

Cabinet Decision: Odisha To Build Over 3,000 Km Of Roads Under Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today approved proposals for several road projects under Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana (MMSY) in the state.

The state government has sanctioned Rs 976 crore for implementation of MMSY-Connecting Unconnected Villages in Difficult Areas (CUVDA) in 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years. The Cabinet gave its nod to a proposal in this regard, said Chief Secretary PK Jena.

The state government will construct 361.34 km new roads under the scheme in two years. Besides, steps will be



taken up for completion of all ongoing road projects under this initiative, added the Chief Secretary.

The state government had launched MMSY-CUVDA to provide improved all-weather connectivity to villages affected by the Left Wing Extremism (LWE), hilly areas and unconnected islands in Odisha. The Cabinet has also

approved a proposal for sanctioning Rs 1,893 crore for the implementation of MMSY-Transferred Road Improvement Programme (TRIP) in 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscals, Jena said.

The state government will build 1814.92 km new roads under the initiative in two years. This apart, the government will

expedite all ongoing road projects under the scheme, he added.

The state government had launched the MMSY-TRIP to improve roads transferred from Panchayati Raj department and other departments to Rural Development department in Odisha. According to Jena, the Cabinet approved a proposal for allocating Rs 918 crore for the implementation of MMSY-Improvement to Existing RD Roads initiative in 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscals.

New road projects of 554.67 km will be taken up under the initiative in Odisha. The initiative was launched by the state

government for the improvement of existing Rural Development department roads to cater to the communications needs of people of rural areas. A proposal for sanctioning Rs 1,160 crore for the implementation of MMSY-Connecting Missing Road Links (CMRL) in the state in 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years, Jena said.

The government has set a target to build 673.49 km new roads under the initiative.

The state had launched the scheme to bridge the crucial missing link in inter block, inter district and interstate road connectivity, Jena added.

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Puri Ratha Jatra 2023: Chariots Reach Gundicha Temple; Pahandi Today

P u r i (K C N) : Nandighosa chariot of Lord Jagannath and Darpadalana chariot of Devi Subhadra reached Saradha Bali in front of the Gundicha Temple here today while Taladhwa chariot of Lord Balabhadra had reached there last evening.



Earlier in the morning today, Nandighosa and Darpadalana were pulled by devotees as the chariots were yesterday halted at Galagandi and B a d a s a n k h a , respectively. The pilgrim town of Puri is most likely to witness a huge influx of devotees today and tomorrow for darshan of the deities on the chariots. The Ratha Jara of Lord Jagannath and His

siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra commenced yesterday. The Pahandi rituals started at 8.35 a.m. ahead of the scheduled time of 9.30 a.m. and were completed by around 12 noon. Pulling of the three gigantic chariots by the servitors and devotees started around 3.04 p.m. Taladhwa of Lord Balabhadra was pulled first, followed by Darpadalana of Devi Subhadra and Nandighosa of Lord Jagannath.

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Schools Reopen In Odisha After Summer Vacation

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Schools reopened in most of the districts of Odisha today after conclusion of summer vacation. However, several districts of western Odisha have postponed the reopening date in view of the heat wave conditions. Schools in Jharsuguda will reopen on June 22 and have morning classes till June 24. Schools in Sundargarh will reopen on June 23 and have morning classes till June 24. Schools in Balangir will reopen on June 23 and have morning classes till June 24. Schools in Nuapada district will reopen on June 22 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. Schools in Sonepur district and have morning classes till June 24. In Balangir, there will be morning classes from June 22 to 24. Schools will reopen on June 23 in Nuapada district.



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IMD Predicts Heavy Rainfall In These Odisha Districts For Next 4 Days

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The IMD has predicted heavy rainfall in several districts of Odisha during the next four days. According to the IMD, several districts in South interior Odisha and North interior Odisha witnessed light to moderate rain or thunderstorm during the last 24 hours. Dabugaon, Umakote, Jharigaon, Raigarh, Tentulikhunti and Nandahandi in Nabarangpur; Pottangi and Bandhugaon in Koraput; Thuamula Rampur, Jaipatna and Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi; Deogaon in Jharsuguda; Chitrakonda in Malkangiri; and Bijepur in Bargarh witnesses rain in last 24 hours, said IMD regional centre chief HR Biswas today. June 22: As per the prediction, heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam, Puri, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj on June



2 2 . S i m i l a r l y , Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Sambalpur, Deogarh, Angul, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore, Cuttack and Khurda on the day. This apart, light to moderate rain is very likely to occur at many places over the districts of Odisha on June 22, said the IMD. June 23: The IMD has predicted heavy to very

heavy rainfall at one or two places over the districts of Gajapati, Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara and heavy rainfall at one or two places over the districts of Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Kandhamal, Kalahandi and Jajpur on June 23. Besides, light to moderate rain or thundershower is very likely to occur at most places over the districts of South Odisha and at many places over the districts of North Odisha on the day, said the IMD in its weather bulletin today. June 24: Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Angul, Dhenkanal and Boudh on June 24, said the IMD. Similarly, heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Balasore, K e n d r a p a r a , Jagatsinghpur, Khurda, Nayagarh, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Nabarangpur, Sonepur, Sambalpur, Deogarh and Koraput on the day. Besides, most places over the districts of Odisha are likely to witness light to moderate rain or thundershower on June 24. June 25: As per the IMD forecast, heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sambalpur, Bargarh, Sonepur, Bolangir, Sundargarh, Deogarh and Keonjhar on June 25. One or two places over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Angul, Jharsuguda, Dhenkanal, Boudh, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Nuapada and Nabarangpur are likely to witness heavy rainfall on the day. Moreover, light to moderate rain or thundershower is very likely to occur at most places over the districts of Odisha on June 25. "The condition is favourable for advancement of monsoon to some districts of Odisha in the next two-three days," said Biswas.



PM pays floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi bust at UN Headquarters ahead of the 9th annual International Day of Yoga 2023 celebrations, in New York

With love from Canada

Saikat Kumar Basu

I take my leave from your life today
 Hopefully you will still be able to get up in the morning without cold tears; and
 With a new hope to live again
 The life you have lived
 Hope someone will take care of your little needs
 Hope no one will judge you from their tower of pride and ego
 Hope someone will ask you how are you doing today ?
 Hope someone will take the time to wipe your frozen tears
 Hope someone from their busy career will peep into the deep darkness of your life
 Hope someone will put his or her hand on your shoulder when you are mercilessly insulted
 Hope someone will stand by to look into eyes to say everything is fine
 And tomorrow will be a better day bringing new hope
 Hope someone will ask if you had the time to eat or drink after a day of unimaginable labour
 Hope someone will ask you there is still hope to live for
 Hope someone will ask you if you wish to live any more
 We live in a selfish world
 We only look for our brutal needs and happiness
 Hope someone will take care of little happiness
 That you so rightly deserves
 While caring for others selflessly you are dying



A slow but cruel death like water sipping from a leaking pipe
 Every drop of water drains away your little energy
 Every drop removes your lust to live
 Every drop takes away one day of your precious life
 Every drop drips away your life hanging by a thread
 No one cares to know if you wish to live anymore
 Hope after my departure someone will
 Help to stop the seepage of your vital life force
 Hope someone will try to protect your life force
 Hope someone will place his/her hand on the leaking junctions
 Hope someone will stay awake to ask you
 Do you wish to see the morning tomorrow ?

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 The music, the dance, the colors so bright,
 Fills the air with a divine delight.
 The crowd cheers and claps with glee,
 As the Lord moves closer, granting blessings to

thee.
 Oh Rath Yatra, a festival of great zeal,
 Bringing people together, making them feel,
 The love and unity that we all share,
 Breaking down barriers, wiping away every care.
 So let us join the procession with pride,
 Hailing the Lord, as he takes a joyful ride.
 And may his blessings be upon us all,
 Bringing peace and happiness, removing every fall.

Dagarapada, BIs.

Quotation of the Day

Take risks in your life, if you win, you can lead! If you lose, you can guide!

