

Rath Yatra: 'Dakshina Moda' rituals of three chariots held in Puri

PURI, (KCN):The preparations for the Bahuda Yatra (return journey) of Lord Jagannath and his siblings have started in Puri with the observance of the 'Dakshina Moda' ritual on Sunday. The 'Dakshina Moda' ritual is associated with the chariots. Since Rath Yatra, the three chariots parked in front of Gundicha temple were facing north. For the return journey, the chariots were turned south toward the Jagannath Temple. So the ritual gets its name 'Dakshina Moda' or southward turn. Informing about the



tradition, the head carpenter of Lord Jagannath's chariot Nandighosha Bijay Mohapatra said, "The day after Hera Panchami, the three chariots are turned south facing

toward the Jagannath temple. The ritual is performed only after receiving the Angyan Mala (divine garland of consent)." "Today, after receiving the Angyan Malas, they

were tied to each of the chariots. First, Devi Subhadra's chariot Darpadalana was turned south, followed by Lord Balabhadra's Taladhawaja and Lord Jagannath's

Nandighosha chariots," informed Mohapatra. The officers and staff of the Srimandir and policemen pulled the chariots from the Gundicha temple to the Nakachana Dwar. During this ritual, devotees are generally not allowed to pull the chariots since the chariots are required to be pulled forward and backward to keep them at the proper places. But, the ritual is observed with charioteers, known as 'Dahukas' atop their respective chariots. The sibling deities 'Bahuda Yatra' will take place on June 28.

Two goods trains collide in West Bengal's Bankura

Kolkata, (KCN):A goods train collided with another stationary freight train at Onda in Bankura district of West Bengal on Sunday morning, a senior South Eastern Railway official said. No one was injured in the accident, which affected train services in the Adra division of SER for over four hours, he said. Eight wagons derailed due to the collision, which happened around 4 am, the official said. Train movement was restored at 8.30 am in the section, after urgent



repair work was carried out, he said. The likely cause of the accident was that the driver of the moving goods train overshot the home signal at Onda,

which was red, the official said. The train then went into the loop line, for which the point was set on the tracks, and hit the stationary freight train, he added.

Elderly Woman Dies, 15 Others Fall Ill After Consuming 'Kheeri Prasad' In Odisha's Balasore

Bhubaneswar(KCN):An elderly woman reportedly died and 15 others fell ill after they partook Kheeri prasad in Bahanaga area of Odisha's Balasore district today. The deceased has been identified as Nilamani Sahu (63), sources said. According to sources, Kheeri prasad was offered to the deities during Ratha Jatra at Talakurunia village

under Bahanaga block of Balasore yesterday. A few villagers of Talakurunia partook the kheeri prasad today and also sent the same to their relatives in nearby Athilabaj village, sources added. At least 16 people of the two villages fell ill after they partook the prasad. They were immediately rushed to a nearby health centre. Later, Nilamani and

another villager were shifted to Balasore district headquarters hospital (DHH) after their condition deteriorated, sources said. Nilamani died while being treated at the DHH. The administration, meanwhile, sent a team comprising doctors and health staff to the two villages to meet any emergency situation.

Very Heavy Rainfall Likely In Some Odisha Districts; IMD Issues Orange Warning For Next 2 Days

Bhubaneswar(KCN):As the Southwest monsoon is active over Odisha and scattered heavy to very heavy with isolated extremely heavy rainfall very likely to occur in some districts of the State, India Meteorological Department (IMD) regional centre in Bhubaneswar issued today Orange Warning for next two days. Low-Pressure Area formed over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Odisha-West Bengal coasts with associated cyclonic circulation extending up to 7.6 km above mean sea level persists. It is very likely to move west-northwestwards across north Odisha and



Jharkhand during the next two days, a mid-day bulletin of the IMD mentioned. Weather forecast and warning for districts of Odisha for next two days: For Sunday (valid up to 0830 hrs IST of 26.06.2023) Orange Warning (Be Prepared)- Scattered Heavy to Very Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Angul, Keonjhar, Nuapada, Kalahandi and Kandhamal. Yellow Warning (Be Updated)- Heavy Rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two

places over the districts of Sonepur, Boudh, Bolangir, Sambalpur, Bargarh. Isolated heavy to Very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Angul, Keonjhar, Nuapada, Kalahandi and Kandhamal. Yellow Warning (Be Updated)- Heavy Rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two

places over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Nayagarh, Khurda, Cuttack, Nabarangpur and Dhenkanal. For Monday (valid from 0830 hrs IST of 26.06.2023 to 0830 hrs IST of 27.06.2023) Orange Warning (Be Prepared)- Scattered Heavy to Very Heavy Rainfall is very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Nuapada. Isolated Heavy to Very Heavy rainfall is very likely at one or two places over the districts of Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Sonepur, Boudh and Nabarangpur. Yellow Warning (Be Updated)- Heavy

Rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Deogarh, Angul, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Rayagada, Malkangiri, Koraput and Kandhamal. Notably, under the influence of the anticipated low-pressure system, squally weather with gusty surface wind speed reaching 45 to 55 kmph is very likely over North Bay of Bengal adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal, along and off Odisha coast from 25th June to 27th June, 2023 (morning). Fishermen are advised to not venture into the sea area along and off Odisha coast, North Bay of Bengal adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal from 25th June to 27th June, 2023 (morning).

Sarpanch Dies, 4 Others Critical In Road Mishap While Returning From Puri Swargadwar

Aul(KCN):In a tragic incident, a sarpanch died and four others were seriously injured in a road accident while returning home after attending funeral of a villager at Puri Swargadwar today. The deceased person has been identified as Pradipta Das, the Sarpanch of Jayanagar

Gram Panchayat in Rajkanika area of Kendrapara district in Odisha. According to reports, the 50-year-old sarpanch had accompanied a family of Koilipur village under Rajkanika police limits to Swargadwar in Puri for cremation after death of

one villager Nirakar Behera's wife Jayanti Behera. On their way back on a car after attending the funeral, the vehicle rammed into a stationary Eicher truck in front of Axis Bank at Bhuiapur Chhak in Aul on Cuttack-Chandbali road.

All Set For EKAMRA Prakalp Bhumiujan

Bhubaneswar(KCN):The State Government is going to conduct a three-day Bhumiujan (ground breaking) ceremony for ambitious EKAMRA. Prakalp from June 26 here at the project site. The three day celebration going to be a momentous occasion showcasing the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the Ekamra Kshetra, officials said on Sunday. The Bhumiujan rituals will commence tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm with Yagna. While Secretary to CM, V K Pandian, an ardent devotee of Lord Lingaraj taken the initiative, Team Bhubaneswar led by Balwant Singh, Vice Chairman BDA and Vijay Amruta Kulange have made all arrangements for the ambitious project, which will attract global audience. The auspicious ceremony will continue for all three days and will be live-streamed on various television

channels and social media networks, ensuring that the entire nation can be a part of this grand event, the official said. The foundation stone laying ceremony, slated for June 28th morning. It will be graced by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik along with other dignitaries. This momentous occasion signifies the government's unwavering commitment to the preservation and revival of Bhubaneswar's architectural treasures, emphasising their historical significance to a global audience. During the three-day celebration, visitors and devotees will be immersed in the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Ekamra Kshetra. The Lingaraj Temple, Ananta Basudeva, Mukteswar Temple, Bindu Sagar, and other smaller temples will be adorned with soft



illuminations, heightening their ethereal beauty. The sanctity of the occasion will be enhanced through traditional Yajna rituals, creating a serene and sacred atmosphere. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to witness captivating sky projections, light and sound show, dance performances at the BMC Market Complex during the three days. There will be an

exhibition featuring a project model and information displays which will further enlighten visitors about the remarkable endeavours taking place within Ekamra Kshetra. Enchanting Bhajan performance will be organised on the evenings from 5:30 pm to 10 pm. Renowned artists such as Hariharan Anantha Subramani, Abhilipsa Panda, Ananda Nanda, Nilandri Kumar, and other

