

## Suna Besha: Lord Jagannath, Siblings Adorned With Gold Ornaments On Chariots

**PURI(KCN):** A day after reaching the Lions' Gate of Srimandir from Srigundicha temple on the occasion of Bahuda Jatra, Lord Jagannath and his siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra were adorned with the golden attire on their respective chariots on the Grand Road in Odisha's Puri city on Thursday.

Lakhs of devotees from across Odisha and outside thronged the Holy City to witness the Suna Besha ritual of the deities.

The servitors of the 12th century shrine started decorating the deities with gold ornaments including Sri Hasta (golden hand), Sri Payar (golden feet), Sri Mukuta (golden



crown), Sri Mayur Chandrika (golden peacock feather), Sri Kundaal (golden earring), Sri Rahurekha (golden aura) and Sri

Mala (gold necklace) on their respective chariots soon after the completion of Madhyahna Dhoopa, Mailam and Sandhya

Alati and other rituals at around 5 pm.

The servitors took more than an hour to decorate the deities with the gold

ornaments. They had earlier brought huge quantities of ornaments from Srimandir Ratna Bhandar (temple treasury) amid tight

security for the ritual.

As per the tradition, Suna Besha ritual of the deities is conducted five times in a year. The deities are adorned with golden attire four times in a year inside the sanctum sanctorum of Srimandir while the ritual is held once on the chariots during the annual Ratha Jatra, said a servitor.

It is believed that Suna Besha ritual of the deities was introduced during the reign of Gajapati King Kapilendra Deb in 1460. Kapilendra Deb had donated huge quantities of gold and silver ornaments to Srimandir after conquering several kingdoms during his rule, added the servitor.

## Odisha Govt Prioritises Siali Beach Conservation; Takes 70 Degree Colleges, Higher Secondary Schools In Jagatsinghpur Under 5T Transformation

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Acting on the directives of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, 5T Secretary VK Pandian today visited Jagatsinghpur district to review the progress of various developmental works and for redressal of public grievances as well. The 5T Secretary went to Siali beach in Ersama block and assured that measures for prevention of soil erosion under the ambitious Siali beach conservation project would be considered on a priority basis with an estimated cost of Rs 40 crore. He mentioned about the Super Cyclone and its devastation in Ersama block which made the CM determined to strengthen Odisha's disaster management system. Pandian interacted with the public and received the grievances and assured timely redressal. He also visited Mission Shakti Port Side Container Sales & Café in Paradip and interacted with the Mission Shakti operating groups. He appreciated the innovative Mission Shakti project and encouraged the group members and assured support from the Govt for further extension of the marketing facility.

**Jagatsinghpur(KCN):** Odisha BJP leaders and workers today protested 5T Secretary VK Pandian's visit to Jagatsinghpur district by releasing black balloons and wearing dress of same colour.

The protesters released the balloons into sky while Pandian was arriving in a helicopter. Such protests were staged by the members of BJP Yuva Morcha and BJP Mahila Morcha at Paradip, Kujang and Rahama in the district. Holding banner, they also raised "Pandian Go

## BJP Protests Odisha 5T Secy VK Pandian's Jagatsinghpur Visit With Black Balloons



Back" slogan.

In Kujang, women members of the saffron party took out a rally opposing Pandian's visit to Jagatsinghpur. Similarly, in Paradip, the BJP workers resorted to sloganeering and picketing in front of the

ADM's office.

The national party has been accusing the 5T Secretary of being involved in political activities, announcing projects and addressing public gatherings with speeches having political overtones. Bhubaneswar

MP Aparajita Sarangi and Odisha BJP President Manmohan Samal had earlier written to Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions of India, Government of India in this regard. The Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India has written to the Odisha Chief Secretary directing the official to take 'appropriate action' against 5T Secretary VK Pandian on the basis of the complaint filed by the two BJP leaders.

## Subroto Bagchi Leaves Odisha Skill Development Authority; Alka Misra Takes Over As Chairman



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Subroto Bagchi today left his position as the Chairperson of Odisha Skill Development Authority citing the personal reason behind his resignation. He also thanked Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for trusting him with the responsibility for about seven years.

Taking to his personal Twitter handle, Bagchi wrote, "After 7 glorious years as Chairman, Odisha Skill Dev Authority, stepping down due to personal reasons. Deeply grateful to @Naveen\_Odisha for his total confidence in me, thankful to officials of the State for unstinted support and people of Odisha for their love that binds forever."

Delighted to welcome Smt. Alka Misra as Chairperson Odisha Skill Development Authority. As CEO of World Skill Center, she proved her mettle as a strong leader with a clear vision for the skill future of Odisha. In her able hands, I am sure, the State will achieve greater heights," Bagchi added.

## Newborn Girl Found Abandoned Near Drain In Odisha Capital

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** A newborn baby girl was reportedly found abandoned near Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) in the capital city of Odisha today. The baby girl was found in a sack near a drain at Raghunathpur near NZP in the early morning. Pabitra Kumar Das, a resident of nearby Bhaganpur, heard the crying of the baby while cutting grass near the drain at around 5.30 am, sources said. Das rescued the baby and rushed her to a private hospital. Later, the baby girl was shifted to Capital Hospital after her condition deteriorated, sources added. "The baby has been admitted to the paediatric ward of Capital Hospital. Her condition is stable now," said a doctor.

Das and his wife Pravati, meanwhile, urged the authorities concerned to allow them to take care of the upbringing of the baby girl.

"We will produce the baby before the Child Line. They will take the necessary steps for her upbringing," said an official of Capital hospital.

