrawal transactions to consumers but it is now high time for rural people to save money. We are focusing on Financial Inclusion the flagship project of Modi government, by helping lot of beneficiaries to open bank accounts under the 'Jan Dhan Yojana'. We are also emphasizing on rural women because they are the ones who run households. Our vision for 2022 is to offer women the service of recurring deposit," says Mr. Ram Shriram, CEO, Mahagram.

EICHER TRACTORS Launches PRIMA G3 - Premium Range of Tractors for Next-Gen Farmers

**Bhubaneswar:** EICHER TRACTORS, from the house of TAFE - Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, world's third largest tractor manufacturer, announced the launch of the EICHER PRIMA G3 Series - all new range of premium tractors for the new-age Indian farmer who demands style, substance and solidity. The EICHER PRIMA G3 is a new series of tractors in the 40 - 60 hp range, that offers Premium Styling, Progressive Technology and Perfect Comfort built with decades of unmatched experience. Launching the EICHER PRIMA G3 series, Mallika Srinivasan, CMD - TAFE said, "The

Eicher brand, for decades, has been well-known for its trust, reliability, ruggedness and versatility in both the agriculture and commercial space. The launch of the PRIMA G3, brings to the progressive farmers of a modern India, more productivity, comfort and ease to match their new aspirations, and offers an enhanced value proposition that Eicher has always promised."

The new PRIMA G3 boasts a new age design with its distinct aerodynamic hood, that makes a unique style statement and offers easy access to the engine with its one-touch front-open, single piece bonnet. The bold grille with high

intensity 3D cooling technology and wrap-around headlamps and Digi NXT Dashboard are a perfect fusion of bold and elegant looks, which provide higher cross air flow and long hours of continuous operation. The youthful sporty steering wheel with a spinner knob offers effortless control.

Dr. Lakshmi Venu, DMD, TAFE Motors and Tractors Limited (TMTL) said, "Young and progressive farmers of India are seeking to maximise returns from farming operations while focusing on technology and agri-tech solutions, and the PRIMA G3 would be the ideal partner in creating an ecosystem that will

revolutionize agriculture".

Engineered with state-of-the-art customer-centric technology, the EICHER PRIMA G3 range comes the High Torque - Fuel Saver (HT-FS) liquid cooled engine, that provides greater efficiency for higher productivity and more fuel savings. The Combined Torque Transmission offers perfect pairing of the engine and the transaxle to deliver maximum power, torque and productivity. The new multispeed PTO provides 4 different PTO modes, making the EICHER PRIMA G3 compatible with multiple agricultural and commercial applications.

Sandeep Sinha, CEO - TAFE said, "We are delighted to launch the new PRIMA G3 series with a world-class styling and international technology, that offers premium automotive excellence in style, fit and finish, and robust build quality. The Eicher PRIMA G3 is a reflection of Eicher's hallmark durability and reliability. The PRIMA G3 is equipped with ergonomic operator stations, new steering controls for a comfortable, safe and long hours of productive use. We will ensure that our customers have easy access to the new Eicher PRIMA G3 series."

Godrej Appliances offers wide range of home appliances and enhanced shopping experience to consumers

**Bhubaneswar:** Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group announced that its business Godrej Appliances plans to strengthen its presence and expand its network of exclusive brand outlets further, inaugurating its first store in Chandol, Kendrapara district in the state of Odisha, India. This will be the brand's 26th exclusive outlet in Odisha under Bhubaneswar branch.

Towards strengthening the supply chain and creating a next-level experience for customers in Kendrapara, Godrej Appliances has launched its exclusive brand outlet - called Godrej

Inspire Hub spread over 1200 sqft, strategically located on the Chandol main road, in collaboration with its channel partner Jagannath Electronics.

Convenience and comfort are priorities for consumers today. This is evident from the gradual increase in demand for premium products, even in tier II and tier III cities. Moreover, with the pandemic in the backdrop, appliances have emerged as a necessity in every Indian home.