esteemed performers will take the stage, delivering soul-stirring renditions that will resonate with the hearts of all visitors. The Ekamra Prakalp, also known as the Ekamra Kshetra Amenities and Monuments Revival Action plan, was launched by the State Government in 2019. With an allocated area of 80 acres around the revered Shri Lingaraj Temple, including

various monuments, holy tanks, and water bodies, the project aims to recreate the magnificence of this ancient heritage precinct. The Phase-I development, will encompass key highlights such as the restoration of Ekamra Kshetra's architectural and archaeological heritage. To improve vehicular movement, a 12-18 meter wide mixed traffic lane will be

implemented, alongside 4-10 meter wide shaded walk ways to ensure smooth pedestrian flow. Similarly, parking facilities will be relocated to the outer periphery of Ekamra Kshetra to alleviate congestion. Moreover, interconnected landscaped open spaces will be created, providing safe gathering areas for devotees, while a 300 sq meter temple facility will be constructed for the convenience of pilgrims. Additionally, a 1,600 sq meter Information & Control Centre will be set up to cater to emergency services. To facilitate easy access to ritual spaces and Ekamra Van, a dedicated pedestrian path around Bindusagar will be constructed. Furthermore, the project will create interconnected landscaped open spaces, a temple facility for pilgrims, and an

Information & Control Centre for emergency services. It seeks to provide a harmonious blend of modern amenities and the preservation of cultural heritage, ensuring a transformative experience for visitors and devotees alike. The Ekamra Prakalp initiative exemplifies the government's steadfast commitment to preserving and reviving Bhubaneswar's ancient heritage precinct. The Odisha Bridge Construction (OBCC) Corporation (OBCC) has been trusted with executing the project, and the tender has been finalised, with works scheduled to commence soon. The State Government invited all to join this remarkable journey and celebrate the glorious past of Bhubaneswar's architectural treasures, ensuring their rightful place in the present and future.

Workshop on customer's rights organised



Bhopal (KCN) :All India Grahak Panchayat Provincial Workshop was organized in Bhopal to inform the newly elected Provincial Executive about the working method.

Panchayat educates the consumers in India about their rights, legal knowledge and material benefits to the consumers. Here the organization is working to make the consumer aware of the important

things that the customers should keep in mind while purchasing material from the market, so that they can get full benefit and our government does not suffer any loss from the purchased material. .

Also, if any kind of fraud with any consumer has been done by the fraudulent seller. So here the organization informs and cooperates with the consumer about how the consumer can take legal action against that fraud

and how a consumer can fight for his rights. Prant workshop was organized at All India Grahak Panchayat Office in Bhopal. The program was started with Grahak Geet and Mantra. Chief speaker Lokendra Mishra told in his address that the first workshop of Madhya Bharat province has been organized in Bhopal. The objective of the organization is to make customers aware and protect them from exploitation. Mainly in the program Asha Singh Central Mahila Jagran Chief, Neelam Jagdish Gupta District Co-ordinator, Monika Jain Advocate Central India Province President Bharat Tibet Cooperation Forum, Sarita Sharma District President Bhopal. An organization becomes strong only when its workers work with full devotion.

Intellect & Talent Award observed by 42 Mouza Bikash Parisad



Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Netajai Abhinandan, actor Manoj Panda, pravachaka Siba Prasad Das, Social worker Ruosh Kumar Joshi, Secretary Social worker Santosh Pati, Ganeswar Das and all members are present. Parisad mouthpiece The Palishi inaugurated with lots of readers happy to read with much more pomp and glamour. President advocate Keshab Chandra Kar paid congratulation with thanks from abroad by

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Competition on Child Rights held during Rathayatra 2023

Puri, (KCN): Competition for Children age of 10 to 18 yrs at District Level was conducted by District Child Protection Unit & District Administration on Child Rights and Child Protection at National Pallishree Mela Ground, Bholanatha Vidyapitha, Puri on 24th June 2023. Above 100 participants including students of different schools, CCIs, colleges, engineering schools, ITI were participated. Keeping in view of large gathering of devotees, local people, visitors during Rathayatra, such kind of programme has been conducted every year to create awareness among students, children, guardians and teachers. Various competition events like; Debate, Drawing, Quiz were organized and the winners felicitated with certificate, trophy and prizes. In Debate Competition Mr. Sadyant Satapathy Class-V of



Mother's Public School won 1st Prize while Ms. Subhashree Mallick, Class X of Kalikani Vidyapitha & Ms Subhadra Sahoo, Class-X of Balagandi High School positioned 2nd and 3rd. Similarly Mr. Sradha Swarup Nanda & Ms. Anysha Pattanaik, Class IX of Kendriya Vidyalaya won 1st & 2nd prizes respectively

and the third prize received by Mr. Ashutosh Sahu of Govt. ITI, Puri. In Debate Competition Ms. Lipsa Priyadrsini Swain of Kendriya VIDyalaya, Ms. Swapnarani Sethi of Durgadevi High School, Ms. Jyotsna Das of Kalika Narayani Vidyapitha and in Drawing Mr. Surayanarayan Panda & Mr. Abhaya Panda of

Biswambar Vidyapitha, Ms. Kamini Mallick of Kalika Narayani Vidyapitha received consolation prizes. Mr. Santosh Kumar Sethy, District Information and Public Relation Officer, Mr. Manoj Kumar Tripathy, District Child Protection Officer, Mr. Upendra Biswal, Member Child Welfare Committee felicitated to the winners. Mr. Durgamadhhab Kar Principal, Charu & Karukala Mahavidyalaya, Mr. Sukant Panda Editor Sishu Samachar, Mr. Sibasundar Mishra Educationist joined the programme as Jury. Mr. Subhanarayan Satapathy, Protection Officer & Mr. Harekrushna Sahu, Accountant Managed the programme and Ms Rojalini Patra, Ms. Kamala Maharana, Ms. Susmita Nanda, Mr. Bijay Parida of DCPU provided necessary cooperation to make the programme successful.

An integrated science and arts workshop for Kolkata school kids to explore the joys of science

Kolkata, (Saikat Kumar Basu): Sri Aurobindo had opined in his 'A system of national education' - "...chemistry may be started by interesting observation and experiments without any formal teaching or heaping on the mind of formulas and book knowledge". At Mirraloke, a learning community (an autonomous unit of Sri Aurobindo Sikshadhara Trust) experimenting with the idea of free progress education, chemistry is introduced along similar lines. On 19th June (2023), conducted by Dr. Saikat Kumar Basu, eminent environmentalist and agriculture scientist, Executive Research Director, PFS, Alberta, Canada, such a session was held with experiments showing reaction of chemical reagents on the daily



food we eat like different fruits, vegetables and eggs resulting in change of colours owing to the degrees of sugars proteins starch and alkaline elements present in the items. This session on chemistry in everyday life was attended with apt attention by the children as well as team of guides at Mirraloke. A model curriculum of introduction to chemistry in everyday life is been drawn up to be implemented henceforth to arouse interest of the children in

the subject in future. This specially designed workshop for the kids to introduce them first time to the joys of exploring science included: 1. Basics of food and nutrition: carbohydrate, protein and fat 2. Dry and wet live chemical analysis of egg white (for protein), fruits and vegetables (proteins and carbohydrates) and fry nuts (fats) such as Milton's test, Barfoed test, Biuret test, Xanthoproteic test, Fehling's test etc. 3. To have basic understanding of

elementary pH scale via colour change demonstrations on plant saps and juices 4. Understanding and exploring simple natural fossil preparation in plants and animals; 5. Lastly, understanding simple aspects of plant and animal cell and photosynthesis in plants. 6. BioArt- by making creative products out of leaves found in the school garden and campus This integrated workshop of introduction to science to kids with joys of artwork and storytelling was attended by over 30 plus students, teachers, attendants and the school administration members. The workshop rolled around among shouts of cheers and joys of the kids excited exploring thrills of science with great enthusiasm.