## DHARITRI to Honour Mother Earth and display the richness of odia culture celebrated By Utkal Samaj Rhein-Main, Frankfurt, Germany



**Frankfurt (KCN)** :Utkal Samaj Rhein Main (USRM), Frankfurt (Germany) organized a remarkable event called 'Dharitri' to honor Mother Earth and display the richness of Odia culture. President (Bibhu Ashis Mohanty) and Vice-President (Amit Kumar Rawal) led the event by fostering a strong sense of community. USRM aimed to raise awareness about

Odisha's cultural heritage and promote sustainable living. The Chief Guest of the event, Consulate General Of India Dr. Amit Telang appreciated the efforts for this new initiative and underlined that Sustainability and respect for nature are part of the Indian ethos. Around 650+ people attended the event featuring diverse stalls exhibiting Odisha cultural

artifacts, including Chandoi and silver filigree works. Attendees were treated to captivating cultural performances like traditional folk dances such as Sambalpuri, Odia band singing to the tunes of famous Odia songs and other Indian dance forms. The highlight of the event was the Dharitri Fashion Show choreographed by Monalisha Mohanty



and Minakshi Adhikari, showcasing a variety of Odisha handloom products ranging from Sambalpuri, Pasapalli, Bomkai and Berhampur Patta saris, dresses and Kurtas. Delightful Odia delicacies, such as Chennapoda, Manda peetha, ChennaKheeri and Dahi Bara Aloo Dum, were savored by the guests while they learned about the

intricate cooking methods. Notably, the event emphasized eco-friendly practices, aligning with Odia traditions and values. The USRM community succeeded in celebrating their festival and sharing the vibrant Odia culture with the local population in Frankfurt, Germany, leaving a lasting impression of unity and sustainability.

# '588th Coronation day ceremony of Gajapati Kapilendra Deva celebrated in Cuttack & Bhubaneswar'

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The 588th Coronation day of the Great Suryavamsi King Gajapati Kapilendra Deva was celebrated at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar by different cultural groups. The event was commemorated at Kapali Mutt near Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar and the Bada Thakura Temple of Gopinathpur Sasana village at Jagatpur Block of Cuttack jointly by the Rediscover Lost Heritage (RLH Group), Maa Jageswari Club, Silver City Cuttack (SCC) Public Charitable Trust & Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Bhubaneswar Chapter. The groups had started celebrating of the coronation since the

last year. Speaking on the occasion, Deepak Kumar Nayak, Heritage Researcher & Founder Member of RLH group said that Gajapati Kapilendra Deva was undoubtedly the greatest King from Odisha after Mahameghavahana Aira Kharavela. He established the large Odia Kingdom that spanned over a vast region from the Ganga in North to Kaveri in South. As per available historical information, his coronation took place on the 29th of June 1435 CE. Unfortunately, Indian history has not given due credit and accolades that this great emperor deserves. Historic places having connection with Gajapati Kapilendra



Deva's reign have been selected to celebrate this historic day. According to local lore, the Gajapati's coronation happened at the Papanasini Temple. An image depicting a royal procession is fixed at

wall of Kapali Mutt which contains an Odia inscription mentioning name of 'Kapileswara Deba Raja' (Kapilendra Deva) and his 17th regnal year. Similarly, at the Bada Thakura Temple in



Gopinathpur Sasana village of Cuttack, a stone inscription containing 30 lines written in Odia sheds light on the Digbijaya (military) glory of the celebrated emperor. This Sasana village had been established

by Gopinath Mahapatra, a warrior minister of Kapilendra Deva. The temple had been demolished during the Moghul invasion. Anil Dhir, the Convenor of I N T A C H

Bhubaneswar Chapter has said that Odishan history text books need a revamp in showcasing Odia pride and contributions of medieval era Gajapati Kings. History curriculum should give more focus on highlighting the success and contributions of Gajapati kings like Narasingha Deva, Kapilendra Deva, Mukunda Deva, Ramachandra Deva I etc. The places where the commemorations were held are in an extremely pathetic and neglected state. Both the inscription slabs are exposed to weathering and that have already eroded to a great extent. Dr. Biswajit Mohanty was surprised that the work on renovating

the demolished temple at Gopinathpur was started by the State Archaeology Department, but surprisingly it was stopped mid-way. The State Archaeology Department should work actively for the proper conservation of these two historic sites related to the great emperor, Mohanty said. Akash Pattanayak, the President of Silver City Cuttack Public Charitable Trust and Prafulla Kumar Swain, member of Maa Jageswari Club have demanded for the erection of statues of Gajapati Kapilendra Deva both at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar as the sign of Odia pride and glory.

## Plea For Similipal Protection

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Following killing of two forest officials by poachers in Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR), Union Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav has written a letter to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for protection of the STR. Shri Yadav said he came to know about the recent incidents, in which two forest frontline bravehearts, laid their life in the line of duty in two different encounters with poachers in Similipal Tiger Reserve. Stating that it is a matter of immense concern, Shri Yadav said he had sent a high-level team led by the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEF&CC visited the Similipal Tiger Reserve and the team has submitted a detailed report



highlighting issues requiring immediate attention for compliance. "I would like to state that utmost efforts are required to be in place for stepping up intelligence network, patrolling, combing operation to contain any such attempt which could further escalate the situation in Similipal Tiger Reserve," suggested the Union Minister. The Union Minister also complimented the State Government which is one of the important tiger range States harbouring the unique melanistic tiger in Similipal Tiger

Reserve. To ensure protection of the Tiger and well-being of the forest front line force, in tiger bearing landscapes, it is necessary to make concerted efforts to uphold tiger conservation initiatives. He was confident that the CMO would take note of the concern raised and issue directives to all authorities concerned in the State to ensure utmost vigil and compliance. Shri Yadav also assured cooperation and continued support from the Centre to the State

for the cause of wildlife conservation and our forest front line bravehearts. Notably, forester Mati Hansda, aged about 45 years was killed during an exchange of fire between the poachers and forest officials on June 16 late night. Earlier, Bimal Kumar Jena, a 35 years old forest guard was shot dead by a group of poachers at Similipal Tiger Reserve on May 22 night. In both the cases the Odisha Police have arrested all poachers involved in the crimes.