Swami Vivekananda



LEGEND OF JAGANNATH

(Story of SHRI ALBANDACHARYA and SHRI ALARNATH)

In the annals of devotion and spiritual experiences, the story of Shri Alabandaracharya and his encounter with the divine presence of Lord Jagannath holds a special place. Hailing from a distant southern land, Shri Alabandaracharya embarked on a journey to Puri with a fervent desire to have darshan of Lord Jagannath. However, his hopes were dashed when he discovered the temple doors closed, denying him the sight of the deity. Filled with remorse and feeling burdened by imagined sins, he contemplated ending his life. But fate had other plans for him, and a fortuitous encounter with a monkey redirected his path, leading him to Brahmagiri. What awaited him there was an extraordinary revelation—an avatar of Lord Jagannath, worshipped in secrecy by the Sabara caste of people. This remarkable discovery would eventually give rise to the tradition of worshipping Lord Vishnu's self-manifested idol under the name of Shri Alarnath.

right hand wields the mighty Sudarshana Chakra. A mace named Kaumodaki rests in his lower right hand, while a lotus flower graces his lower left hand. Garuda, the holy bird and eternal companion of Lord Vishnu, sits nearby, symbolizing his presence. Flanking the central idol are two other exquisite statues—the idol of Sri Devi, fashioned from a blend of eight metals, and the idol of Bhudevi. These two idols depict the divine stories of Lord Krishna's wives, Rukmini and S a t y a b h a m a , respectively. The sculptures of Lalita and Vishakha, the gopis, can be seen with chamars (fans made from the bushy tails of yaks) in their hands, further adding to the visual splendor. Additionally, the presence of Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva, standing on either side, enhances the temple's divine ambiance. The significance of Shri Alarnath transcends its architectural grandeur. Legends recount that during the temple's installation, Lord Brahma himself descended from his celestial chariot to establish the idol in Brahma Vana, which is believed to be the present-day Brahmagiri. The word "Alarnath" is said to have originated from the Dravidian phrase "Aloayar Nath," signifying Lord Alarnath as the divine patron of devotees. The idol bears physical markings—a consequence of the hot milk spilled on Lord Alarnath's hand during a divine pastime, which left burns on his hands, face, and chest. These distinctive features serve as a constant reminder of the Lord's benevolence and eternal presence. The temple of Shri Alarnath stands as a



sacred testament to faith and devotion, attracting countless devotees seeking solace and spiritual fulfillment. It is said that even Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, a revered saint and devotee of Lord Jagannath, visited Shri Alarnath during his own quest for divine communion. The temple, built in 1923 and subsequently renovated in 1986, depicts Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's divine form atop a magnificent platform adorned with an exquisite canopy. His eternal mark, left on the rock where he sat, adds to the sanctity of the temple. The worship of Shri Alarnath is conducted with utmost reverence and adherence to the traditions followed at the Sri Jagannath Temple in Puri. The temple's management, rituals, and clothing have been overseen by a trust board appointed by the government since 1952. The attire of Sri Alarnath Deva, including both daily wear and festival attire, captivates the hearts of devotees. The intricately designed sandalwood attire, combined with the lord's majestic presence on the singhasan (throne), leaves a lasting impression on all who witness it. The story of Shri Alabandaracharya and

attempt to verify the truth, the father tried to seize the hand of the mysterious figure, only to see him vanish before his eyes. It was a revelation that deeply moved the father, who realized the depth of his son's unwavering faith and begged the Lord's forgiveness for his ignorance. This tale, forever etched in the annals of Shri Alarnath Temple, has given rise to the Lord's endearing name, "KhiriKhia" Alarnath. The burnt mark left by a hot drop of Khiri on the Lord's lips serves as a symbol of faith and an eternal reminder of the divine connection between the Lord and his beloved devotees. As pilgrims and devotees embark on their spiritual sojourns to Shri Alarnath Temple, they are enveloped by an aura of reverence and tranquility. The sacred space, intertwined with history and devotion, beckons seekers of solace and spiritual fulfillment. Through its ancient origins, architectural splendor, and sacred traditions, Shri Alarnath Temple stands as a beacon of divine grace, offering devotees an opportunity to experience the presence and blessings of Lord Jagannath in an avatar that emerged from the depths of faith and devotion. In the hallowed grounds of Shri Alarnath Temple, devotees continue to find solace, peace, and a profound sense of connection with the divine. As they partake in the worship, immerse themselves in the timeless rituals, and witness the eternal mark of the Lord's presence, their hearts are uplifted, and their spirits find solace in the abode of Lord Alarnath, forever cherishing the divine friendship and grace bestowed upon them. **Dagarapada, BIs.**

Miracle GOD Jagannath

Kishore Dwibedi



Lord Jagannath Has Always Been Known For Miracles. What Happened Recently In London, When Industrialist Biswanath Patnaik, Instantly Donated Whopping Rs 250 Crore To Shree Jagannath Society United Kingdom

In The Body Of The Wood. He Is Supposed To Leave The Quarter In March 2021 Owing To His Retirement. So He Wanted To Cut That Tree And Donate To Any Upcoming New Jagannath Temple For Making Of Daru Bigrahas Before He Had To Vacate The Premises. While I Was Talking To Him , It Struck To Me That We Can Approach The Temple Trust Authorities In London. Just Before Some Days My Friend Sukant Sahu From London Had Informed Me Bigrahas To London. Accordingly Sukant Baboo Came To Bhubaneswar In December 2020 And Did All These Formalities. The Woods Were Then Handed Over To Legendary Sculptor And The then MP Shri Raghunath Mohapatra For Making Of Bigrahas. Unfortunately Shri Mohapatra And His Two Sons Died In Corona. Still Now The GODs In Wood Forms Are Lying In The Workshop Of Shri



(SJSUK) To Build Up a Dedicated Lord Jagannath Temple In London, Has Been Part Of Kalia's Karishma For Which He Has Been Famous. Here I Thought It Relevant To Narrate Another Miraculous Episode Of GOD OF THE Universe Pertaining To His Journey To London Temple. In The Year 2020 , When COVID Was In Full Swing, My Friend Nihar Samantara From Bengaluru Rang Me Up. He Said Prof. Sanjay Satapathy, The Then Professor Of Ravenshaw University Will Call You For Some Help. Please Attend His Call. I Said OK. Prof Satapathy Then Called Me. He Said That I Know Him. He Had Visited My Delhi Home Once In Connection With Centenary Celebration Of Ravenshaw University. I Recognised Him As A Known Face. He Said He Is In Some Problem And Sought My Help. I Instantly Agreed To Help Him. He Narrated That There Is A Huge Neem Tree In His Official Govt Bungalow In Bhubaneswar. He & His Family Members Were Regularly Worshipping That Tree. There Are All Signs Of GOD's Pious Presence In That Tree Like No Birds Nest Symbolic Appearance Of The Portraits Of LORDS

About Their Trust And Plan To Build A Fully Exclusive Jagannath Temple In London . Then I Immediately Spoke To Sukant Baboo , The Chairman Of The Trust, SJSUK Dr Sahadev Swain And General Secretary Dr Prakash Dey . They All Became So Excited And Happy. All Of Them Were Quite Co-Operative And Received The Idea Very Well. They Said We Were All Also In Search Of The Darus For The New Temple And Waiting For Almighty's To Have Divine Intervention. Then I Spoke To Nihar Baboo And Arranged A Zoom Meeting To Facilitate The Transition. From Bengaluru The Initiator Nihar Baboo And Justice Jagannath Prasad Udgata Attended The Meeting. Prof Satapathy Was There. From UK Side Chairman Of Shree Jagannath Society United Kingdom, Dr Swain And His Whole Team Were Present. It Was Agreed In The Meeting That Very Soon The Delegation Of London Temple Would Visit Bhubaneswar And Do The Needful Of Performing Rituals, Cutting Of The Tree, Making Of Idols In Puri And Then Transporting The Daru Mohapatra And Waiting For Their Onward Journey To The Cultural Capital Of The World. In The Meanwhile Prof Satapathy Retired From The Service On 31st March 2021. Here Miracle Happened. again .Because Of His Niskama Seva And Total Surrender To The Lord Of The Universe, Mahaprabhu Profusely Blessed Prof Satapathy. On 16th April 2021 Prof Satapathy Was Appointed As The Vice-Chancellor Of Kalahandi University. By Sheer Chance I Have Included Prof Satapathy In World Odisha Society (WOS) recently. Chairman Of SJSUK Dr Swain , General Secretary Dr Dey And PR Incharge Sukant Baboo Have Been WOS's Wellwishers Since It's Inception. I Wish Them All The Best And Sincerely Hope That Their Sadhana Will Ultimately Be Culminated Into Sidhi And Every Odia's Dream To See A Bhabya Shree Jagannath Mandir In The Heart Of Europe ; London Will Come True Soon. Jay Jagannath. **Eminent Journalist Chairman, World Odisha Society**

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Sun Sajni Song Teaser: Kartik Aaryan-Kiara Advani's Garba Dance From Satyaprem Ki Katha