EBOs solidify Godrej Appliances' already extensive network across the country, fulfill the premium product requirement of its

customers and most importantly give them a much wider display to choose from thus enhancing their purchase experience. The brand currently has 120+ exclusive outlets across the country and aims to have 140+ EBOs by this financial year.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch, Sanjeev Jain, National Sales Head - Godrej Appliances said, "We have always endeavored to be as close to our customers as possible. We believe our Exclusive Brand Outlets will give even greater value to our loyal customers. With our exclusive showroom, we have the opportunity to

showcase our entire range of best-in-class appliances at a single location. Odisha is an important market for us and we look forward to delighting our customers with the best shopping experience."

Adding further, Sanjay Kumar Behera, Owner of Jagannath Electronics said, "We are extremely delighted to have partnered with Godrej Appliances, which is a highly respected and trusted brand. We are sure that our outlet will prove to be a great destination for the discerning customers of Chandol through its unique offerings from Godrej Appliances."

The exclusive brand outlet will display the

entire range of Godrej appliances including refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, dishwashers, air coolers, deep freezers, microwave ovens, thermoelectric technology-powered Godrej Qube and UV-C technology-based Godrej Viros shield. To top it, there are inaugural assured gifts on purchase of select models for customers. Consumers will also be able to avail one-year free extended warranty on select models and one year of product insurance, exclusively, at every Godrej Appliances' exclusive brand outlet. The brand also provides priority after-sales service to every Godrej exclusive store customer.

Bank of Baroda launches Industry-First end-to-end Digital Co-Lending Platform

**Mumbai:** Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks and named the Best Technology Bank by Indian Banks' Association (IBA), today announced the launch of an end-to-end Digital Platform to facilitate co-lending of loans in partnership with NBFCs. The platform provides seamless integration between the Bank and multiple NBFC partners to strengthen, accelerate and simplify the co-lending process. The platform uses rule-based algorithms for underwriting, enables credit assessment checks, enables Retail, MSME, Agri co-lending product offerings and

increases process efficiency. The digital co-lending platform has state-of-the-art capabilities to handle both the option 1 (Non-Discretionary) and option 2 (Discretionary) models of co-lending for secured as well as unsecured products as per the latest RBI guidelines on the co-lending model.

Shri Vikramaditya Singh Khichi, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda said, "The Digital Co-Lending Platform will pave the way for both Bank of Baroda and our NBFC partners to seamlessly integrate and enable lending to borrowers with improved TAT. Co-

lending is a priority area for the Bank and we believe that this state-of-the-art platform will help to achieve significant milestones in the coming years. The Bank is targeting to partner with at least 10 NBFCs and also to build a Rs. 10,000 crore co-lending loan book through the digital platform in the next two years."

Shri Akhil Handa, Chief Digital Officer, Bank of Baroda added, "The Digital Co-Lending Platform is an agile technology-driven multi-dimensional solution that provides an end-to-end solution for the complex accounting issues which are common under co-lending."

Amazon.in launches 'Back to School' store

**Bhubaneswar:** With the opening of schools and resuming of offline classes, Amazon.in announced the launch of 'Back to school' store - a one stop destination to simplify the shopping needs of children. The specially curated store offers deals on a wide range of products across study essentials like stationery, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, PCs, headsets & speakers, printers, Amazon devices, home furnishing among others

to help parents, teachers and students with school supplies and to create an effective learning and productive environment. The offers and deals will be available till 12th June 2022.

Here are some popular products customers can choose from the 'Back to school' store on Amazon.in. All offers & deals are from participating sellers. HONOR MagicBook X 15, Intel Core i3 Anti-Glare Thin and Light Laptop - It has stylish

appearance with premium aluminum metal body with 16.9MM thickness, 5.3 MM narrow bezels and the weight of the laptop is only 1.56kg, which allows you to carry it easily, making it very convenient for school, travel, and work. It is available for starting INR 37,990 on Amazon.in. Lenovo Tab M10 FHD Plus Tablet, Platinum Grey - Make way for the stylish 8.1 mm Tab M10 FHD Plus.

Annual General Meeting of Vitesco Technologies

**Regensburg:** Vitesco Technologies, a leading international developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge drive systems for sustainable mobility, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today. The AGM was held virtually due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In separate votes, the shareholders formally approved the actions of all the Executive Board members during their term of office in the 2021 financial year. The actions of all members of the Supervisory Board in office in 2021 were also approved for their respective terms. "We are delighted to have received this vote of confidence from the Annual General

Meeting. We regard this outcome as a clear mandate to continue the successful collaboration and positioning of Vitesco Technologies as a supplier of sustainable drive solutions with a clear goal," said CEO Andreas Wolf.