## Millet Shakti Cafes: Through millets OMM empowers women

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha Millet Mission endeavours to revive millet cultivation and consumption, thereby promoting sustainable agriculture and improving nutrition in the state. Odisha takes the lead in spearheading the Millet Mission hand in hand with Mission Shakti developing a range of millet products, serving as the cornerstone of this initiative. Mission Shakti alongside Odisha Millet Mission, actively promotes the establishment of millet seed banks, while promoting women-led development. Furthermore, it encourages the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), which empower small-scale farmers to collectively market their produce, access fair prices, and strengthen

their bargaining power. By promoting millet entrepreneurship, Mission Shakti facilitates women's self-help groups to open Millet Shakti Cafes and Kiosks, ensuring the economic empowerment of women in Odisha. To this day, 7 Millet Shakti cafes and 6 outlets are functional and managed by women SHGs at various urban locations like Bhubaneswar, Keonjar, Sundargarh etc. At rural and block levels, 150 charming kiosks and 5 food trucks, known as "Millet on Wheels," serve rural delights and are managed by the SHGs and FPOs. A diverse range of Millet Shakti products is readily available at these locations, designed to make millets convenient, delicious, and appealing to modern consumers.

Staples such as millet rice and millet flour, along with delightful millet snacks, have gained popularity. The women operating these cafes serve delectable millet delicacies that promote dietary diversity and nutritional security. Excited, one of the women from the SHGs shared, "Earlier while in the self-help group, our products wouldn't sell. We had to wait for festivals to set up stalls or roam the streets as shopkeepers didn't believe in their products. But, the emergence of Millet Shakti in 2021 changed the game for us. We are now able to earn more and provide our children with better lifestyle choices." Mission Shakti cafes and kiosks are acting as a catalyst that shoots the sales of products these women produce.

Increased sales have now given them an opportunity to be independent, support their families and increase their societal self-esteem. The women above further added how they produce products like Raggi Chatua while maintaining top-notch quality and hygiene. As Chatua is good for health and has an amazing flavour she encouraged its consumption. The implementation of the Millet Mission, Mission Shakti, and the accessibility of Millet Shakti products in Odisha have successfully revived the crop's production in the state. This initiative has promoted sustainable farming practices, provided access to healthier food options, and empowered women through self-employment opportunities.

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**Sanya Malhotra To Find The Missing Jackfruit In Upcoming Satirical Comedy 'Kathal'**

Netflix announced the launch date of its upcoming investigative satire comedy film with Sanya Malhotra, Vijay Raaz, Anant Joshi, Rajpal Yadav and Neha Saraf today. This announcement was exclusively made at the country's leading performing arts festival; on 19th May, 2023 onwards. Inspired by true events, this film showcases Sanya Malhotra, in a never seen before avatar, playing the role of a sincere and determined cop on a mission to find the missing Kathals. Director Yashwardhan

depth, giving each and everyone an immense spectrum of character sketches to work with, helping me bring each facet of the film to life. I am extremely humbled that this story will reach millions of viewers not only in India but across the globe via Netflix." Ektaa R Kapoor, Joint Managing Director, Balaji Telefilms, shares, "Yashwardhan and Ashok's interpretation of these true events from India's heartlands convinced May on Netflix. This joyride of satire and comedy is an absolute family entertainer and will definitely leave a lasting impression."



'Histrionica 2023' of The Dramatic Society of Sri Ram College of Commerce. The story of 'Kathal- A Jackfruit Mystery' comes straight from the heartlands of India, placed in a fictional town called Moba. Directed by Yashwardhan Mishra, written by Ashok Mishra and Yashwardhan Mishra, the film is produced by Sikhya Entertainment, Balaji Telefilms Ltd. It will be available exclusively on Netflix

Mongla Kapoor, CEO S i k h y a Entertainment, shares, "Kathal- A Jackfruit Mystery, is a story that truly represents the taste of Sikhya Entertainment in always producing unique, entertaining and heartwarming relatable content. We are so thrilled that our audience will finally get to see the magic of Kathal- A Jackfruit Mystery, created by our debut director Yashwardhan Mishra and writer Ashok Mishra on the 19th of me that this story needed to be told. Kathal- A Jackfruit Mystery is one such quirky and unique satirical dramedy and I am thrilled to embark on this exciting journey once again with Netflix and Sikhya. We are so thrilled for our audiences to see Sanya in a completely new avatar and a story that leaves the viewers thinking even after they have watched the film." Join Inspector Mahima in her quest to find the missing Kathals, on Netflix from 19th May, 2023!

**Makers Drop A Wholesome Poster Of Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani'-Starrer 'Satyaprem Ki Katha'**



The audience is eagerly looking forward to the release of Sajid Nadiadwala and Namah Pictures's upcoming 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' and the wait is finally coming to an end with the film coming to big screen tomorrow. Touted to be a soulful musical romantic pure love story, the film has already cemented its place in the hearts of the audience.