Be it the mind-blowing trailer or the chartbuster songs, Sajid Nadiadwala and Namah Pictures's 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' has profoundly spread the magic of pure love in the hearts of the masses. While the melody of this soulful musical romantic pure love story has captivated the audience, the makers are here with the teaser of the new song 'Sun Sajni' to enrich the feeling of pure love with its garba beats. The teaser of 'Sun Sajni' is indeed a treat for the audience to relish the tunes of pure love with a grand Garba celebration. Having given two soulful melodies, Naseeb Se and Aaj Ke Baad, and an upbeat dance number, Guju Pataka, 'Sun Sajni'



seems to be a grand Garba celebration song that will get the audience to dance their heart out. 'Sun Sajni' is sung by

Meet Bros, Parampara Tandon and Piyush Mehroliyaa. Music is composed by Meet Bros, and the lyrics of the song

are given by Kumaar. As the teaser is here, 'Sun Sajni' is all set for its release tomorrow. While the trailer of

Satyaprem Ki Katha has stated the arrival of a pure love story on the screen after a long time, its songs are

continuously taking over the heads of the audience. While all the songs have made their place in the most trending list, 'Sun Sajni' will definitely be going to top the charts and will make the audience go berserk with its Garba beats. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also marks a massive collaboration between NGE and Namah Pictures. Interestingly, Sajid Nadiadwala and Sharen Mantri Kedia with Kishor Arora & director Sameer Vidwans won a National Award for their respective feature films. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' will be released in theaters on 29th June 2023.

Bigg Boss OTT 2 Day 3 Written Updates: Exes Avinash, Palak, Bebika And Jiya Get Nominated

On day 3 of Bigg Boss OTT 2, two new contestants who were put on hold - Akanksha Puri and Palak Purswani entered the house. However, as soon as they came in, dynamics changed overnight and more fights caught fire. The game began with the first interesting nominations. The contestants were asked to pool their own BB currency together as the house money and use it for nominations. As a result, Bebika Dhurve, Jiya Shankar, Palak Purswani, and Avinash Sachdev have been nominated for eviction, which has changed the dynamics of their friendships and relationships in the house. This was followed by the



introduction of the BB Vending machine, sparking a fierce battle for needs vs. desires as the housemates found themselves in a constant struggle to secure their ration. The twist was that they had to use the shared BB currency to buy their own food supplies,

proving the task to be no easy feat, as individual needs clashed with the greater good of the house. The love triangle between Jad, Akanksha, and Manisha was seen heating up, leaving the viewers speculating about Jad's feelings towards the two women. Manisha, in

particular, was seen making every effort to catch Jad's eye by dressing elegantly and showcasing her charm whenever she's around him. She even asked Jad to make a choice between her and Akanksha. Jiya and Palak had a heartfelt conversation,

where old wounds resurfaced. Jiya expressed her feelings of being torn between Palak and Avinash's past, which eventually led to the end of their friendship. Palak shared the emotional turmoil she had gone through and mentioned Jiya's dominating nature

in conversations. She made the difficult decision to walk away from their friendship. Bebika's casual remark brought tears to Palak's eyes as she asked if she had stolen opportunities from others on her path to success. But her friendship with Abhishek blossoms in the Bigg Boss OTT house, as they engaged in a cute banter, showcasing their playful bond. Stay tuned for more drama, twists, and turns in the Bigg Boss OTT Season 2 house as the game gets more interesting every day. Don't miss out the 24-hr live feed and tune in everyday at 9pm for exciting episodes, available exclusively on JioCinema for free.

Chiranjeevi Welcomes Ram Charan- Upasana's 'Mega Little Princess'

Superstar Chiranjeevi, who has won millions of hearts with his brilliant acting skills and down to earth

Happy and Proud!!", he tweeted. "Big congratulations @AlwaysRamCharan and @upasanakonidela on the newest addition to your family! Welcome to parenthood," wrote actor Mahesh Babu. "Heartiest congratulations to my sweetest golden-hearted brother and my dearest kind-hearted lady for the precious new arrival. Super happy for proud grand parents @chiranjeevikonidela garu and Surekha garu.



personality, is currently on cloud nine and there is a very adorable reason behind. The South superstar has now become a grandad as his son Ram Charan and daughter in law Upasana Kamineni Konidela are blessed with a baby girl after 11 years of their marriage. Upasna delivered their first child at Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad on Tuesday in the presence of her family members. The veteran actor took to his Twitter account to share his good news with the fans and the followers. Taking to Twitter, Chiranjeevi wrote, "Welcome Little Mega Princess !!You have spread cheer among the Mega Family of millions on your arrival as much as you have made the blessed parents @AlwaysRamCharan & @upasanakonidela and us grandparents,

#megaprincess," wrote actor Allu Arjun. "So happy for both of you. Can't wait to meet the little princess," wrote actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu. Ram Charan and Upasana have known each other since their schooldays and came close and started dating each other. After few years of courtship, this lovely couple got engaged on December 2011 and finally tied knot in June next year in a traditional Hindu ceremony. Chiranjeevi has been in the entertainment industry since 80s and done versatile roles. He will be soon seen in Meher Ramesh's Bholaa Shankar opposite Tamannaah Bhatia. The film also star Raghu Babu, Murali Sharma, Ravi Shankar, Vennela Kishore, Tulasi, Sri Mukhi, Bithiri Sathi, Satya, Getup Srinu, Rashmi Gautam and Uttej.

Anushka Ranjan and Aditya Seal are expecting their first baby together: Report



Aditya Seal of 'The Student Of The Year' fame, who tied the knot with Anushka Ranjan in November 2021, is reportedly expecting his first child with the actress. The couple is currently enjoying their New Year's in Dubai. While the couple is enjoying their blissful time with their friends, they are also gearing up to enter a new phase in their lives. Both Aditya and Anushka are

related to become parents, a report in Bollywood Hungama stated. In a joint interview with Bollywood Bubble, Aditya and Anushka had opened up about their relationship and admitted that just like any couple in the world, they do have their ups and downs. Anushka had also revealed that they had broken up around 8-10 times before taking the plunge. According to the actress, Aditya often

takes her for granted and that upsets her. She also added that Aditya had never trusted her during the initial phase of their relationship. On the work front, Aditya Seal was last seen in 'Rocket Gang'. The film also starred Nikita Dutta, Jason Tham, Mokshda Jaikhani, Sahaj Singh Chahal, Tejas Varma, Aadvik Mongia, Jayshree Gogoi, Dipali Borkar and Siddhant Sharma.

Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027



Government of India's premier think tank NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India has recently signed the Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027). The framework is the collective commitment of the UN Development System in India, in support of the India's achievement of Agenda 2030, and the principle of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas. The GoI-UNSDCF was signed by Mr. B V R Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog, and Mr. Shombi Sharp,

Resident Coordinator, India in the presence of the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Mr. Suman Bery, senior representatives from NITI Aayog, central ministries and heads of UN agencies in India. GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 represents the UN development system's collective offer to the Government of India, in line with the national vision for development, for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, promoting gender equality, youth empowerment and human rights. The United Nations General Assembly/Resolution A/RES/72/279 designates the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework as the principal planning and implementation instrument for the UN Development System at country level.

Programme priorities of the UN entities working at the country are derived from the GoI-UNSDCF. The GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 is built on four strategic pillars derived from the 2030 Agenda – People, Prosperity, Planet and Participation. The four interlinked pillars have six outcome areas focusing on Health and Well Being; Nutrition and Food Security; Quality Education; Economic Growth and Decent Work; Environment, Climate, WASH and Resilience; and Empowering People, Communities, and Institutions. To further deepen cooperation in critical areas, for the first time, the GoI-UNSDCF will have specific focus on SDG localisation and South-South cooperation, in line with India's leadership towards the implementation and acceleration of the SDGs; and India's championing of South-