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Ram Charan, Upasana Drop First Picture Of Their Newborn, Priyanka Chopra Is In Love

Celebrity couple Ram Charan and Upasana Kondidela became parents to a baby girl on Saturday. Upasana took to Instagram to share a photo of the couple with their baby. She wrote, "Overwhelmed by the warm welcome for our little one. Thank you for all the love and blessings. @alwaysramcharan @alwaysrhyme." Ram Charan can be seen holding their puppy in his arms. Ram was in a white shirt and blue denim. On the other

hand, Upasana was holding the baby in a floral maxi dress. The baby was wrapped in a white swaddle. On Friday, the couple made their first public appearance with their baby, posing outside the hospital on their way home. Soon after she shared the picture, fans and industry friends flooded



the comment section with red heart emoticons. Actor Priyanka Chopra commented, "Congratulations." Actor Rakul Preet wrote, "Congratulations, may she be blessed with

all the joy, happiness, and abundance in the world." Singer Kanika Kapoor commented, "OVERJOYED." On Friday, the couple made their first public appearance with their baby, posing outside the hospital on their way home. Ram also addressed the media and expressed his gratitude to all the well-wishers. "I thank our fans for

performing poojas and prayers for the kid's well-being. I am indebted to all for showering love on us. I'm overwhelmed with this joyous moment. Your blessings and wishes will continue to be with our baby girl," he said. Ram and Upasana were blessed with a baby on June 20. After learning about the baby's arrival, members of the film industry and fans flooded social media with congratulatory wishes.

Ram's father and veteran actor Chiranjeevi took to Twitter and 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& @upasanakondidelaand us grandparents, Happy and Proud!!" Ram, 38, and Upasana, 33, announced the pregnancy in December. The couple tied the knot in 2012 after dating for years.

'Gully Boy' to 'Darlings'- Vijay Varma has come a long way

Gully Boy, India's official entry to the Oscars celebrates 4 years today, and while the film was highly celebrated for its impactful performances, it was dark horse Vijay Varma who stood for the sheer potential he showed and for holding his own despite the strong and established cast.



The actor was praised for his performance as Moeen Arif, and his portrayal instantly caught the attention of audiences and critics alike. From thereon, Vijay continued to impress with web series' like A Suitable Boy, She and Mirzapur 2 and Ok Computer, all of which he won rave reviews for. But it was finally with Darlings, that Vijay

Varma cemented his position as the 'King of Grey' as his character 'Hamza' was yet another example of Vijay's incredible prowess as a performer who constantly raises the bar with every project he takes on. Critics spoke about how Vijay 'nailed

the character', 'was like a chameleon', 'terrific and absolutely scintillating' making audiences feel the dread that Badru (Alia Bhatt) felt everytime his character Hamza came home. From being a supporting cast

alongside Alia Bhatt in Gully Boy to being a parallel lead opposite her in her production Darlings, the actor has come a long way in the last 4 years and his journey has been nothing short of inspiring.

It's no surprise then that after his phenomenal performance in the film, he is now part of some of the most exciting theatrical and OTT content including Sujoy Ghosh's untitled next alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan, Reema Kanti's Fallen and Sumit Saxena's untitled project that took almost 100 days of immersive, relentless work. Each of these are versatile and challenging but nothing that the actor can't pull off!

Success of Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan is the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system, says Vivek Agnihotri



The Kashmir Files director Vivek Agnihotri, who had previously criticised Pathaan amid the controversy over the Besharam Rang song, recently credited Shah Rukh Khan for the success of the Siddharth Anand directorial. However, he said in the podcast, "They will go back to their fundamental beliefs that audience is an idiot and you just need star power and lot of marketing hype to make a film successful."

"After Pathaan, I have a feeling that everybody will fall back to the same old system because Pathaan's success is the success or in today's environment I would choose the word victory. It's the victory of the age-old, exploitative, nepotistic top-heavy system," he added.

The filmmaker further said that Pathaan's success should also be credited to those who threatened to boycott the film and made 'stupid statements' against it. He said that the film's promotions had turned into a political campaign, adding that Pathaan worked purely because of SRK's charisma and his fan following.

"The way he marketed it, the way he took it on his shoulders 'that, okay it's my film and I am responsible for it' which is pretty good. I also think that some credit should also go to people who were making stupid statements against the film and people who were unnecessarily protesting and asking for boycott and these are different people from regular 'Boycott Bollywood' gang," he said.

Pathaan has now become the highest grossing film in the history of Hindi cinema. The movie has grossed Rs 901 crore worldwide. While it has grossed Rs 558 crore in India, it has raked in Rs 343 crore in the overseas market.

The movie also features Deepika Padukone, John Abraham in the lead, followed by Dimple Kapadia, Ashutosh Rana and others in pivotal roles.

Speaking about the immense success of 'Pathaan', Shah Rukh Khan had shared "The four years that I had... Covid had good and bad parts. I didn't work. I was with my children. I saw them grow up. My last film had not worked and people had said my movies now won't work. So, I thought of an alternate career: cooking Italian. In these four days, I've forgotten my last four years."

Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was accompanied by her 'Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood

actor Varun Dhawan.

'Citadel' is the Indian version of the international sci-fi action web series of the same name created by the Russo Brothers. In the international series, Priyanka Chopra plays the lead.

The Indian web series is directed by the

director duo Raj and DK, who had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him." Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakunthalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.

Karan Johar reviews 'The Romantics', asks Aditya Chopra if he can share their personal pictures clicked over the decades

The 'Romantics', which released on OTT on the occasion of Valentine's Day, has received an emotional review from Karan Johar. He confessed to binge-watching the four episode long docu series, which got him thinking about old school filmmaking.

"I realised the purity, the innocence and the conviction we all collectively had... is so lost today for most of us.... Yash Chopra is not just a legend of romance... a connoisseur of chiffon, music and beauty... a maestro of musicals... he was also a pillar of belief and conviction... is there any conviction left today? We are burdened by media commentary... box office opening analytics, research engines (all probably relevant to the technology and times) but where did good old fashioned conviction vanish," shared Karan Johar.



He went on to state how the series made him reflect on his own journey and added, "The rom doc reminds us of the past that seemed so organic and



heartfelt.... Makes me want to go back to that zone of filmmaking I am so deeply inspired by the YRF story... it's

origin and it's journey.... Having learnt everything I know from the corridors of the studio I stand blessed and watching The Romantics made me so self aware ... of my strengths and my failings.... Thank you @smritimundhra for weaving a narrative out of the archives and actually making an audience go through the many emotional beats through the 4 episodes... just brilliant!"

Chopra scions, Aditya and Uday, KJo added, "And finally my Best friend has a face and how beautifully articulate was he!!! Adi does that mean I can post all the images we have shared over decades that you have threatened to never speak to me if I put out ??? #justasking #loveyouaditya congratulations to my dearest friend @uday for being such a force behind this."

Paying an ode to

Changes relating to TDS and TCS by Finance Act, 2023



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

Many changes have been made relating to TDS and TCS by the Finance Act, 2023. Some important changes are incorporated in this article.

1.1 Claim of TDS credit in subsequent years in respect of income already offered to tax in earlier years allowed [Section 155(20) and Proviso to Section 244A(1)(a)(ii)]: As per section 199 credit of TDS can be claimed only in the year in which such income is offered to tax. Where assessee has shown income in earlier year and TDS is deducted later the assessee was unable to claim the same.

In order to remove the hardship W.e.f. 01.10.2023, section 155 has been amended allowing credit of such TDS in the said assessment year through an application made before AO in prescribed form within two years from the end of the financial year in which such tax was deducted. Further the AO has been permitted to

carry out rectification granting such credit within four years from the end of the FY in which such tax was deducted.

In this connection it may be mentioned that interest on refund arising on account of allowing credit of such TDS shall be allowed from the date of application.

1.2 TDS @ 20% on taxable component of accumulated balance due to an employee under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 where PAN is not available [Section 192A]: W.e.f. 01.04.2023, where PAN is not available, TDS shall be deducted @ 20% instead of maximum marginal rate on the taxable component of accumulated balance due to an employee under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.