As the film is all set for its release tomorrow, the makers are here with an intriguing family poster that guarantees the arrival of a family entertainer on the big screen. Just a day before the release of 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', the makers are here to treat the audience with an intriguing poster with a grand family wedding set up. As the magical couple Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani can be seen well decked up in beautiful groom and bride attire, the poster brings along the entire family of our beloved Sattu and Katha together in one frame. Having seen such a grand family wedding setup in this poster, the excitement to watch the film on the big screen has raised to the next level. 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' also marks a massive collaboration between NGE and Namah Pictures. Interestingly, Sajid Nadiadwala and Shareen 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.

**Kartik Aaryan's 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' To Clash With Ajay Devgn's 'Singham Again'?**



Bollywood will witness two major clashes between two of the much-awaited films- Ajay Devgn starrer 'Singham Again' and Kartik Aaryan's horror comedy 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'. 'Singham Again' is going to be the third instalment of the super hit cop franchise 'Singham'. Helmed by Rohit Shetty 'Singham Again' will also star actor Deepika Padukone in a cop avatar. On Monday, taking to Twitter, trade analyst and critic Taran Adarsh shared the release date of the film. He wrote, "AJAY DEVGN - ROHIT SHETTY: 'SINGHAM AGAIN' ON DIWALI 2024... #SinghamAgain - the third part in #RohitShetty's super-successful #Singham franchise - to release on #Diwali2024..."

On the other hand, speaking about the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', Kartik Aaryan is all set to return as the famous 'Rooh Baba' and upcoming horror comedy is slated to hit the theatres on the occasion of Diwali 2024. The third instalment is being helmed by Anees Bazmee and produced by Bhushan Kumar. Kartik headlined the second instalment of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' which emerged to be one of the highest-grossing films of 2022. The film revolves around the story of a cursed ghost who wanders into an old mansion. However, hell breaks loose when the spirit, trapped for 18 years in an abandoned room, is set free. The horror-comedy has an unpredictable twist in the end, much to the surprise of the fans.

**Diljit Dosanjh Wraps Up Imtiaz Ali's Chamkila Shoot, Shares Post**



Punjabi actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh penned down a gratitude note as he wrapped the shoot of Imtiaz Ali's directorial 'Chamkila'. On Monday, Diljit dropped a picture with the director. Both exude rustic vibes as they cover their head with a piece of clothing. Diljit wrote in the caption, "@imtiazialiofficial Sir Baut Pyar Ji..Baut Kuch Sikheya Tuadey Kolon." Fans loved the innocence of the post and showered comments on Diljit's picture. The film revolves around two popular Punjabi singers Amarjot Kaur and Amar Singh Chamkila. While Parineeti will be essaying the role of Amarjot, Diljit will be seen as Chamkila. Amar Singh Chamkila and his wife Amarjot Kaur were assassinated on March 8, 1988, along with the members of their musical band. A few days back, Parineeti shared her 'Thank You' note for the director. Meanwhile, Parineeti is basking in the success of her film 'Uunchai', which also stars Amitabh Bachchan, Boman Irani, Neena Gupta and Anupam Kher. Diljit, on the other hand, will also be seen in 'The Crew' alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan, Kriti Sanon and Tabu.

# THE MAMMOTH PROBLEM OF DEPRIVED WORKING ENVIRONMENTS



Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) is regulated at international, regional and national levels. Safety and health in the workplace do not just apply to typically dangerous jobs, such as working at height or with chemicals, but to all places of employment, including offices. Additionally, OSH laws and regulations also include the requirement of employers to adapt work and the workplace to the capabilities of the workers in light of their physical and mental health. Workers are exposed to many risks in the workplace, ranging from biological, chemical and physical hazards, to psychosocial and ergonomic hazards. Millions of workers lose their lives each year due to occupational accidents and diseases, with many more suffering from debilitating work-related injuries and chronic conditions. Despite these dangers, adequate occupational safety and health (OSH) measures to prevent accidents and diseases at work are often lacking in many

countries. New dynamics are affecting the labour landscape, with relevant implications for OSH. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we work and has illustrated the critical importance of OSH and protecting the global workforce. Climate change and an increase in extreme weather events are already having profound impacts on OSH, and it is likely that these challenges will only continue to grow in the coming years. Mental health at work is also a theme that is increasing in importance, with unsafe or unhealthy working conditions and environments being shown to undermine psychological well-being. OSH policies and programmes can enhance decent work for all workers by integrating the OSH needs of all groups of workers and addressing inequalities in OSH practice, thereby promoting equal access to safe and healthy working environments, occupational health services and healthcare. Since its founding in 1919, one of the core objectives of the ILO has been to promote safe and healthy working environments globally. It has adopted more than 40 OSH-specific international labour standards, as well as more than 40 OSH-

specific codes of practice. In June 2022, the International Labour Conference declared that "a safe and healthy working environment" is a fundamental principle and right at work. This also included designating the Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155) and the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety