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South cooperation. Showcasing Indian models of development globally will be central to the effort. The formulation of the GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 was led by NITI Aayog, on behalf of the Government of India, with robust participation of line Ministries, State Governments, and Union Territories. The UN Resident Coordinator led and coordinated inputs from the UN development system in India. Partners from civil society, think tanks, private sector, cooperatives and labour unions also contributed to the development of the document, ensuring a whole of society, whole of government and whole of UN approach. The GoI-UNSDCF was informed by a third-party evaluation of the

previous Cooperation Framework (2018-2022) and a Common Country Analysis (CCA) undertaken by the UN in India. The implementation, monitoring and reporting of GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 will be co-led by Government of India and the United Nations, India through a Joint Steering Committee. "The next five years will be pivotal for an innovation driven, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable India. For India, the principle of "Leaving No One Behind" is particularly important due to its vast and diverse demography, as well as its potential due to tremendous demographic dividend. The GoI-UNSDCF, through its agreed partnerships, outcomes and outputs will contribute towards achievement

of national development priorities. The Cooperation Framework has to be a living and dynamic framework and should adapt in the light of how India changes and the world changes," said Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Mr. Suman Bery. Signing the Cooperation Framework, CEO of NITI Aayog, Mr. B V R Subrahmanyam, said: "India has advanced steadily in its ability to deliver development and resilience at scale. This includes transforming India's social welfare system and safety nets, underpinned by a robust ecosystem of digital public infrastructure and a range of national missions. India's leadership in climate action and resilience continues to grow. The time has come to completely address the challenges of the

last century and take on the challenges of Amrit Kaal to become Viksit Bharat. The Cooperation framework will focus on and support India in its transformation where it is not just access to basic requirements such as water/ electricity/ internet that would be important, but the quality of these issues that are more relevant for future." The new Framework comes at a critical juncture as the world reaches the halfway mark to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and India envisions a 'Viksit Bharat' over the next 25 years, in line with the clarion call of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Presenting the Cooperation Framework at the launch, Mr Shombi Sharp, United Nations Resident Coordinator in India, said: "India is a key shaper of the

2030 Agenda. With the goal of 'Leave No One Behind' reflected in the Government of India's message of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, India has aligned its flagship national initiatives with the SDGs and translated Agenda 2030 into local actions at all levels, while delivering development gains at scale. Meeting the expectations and aspirations of India's youthful population ahead will require further accelerating progress in addressing remaining development challenges and investing in human capital to leverage a unique demographic dividend. As the United Nations Secretary-General has said, India is the country that can make achieving the SDGs a global reality".

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The Rising Tide of White Collar Crime: India's Battle with CBI Raids



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the reputation of the country and deterred foreign investors, hindering economic growth and development. The Central Bureau of Investigation, India's premier investigative agency, plays a vital role in tackling white collar crime. The CBI possesses extensive powers to investigate and prosecute cases of corruption and economic offenses, ensuring impartiality and independence in its investigations. As the primary agency responsible for maintaining the rule of law and integrity in public administration, the CBI's actions are crucial in restoring public confidence and deterring potential offenders. The recent surge in CBI raids across the country is indicative of the government's commitment to combating white collar crime. These raids serve as a powerful deterrent, sending a clear message to wrongdoers that their actions will not go unnoticed or unpunished. By targeting both high-profile individuals and lesser-known offenders, the CBI is striving to create a culture of accountability and ensure that no one is above the law. However, it is important to strike a balance between the need for enforcement and protecting individual rights. The CBI must adhere to due process, ensuring that investigations are conducted transparently and in accordance with the law. Fair and unbiased investigations are crucial to maintain public trust and avoid undue harassment or intimidation. To effectively combat white collar crime in India, a multi-pronged

approach is required. Strengthening regulatory frameworks, improving financial literacy, and enhancing corporate governance are all crucial elements. Additionally, the government must invest in the modernization and capacity-building of investigative agencies like the CBI to ensure they are equipped with the necessary tools and expertise to tackle complex financial crimes. Simultaneously, promoting a culture of ethical conduct, accountability, and integrity is vital. This can be achieved through public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and the establishment of mechanisms to encourage whistleblowing without fear of retribution. By fostering a society that values transparency and honesty, the prevalence of white collar crime can be curtailed. White collar crime poses a significant threat to India's progress and reputation on the global stage. The increasing number of CBI raids signifies a strong commitment to combating this menace head-on. By conducting thorough investigations, ensuring due process, and promoting ethical practices, India can create an environment that deters white collar criminals and fosters a culture of integrity and transparency. With sustained efforts from both the government and society as a whole, India can overcome this challenge and build a stronger, more prosperous future for all

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Odisha's Tibet Jiramg

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One may not know, but there are a seemingly endless number of destinations and attractions to visit in Odisha, which will leave everyone enchanted and craving for more! While there is an endless list of famous tourist places here, there is also a parallel list of unique places in Odisha that probably even avid travellers are unaware of. This blog will take you through Jiramg an unheard destination in Odishahat have a striking resemblance with heavenly feelings, intrigued! The Tibetan people escaping Chinese persecution in 1959 arrived in India. The central government settled them in various parts of India. Jiramg is one such place in Odisha to the largest Buddhist monastery in eastern India and a sizable Tibetan population. While travelling to Jiramg monastery we first encountered a hot natural sulphur water known as Taptapani, which has great medicinal properties. The road connecting Taptapani hot spring and Jiramg deserves a special mention here, as it was scenic as any hilly drive can be, a Beautiful blacktop road with a rocky hill face on one side and forest cover on the other. Vehicular traffic was low so driving on that road

was pure bliss. We take an off-road drive to Khasada waterfall near the village, because we reached noon and at that time the main temple of Jiramg was closed, so that's why we first visit the waterfall then we moved to Jiramg, what I feel special about the waterfall as I can see the beautiful colourful Buddhist prayers flags, that give me very positive & unique vibes. It is one thing to look at the monastery from a distance, but as I went closer, I realized how grand it is. The roof has embellishments of mystic beasts that enhance the beauty of the whole place. Verdant green mountains surround the monastery and thus serve as a visual

trail besides being a focal point for spiritual solace. The monastery is no less than a wonder to look at. Photography is prohibited inside the monastery so you will have to go by my words here. In the main Jiramg Buddhist temple on Chandragiri Hill, the monks looking after the place do not allow anyone to capture photos or videos inside the monastery. But the vast organized park before Jiramg monastery provides us with plenty of opportunity to capture photos of beautiful structures. When we enter the main hall of the monastery, I saw a collection of thangkas, beautiful carpets and a golden colour statue of Buddha. The

monastery is not only a tourist attraction but also a destination where daily almost hundreds of students attain spirituality. In the prayer hall, I listen to Buddhists chant repetitively as this is a form of meditation. The chants, the solitude one may seek, and the whole atmosphere can be very calming. Our group only did not look like Tibetan in that place. To be honest I couldn't understand the Tibetan language but the chants and ceremony were wonderful. But I felt a spiritual power that is hard to describe. All in all, to me Buddhist temples are peaceful can hold great spiritual power and presence and offer a respite from a busy and harsh world.

After that, we visit stupas by Jiramg are accompanied by different types of prayer wheels, one of them particular huge and multiple smaller ones are there. Once rotated in a clockwise direction the wheels generate a very soothing sound that filled up the entire surrounding with a lot of positivity. To be honest, Jiramg is not a very accessible location, with low-frequency public transit systems. However, the monastery along with its raw nature is something that visits jiramg with all the effort. Odisha is India's best-kept secret, which now demands to be explored.

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New Delhi's Hauz Khas Temple Celebrates Car Festival

President Worships Lord Jagannath on her Birthday

New Delhi.: 45th Rath Yatra Festival celebrated at the main Jagannath Temple of the National capital region at Hauz Khas Village in New Delhi amidst much fanfare and spiritual fervour. Commencing from the wee hours of the day all the religious rituals have been observed in a pious and solemn atmosphere. Here Mangala Arati was performed at 5.00 a.m. President Draupadi Murmu alongwith her daughter Itishree and family members visited the temple at around 6.30 a.m. and had a holy view of Lord Jagannath. Special worship was conducted before the Trinity in view of her 65th Birthday today. She was received by the Secretary of the temple Management Committee, Sree Neelachala Seva sangha Ravindra Nath Pradhan. Unusual enthusiasms and unprecedented excitements were witnessed among the 40,000 strong Odia and non Odia devotees gathered here alongwith their family members from Delhi and nearby areas to take part in the



Grand Ceremony. The Temple Management Committee did special arrangements to manage the crowd and to maintain law and order during the occasion. Around 12.30 p.m. in the afternoon the Four Deities were taken in Pahandi procession to the 20 ft. high colourfully decorated chariot stationed at the Grand Road in front of the temple with the recitals of hymns, roaring of slogans like Hari bol and Jai Jagannath, sounding of Huluhuli, blowing of conch and playing of musical instruments such as Ghanta, Kartala, Mardala, Jhanja and Mrudanga by the devotees. Chief Guest Lt. Governor of Delhi Hon'ble Shri Vinai