All current members of the Supervisory Board representing the shareholders who were up for election were re-elected to office. The members of the Supervisory Board who represent the employees will be elected separately. A complete list of all Supervisory Board members and the results of the voting at the AGM are available on the Vitesco Technologies website under 'Annual General Meeting'.

LV Prasad Eye Institute Organizes a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk

**Bhubaneswar:** LV Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tulsichanrai Campus in Bhubaneswar organized a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk on 8th May 2022. This walk is part of the 'Whitathon' event organized by LV Prasad Eye Institute across its campuses in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam and

Vijayawada. Celebrity actor, Mr Sabyasachi Mishra, will be flagging off the walk.

Whitathon is LV Prasad Eye Institute's annual cause-related event focusing on raising awareness and funds for early diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma - a Life and Vision-threatening Eye Cancer in Children. One of the most common

symptoms of Retinoblastoma is White Reflex (white glow) in a child's eye. Through this walk, LVPEI aims to raise awareness among the public that if they spot a 'White Reflex' in a child's eye, it could be a sign of eye cancer that needs immediate medical intervention. Hence, the event is named 'Whitathon'.

Dr Devjyoti Tripathy, Ocular Oncologist, Mithu Tulsichanrai Campus, Bhubaneswar, LV Prasad Eye Institute said, "Our aim is to raise awareness about early detection and treatment of retinoblastoma eye cancer in children. No child should die of eye cancer because of lack of awareness and treatment. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr Sabyasachi Mishra for joining us for

development & management.

Commenting on the appointment of a new member in the leadership team, Mr. Mehul Nanavati, Managing Director, Raj Petro Specialities Pvt Ltd. stated, "We are thrilled to have a seasoned industry leader join our team. With Prasad onboard, we are confident that he will accelerate the growth momentum. His unique domain expertise will further help strengthen Raj Petro's market position and expand footprint across markets."

Ms. Archana Gharate - Head HR said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Prasad Vaze, our newest member to the LT team. He will be

taking on the important hat of managing Raj Petro's Lubricants Business, and we wish him all the best for his journey! With his knowledge and extensive experience, we are confident that Prasad will assist Raj Petro in reaching new heights."

On his appointment Mr. Prasad Vaze said, "I am very thrilled to take on this new role. My vision is to create a world class experience for our consumers and channel partners. Our aim is to leverage Kyros, Onwo and Zoomol brands, explore humongous potential that India and international markets offer and grow the Lubricant business profitability."

Dr Tripathy further added that it is time to make detailed eye check-ups a part of mandatory paediatric examinations.

## Big Bash League set to witness major revamp in structure



**New Delhi:** The 13th edition of Australia's Big Bash League will see the competition shortened to 44 games with Cricket Australia advancing the changes to the tournament structure that were due to be implemented under the new TV rights deal. Men's BBL will revert to 44-game season - 40 home and away league matches, and four-match finals between the top-four sides, of which the structure is yet to be confirmed - in BBL-13 and future seasons a year in advance of CA's extended seven-year broadcast deal with Foxtel Group and Seven West Media. The WBBL remains unchanged, 59-game competition with 56 league games and three finals. "A shortened BBL will allow us greater

flexibility to ensure we can deliver the best possible fixture for clubs and fans, while providing a platform that allows players to continue to produce the world-class levels of cricket we've seen over the duration of the tournament." CA's general manager of Big Bash Leagues, Alistair Dobson said. Dobson did not rule out possible changes to WBBL structure in the future. "Whilst no changes have been made to the WBBL schedule, it's vital that we make sure the tournament continues to be at the forefront of T20 Leagues as the global women's game continues to evolve at a rapid rate. "As a League we're always reviewing and looking at ways we can evolve, adapt and

innovate, and as part of that, we'll continue to consider the structure of the WBBL season," he added. In addition, another change to BBL will be the ability to trade draft picks, with the order set to be confirmed via a lottery ahead of the season, while the inaugural WBBL draft is due in September. In another first, both BBL and WBBL will see a week-long retention window where clubs will get first rights at re-signing up to 12 men's and 10 women's players respectively, including national players who have already signed multi-year deals. This season's retention window begins on May 15 and will end with the lifting of the contracting embargo and beginning of the trade period on May 22.