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attention to the mutually reinforcing nature of all such principles and rights. Lack of adequate OSH conditions are particularly pronounced in populations with deficiencies in other fundamental principles and rights at work. There is a need for synergic actions to improve OSH conditions in

services and healthcare, in order to promote decent work for all workers. As far as World statistics is concerned, The ILO estimates that some 2.3 million women and men around the world succumb to work-related accidents or diseases every year; this corresponds to over 6000 deaths every

of the scope of the problem. Some of the major findings in the ILO's latest statistical data on occupational accidents and diseases, and work-related deaths on a world-wide level includes, diseases related to work cause the most deaths among workers. Hazardous substances alone are estimated to cause 651,279 deaths a year, the construction industry has

cent), Americas (10.9 per cent) and Oceania (0.6 per cent). The rate of fatal occupational accidents per 100,000 workers also show stark regional differences, with rates in Africa and Asia 4 to 5 times higher than those in Europe. Furthermore, manufacturing, construction, transportation and storage are the industries that experience the highest level of work-related accidents. In these highly hazardous sectors — as elsewhere — work-related injuries are not equally distributed among the workforce. The workers most exposed to work-related injuries are those in precarious employment (temporary, casual or part-time workers), workers in informal employment, those working in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and work performed by groups subject to discrimination and marginalization (such as migrant workers, young workers and racial and ethnic minorities). As part of the corporate responsibility to protect and respect human rights outlined in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), entitlement to safe and healthy workplaces for workers should be reflected in the human rights due diligence approaches businesses conduct. While OSH hazards are intrinsic to

all workplaces around the world, businesses need to pay particular attention to workplaces in countries with limited resources, weak legal frameworks, and inadequate enforcement and support functions. In May 2021, WHO and ILO released the first ever study that quantified the burdens of heart disease and stroke attributable to exposure to long working hours (i.e., 750,000 deaths). This study established long working hours as the risk factor with the largest work-related disease burden. Today, with the publication of the global monitoring report, WHO and ILO launch their global comparative risk assessment of the work-related burden of disease. This covers 19 occupational risk factors. It is WHO's most comprehensive study of work-related burden of disease, and the first ever joint assessment of its kind with ILO. A visualization of country-level disease burden, with gender and age breakdowns, is available online.



and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187) as fundamental Conventions. Now, all Member States of the ILO, regardless of their ratification status of these fundamental Conventions, have an obligation arising from the very fact of membership in the ILO to respect, promote and realize, in good faith and in accordance with the ILO Constitution, the principles concerning the fundamental right to a safe and healthy working environment. The inclusion of a safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work calls

hazardous sectors or those hidden from public scrutiny, where also the prevalence of forced labour and hazardous child labour is often higher. The promotion of freedom of association is necessary to ensure the meaningful involvement of the social partners in the formulation and implementation of national OSH policies and programmes, at all levels. Such policies and programmes should integrate the needs of all groups of workers and address inequalities in OSH practice, ensuring equal access to safe and healthy working environments, occupational health

single day. Worldwide, there are around 340 million occupational accidents and 160 million victims of work-related illnesses annually. The ILO updates these estimates at intervals, and the updates indicate an increase of accidents and ill health. The estimated fatal occupational accidents in the CIS countries is over 11,000 cases, compared to the 5,850 reported cases (information lacking from 2 countries). The gross underreporting of occupational accidents and diseases, including fatal accidents, is giving a false picture

disproportionately high rate of recorded accidents, younger and older workers are particularly vulnerable, the ageing population in developed countries means that an increasing number of older persons are working and need special consideration. The burden of occupational mortality and morbidity is not equally distributed across the world, among industries and among the workforce. About two-thirds (65 per cent) of global work-related mortality is estimated to occur in Asia, followed by Africa (11.8 per cent), Europe (11.7 per

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# How To Celebrate The Joy Of Love In Times Of Social Media



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 Every moment, we exhale negative vibes and inhale the goodness of life-saving oxygen. This, in turn, gets reciprocated, and one starts living their life ahead in a hotel of exhilaration and good energy. It also exuberantly enhances one's life. Just like we inhale oxygen, we crave an intense desire to be loved every one-zillionth of a moment. Yes, it is

correct and scientific. We as human beings enjoy the statutory status of being the most distinct and distinguished species who can logically and rationally solve a problem. Even an animal wants to be pampered but is unfortunately unable to express this desire. In the same way, we want to get pampered by our immediate family members daily. Unfortunately, the desire to get true love remains unexplored and unexpressed in this cut-throat world. Nobody has the time to stand and stare for a while, even for themselves. We lack communication problems in a family, as a result of which the distance between

the members only gets accelerated. The digital world and social media are primarily responsible for replacing interpersonal relationships between family members. Work pressure and peer pressure are further creating more havoc, for a person to render flawless affection for their family members. "Social media is distancing people from their primary relationships. People are distracting themselves and indulging in social media." As a result, we all are suffering from a serious mental and physical crisis of profound love. and

care. Togetherness and informal relationships have amazingly vanished from the dictionary of our lives. We all are trying hard to even survive in this fatal society where no one seriously cares for the other. This lack of intensity creates several mental illnesses and physical disabilities in people, leading to suicidal tendencies. So, to recreate the lost love in our life, we have to follow certain golden rules. Rebuilding Mutual Interdependence: Yes, we have to be mutually interdependent in a family, so that we can get each other's help at the time of need. Hence, the

emotional support system can then be rebuilt. Discarding Social Media: Social media is distancing people from their primary relationships. People are distracting themselves, even from their spouses, to indulge in social media. They are living in an illusion. So, they have to come out of this deceptive world to their real life. Rejuvenating platonic love?: True soulful love has disappeared from our lives. Physical love is transient and whimsical. So, to attain a transcendental experience in love,

we have to mentally merge with our partner. Last, but not least: Just like food, shelter, and clothing, love is also a primary desire. The only difference is that we cannot openly disclose this hunger to the outer world. Everyone is on a quest to find pure, blissful love. So, we just need to distinguish this unquenchable mental quest for platonic love from the filthy world of physical love. Hence, the belief in a divine mystical entity and spiritual attainment of devotion can help us attain the true essence of happiness and love in our life.