1.3 Deletion of exemption from TDS on payment of interest on listed debentures/securities paid to resident [Proviso (ix) to Section 193]: W.e.f. 01st April 2023 a company is

required to deduct tax at source on payment of interest to a resident on any security issued by it where such security is in dematerialized form and is listed on a recognized stock exchange in India. Prior to the amendment the companies were not required to deduct TDS on interest paid on such securities.

1.4 Section 194BA introduced for deduction of tax at source on winning from online game, also new section 115BBJ introduced for taxing such winning from online games. [Section 194BA and 115BBJ]: W.e.f. 01.04.2023 new section 194BA has been introduced to deduct tax at source on net winnings from online games of the user account. It has been provided that if the user of online game withdraws winnings from its user account during financial year, tax is required to be deducted at the time of withdrawal on the net winnings comprised in such withdrawal. Further, tax is also required to be deducted on the net winnings in the user account at the end of the financial year which is not withdrawn. Further w.e.f. AY 2024-25 new section 115BBJ has been introduced for taxing winnings from online games. Section 115BBJ provides that where the total income of an assessee includes any income by way of

winnings from any online game, the income-tax payable shall be the aggregate of—(a) the amount of income-tax calculated on net winnings from such online games during the previous year, computed in the prescribed manner, at the rate of thirty per cent; and (b) the amount of income-tax with which the assessee would have been chargeable had his total income been reduced by the net winnings referred to above.

1.5 Section 206AB (i.e. higher rate of TDS in case deductee does not file return of income) has also been made not applicable in case of TDS on winning from online games.

1.6 Instead of individual transaction limit, the aggregate limit of Rs.10,000 will apply for TDS on winning from horse race [Sec 194BB]: W.e.f. 1.4.2023, TDS on winnings from any horse race is to be deducted if aggregate winning from horse race exceeds Rs 10000 even if individual transactions does not exceed Rs.10000. Prior to the amendment, TDS was to be deducted only if in any transaction winning from horse race exceeded Rs.10000.

1.7 TDS @ 9% on interest payable on long term bond or rupee denominated bond which is listed only on a recognised stock exchange located in an International Financial

Services Centre [Sec 194LC]: W.e.f. 01.07.2023, tax shall be deducted @ 9% on interest payable in respect of money borrowed by a specified company or business trust from a source outside India by way of issuance of any long-term bond or rupee denominated bond on or after the 1st day of July, 2023, which is listed only on a recognised stock exchange located in an International Financial Services Centre.

1.8 As per Sec 194 w.e.f. 1.4.2023 cooperative society engaged in business of banking is required to deduct TDS only if the aggregate cash withdrawal during the year exceeds Rs. 3 cr. Earlier the limit was Rs. 1 cr. The limit of Rs. 1 cr will continue to apply on withdrawal from a bank or post office.

1.9 TDS is to be deducted even on cash benefits [Sec 194R]: W.e.f. 1.4.2023 TDS is liable to be deducted on payment of benefits or perquisites even if the same is wholly in cash. The above amendment has nullified the decision of Apex Court in the case of CIT v. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. [2018] 404 ITR 1 (SC) wherein it was held that the words 'benefit or perquisite, whether convertible into money or not' does not include cash benefit.

1.10 Treaty benefit made available for TDS on

income from specified units of Mutual Funds or specified company paid to a non-resident [Sec 196A]: W.e.f. 1.4.2023, TDS is to be deducted on payment of income from specified units of Mutual Funds or specified company at the rate of 20% or the rate provided under respective DTAA, whichever is lower. Prior to the amendment, though the tax was chargeable at the rate of 20% or the rate provided under DTAA whichever is lower, but tax deduction was to be made at a flat rate of 20% resulting in refund in large number of cases.

1.11 Benefit of lower rate of TDS also available on TDS under sec 194LBA [sec 197]: W.e.f. 1.4.2023, benefit of deduction of tax at a lower rate under sec 197 has been made available on distribution of certain income by a business trust under sec 194LBA.

1.12 Higher rate of TDS/TCS for non return filer or person having no PAN shall not apply to a non-resident who is not required to furnish return [sec 206AB and sec 206CCA]: W.e.f. 1.4.2023, sec 206AB and sec 206CCA have been amended to provide that higher rate of TDS/TCS for not furnishing return shall not apply to a non-resident who is not required to furnish return of income and is notified. Earlier the benefit was limited to a non-resident not having a permanent

establishment in India. Further such higher rate of TDS shall not be applicable to TDS on winnings on online games.

2.0 Provisions relating to TCS

2.1 TCS rate raised to 20% from 5% on foreign remittance and overseas tour program package [Sec 206C(1G)]: W.e.f. 1.7.2023, TCS rate has been raised to 20% from 5% on foreign remittance or overseas tour package. In case of selling of overseas Tour package (no threshold limit), the rate of TCS is 5 per cent upto 30th June, 2023. However the rate of TCS has been enhanced w.e.f. 1st July, 2023 to 20 per cent on such payments for selling of overseas Tour package.

2.2 The threshold limit of Rs 7 lakh on foreign remittance other than overseas tour package has been done away with, with effect from 1st July, 2023 and now the said limit of Rs. 7 lakh is available only on remittance for the purpose of education or medical treatment. Foreign remittance through LRS exceeding Rs. 7 Lakhs in a financial year if remitted amount is out of loan obtained from any financial Institution, as mentioned in section 80E, for the purpose of education the TCS is required to be made at the rate of 0.5 per cent.

2.3 However Foreign remittance through LRS

exceeding Rs. 7 Lakhs in a financial year for education, if remitted amount is NOT out of loan obtained from any financial Institution, and / or Medical Treatment, the TCS is required to be made at the rate of 5 per cent.

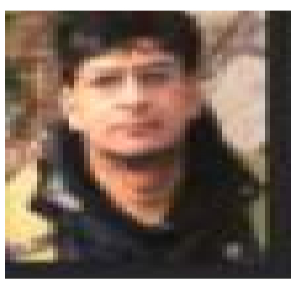
2.4 As per provisions applicable upto 30th June, 2023 no TCS is required to be made in case remittance under Liberalised Remittance Scheme in a financial year in case remittance during a financial year is less than Rs 7 Lakhs. However if such remittance exceeds Rs. 7 Lakhs in a financial year, then the TCS is required to be collected at the rate of 5 per cent upto 30th June, 2023. As per amendment of section 206C(1G) there will be NO threshold limit of Rs.7 Lakhs and the rate of TCS has been enhanced to 20 per cent with effect from 1st July, 2023.

2.5 As per Proviso to Sec 206CCA(1) w.e.f. 1.7.2023, wherever TCS rate exceeds 20%, owing to not furnishing return of income by collectee, the rate of TCS under sec 206CCA shall be limited to 20%.

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Collaborations between post secondary institutions is a welcome move towards excellence in higher education

Saikat Kumar Basu



Recently, in June the Geography Department, Lalbaba College at Belur Howrah successfully organized a one day international conference in collaboration with the Geography department of the Khudiram Bose Central College, Kolkata at their Belur campus. The conference theme was 'Geopolitics of Climate Change and It's Impact on Humans-Biodiversity-Urban Environment'. This well attended and highly successful international conference is an outcome of a previously unheard of unique approach of the esteemed Lalbaba College in generating MoU and collaborating with other similar minded institutions such as Khudiram Bose Central College in exchanging resources

and facilities, student and faculty exchange programs, joint scientific and cultural programs like seminars, symposiums, workshops, colloquium, research and social exchanges and presentations between both participating institutions. The honourable Principal of Lalbaba College, Prof Sanjay Kumar, mentioned, "Our goal is to establish MoU with at least 25 institutions, to help both educational, research as well as socio-cultural enrichments of students, faculties and administrators of participating institutions; and we are determined to achieve our target." This is a monumental approach and should be beacon for other educational institutes across the state of West Bengal and India to follow suit. The path set by these two premier institutes towards multi-institutional collaborative effort in education and research; as well

sharing quality resources of both institutes to share their resources is an unique example of much needed focus towards highly neglected multidisciplinary research in India. It is therefore important to understand that such small steps synergistically can push forward our education system light years ahead of our age old, rusted and putrefied traditional concept of running post secondary institutions. Both Lalbaba College (Belur, Howrah) and the Khudiram Bose Central College (Kolkata) deserve special mention for their sincere efforts in making the conference highly successful. The Principals, governing body members, teacher's and student council members of both institutes deserve special credit and respect for bringing out such fruitful and exemplary collaborations forward. Agricultural scientist and environmentalist, Dr. Saikat Kumar Basu spoke about the

'Geopolitics of Climate Change and it's Impact on Biodiversity' illustrating with numerous examples and case studies from around the globe. He demonstrated through his erudite presentation how we are slowly being engulfed globally by poor political decisions, lack of political will to make positive changes and the dirty politics games hovering on our existing power structure around the world including India, making important decisions and adopting to policies that governs our lives and destiny.