## UEFA Euro 2024: Bukayo Saka Hat-Trick Powers England To Massive Win In Qualifying Match Over North Macedonia

**New Delhi:** Manchester: England routed North Macedonia 7-0 with a stunning Bukayo Saka hat trick at Old Trafford in UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying on Monday. Harry Kane also scored twice to make it a record-extending 58 goals for his country and England maintained a perfect start in Group C with 12 points from four games. Marcus Rashford and substitute Kalvin Phillips also scored. Saka achieved his first career hat trick in style and manager Gareth Southgate later revealed the forward carried an injury into the game. "He's had a slightly sore Achilles and it's another one where it would have been easy to pull out of the camp and miss out on a night like this that I'm sure will live with him forever," Southgate said. Saka smashed an



unstoppable effort into the top corner at the near post in the first half. Two minutes after the break came a moment of solo brilliance when he hit a dipping shot beyond North Macedonia goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski from the edge of the area. Four minutes later, he burst through on goal and delivered a cool finish. "It's a feeling I can't put

into words. I'm so happy," Saka said. "It's been a really long season. It's the end of the season now. I couldn't have ended it in a better way." Fresh from beating Malta 4-0 on Friday, Southgate's team produced an even more emphatic performance at the home of Manchester United. Kane's strike in the 29th minute got England going after he

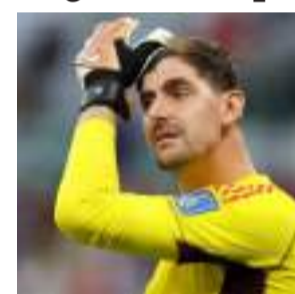
was set up by Rashford and Luke Shaw. Saka's first doubled the lead in the 38th from a Kyle Walker pass from the right. Rashford made it 3-0 in the 45th after Jordan Henderson's assist from the left. A quickfire double after the break saw Saka complete his hat trick with assists from Trent Alexander-Arnold and Kane. Phillips converted

from close range in the 64th, five minutes after coming on as a substitute, and Kane converted a penalty in the 73rd after John Stones was brought down by Egzon Bejtulai in the box. It is just over 12 months since Southgate and England were booed off the field by fans following a 4-0 home loss to Hungary in the Nations League. Following elimination in the World Cup quarterfinals in Qatar, England is rekindling optimism that Euro 2024 could deliver a first trophy since the 1966 World Cup. "Post World Cup I think we've hit a sweet spot where there is a hunger to go further than we've been and a desire to keep pushing forward," Southgate said. "That's a good place to be."

## Real Madrid Star Thibaut Leaves Belgium Camp Over Of Reports Of Captaincy Row

**New Delhi:** Thibaut Courtois has left Belgium's training camp ahead of a qualifying match for next year's European championships, amid reports in local media that the Real Madrid goalkeeper was frustrated not to be handed the captain's armband in the previous game. The Belgian federation confirmed to The Associated Press that

Courtois had left the camp and would miss Tuesday's match in Estonia, but did not give a reason for his departure. Belgian media reported on Monday that Courtois, who played in Belgium's 1-1 draw against Austria on Saturday, was disappointed with coach Domenico Tedesco's handling of the captaincy. (Intercontinental Cup:



Odisha CM Patnaik Announces Rs 1 Crore Reward For Team India) In the absence of Manchester City midfielder Kevin De Bruyne, who missed the

match against Austria after picking up an injury in the Champions League final, Tedesco had given the captaincy duties to striker Romelu Lukaku, who responded by scoring Belgium's equalizer. The Het Nieuwsblad newspaper reported that Courtois - who has played 102 matches for the Red Devils was vexed by the decision and did not show up

when players gathered back at the team's hotel to prepare for the Estonia game. Tedesco had announced Saturday that it would be Courtois' turn to wear the armband against Estonia. Strasbourg goalkeeper Matz Sels is now expected to replace Courtois in goal. Austria has a three-point lead over Belgium, which has one match in hand in Group F.