Kumar Saxena undertook the traditional service of sweeping in front of the Chariot called 'Chherapahanra' at around 12.45 p.m. Guest of Honour Vice-Chairman of Delhi Development Authority Shri Subhasish Panda sprayed Chandan and Karpur on the route of Chherapahanra. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's wife Mridula Pradhan was present during the occasion. Around 2.30 p.m. in afternoon the chariot pulling commenced. The Royal Chariot carrying the Four Deities on board was pulled from Hauz Khas Village Road till 2.5 K.M. away to Ansari Nagar via Shri Aurobindo Marg and

then taken back to temple premises in the evening. The scenes of long lining up of devotees in both sides of the Car Festival route to have an auspicious glimpse of the Lord of the Universe, throwing of flowers towards Idols bystanders and breaking of coconuts in the sidewall of Chariot were just memorable and mesmerising. Then the Deities remained on the chariot parked in front of the Temple for public viewing till night. In the late night all the four deities were taken in a procession to the makeshift aunt house at the basement of the temple. The Idols will be worshipped at the podium in the Aunt's House till the Bahuda Yatra on 28th June 2023 as per the information of

Temple sources. Laxmi Narayan Bebartha, Sujata Tripathy and Prof. Bhagirath Jha did the live narration of the Mega Event. Saroj Panigrahi coordinated the Media Coverage. The entire arrangements were smoothly executed and well managed by the office bearers and members of Temple Managing Committee, which include President Bighneshwar Rout, Secretary Ravindra Nath Pradhan, Abhaya Pradhan, Ashok Pradhan (A), Khirod Patra, Gajendra Samanta, Abhiram Sutar, Ashok Pradhan (B), Jitendra Mohapatra, Ajay Pradhan, Pankaj Mohanty, Nishidha Kumar Das, Rankanidhi Sahoo, Bijay Sahoo, Dillip Kumar Swain, Kishore Samal, Amulya Ojha, Sukanta Sahu, Manager of the Temple Rashmikiran Behera, Assistant Managers Sashikanta Sahoo and Sanjiv Jena and Preists Sanatan Padhi, Debabrata Mishra, Jagabandhu Dash, Premananda Satpathy, Santosh Panda and Prashant Dash.

Raipur Jagannath Temple Celebrates Car Festival

Raipur: The Annual Car Festival was celebrated at the largest Shree Jagannath Temple of Chhattisgarh in Gayatri Nagar at Raipur with pomp, splendour and much fanfare. The Mega Celebration hosted by Shree Jagannath temple Seva Samiti to mark the union of Lord of the Universe with common devotees witnessed the congregation of more than a lakh devotees from Raipur and nearby localities. Unusual enthusiasms and unprecedented excitements were visible among the strong crowd of Odia and Non Odia devotees gathered here with their family members to take part in the Grand Celebration. The Temple management Committee under the active stewardship of its Founder President Purandar Mishra had made special arrangements to control the crowd, to maintain law and order and to distribute Mahaprasad in large scale. In the morning religious rituals were performed before the Deities in the Temple amidst spiritual fervour. Special Havan was organised to invoke the blessings of the God. After the conclusion of Havan at around 12.45 p.m. in afternoon the Pahandi Bije of God Sudarshan, Lord Balabhadra, Debi Subhadra and Lord Jagannath were conducted by servitors to the three aesthetically decorated Chariots parked in the Grand Road in front of the Temple. Governor of Chhattisgarh Biswabhusan Harichandan was the Chief Guest and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was the Guest of Honour during the Rath Yatra Festival. Other distinguished Guests present



include Speaker of the Assembly Charan Das Mahant, Former Speaker Gouri Shankar Agrawal, State Goemnt Minister Kawasi Lakhma, M.P. Jyotshana Mahant, Mayor of Raipur Municipal Corporation Ezaz Debar, M.L.A. Vikash Upadhyaya, Raipur South M.L.A. Brij Mohan Agrawal and Raipur North M.L.A. Kuldip Juneja. Chief Minister Shri Baghel carried the Idol on his head to the Chariot. Governor Shri Harichandan, C.M. Shri Baghel and other guests did the traditional sweeping in front of the Chariots called Chherapahanra and performed Arati before the Trinity on the Chariots. Describing that Lord Jagannath is also the presiding Deity of Chhattisgarh, C.M. Shri Baghel prayed Lord of the Universe for the peace and prosperity of the residents of the State. The entire atmosphere was reverberated with the recitals of hymns, roaring of slogans like Hari bol and Jai Jagannath, sounding of Huluhuli, blowing of conch and playing of musical instruments such as Ghanta, Kartala, Mardala, Jhanja and Mrudanga by the devotees.

At around 3.00 p.m. the pulling of Chariots commenced. The spectacular view of Royal Sojourn of the Gods and Goddess on board the colourful chariots were memorable and mesmerising. The devotees were at their devotional and emotional best to have a holy glimpse of the Broad round eye of the Black Lord from atop the Nandighosh Chariot. The chariots were pulled till 1 km to B.T.I ground and then taken back to Temple premises via Shankar Nagar. A large number of spectators had auspicious glimpse of the Deities on Board the Chariots here. Around 6.00 p.m. The Gods and Goddess were taken to Aunt's House situated at the Basement of the Temple in a procession. The entire arrangement of Car Festival was smoothly conducted under the able and active supervision of the custodian members of the Temple Management Committee like President Purandar Mishra, M.K. Raut, Subrat Sahoo, Subhaash Agrawal, Gopal Agrawal, Dwarikadheesh Mishra, Ramesh Kumar Agrawal and Prakash Das.

Bengaluru Jagannath Temple Celebrates Car Festival



Bengaluru(KCN): The Annual Rath Yatra Festival was celebrated in Bengaluru by Shree Jagannath Temple Trust with much fanfare and Festive fervour. Commencing from the wee hours of the day, the religious rituals like Mangala Arati, Abakash, Mailam, worshipping Sun, praying Gatekeepers and Sahanamela were performed at the main Jagannath Temple of the city situated at Agara. Unusual enthusiasms and unprecedented excitements were marked among the devotees during the occasion. Since Bengaluru had rain in the morning and cloudy sky with pleasant weather remained throughout the day around 30,000 visitors descended at the Festival site from the Metropolis and nearby localities.

The Dhadi Pahandi of all four Deities were started around 12.15 p.m. in afternoon. Lord Sudarshan, Lord Balabhadra, Goddess Subhadra and Lord Jagannath were taken in a procession from the Anasara room to the 28 ft. high immaculately decorated chariot stationed in the Grand Road in front of the Temple. Trustee of the temple Punya Sloka Khuntia did the traditional job of sweeping in front of the Chariot called Chherapahanra. Around 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon the pulling of the chariot started with the playing of Ghanta, Kartala, Mrudanga, Jhanja and chanting of Jai Jagannath slogans by the servitors and spectators. The colourful chariot carrying Four Deities on Board was pulled till 1 KM distance to Gundicha Temple and reached there at around 6.00 p.m. The scenes of long lining up of devotees in both sides of the Car Festival route to have an auspicious glimpse of the Lord of the Universe were just memorable and mesmerising. The entire arrangements of the Festival were conducted smoothly by the Trustees and Members of Temple Management Committee like Nihar Samantara, Dr. Pratap Pani, Kamakhya Panda, Justice J.P. Udgata, N.R.B. Pattnaik, Dr. Sitikantha Sadangi, N.K. Jena, Chakradhar Swain, Manoj Mohapatra, Prakash Samantara, Hara Prasad Mohapatra and Manoj Patra.