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## Letter to Editor

Sir  
 The fixture of Men's cricket world Cup 2023 to be conducted in India is out and sports lovers and cricket lovers across the world have started the countdown. As soon as the schedule got published some of the media and cricket buffs turned their full attention on the date and venue of the India Pakistan match sidelining the other clashes. In the past too there was too much hullabaloo before India - Pakistan cricket matches in the media, some even going to the extreme of calling it "the ultimate war on cricket pitch", "mother of battles" and "war of Titans" etc. Why this hype and hoopla? In many of the world cups, except a few, the Pakistani team was just a shadow of itself and had lost many times to India except a few. More than matches against Pakistan, clashes with the very powerful Aussies, the English and the Kiwis are the ones to look forward to. Indian batters, fielders and bowlers are world class and at par with cricketers of the top three teams in ODI rank list and if they come out with their best there is a chance for them to kiss the cup on November 19th.

**M PRADYU KANNUR. Geeth, Thalikavu, Kannur.**

# ISI, Kolkata Observes Statistics Day, 2023 as well as Workers Day Today

**Kolkata, (KCN):**In recognition of the notable contributions made by Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics, statistical system and economic planning, the Government of India in 2007 has designated June 29 as the "Statistics Day" in the category of Special Days to be celebrated every year at the national level. The objective of celebration of this Day is to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation to acknowledge the contribution of Prof. Mahalanobis and to pay homage to him.

Professor Mahalanobis set up the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) at Kolkata in 1931. The Institute was declared as an "Institute of National Importance" under the aegis of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, through an act of Parliament in 1959. ISI also celebrates 29th June as the "Workers Day." This year, the theme was, "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator framework for monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". The celebrations started with garlanding the bust of Prof.

Mahalanobis by the faculty members, employees, students and guests and paying their obeisance to the Father of Statistics at the Amrapali Lawn. Dr. G.P. Samanta, Chief Statistician of India & Secretary, MoSPI conveyed his admiration to the legendary statistician and the founder of Indian Statistical Institute virtually. He spoke on the role and importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation for development of the country among the modern generation. Dr. Pronab Sen, Chairman, ISI Council, while paying tribute virtually, spoke on the



increasing expectations from our future statisticians. Prof. Sankar Kumar Pal, President, Indian Statistical Institute graced the occasion and apprised the audience regarding the

importance of the Day. Prof. A.B. Raha, Former Faculty Member of Stat-Math Unit and Special Guest of the Institute spoke on the contribution of Prof. Mahalanobis as a statistician of

independent India. Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director, in her welcome address put light on Prof. Mahalanobis's contribution regarding the uses of statistics in

social welfare, science and other fields of research. Swami Suvirananda, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math & Mission, who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, paid glowing tribute to Prof. Mahalanobis and described the role of the Professor in the spiritual light of Swami Vivekananda. Shri Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank who graced the occasion as the Special Guest at Platinum Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute, pictured how statistics is tied up with the banking system and paid his tribute to the pioneer of Statistics in

India. Dr. Partha Pratim Mohanta, President, Indian Statistical Institute Workers' Organisation expressed his gratitude to Prof. Mahalanobis and spoke on the role of the organisation in the present scenario. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri Ravinder Kumar, Chief Executive (Administration & Finance), ISI. On this occasion, a pictorial representation on Prof. Mahalanobis was also organised to cherish the glories of ISI, Kolkata and the contributions of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the history of Statistics in India.

## New Delhi's Hauz Khas Temple hosts Bahuda Yatra



**New Delhi, (KCN):** 45th Bahuda 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 in the morning all the religious rituals were performed before the Trinity at Adap Mandap inside Aunt's House at the Basement of the Temple with utmost solemnity by the priests of the temple. At about 4.00 p.m. the Four Deities were taken in Pahandi procession from the Gundicha Temple to the

aesthetically and colourfully decorated chariot stationed at the Grand Road in front of the temple. The whole atmosphere got reverberated with the recitals of hymns, shouting of slogans like Hari Bol, Jai Jagannath and playing of musical instruments like Ghanta, Mardala, Jhanja and Mrudanga by the devotees and servitors. Former Judge of the Supreme Court Justice Arijit Pasayat did the traditional Chheraphanra. Renowned Philanthropist and Secretary of the Temple

management Committee Sree Neelachal Seva Sangha Rabindra Nath Pradhan helped him in conduction of the job. At around 5.00 p.m. amidst the Kirtan and singing of Bhajans and Jananas the chariot was pulled till Shri Aurobindo Place market in the Shri Jagannath Marg and then was returned back to the temple premises. The view of the Trinity in a majestic style from the Royal Chariot during their sojourn on the street of Delhi was momentous and mesmerising. The Deities then remained on the chariot for Public viewing. In late night all

the Four Deities were taken in a procession to the Natyamandap and were placed there. As informed by the Temple management Committee Deities will remain at Natyamandap till the date of Niladribije. The entire arrangements of Bahuda Yatra were smoothly executed by the office bearers and members of Temple Managing Committee, which include Advisers Ravi Pani, Abani Sahu, Deepak Rath, President Bighneshwar Rout, Secretary Ravindra Nath Pradhan, Abhaya Pradhan, Ashok Pradhan (A), Khirrod 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 Rashmiranjan Behera, Assistant Managers Sashikanta Sahoo and Sanjiv Jena and Preists Sanatan Padhi, Debabrata Mishra, Jagabandhu Dash, Premananda Satpathy, Santosh Panda and Prashant Dash.