He explained how politics is turning into a major game changer globally for Climate Change related issues; and how vulnerable we are as ordinary citizens becoming victims of the game of international geopolitics. The research conducted by the second speaker Dr

strategies. It is quite amazing that such a high quality research has been successfully conducted by Dr. Khan with his international collaborators from around the globe; and the products of the research are valuable for our future survival. The mesmerized audience continued

their background highly supportive students, faculty members, college administrators and both Principals including the IQAC cells that deserve special mentioning. Two silent workers (faculty members) from the Department of Geography (Lalbaba

(Associate Professor, Department of Geography) who deserve special mention for their dedicated hardworking and tireless efforts to make this conference run smoothly. The speakers acknowledged the kind support, encouragement and appreciation received and mentioned that both look forward to attend another such interactive international seminars on both college campuses in the not so distant future. Both the honourable Principals, namely Dr. Sanjay Kumar (Lalbaba College) and Dr. Subir Kumar Dutta (Khudiram Bose Central College) must be commended for their monumental efforts in making this collaboration and international conference conducted into a grand success



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Ansar Khan from Geography Department (Lalbaba College) and his erudite presentation was greatly appreciated explaining how our cities are turning into unimaginable heat islands and their possible mitigation

direct/indirect conversations with both speakers thanking them for enriching the audience with their multi-dimensional research activities and high quality publications. The successful collaboration of the two colleges has in

College) were instrumental in making this program a grand success. These two dedicated faculty members are the two convenors; namely, Dr. Gopal Roy (Head & Assistant Professor, HoD, Geography Department) and Dr. Sunita Chandra

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PM interacting with the Indian Community, in Cairo, Egypt

Swachhta Campaign—Massive Cleaning Drive at NIT Warangal

Warangal (KCN): Swachhta Campaign was organized this morning from 7:00 AM – 09:00 AM at NIT Warangal. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director NIT Warangal said “we should all aim to create a clean campus and work in the direction of providing very quality environment to all our stakeholders. This time, the cleaning drive is organized to cover larger areas. Soon our students who are on vacation will join us and we shall continue to organize such campaigns every month and sensitize all our stakeholders to use dustbins to throw waste and minimize the use of single use plastic. I am sure very soon with all our effort, our institute will be one of the cleanest educational institutions in the country.” He expressed



his sincere appreciation to the Engineering Maintenance unit and the Campus Development Committee for driving the event. Director also conveyed his heartfelt thanks to the media for covering such an important event. “All good initiatives that NIT Warangal is taking are widely covered in media and I must express my sincere gratitude to them. The message through media will reach to lakhs of people and we never know whom we are inspiring through media,

and this inspiration could lead to making our country clean.” He stated. Pledge was taken by the volunteers to keep the environment clean and work for at least 100 hours per year on cleanliness. Around 300 volunteers were divided into four groups and were allotted different areas to participate in the cleaning drive. Every volunteer enthusiastically participated in the drive for two hours. Later, the engineering maintenance unit continued the drive until the evening.

Flood Situation Remains Grim In Assam, Over 4 Lakh People In 9 Districts Affected



Guwahati: The flood condition in Assam remained grim on Sunday, with over four lakh people hit by the deluge across nine districts, even though water levels started to recede, an official said. So far, three persons have lost their lives in this year's first wave of flood in different parts of the state, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) official said. According to an ASDMA report, over 4,07,700 people are impacted by the deluge in Baksa, Barpeta, Darrang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Kamrup, Lakhimpur, Nalbari and Udalguri districts. The water levels have begun to recede in some areas, the official said. The administration has been operating 101 relief camps in these districts, where 81,352 persons have taken shelter, and running 119 relief distribution centres in five districts. At present, 1,118 villages are under water and 8,469.56 hectare of crop area has been damaged across Assam, ASDMA said. Massive erosion was witnessed in Baksa, Barpeta, Sonitpur, Dhubri, Kamrup, Kokrajhar, Nalbari, South Salmara and

Udalguri, it said. Places in Karimganj have also reported incidents of landslides due to heavy rainfall. Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by flood waters in Darrang, Sonitpur, Kamrup, Golaghat, Nalbari, Barpeta, Baksa, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Goalpara, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Udalguri and Lakhimpur, the report said. Urban areas were inundated at many places in Darrang district, ASDMA said, adding, the Brahmaputra is flowing above the danger mark at Tezpur and Neamatighat.

Frauds should be prevented



Waarangal (KCN): In order to strengthen the consumer movement in the southern states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, it is the responsibility of the leaders of the consumer associations to take the features of the new Consumer Protection Act 2019 to the people and ensure that the authorities implement it, said Mr.

Damodar. On Saturday in Minerva Grand Hotel, Secunderabad, the President of the Southern States Consumer Coordinating Committee, Dr. Palle Padu was presided over by Damodar. Speaking on this occasion, he said that if the Consumer Protection Act is implemented fully, there will be no financial frauds in the country and every

consumer will be fully protected. According to Palle Padu Damodar, an organizing committee of five states has been formed and this committee will visit five states from July to December, coordinate consumer associations in those areas and undertake consumer protection programs. Later, Shankar Lal Chaurasia as convener of South States Organizing Committee, Kasu Viswadhara Raju and A. Sivaparvathi as co-conveners, P. Vinay, P. Anil and some Veeraswamy were appointed. CCI National General Secretary Sambaraju Chakrapani was the guest of honor in today's program.

MLA Nannapaneni Narendra should apologize

Warangal (KCN): MLA Nannapaneni Narendra who attacked journalist Gunti Vidya Sagar Journalists wearing black badges protested on behalf of all unions in front of the Greater Warangal Press Club demanding an apology. Greater Warangal Press Club president Vemula Nagaraju held a meeting with the officials of all journalist unions. Warangal East MLA Nannapaneni Narendra's treatment of RTV correspondent Gunti Vidyasagar was thoroughly discussed. According to everyone's opinion, MLA Nannapaneni Narendra has decided to issue a public apology at the press club within 24 hours. The leaders of



journalist unions strongly condemned the attack on journalists in the east constituency for the last two days. Later, the matter was reported to State Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao and BRS Warangal district president Aruri Ramesh and asked to

take initiative. Press club president Vemula Nagaraju said that if MLA Nannapaneni Narendra does not issue a public apology within 24 hours, the leaders of all the unions have unanimously decided to take further drastic action. Press Club

General Secretary Bollarapu Sadaiah, Treasurer B. Amar, TWJ (IJU) State Secretary G. Madhu, TUWJ (143) State Vice President BR. Lenin, District President M. Sudhakar, TAJF State Vice President N. Prabhakar, Warangal President RV. Prasad,

former press club president G. Kesavamurthy, journalists, union leaders Anjan Rao, M. Rajinikanth, T. Sudhakar, TWJF state secretary B. Dayasagar, P. Vishnuvardhan, T. Srinivas, TWJF District President TV. Rajugowd, IJU national council members M. Rajinikanth N. Buchi Reddy, M. Arun Kumar, N. Subhash, B. Srinu, G. Rajireddy, M. Raju, E. Kishora, MG. Nayimpasha, V. Srinivas, K. Vanugopal, M. By Durgaprasad, G. Yugender, D. Sairam, P. Ashok, Sudhakar, B. Srinivas, G. Sampath K. Ravinder and others participated.