Gujarat's Adalaj Jagannath Temple Hosts Car Festival

Ahmedabad, (KCN): Annual Car Festival was celebrated at the Jagannath Temple situated at Adalaj in Gujarat with much fanfare and spiritual fervour. Hosted by the Temple Management Body Shree Jagannath Cultural Academy and Research Centre (JCARC) the Grand Chariot pulling Ceremony drew unusual enthusiasm and unprecedented excitement among the visitors. Due to the pleasant weather around 20,000 Odia and Non Odia devotees gathered here from Adalaj and nearby areas like Gandhi Nagar, Kalol and Kadi to witness the Mega Religious Event. Adequate arrangement has been done by the Temple Management Committee under the active stewardship of Member Secretary Dr. Badri Mahapatra to control the crowd and maintain law and order with the support of the Organisers and

volunteers. Series of special worshippings have been undertaken before the Idols in the Temple since the wee hours of the Holy Day. Around 9.00 a.m. in the morning the Pahandi Bije of Four Deities to the colourfully decorated 27ft.2inch height chariot stationed in front of the Temple started. The entire atmosphere was reverberated with the recitals of hymns, roaring of slogans like Hari bol and Jai Jagannath, sounding of Huluhuli, blowing of conch and playing of musical instruments such as Ghanta, Kartala, Mardala, Jhanja and Mrudanga by the devotees. The special attraction of the celebration was the Pahandi of Maa Subhadra exclusively carried on by Ladies. Around 9.15 a.m. in the morning the traditional sweeping in front of the chariot called Chherapahanra was performed by Tribal



participants at Annapurna Temple and the main Adalaj Temple. In the afternoon the Deities were taken back from the chariot in Pahandi and placed at the Pandal of makeshift Aunt's House located in the Community Hall of the Ground Floor in the Temple. As per the Temple sources the General public can have a view of Gods and Goddess here till the Niladri Bije Day. Prominent personalities from different walks of life will perform Arati before the Deities here in every evening of Nine

Development Minister of Gujarat Dr Kuber Bhai Dindor. Other distinguished guests present like M.P. Narahari Amin, MLAs Alpesh Thakur and Ritaben Patel helped Dr Dindor in doing the job. At around 9.30 a.m. the pulling of Chariot started. The royal chariot with the Four Deities on the board was pulled by the devotees till 3 KM away to Maa Annapurna Temple and then was taken back to the premises of the Temple at around noon time. The Mahaprasad was distributed to the

days. This year's Festival was supported by the President of World Brahmin Organisation Shasikant Tiwari, Secretary General Deepak Joshi and the Management Committee of Maa Annapurna Temple Trust. The entire arrangements of Rath Yatra was smoothly conducted by the Trustees, Committee Members of the Temple and functionaries of Orissa Association which include Member Secretary of JCARC and General Secretary of Orissa Association Dr. Badri Mahapatra, President of Orissa Association Harekrushna Dash and Members like Maheshwar Sahu, Dr Nibedita Sahu, Leela Dash, Banchanidhi Pani, Rabi Panda, Ashok Samal, Satya Mishra, Narayan Swain, Ajaya Das, Mahendra Das, Rajesh Samal, Dilip Jena, Rohit Nayak, Nigamananda Das, Dilip Bal, Sandhya Panda and Ganesh Sabat.

DCCB Chairman told PACS to diversify their business activities

Karimnagar, (KCN): Chairman of the Karimnagar District Cooperative Central Bank (KDCCB) Konduru Ravinder Rao has called upon the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) to diversify their business activities to reap riches and benefit the farming community. Presiding over 102nd general body meeting of

KDCCB at main office in Karimnagar town on Monday, Ravinder Rao said that they were the first cooperative bank in the State to convert the PACS as Common Service Centres (CSC) to offer around 300 digital services at the doorstep of the villagers. As part of the conversion of PACS into CSCs, the farmers and other villagers could avail of services listed on the

digital seva portal of the CSC scheme including corrections and issuance of Aadhar and PAN cards, LPG cylinder bookings, banking and insurance services. Stating that due to restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India they were unable to open more branches in the district, he informed the PACS to convert the societies into bank counters and provide all

services to the customers on par with the bank. He also informed the PACS to examine the feasibility of setting up generic medical shops (Jan aushadi centres) to sell medicines at cheaper rates as part of diversification of business. He also reminded that the NABARD assistance for the diversification as PACS into Multi-Service Centre (MSC) would

continue till 2026 following his request and informed the PACS to utilize the opportunity. The general body meeting passed a resolution to provide financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh to the bereaved family of the PACS chairperson who died in power. The DCCB had also decided to provide financial assistance for the annual maintenance of computers

of all PACS at a cost of Rs 25.80 lakhs. Following the request from the members, the Chairman assured to look into the possibility of providing group insurance coverage to the PACS chairpersons. When the members were informed about some difficulties in the implementation of HR policy for the PACS employees, the DCCB Chairman assured to

solve the problems after consultations. Vice chairman P Ramesh, CEO N Satyanarayana Rao, NABARD DDM S Jayaprakash, Directors and others were also present. he Chairman felicitated the PACS Chairmen and Secretaries of PACS Choppadandi (Malla Reddy), Bheerpur (M Ramchander Rao), Jaina (Naresh) and Poramalla

(Srinivas) for achieving 100 percent recovery during the last financial year. Similarly, the bank managers of Huzarabad branch (Shyamsunder Reddy), Korutla (Munawar Ali) and Yellareddy (Swaroopa) for achieving 100 percent recovery and crossing the business of doing over Rs 100 crore.

Railways Minister announces Rs 2 crore for development of villages near Odisha train accident site

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday announced a Rs 2 crore package for Bahanaga Bazaar in Balasore district where the tragic train crash claimed 292 lives and left over 900 injured on June 2. After inspecting the on-going restoration work at Bahanaga Bazaar station, the minister said that Rs 1 crore had been allotted from his MP LAD fund for peripheral development of Bahanaga while another Rs 1 crore had been allotted by Indian Railways for renovation of Bahanaga hospital. Vaishnaw also expressed gratitude to the local residents and

various welfare organisations of Bahanaga for coming to the rescue of injured passengers and becoming the first responders of the accident.

He felicitated some of them for their heroic efforts to rescue the victims and saving precious lives. He also interacted with the locals about what development works can be undertaken here.

Before a massive rescue operation was mounted by the central and state agencies, local residents from nearby areas rushed to the spot to save passengers trapped in the mangled coaches. Using their cell phone flashlights and bamboo ladders, the locals



rescued injured passengers and held the fort until the National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF), Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), fire

services personnel and medical team arrived at the spot.

"It was remarkable the way people of Bahanaga came forward, helped train passengers

immediately after the accident and worked with Railways and local administration. The world is appreciating their contribution, which is really

commendable," said Vaishnaw.

The Railways minister urged people to constitute a local area development committee with some senior citizens

and eminent persons of the locality as members and submit a list of proposed projects to be undertaken for the development of the villages surrounding Bahanaga Bazaar.

He said the railways would provide assistance for the development of the local hospital and he would request the state government to appoint required number of doctors and paramedical staff to fill the vacancies.

On the restoration work, Vaishnaw said, tracks have been restored completely and some signalling work is on. Signal cables have been connected after a new gumti (cabin) was set up

there and the rest of the work will be completed within next few days, he added. The minister later visited Balasore district headquarters hospital and met doctors and other hospital staff who worked overtime and saved the lives of many injured passengers. He also reviewed Balasore railway station development works.

On June 2 evening, Shalimar-Chennai Coromandel Express rammed into a stationary iron ore laden freight train and derailed before being collided with the two rear end coaches of Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express. Altogether 17 coaches of both the passenger trains were affected.

BJP chief JP Nadda's visit to Kalahandi deferred by a day

BHUBANESWAR: The proposed visit of BJP national president JP Nadda to Odisha on June 22 has been postponed by a day.

Kalahandi MP Basanta Panda on Tuesday said that Nadda will visit his parliamentary constituency on June 23. Nadda had to defer his visit by a day due to some unavoidable circumstances, he stated. The last time Nadda visited the state was in December when he addressed a public meeting at Tumudibandha under the Baliguda Assembly constituency of Kandhamal district



followed by another at Banpur under the Chilika Assembly constituency. The forthcoming visit of Nadda is part of the Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan on the completion of nine years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA

government at the Centre.

Earlier, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had to cancel his June 17 visit to Dhenkanal in view of cyclone Biparjoy which hit the Gujarat coast on June

15. Efforts are on to bring some key leaders including Modi, Shah and Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to the state during the mass outreach campaign undertaken by BJP across the country.

BJD slams BJP over delay in inclusion of three tribal languages in eighth schedule



BHUBANESWAR: The ruling BJD on Monday hit out at BJP for delay in inclusion of three tribal languages of the state in the eighth schedule of the Constitution alleging it is disinterested in pursuing the issue. Minister of State for Women and Child Development Basanti Hembram said Ho, Mundari and Bhumij, the three main tribal languages of the state are yet to be included in the eighth schedule despite the BJD

raising the issue in the Parliament and outside for years. She alleged BJP ministers and MPs from the state have never raised the issue. "This shows BJP does not have any interest in the growth of tribal languages of the state," the minister added.

Stating Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has raised the issue several times and even written to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Hembram said no decision has been

taken over the issue so far. BJD MPs have also raised the demand several times in the Parliament, but surprisingly the BJP has remained silent over the issue, she said.

Ho is spoken by over ten lakh tribals and is the second language after Santhali which has already been included in the eighth schedule. Similarly, Mundari is spoken by more than eight lakh tribals of the state.