## Tamil Nadu Governor Dismisses Jailed Minister On His Own In Rare Move

**Chennai:** In a contentious move, the first of its kind in recent memory, Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi has dismissed Minister V Senthil Balaji from the Council of Ministers without consulting Chief Minister MK Stalin, broadening a bitter standoff with the state's DMK government. Mr Balaji, who is in jail and faces serious criminal proceedings in several corruption cases including a cash-for-jobs scandal, had been retained as a minister without portfolio by Mr Stalin, a decision now overridden by Governor Ravi's unilateral action. In an official statement, the Raj Bhavan said Mr Balaji "is facing serious criminal proceedings in a number of cases of corruption, including taking cash for jobs and money laundering." "Under these circumstances, the Governor has dismissed Senthil Balaji from the Council of Ministers with immediate effect," it said.



The Tamil Nadu government plans to challenge the move in the Supreme Court, sources said. A court in Chennai on Wednesday extended the judicial custody of Mr Balaji, who was arrested by the country's financial-crime-fighting agency Enforcement Directorate earlier this month, until July 12. Hours before that, the Supreme Court had allowed him to be moved to a private hospital, where he underwent heart surgery. Before that, he was being treated at a government hospital for complaints of uneasiness and chest pain. The agency, which arrested Mr Balaji in connection with an alleged cash-for-jobs

scam in the state transport department, had moved the Supreme Court against a Madras High Court order. The high court had also allowed Mr Balaji to be shifted. The relationship between the DMK government and the Governor's office has been tense for months, marked by disagreements over several issues, most notably, the Governor's refusal to assent to legislation passed by the state assembly. The DMK had last year petitioned President Droupadi Murmu, alleging unconstitutional conduct by Governor Ravi and his failure to sign a substantial number of bills passed by the Assembly government.



The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Statistics & Programme Implementation, Planning and Corporate Affairs, Shri Rao Inderjit Singh attends the Celebration of 17th Statistics Day, in New Delhi

## TV Actor Chahat Pandey Joins AAP, Says Madhya Pradesh Needs Her

**New Delhi:** TV actress Chahat Pandey joined AAP in Delhi on Thursday saying she was impressed by the party's ideology and wanted to work for the welfare of the people of her home state Madhya Pradesh. She was welcomed into the party by Sandeep Pathak, who holds the charge of national general secretary (organisation). "There is rampant corruption in Madhya Pradesh. BJP and Congress are no different and both have literally exploited the state to fulfil their own motives. People want to give a chance to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the state," he said. The Rajya Sabha MP said Ms Pandey has left

the world of showbiz to venture into politics. "Today, she feels that her state needs her. She is leaving her successful career as an actress. The people of Damoh look up to her," he added. Ms Pandey, who has worked in TV shows like Pavitra Bandhan and Hamari Bahu Silk, said she had been living in Mumbai for the last seven to eight years and working as an actor. "Everyone lives and earns for themselves. But we have some duties

towards our home state, our country. I want to fulfil those duties. I come from a small place, Damoh in Madhya Pradesh. No one knows Damoh. People say it is near Bhopal. I want them to know Damoh," she

said. Chahat Pandey said Damoh has a high number of child labourers and she wants to work to eradicate their problem. "I have not entered politics for name, fame, or money. I have left all these behind to enter politics," she said. "Other parties only talk about accomplishing things, but AAP does what it says. I am impressed by AAP and their work speaks for itself," she said. Earlier this year, Sandeep Pathak had said that the Arvind

Kejriwal-led party will contest all 230 seats in the Madhya Pradesh elections due later this year. In the 230-member MP Assembly, the BJP has 127 MLAs and the Congress 96. The BJP had lost the 2018 Assembly polls in MP but managed to come to power in 2020 following the collapse of the Congress government led by Kamal Nath. The BJP is keen to win yet another term under Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan who has been at the helm since November 29, 2005, barring the period from December 18, 2018 to March 2020 when Kamal Nath headed the Congress government.



# Padhee Bats For Millet

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment has said that, by promoting millets the hotels will improve the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers and women self help groups. He said that hotels can play role of catalyst in changing the discourse and palate of urban consumers. Dr. Padhee was addressing hoteliers here on 29 June in the consultative meeting organized by Odisha Millets Mission (OMM). Hotel and Restaurant Association (HRAO) Members joined brainstorm to devise a strategy to promote millets.

Dr. Padhee, Principal

Secretary, Agriculture shared that Chief Minister has declared 10 November as "Millet Day". On this occasion, Department of Agriculture is planning to organise an International convention on millets in Bhubaneswar.

He requested HRAO to actively participate in the convention and encourage their members to promote millets in their hotels in a massive way. He stressed again that HRAO is a very important member and stakeholder of Odisha Millets Mission.

Representatives from Swosti Premium, Food Junction The New Marion, Pal Heights, Swosti Grand, Hotel Excellency, Barjorjis Hotels, Suryansh Hotels and others participated



from HRAO.

Meeting also saw participation from FICCI, Tourism Department and other departmental officials. Milind Gupta, Food Junction & Secretary General, HRAO shared that they have been engaging with OMM for one year. Hotels have actively participated in millet session of Make

in Odisha and promotion of millets actively during the Hockey World Cup. He said that many hotels have already started serving millet recipes in pilot basis.

Hariom Kumar, F&B Manager, Swosti Premium shared that they are including the milletbased bakery products in their hotel. Atish Kumar Baral F&B

Manager, Swosti Grand shared they have also included Ragi upma in pilot basis in few locations and response has been very good.