Cloth Bag Distribution programme launched in New Town



Kolkata: Sustained Campaign against Use of Plastic Carry Bags is necessary and therefore NKDA has begun to enforce the rule in some selective markets of New Town and public is supporting the same, said Debashis Sen, Chairman, NKDA while inaugurating the campaign against Single Use Plastic launched by

famous NGO Concern for Calcutta on Sunday morning at NKDA Market. P.K. Barai, CEO, NKDA appreciated Concern for Calcutta for extending their campaign in New Town. It will help in environment protection, he said. Narayan Jain suggested for setting up a Centre for Excellence for the

NGOs in New Town so that activities in the interest of public at large can be organised. RK Burman, Vice President of Concern for Calcutta and Managing Director of Greentech Environment Management was felicitated for his services for environment protection. He explained that plastic waste can be converted into coal and

can also be used in laying road. BG Roy, former President enlightened on activities of the NGO. K.C. Tewary, Coordinator proposed Vote of thanks to dignitaries and all participants. KS Adhikari, President, Concern for Calcutta has thanked NKDA for the support extended to Concern for Calcutta and said that such campaign

will be organised in other markets of New Town. Pawan Paharia, BL Dugar, Lekha Sharma, Prof Pradyut Banerjee, Dr Anjula Binayakia, Ami chand Baid, Bibash Maiti, Debasree Dema, Sonali De, Indrani Netram, Annapurna Mishra, Santanu Pal, Kedar Rathi and other members actively participated.

Pact For Health Research Forester Killing; 10 Arrested

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University (SOA) on Saturday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR-RMRC), Bhubaneswar, here for mutual cooperation in the field of academics and research.

As per provisions of the MoU, both ICMR-RMRC and SOA would undertake joint collaborative research by applying for taskforce studies and projects for state, national and international grants.

The Ph.D scholars from ICMR-RMRC could pursue research in medical science, public health, microbiology, pharmacy, nursing and biotechnology in SOA while the university would recognize scientists from the institution as research guides or co-guides for supervision of Ph.D



work. Besides, the Ph.D research scholars from both SOA and ICMR-RMRC could access each other's facilities while the agreement would enable faculty exchange with SOA faculty members teaching Master of Public Health (MPH) program at the central institution.

The MoU, which will be in force for five years, was signed by SOA Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda and ICMR-RMRC Director Dr. Sanghamitra Pati.

Speaking after signing the MoU, Dr. Pati said the MoU contained several aspects as

regards health research and public health concerning Odisha. As SOA was a multi-disciplinary university and ICMR-RMRC handled diverse research activities, both could complement each other and become stronger. She said SOA already was receiving grants from

ICMR for research and clinical trial and the MoU would take it forward. Prof. Nanda said the MoU would enable fruitful joint research projects involving SOA and ICMR-RMRC as also organization of joint conferences and seminars. "It will lead to strong bonding as both organizations could complement each other," he said.

Prof. Sanghamitra Mishra, Dean of Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, SOA's faculty of medical sciences, Prof. Neeta Mohanty, Dean of Institute of Dental Sciences, SOA's faculty of dental sciences, Prof. Manas Kumar Mallick, Director, Mr. Pramod Kumar Panda, Chief Administrative Officer of SOA, Dr. Subhendu Kumar Acharya and Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sahu, Scientists at ICMR-RMRC were present during the signing of the MoU.



Baripada(KCN): The police have arrested 10 persons for their involvement in the murder of forester Mati Hansdah in Similipal Tiger Reserve in Mayurbhanj district, informed SP Battula Gangadhar today.

All the arrested persons belong to Edelbeda village under Thakurmunda police station in the district. The accused are identified as Turi Kandyan (30), Ramai Kandyan (61), Mora Ho (43), Manikaram Kandyan (43), Gopabandhu Kandyan (31), Dillip Kandyan (25), Ramsingh Gundua (34), Singha Ho (32), Gameya Ho (25)

and Champai Ho (26). The police have seized 2 country-made guns, 2 bows, 3 arrows, 2 axes and an iron rod from the possession of the arrested persons. The police have started a de-weaponization drive in the area cracking down on possession of firearms, informed the SP. The arrested persons have been booked under Sections 302, 353, 332, 333, 307, 120 (B), 34 of the IPC and Section 51 of Wildlife Protection Act and Section 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, the police said.

Further investigation is on to find the involvement of any other person in the killing of

the forester, they said. It may be noted that the incident occurred when a team of forest officials including Hansda was carrying out patrolling inside Similipal Sanctuary at Gamuchajharan on the intervening night of June 16. Then the forest officials intercepted the poachers, and the latter opened fire. In this incident, Hansda was killed by the poachers.

This was the second such case of a forest official killed by poachers within a period of one month in the Similipal sanctuary, Asia's second-largest biosphere reserve and home to Royal Bengal Tigers.

Odisha government announces substantial hike in ex gratia for wildlife attack victims

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha government on Wednesday announced a substantial hike in ex gratia compensation for damage to life and property in wildlife attacks, in a decision that seeks to address growing man-animal conflict in the state.

Now, kin of people losing their lives in human-wildlife conflicts will be entitled to a compensation of Rs 6 lakh, up from Rs 4 lakh earlier. Similarly, existing compassionate grant of Rs 1 lakh, provided for permanent injury in wild animal attacks, stands hiked to Rs 2.5 lakh for suffering disability of more than 60 per cent and Rs 1.5 lakh for less than 60 per cent disability.

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said, the compassionate grant provided for permanent injury, temporary injury,

loss of property and crop damage has also been increased significantly as a measure to check escalation of conflicts. The announcement comes days after The New Indian Express carried a report 'Man-Animal Conflict: Too much pain, too little relief' highlighting how poor compassionate grant is forcing people with permanent injuries to live in misery, making the crisis worse in the state. PCCF (Wildlife) SK Popli said with the fresh announcement, Odisha's compassionate grant has become highest among states in the east-central belt. "Our compassionate grant for those permanently injured is also one of the highest in the country," he said.

As per the notification, people who suffer temporary injuries will be provided free treatment and a compensation of Rs

5,000, while those in need of treatment of more than a week will be provided free treatment and financial aid of Rs 10,000. The PCCF said compensation for loss of livestock in wild animal attack has also been raised to Rs 37,500 for cow and buffalo and Rs 32,000 for bullock against the existing assistance of Rs 5,000. The compassionate grant for crop damage has also been doubled. As per the notification, financial assistance provided to farmers for loss to paddy and cereal crops in wild animal attacks has been increased to Rs 20,000 from existing Rs 10,000 per acre. Similarly, compensation for cash crops has been hiked to Rs 25,000 from existing Rs 12,000 per acre. Moreover, financial assistance for partial

damage to house in wild animal attack, which was Rs 2,000 till now, has been increased to Rs 10,000, while assistance for complete damage of house, which was Rs 10,000 has been hiked to Rs 20,000.

Provision of a house under Biju Pucca Ghar for permanent damage to property is still there. However, the government has decided an amount equivalent to the pucca ghar will be given where it is not possible to provide the victim with a concrete dwelling, forest officials said.

Rs 6 lakh ex gratia for kin of people losing lives in man-animal conflict Rs 2.5 lakh for suffering disability of over 60 % Rs 1.5 lakh for suffering disability of less than 60 % Rs 10,000 and free treatment for those who suffer temporary injuries

As per the eye estimation report, Barrgarh has recorded crop damage of over 6050 hectares of land in 52 villages. This includes the maximum damage in Barrgarh block at 2631 hectares, followed by 2314 hectares in Attabira, 885 hectares in Bheden and 220 hectares in Barpali. The farmers of Attabira and Bheden have already submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through Attabira MLA Snehangini Chhuria, demanding to take appropriate action towards compensation considering the hailstorm related damage.