Hembram said the state government has appointed 250 primary school teachers for teaching Mundari, known as 'Mundari Bani'. Similarly, more than three lakh tribals speak Bhumij.

The minister said the state government has taken several steps for empowerment of tribals. Hostels have been provided for five lakh tribal girl students and special development councils (SDCs) constituted in 23 districts, she added.



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Book on History of Nayagarh released by Intach

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage released a book titled "Nayagarh District, From Feudatory to Freedom" written by Dr. Karunakar Patnaik (IAS) Retd. Today at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. The book was released by Justice G.B. Patnaik, former Chief Justice of India and Soumya Ranjan Patnaik, Editor Sambad and the MLA of Khandapada. The author of the book, who is a senior member of Intach, said the book humbly presents the regional, administrative, economic and nationalistic aspirations of the people of Nayagarh and their dimensional struggle to free themselves from foreign as well as native suppressive exploitative rule while integrating themselves with Odisha. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjib Hota, former State Election Commissioner, gave a review of the book and said that the history of Nayagarh constitutes a significant phase in the political history of Odisha. As is depicted by the historical



accounts of Nayagarh, the existence of the district is deciphered far back at the 13th century C.E. The British period, i.e. 1803-1947 was as significant as it was distinct, not only for

the national history of India, but also for any regional or local history. For the Orissa's Garjat, this was a period of transition from medieval and feudal stage to the modern phase. Justice Patnaik in his address said that the history of Odisha and the sense of geography are glorious. We need to spread the word about our cultural heritage. There is

ample opportunity to shed light on the social, economic, and cultural aspects of the Princely and Feudatory States. Amiya Bhushan Tripathy, State Convener of Intach said that Nayagarh is one of the oldest Garjat states in Odisha and played a key role in the development of administration, art and culture and made significant contributions to the identity of Odisha. Karunakar Patnaik's book contains a lot of new information that will further enhance the identity of Nayagarh.

Soumya Ranjan Patnaik lauded the efforts of the author and said that many unexplained events of Nayagarh's history have been brought to the forefront and that the book will be useful for researchers, academics and students, who are working on Odishan history. Anil Dhir, Convener of the Bhubaneswar Chapter said that the book attempts to enrich the regional history while narrating the historical facts hitherto unexposed by many scholars of eminence. It narrates in

detail the political, administrative and economic conditions of the Feudatory Garjat states during the colonial rule. The resistance of the local chiefs, tribals, peasants and common persons against the autocratic and oppressive rule of the rulers backed by the colonial authorities has been studied in detail in the book. Dr. Debasish Mohapatro, Co-convener of the Bhubaneswar Chapter summed up the relevance of the book in his thanksgiving address. The book has been published both in English and Odia.

Central University of Odisha observes International Day of Yoga 2023

Koraput, (KCN) The 9th International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21 June 2023 at the Central University of Odisha campus. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, inaugurated the programme, congratulated the University community, and advised them to be blessed with unbroken joy by trying to find the store of joy hidden by themselves through Yoga. He said, "The effort to find pleasure (Ananda) is yoga; to connect with Purnabrahma with reverence through yoga is great pleasure (Mahananda). This effort has been continued by the great persons (manishi) of India since time immemorial. Understanding the value and significance of Yoga, the world is celebrating International Day of Yoga today". "In the name of development, science, and technology are drawing the world



towards destruction. In this context, in the name of human development, he added that by staying away from the trap of science and technology and finding the hidden store with him, he can make an effort to give joy to everyone by thinking of the whole world as his family". He appealed to the University community to include Yoga as an integral part of daily life for a healthy, beautiful, and prosperous life. On this occasion, the Administrative Advisor of the University, Prof. Bhibhas Chandra Jha; Academic Adviser, Prof. Shudhendu Mandal; Dean of the School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita; Dean of

the School of Languages, Prof. Nrisingha Charan Panda; and Prof. Hemraj Meena of the Department of Hindi also extended their best wishes and highlighted the theme of International Yoga Day. A yoga workshop was organized on this occasion. Ardent Yoga expert Sri Jaya Krishna Padhan performed various yoga asan as per the Common Yoga Protocol guidelines. 'Asanas' like Bhramari, Dhyana, Sitali, Kapalabhati, Nadisodhan, Sabasana, Pawanuktasan, Ardha Halasana, Uttana Padasana, Setu Bandhasana, Bhrujanganasana, Makarasana, Bakrasana, Uttana Mandukasana, Sasakasana, Ustrasana, Ardha Ustrasana, Bajrasana, Bhadrasana, Ardha Chakrasana, Tadasana and different movement of the body like knee movement, shoulder movement were performed and practiced by the participants. Public Relations Officer Dr. Phagunath Bhoi coordinated the programme while Deputy Registrar Ms. Parul Yadav proposed the vote of thanks. The yoga session was attended by a large number of teaching and non-teaching staff and students from the university, including Dr. Jayanta Kumar Nayak, Controller of Examinations; Dr. Debabrata Panda, Assistant Professor and Dr. Bijayananda Pradhan, Assistant Librarian. Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer

Governor greets on the occasion of the 'International Yoga Day'

Hyderabad, (KCN): "The observance of International Yoga Day aims to enhance public understanding of the numerous benefits that yoga offers. Yoga not only promotes physical relaxation but also effectively reduces stress and anxiety," said Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soudarajan. Extending greetings on the 9th edition of International Yoga Day on June 21, the Governor said that Yoga, a priceless



gift from ancient Indian culture, holds immense significance in promoting mental and physical well-being. Stating that this year's theme, 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' reflects our collective aspiration for 'One Earth, One

Family, One Future', the Governor expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his relentless efforts in promoting Yoga as a holistic practice. "It is an honor that our Prime Minister will preside over the global celebration of yoga from the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA," she added. Yoga has been practiced in India for thousands of years, encouraging regular meditation practice for

mental clarity and self-awareness, which is essential for thriving in a stress-free environment. Remarking that additionally, yoga, meditation, and pranayama have helped combat the physical and psychological effects of COVID-19 the Governor congratulated all the institutions organizing events to observe International Yoga Day and urged everyone to practice yoga for personal well-being.

International Yoga Day observed at NTPC Kaniha

Kaniha, (KCN): International Yoga Day was observed at NTPC Kaniha on June 21. In the morning, employees and members of their families enthusiastically participated a special yoga session organized at Recreation Centre, Deep Tarang. Shri K. S. Sundaram, ED, Talcher Kaniha, Shri A. K. Sehgal, GM(O&M), Shri Ch. Satya Ramakrishna, GM(ADM), Shri B. K. Pandey, AGM(HR), Smt. Renu Sehgal, Vice-President, Tanvi Sangam, Ladies Club, representatives of Unions & Association



along with employees, ladies and residents of the township took part in the session of ancient Indian "Fitness Mantra" (Yoga) that provides a holistic approach to health and well-being, apart from striking a balance between all aspects of life. To create wider awareness about importance of the

yoga our day to day life, separate yoga session for employees, ladies and children were organized under the guidance of Yoga experts, who not only demonstrated various Postures of this indigenous form of healthy living but also explained the benefits of practicing the various Yoga Asanas (Postures). A

drawing competition for Township school students was organized this year's theme Theme: 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' Meaning that by regularly practising Yoga, a person can imbibe some very good qualities like courage which protects like a father, forgiveness as possessed by a mother & mental peace which becomes a permanent friend. Through regular practise of Yoga truth becomes our child, mercy our sister, self-control our brother, the earth becomes our bed & knowledge satiates our hunger.

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Cristiano Ronaldo Scores Late Winner In Record 200th Match For Portugal Vs Iceland In UEFA Euro 2024 Qualifier

Berlin: Cristiano Ronaldo became the first men's player to make 200 international appearances and celebrated the milestone by scoring the winning goal in the 89th minute as Portugal beat Iceland 1-0 on Tuesday in UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying. The 38-year-old Ronaldo was honored by Guinness World Records before kickoff for reaching 200 games for Portugal almost 20 years after he made his debut. And he was celebrating at the end, too, after being on hand to score the later winner from close range and keep Portugal on track for Euro 2024 qualification with its fourth win from four games in Group J. Erling Haaland scored twice in Norway's 3-1



win at home over Cyprus, as did Romelu Lukaku in Belgium's 3-0 victory over Estonia. But another star forward – Robert Lewandowski – was left disappointed as his Poland team squandered a two-goal lead to lose 3-2 away to Moldova. Ronaldo padded his record for international goals as well, by netting

his 123rd for Portugal – making it another memorable night for the former Real Madrid and Manchester United star. "So happy. It's that kind of moment that you never expect to do it, 200 caps. For me it's an unbelievable achievement," Ronaldo told UEFA's website. "Of course, to score the winning goal, it's even

more special." Ronaldo's teammates Rafael Leão and Bruno Fernandes had looked more likely to provide an opening in Reykjavik, until Iceland midfielder Willum Willumsson was sent off with 10 minutes of normal time remaining for a second yellow card. Ronaldo had missed several chances and was booked for diving in the 83rd, before he finally got the winner when Goncalo Inacio headed the ball down for the forward to score from close range. Even then there was an anxious wait for a VAR check before Ronaldo could celebrate in his own distinctive style. Also, Luxembourg upset Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-0 away thanks to goals from Danel Sinani and Yvandro Borges Sanches,

while Slovakia beat Liechtenstein 1-0.