## Europa League 2023 Semifinals: Juventus Snatch Late Draw Vs Sevilla, AS Roma Beat Bayer Leverkusen

**New Delhi:** Substitute Federico Gatti scored deep into stoppage time to salvage a 1-1 draw for Juventus against six-time champion Sevilla in the first leg of the Europa League semifinals on Thursday. Gatti headed in the equalizer in the seventh minute of added time in Turin to keep alive the Italian team's hopes for a European trophy after a long drought. Juventus won the competition when it was known as the UEFA Cup three times, most recently in 1993. The team will have to win in the second leg next week to get a chance to claim a first European title since winning the Champions League in 1996. Sevilla has won the trophy six times and the Spanish squad again proved it is a title contender. Youssef En-Nesyri scored in the 26th minute to finish a lethal counterattack for Sevilla, which eliminated Manchester United in the quarterfinals. It was the forward's



18th goal in all competitions. The visitors suffered a setback when Lucas Ocampos, who had several attempts on goal, had to be substituted in the 34th due to an injury. Sevilla had another good chance but goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny tipped Ivan Rakitic's shot over the bar. Earlier, Ángel Di María helped Juventus create some pressure but it was the visitors who struck first. Sevilla has never lost a semifinal in this competition.

Roma stayed on course to claim back-to-back European titles by beating Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 in the first leg of their semifinal. José Mourinho's team won the inaugural edition of the third-tier Europa Conference League last year. Leverkusen has been on the rise under coach Xabi Alonso, who played for Mourinho at Real Madrid, but Roma had the upper hand at Stadio Olimpico. Edoardo Bove scored the decider in the 63rd. The 20-year-

old midfielder netted his first European goal on a rebound with a left-foot strike after goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky saved the initial attempt by forward Tammy Abraham. In the first half, Hradecky kept the visitors in game by saving a Roger Ibañez header from close range. Jeremie Frimpong failed to capitalize on Roma goalkeeper Rui Patrício's blunder in a clear chance to equalize. Said Benrahma and Michail Antonio led West Ham's second-

half rally to beat AZ Alkmaar 2-1 at London Stadium. Benrahma converted from the spot to erase the Dutch team's lead before Antonio scored from close range. Tijjani Reijnders put the visitors ahead four minutes before halftime with a strike from outside the area. It was a rare chance for the Dutch at this stage. The Hammers have been waiting for a European trophy since the 1965 title in the European Cup Winners' Cup. In Florence, Zeki Amdouni scored in stoppage time as Basel came from a goal down to stun Fiorentina 2-1. Andy Diouf had equalized in the 71st minute. In the first half, Fiorentina kept attacking with Basel holding firm at Stadio Artemio Franchi until Arthur Cabral headed in the opening goal for the hosts following a corner kick in the 25th. It was the seventh goal for the striker, making him the top scorer in the competition.



**New Delhi:** BCB Cricket Operation Chairman Jalal Yunus claimed on Thursday (May 11) that Afghanistan will be playing a series in India in between their Bangladesh tour. Afghanistan were scheduled to visit Bangladesh to play two Tests, three ODIs and three T20Is next month. However, recently it was announced that one Test has been scrapped from the itinerary. The latest development has seen one T20I now getting scrapped as well. Yunus told reporters on Thursday in England that ACB requested them that they want to play one Test and later move to India to play a series

before returning to Bangladesh to complete the remaining games of the tour. "We had two Tests with Afghanistan but we have excluded one Test from it and now we will play one Test along with three ODIs and two T20Is and this is the itinerary. We are in discussions with the Afghanistan Cricket Board and hopefully within a day or two we can finalize the venues. "They wanted to go to India after playing one format. Here we will play one Test and later they will move to India during the Eid ul Adha to play the series and later after completing their assignment in India, they will return to

Bangladesh to play the remaining part of the series. They (ACB) are very excited with the India series and after it was finalized they requested us to play in the new schedule. We have accepted their request considering at that point there is Eid ul Adha break and that is the reason we did not have any reservation," he said. Cricbuzz understands the lone Test will be played between June 10 to June 19 before the visitors move to India to play a white-ball series. Prior to their Bangladesh visit, Afghanistan will travel to Sri Lanka to play a short three-match ODI series.