Farmer leader, Ramesh Nahapatra said, "While the eye estimation report was sent on April 26, several other land on

which crops were damaged due to hailstorm were identified much later. The actual figures could be ascertained only from the joint verification report." However, on the basis of field visit and observation, crops over at least 10,000 hectares of land has been damaged this season, he said. "Considering the massive damage, input subsidy and crop insurance compensation to the farmers should be disbursed at the earliest," he added.

Paddy procurement centres will be opened in Koraput district from June 3 and about 12.42 lakh quintal paddy has been targeted to be lifted by Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation through 20 LAMPS, 15 SHGs and three pani panchayts.

Some farmers count blessings, many distressed over crop loss

BARGARH: While some farmers of Barrgarh district are gearing up for the procurement of the rabi paddy which is scheduled to begin from May 6, several others who suffered crop loss due to hailstorm and pest attack are now in distress. The procurement of paddy for the rabi season in Attabira block of the district will begin from May 6 while in other blocks including Barrgarh, Bheden, Barpali, Bhatli and Ambhabona, the process is slated to commence from May 12. Considering the summer heat, necessary arrangements like drinking water and tarpaulin sheds have been ensured for the farmers who will be participating in the procurement process.

This season, paddy will be procured from as many

as 85,000 registered farmers in the district across 62 market yards and 100 Paddy Procurement Centres (PPC). Around 84 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) and Women SHGs will be engaged to ensure the process is completed smoothly.

On the other hand, due to unforeseen calamities, hundreds of farmers who suffered complete loss of their standing paddy crops are in a bad state. Unseasonal heavy rainfall between the end of March and first week of April shattered their hopes of reaping a bounty. Subsequently, due to fluctuation in temperature, the paddy crops were infested with pests later identified as neck blast. To add to the woes, the recent hailstorm on April 22 ravaged crops over large




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The Heritage School Kolkata celebrated its 23rd Foundation Day and organized the 21st Annual Prize Day ceremony in a grand way



Kolkata: The Heritage School, Kolkata, celebrated its 23rd Foundation Day marking the completion of 22 years of excellence in education. To make the moment significant and momentous, the School organized its 21st Annual Prize Day Ceremony today. The entire event was graced by Mr. Gerry Arathoon, Chief Executive & Secretary, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) as the Chief Guest. During the event, Mr. Gerry Arathoon shared some of the new measures the Council is taking to imbibe quality education among the students following the NEP 2020. He also appreciated the way The Heritage School has grown up over the years and also congratulated this year's All India ISC Topper from the School,

Ms. Manya Gupta and Mr. Apratim Gangopadhyay, who had secured All India Merit position 3 in ICSE as well. "We are proud to have The Heritage School, Kolkata, as one of the affiliated schools in India and I thank the management of the School for the commitment and dedication in offering quality education that had set high standards over the years," said Mr. Gerry Arathoon during the inaugural address. Shri Vikram Swarup, Chairman, School Managing Committee, The Heritage School recalled some of the nostalgic moments since the inception of the School. Shri H.K. Chaudhary, Chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions spoke about the vision of the Group starting from School Education to Higher Education and beyond.

The other Trustee members of the School also congratulated the teachers, students, parents, and staff for their efforts in creating a 'School with a Difference' thus celebrating this momentous occasion. The students also experienced the Prize Distribution Ceremony for which they had been waiting for a long time. The Sajjan Bhajanka Award of Excellence in Education was launched today and was presented to Ms. Manya Gupta, All India ISC Topper 2023 from the School with a token of appreciation amounting to Rs. 1 lakhs presented by Shri Sajjan Bhajanka, Founding Trustee of the Heritage Group of Institutions and Secretary of Kalyan Bharti Trust. The Principal's Trophy was also given to Ms. Manya Gupta making the event a milestone in the

archives of Heritage Group of Institutions. Moreover, Shri Vikram Swarup, Chairman, School Managing Committee and Vice Chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions, presented the Chairman's Award of Excellence along with a token of appreciation amounting to Rs. 50000/- to Mr. Apratim Gangopadhyay, ICSE School Topper and All India Merit position 3. The event also witnessed the launch of the School annual magazine 'Vrittant' for the year 2023. "The Heritage School is launching new programmes as value additions to the existing curriculum in the future which will definitely help the students to achieve excellence in various verticals. Moreover, these programmes will also help us to

rediscover and reimagine our School education following the current NEP," said Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal, The Heritage School, Kolkata. "I congratulate the Chairman, Trustees, teachers, students, parents, alumni, well-wishers, and other stakeholders for creating a 'School with a Difference' thus fulfilling the vision of The Heritage School, Kolkata during this momentous occasion," said Shri P.K. Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions, Kolkata. The programme was also addressed by Ms. Runa Chatterjee, Headmistress, The Heritage School, Mr. Darryl Christopher Christensen, Headmaster of The Heritage School, and teachers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

cities.

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

The company has also

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NFS offers personal

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

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

JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' Offer

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

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

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

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

geographically and economically accessible to many more Indians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sammy rues 'more difficult' road to World Cup for West Indies

New Delhi: West Indies won the first two men's World Cups and reached the final of the third, but they stirred concerns of elimination from this year's tournament when they lost to Zimbabwe in Harare on Saturday. Zimbabwe, who have never come close to winning the trophy and failed to qualify for the 2019 edition, took an important step towards regaining their place on the global game's most important ODI stage. Zimbabwe won the World Cup qualifying match at Harare Sports Club by 35 runs. They were dismissed for 268 - their lowest total in their three games in the tournament - and bowled out the Windies for 233.

The result confirmed the home side's place in the Super Six. West Indies are also assured of staying in the running for one of the two berths in the July 9 final at HSC, as are the Netherlands. Both finalists will qualify for the World Cup in India in October and

November.

But the Zimbabweans have beaten both of their fellow Super Sixers, which means they will take four points into that next stage of the qualifiers. Neither the Windies nor the Dutch currently have any points to bank for the next round. That will be the case until Monday, when they face off at Takashinga, also in Harare.

Zimbabwe's productive performance in the group stage means they would finish the Super Six with 10 points if they win all of their next three games. That would make them difficult to dislodge from the top of the standings, and with that a place in the final and a World Cup berth.

West Indies coach Darren Sammy admitted to being "extremely disappointed" by his team's effort - or lack thereof - on Saturday. He let loose at his press conference with what could be called a stream of consciousness, particularly about his charges' dismal showing



in the field, where they dropped four catches.

"If we continue to display this type of fielding ... we've spoken about it for the last few games," Sammy said. "If you keep giving the opposition's best batters chances, eventually the cricket gods will catch up with you. They did with us today. But, that said, 269 on that surface ... These are things we are trying to change. We've seen it happen in times past. Today was really poor. It's about taking responsibility and we didn't do that today, and

hence we didn't deserve to win.

"When you put on a display of fielding like this, and then you get yourself in good positions and you take the game for granted, the cricket gods will make you pay. That's exactly what I'm going to tell them in the dressing room. We did not deserve to win. We did not play to win today.

"We've made our road to the World Cup more difficult, but I don't give up on anything. I'm going to keep on encouraging the boys to be better, because the train that I've

started here is going to be moving. Whoever wants a ticket they've got to come and buy it at the ticket office, and at the moment some of us are not buying that ticket for the train to move on.

"We found ourselves in positions with both ball and bat to knock them over. We didn't. When you throw the first punch you don't let the opposition come back. Today we kept Zimbabwe close by. They deserved to win. They kept their cool. They kept taking

wickets. They kept taking the chances we offered them. It was a good victory for them but it's a big lesson for us. You can't play with the game of cricket and take it for granted.

"When I took this job I wanted to change a couple of things. Mindset - that's slowly getting there - preparation, performance. All these things have to be done on a consistent basis. That's what we are trying to work on. We'll now have to look at personnel as well. The journey is not over. It's just continuing. "But there's no time to cry and think about it too much. We've got to get our game face on. Monday becomes very important for us."