Despite Haaland's goals for Norway, Scotland stayed top of Group A with a 2-0 win over Georgia in a game that was suspended for about 1 hour, 40 minutes because of heavy rain and a waterlogged field. Callum McGregor gave hosts an early lead before play was suspended. Scott McTominay made it 2-0 early in the second half despite lots of water still on the field.

It was Scotland's fourth win from four games and it lifted the team four points above Georgia. Norway is third with four points from four games, while Spain is a point further back after playing just two. Spain won the Nations League on Sunday.

Zaka Ashraf set to return as PCB chairman



Karachi: Zaka Ashraf is all set to return as the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). Ashraf, who headed the PCB in 2011-13 period, has emerged as a contender for the top sports post in Pakistan following a change in the political coalition ruling the country. Najam Sethi, the PCB chief until Monday (June 19), is out of the PCB, at least temporarily.

On Tuesday, the country's Prime Minister appointed Ashraf, a well-connected businessman, to the PCB. The official appointment was communicated on Tuesday. "The Prime Minister, in his capacity as Patron of the Pakistan Cricket Board and in accordance with Article 10 (1) (d) of the PCB's constitution 2014, is pleased to nominate the following individuals for appointment as Members of the Board of Governors of PCB."

The second appointment is that of Mustafa Ramday, an advocate of the Supreme Court. According to PCB rules, the newly-appointed individuals become part

of a 10-member Board of Governors, which then elects the chairman. With Ashraf having the backing of one of the ruling coalition parties, his appointment as the chairman is widely anticipated.

"It ultimately depends on the Almighty. Hopefully, things will work out well," said a source close to Ashraf when asked about his chances of assuming the role of PCB Chairman.

The election is expected to take place within a week.

The change in leadership within the PCB was necessitated by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), headed by Asif Ali Zardari Bhutto, a constituent of the ruling coalition, demanding that the PCB position be allocated to them since they held the sports ministry. Sethi, the outgoing chief, belonged to the other party in the coalition, the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N). Observers suggest that the PPP wields more influence in sports affairs, leaving the PML-N with no choice but to comply with the

demands of the coalition. Sethi was initially appointed for four months in December 2022. His term was extended by two months and it ended on Monday. Knowing the volatile situation in the country's political set-up, Sethi stepped aside.

"Salaam everyone! I don't want to be a bone of contention between Asif Zardari and Shehbaz Sharif. Such instability and uncertainty is not good for PCB. Under the circumstances I am not a candidate for Chairmanship of PCB. Good luck to all stakeholders," he said in a social media post on Monday announcing his virtual resignation.

The PCB has seen three changes in the last six months. Sethi replaced Ramiz Raja in December and now Ashraf. However, the Zaka Ashraf arrangement may not necessarily last too long. With the country expected to go into the elections in October, another change is not ruled out, unless of course the PPP comes back to power.

Asian Games 2023: India Squad For Tennis Announced, Rohan Bopanna To Lead

New Delhi: Doubles specialist Rohan Bopanna will once again be India's flag-bearer in the tennis event at the Asian Games as All India Tennis Association (AITA) on Tuesday announced a 12-member squad for the continental quadrennial games. The Asian Games will begin in Hangzhou on September 23. Sumit Nagal -- who made his Asian Games debut in the 2018 edition competing in doubles alongside Ramkumar Ramanathan -- and Sasikumar Mukund are the likely singles players in the side for the Games. The 43-year-old



Bopanna will most probably pair up with Ramkumar. Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni, the other two players in the squad, are already playing as a pair on the ATP Tour. The women's contingent will be led

and two bronze medals at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, where the Bopanna-Divij Sharan pair had defeated Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik and Denis Yevseyev to clinch the doubles gold.

In the men's singles Prajnesh Gunneswaran had won bronze in men's singles. Former India player Rohit Rajpal has been named captain of the men's squad while Ankita Bhambri will be the captain of the women's team.

The core of the Indian contingent in both men's and women's sections largely remains the same, with Ramanathan, Nagal and Bopanna also featuring in the side that

competed in the Jakarta Games.

Among women, four players who competed in Jakarta five years back -- Ankita, Karman, Ruturaj and Prarthana -- are also in the current side, while Sahaja and Vaidehi are the new additions.

The squad: Men's: Sumit Nagal, Sasikumar Mukund, Ramkumar Ramanathan, Yuki Bhambri, Rohan Bopanna and Saketh Myneni.

Women's: Ankita Raina, Karman Kaur Thandi, Rutuja Bhosale, Sahaja Yamlapalli, Vaidehi Chaudhari, Prarthana Thombare.

Not going to look back at 'what ifs': Stokes defends declaration

New Delhi: England captain Ben Stokes defended his decision to declare the team's first innings prematurely on the opening day of the Edgbaston Test and said he would not change his ways despite the defeat by two wickets after five pulsating days of Test cricket.

Stokes called his batters in at 393/8 with about 20 minutes of play remaining on the opening day with Joe Root batting on 118* and looking good to add heft to the team's score with his aggressive play. Australia's openers Usman Khawaja and David Warner were able to bat out the four overs before Stumps. Stokes's decision was widely debated and also criticised in some quarters with Ashes-winning former captain Michael

Vaughan even stating that Stokes wouldn't repeat the decision if England got to a similar position in the Lord's Test.

"If we were in the same position? Yeah. I would like to be 398 for 6 [sic] with 20 minutes left. That would be great," Stokes said after the final day's play.

"I could also turn it around and say, 'if we didn't declare, would we have got the excitement that we did at the end of day five?' I'm not a hundred percent sure, but I'm not going to be looking back on this game as 'what ifs'... the reality is, we just didn't manage to get over the line."

While Australia captain Pat Cummins reckoned that he probably would not have declared in a similar situation given the placid pitch



requiring teams to maximise the first-innings, Stokes said he was looking to 'pounce on Australia'.

"I thought that was a time to pounce," Stokes said at the presentation. "I am not going to change the way I have gone about my cricket

because it is the Ashes. Who knows? We could have got an extra 40 runs or lost two wickets in two balls. I am not a captain who gets by on what ifs. We saw it as an opportunity to pounce on Australia and really start day two on top." Meanwhile, Stokes said

that a week's gap to the second Test at Lord's was important for his bowling attack to rest and recover for another shift. England, who bowled 208.4 overs across the two innings in Birmingham, were slightly hamstrung in

their push for victory on the final day with Moeen Ali suffering a cut to his spinning index finger and therefore able to send down just the seven overs.

"Seven days is actually quite a long time to give everyone a good rest.

We'll meet up again in three or four days' time I think, and we'll assess how everyone's going and we'll have to make a decision from there," Stokes said.

"I told Mo to tell me if his finger was sore, and I'd sensed that it was even before that. For him to come back into his first Test match and operate in the way that he did and really put himself through the pain barrier for the team [was great]."

"You could see what it meant to him going out to play for England again with a huge smile on his face. I selected him for his match-winning moments. He had a few of them with the ball and nearly got us over the line... [The break] gives Mo a good chance for his finger to heal up."

Stokes, battling persistent knee trouble, willed himself to bowl seven overs in each

inning and returned key strikes of Steve Smith and Khawaja. He admitted his bowling loads, although small, was a massive boost going into the remaining Tests of the Ashes series. "I was absolutely flying high on caffeine," he said. "I've put my body through more than it's actually been through over the last year, which is obviously great signs for myself and another confidence boost for me," Stokes said. "Getting through that, knowing we've still got four games coming up has given me a massive boost." I can't remember the last time I've sort of been able to continually bowl. I was just really happy that I was able to get a good long spell in, and I just love being in that situation. I love bowling long spells, especially when the game's on the line."