Zimbabwe coach David Houghton turned 66 on Friday, a fact he used to motivate his team: "I said to the guys yesterday I'd like a birthday present, and that would be the win today. I got what I asked for. It doesn't happen very often."

The Zimbabweans' loss to the United Arab Emirates in the 2018

qualifiers, more than four years before Houghton was appointed coach, sealed their absence from the 2019 World Cup. That, too, was fuel for the fire Houghton is trying to light. "I said to the guys we had a clear path in 2018," Houghton said. "We only had to win the last game and we could have been at the World Cup and they messed it up. We've still got to do the job."

Craig Ervine and Sikandar Raza have praised Houghton for reviving Zimbabwe's fortunes. What did he think? "It's hard for me to sit here and take credit for the way our guys are playing," Houghton, his country's inaugural Test captain, said. "I think I've given the guys a little bit more belief in their own ability. There is so much more quality, depth and skill in this team than there was in the days when I played. All we needed to do was get it out of them.

"For that to happen they had to start enjoying what they were doing at practice; have really

quality practices and have fun. And have some enjoyment off the field. I've tried to show the guys a fair amount about life: go to game parks, go do some fishing, go see some lions, go see some elephants. It's not all about the humdrum and day in and day out cricket. I've managed to bring relaxation to the guys that allows them to bring out the skill that they have."

Zimbabwe surged to victory on the wings of the passionate and joyous support they received from a capacity crowd that saw the ground sold out before the end of the first innings. Those who were turned away were accommodated in a fan park, equipped with a giant television screen, on a nearby rugby field. "It's fantastic; we love our fans," Houghton said. "We know the noise that they make and the aura they bring to us playing at home. I'm glad I'm not one of the opposition. They talk about a 12th man in football. For us, they're our 13th, 14th and 15th men."

Bangladesh looking at Soumya Sarkar as an option going forward

Dhaka: Bangladesh assistant coach Nick Pothas has that the team management is looking at Soumya Sarkar as one of the options going forward.

Head coach Chandika Hathurusingha had asked the national selection panel to include Soumya in the three-day preparation camp ahead of the home series against Afghanistan comprising three ODIs and two T20s. Soumya, who was dropped from the national squad after a dismal performance in the 2022 T20 World Cup, hasn't played white-ball cricket for Bangladesh ever since. He was included in the Emerging Asia Cup squad as a potential candidate in the middle-order.

"I think again it's been a case of giving people



opportunity," Pothas told reporters at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Saturday. "We don't want people to feel like they're outside of the group. And it also gives us options. If somebody gets injured, we don't want to be pulling people out of thin air from somewhere where we haven't seen them and also giving them the best opportunity to train, to practice, to be ready, if there is an

opportunity at some point. So we want to try and be as inclusive as possible. And the head coach has a very clear plan.

"I am not sure (how Soumya is batting) because I have only seen him at his best on TV a long time ago. For us now, it is an observation period. We want him to relax and play because we know he is very good. But I have only seen him three times at the net under no

pressure. And that's not enough time to have an opinion of him. So, I have to take time and observe him. He has obviously batted at the top of the order before. But this is a conversation with the head coach we have not had yet. At the moment, it is really the beginning of the observation phase."

Pothas said that the left-handed batsman must make his opportunities count when he gets that in the Emerging Asia Cup.

"I think he is going to get opportunities to go away with emerging players to play again. But for batters, their currency is runs. What you look like or what we think anyone can do is irrelevant -- that just gets you into the system. But the thing that gets you into the team is runs," Pothas said.

Australia pull in front despite Beaumont's record double ton

London: Beth Mooney and Phoebe Litchfield provided Australia a strong start in their second essay after the visitors had taken a narrow 10-run lead in the first innings on Day 3 of the Women's Ashes Test at Trent Bridge, on Saturday. The opening duo stitched an unbeaten stand of 82 after England were bundled out for 463 earlier in the day despite Tammy Beaumont's record double ton.

The English opener, who had notched up a century on Day 2 went on to become the first English woman to score a double century in Tests. Having started the day on 218 for 2, England got a lucky reprieve early on when Kim Garth induced an

edge off Nat Sciver-Brunt - in only the fourth over of the morning - which flew between the second and third slip with neither fielders going for a catch. In the next over, Beaumont took the attack to Darcie Brown. A drive, a punch and a pull - all for boundaries.

Sciver-Brunt cut Brown for another boundary in next over to bring up her half-century. However, her attack was reserved for Annabel Sutherland, off whom she cracked three successive boundaries soon enough. The duo ensured that England didn't have to follow on as the third wicket partnership swelled to 137 runs before Sciver-Brunt edged a cut off Ash Gardner to the 'keeper.

The flat and fast pace of operation by the offspinner proved quite effective as it became for the batters to put her away. Soon after Lunch, she cleaned up Sophia Dunkley, whose attempt to slog sweep backfired, handing Gardner her third wicket of the innings - the most she has picked in a Test match.

The 32-year-old Danni Wyatt, making her Test debut, made a strong impression. She got going with a crisp cover drive off Alana King for a boundary. She scooped Gardner, went down the track against Jess Jonnasen and threw her bat at any width offered by the pacers. Her entertaining cameo ended six short of a half-century as she opened the face of the bat to the slip

fielder off Brown. Australia clawed their way back with another strike before Tea, with Amy Jones flicking Ellyse Perry to mid on. In the next over, Beaumont cut Sutherland through point for a boundary to move into the 190s and go past Betty Snowball as the highest scorer in an innings for England women. The hosts slowed down considerably after Tea, but a few overs later Beaumont brought up her double century by tucking Sutherland through the leg side for a single. A couple of boundaries later, however, began England's collapse. Sophie Ecclestone was trapped legbefore by Tahlia McGrath. Even a review couldn't save her.

SAFF Championship 2023: Kuwait Beat Pakistan 4-0 In One Sided Affair

New Delhi: Kuwait took a giant step towards reaching the semi-finals when they picked up a comfortable 4-0 win over Pakistan in the Bangabandhu SAFF Championship 2023 Group A match at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, on Saturday. While Kuwait now have six points from two matches courtesy victories over Nepal and Pakistan, the team from across the border are at the rock bottom of Group A after losing both the matches against India and Kuwait.

The Middle East side were on the front foot from the beginning and showed the determination to take the lead. Their early push for a breakthrough paid dividends when Hasan Alanezi found the back of the net in the 10th minute. He took his time after following a long cross from the right flank and bundled the ball in. Kuwait continued to dominate as they kept hold of the ball possession. Eventually, they found another breakthrough before the half-hour mark when Eid Alrashidi found ample space to dribble on the

counter. The winger delivered the final pass to Mobarak Alfaneeni, who made no mistake in slotting it home for 2-0.

On the other hand, Pakistan came close in the 38th minute when Harun Hamid delivered a tantalising cross inside the box. However, none of his teammates were in the right place to finish it. To make matters worse for the rivals, Kuwait made it 3-0 in the additional time of the first half. Ali Khan Niazi's casual back pass was intercepted in the dangerous area by Alrashidi and he



lashed it on target. Pakistan goalkeeper Yousuf Ijaz Butt managed to block his fierce attempt but the rebound was clinically chipped in by Alfaneeni, his second goal of the match. Despite taking a massive lead, Kuwait showed no signs of taking their foot off the pedal as they continued to dominate. On the other hand, Pakistan lacked the quality in attack as they couldn't penetrate through their opponents' tight defence. Nevertheless, at the hour mark, the men in green almost

pulled one back when substitute Muhammad Waleed Khan stretched for a tap-in. However, his attempt at goal was parried away by Kuwait goalkeeper Bader Bin Saanoun. Finally, Alrashidi made it 4-0 for Kuwait in the 69th minute. The winger displayed brilliant footwork on the counter and managed to beat the closest Pakistan defender as well as the goalkeeper to find the target. Kuwait will now face hosts India in their final group stage game, while Pakistan will clash heads against Nepal on Tuesday.