K K Rao Executive Secretary, HRAO shared that hotels such as ITC have already started special millet buffet for special occasions. Things will improve once the demand

increases among the consumers.

Representatives of HRAO made many suggestions for scaling up millet promotion through hotels/restaurants. They suggested that a framework and standard operating protocols should be developed for reference of hotels. This will help hotels to

standardize their products more effectively. A recipe bank for traditional and modern millet recipes should be prepared and shared widely. In addition, massive awareness campaigns on health benefits of millets can be taken by the Government. HRAO said that they are interested to engage with OMM to streamline the supply chain of millets. Prem Chandra Chaudhury, Director, Agriculture & Food Production suggested that millet food festivals can be organised in collaboration with HRAO members. Millet snacks can be placed in the hotel rooms. Information brochures on advantages of millets can be placed in the

rooms of the guests. Video clips and standees can also be placed in the hotels to create more awareness among the guests. He said that millets are a future food and is hope for many lifestyle diseases. Market for millets is growing day by day.

OMM is also engaging with doctors, dieticians and others to create more awareness about millets. Representative from Tourism Department shared that they have already included millet menu in their hotels. They will also scale up the inclusion activities. In addition, millet standees have been placed in all the hotels of OTDC. Promotion of millets shall also be taken up in ecotourism locations, tourist destinations, etc.

## Talk On Drone Tech

**Bhubaneswar:** A workshop on Drone Technology was organized by National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with AIC-Nalanda & Karkhana Makerspace on 27 April 2023 in their premises at OCAC Tower.

The program was inaugurated by Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT, Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI, M M Tripathi, DG, NIELIT, Surya Kumar Pattanayak, Director, STPI, Bhubaneswar and Anurag Mathur, Director-In-Charge, NIELIT, Bhubaneswar. Shri Sharma addressed the participants and discussed on the various aspects of technology from the perspective of capacity building for the future workforce. Shri Kumar asserted on the role played by STPI in driving the software export potential of the nation.

Shri Tripathi also



elaborated on the various projects undertaken by NIELIT centres spread across the country. Shri Mathur welcomed everyone for the workshop and highlighted upon the progress of activities at NIELIT, Bhubaneswar. Secretary MeitY also reviewed activities of NIELIT Bhubaneswar and interacted with students undergoing training there along with also taken demo of Innovative IoT projects made the students.

On this occasion, NIELIT Bhubaneswar signed 3 MoUs of partnership with

organizations like Atal Incubation Centre – Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation, a business incubation centre supported by Atal Innovation Mission, Karkhana Makerspace, an edtech startup which pioneers in training students for product development in emerging fields of technology and Swabalambee Odra Green Farmers Producer Company, a startup promoting usage of drones in agriculture.

The workshop was conducted by Prashant

Gupta, Joint Director & Head(Academics), NIELIT Bhubaneswar, Manas Kumar Samantaray, Program Manager, AIC-Nalanda and Siddharth Bhattar, Founder & CEO Karkhana Makerspace. The event witnessed a participation of 30+ students from various technical colleges across the city who got an exposure on drone technology and its future applications. The dignitaries also reviewed the facilities available at NIELIT Bhubaneswar and the projects developed by its students

## NFRA Examines Insurance Contract

**New Delhi:** The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) held a meeting to examine the proposals received from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), as required u/s 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, regarding a new Standard (Ind AS) for accounting of insurance contracts viz. Ind AS 117, here yesterday. The meeting was attended by the Executive Body of NFRA and Part time-members of the Authority from MCA, CAG, ICAI and the accountancy profession. NFRA will share its recommendations to Ministry of Corporate Affairs, after which Ind AS 117 has to be considered and notified by the Central Government under Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015. When notified, it will replace currently notified Ind AS

104, Insurance Contracts. IFRS 17, originally issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), in May 2017, is a complete overhaul of the accounting for the Insurance Industry. It is considered as a first truly international IFRS Standard for insurance contracts to help investors and other users to better understand insurers' risk exposure, profitability and financial position. Globally, it has become effective from 1st January 2023.

IFRS 17 is specifically designed to capture the unique features of the insurance and investment contracts of the Insurance Entities. It is highly insurance products specific and would entail a paradigm shift in the measurement, presentation and disclosure requirements. Insurance Industry fulfils a significant role in the global economy. IASB's

factsheet of 2017 says with \$13 trillion in assets, insurers account for 12 per cent of the total assets of listed companies that use IFRS Standards. Given the central economic role of the industry, proper and transparent accounting for insurance contracts is of crucial importance. Dr Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey highlighted a number of reforms in India in recent times and India's prominent role in the global affairs. Dr Pandey said that Ind AS 117 is substantially converged with IFRS Standard adopted in over 140 countries. This decision is in line with the India's policy to embrace international best practices to enable level playing field to the Indian Companies. This standard will enable Indian

Insurance Industry to present globally comparable financial information which augurs well for enhanced investment in the sector needed for increasing the insurance penetration in the country. Prior to this meeting, NFRA also held an outreach with members from Life Insurance Industry as part of its examination of the proposed new standard on Insurance Contracts in February 2023 in which IRDAI also participated. The members from the Life Insurance Industry provided valuable insights to the proposed Ind AS 117 and expressed need for early notification of the standard. ICAI had also undertaken extensive public consultation by issuing exposure drafts of the proposed Ind AS 117 in 2018, 2021 and 2022.



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## Magik Lighting aims to be market leader in Smart & LED Lighting category in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Magik, the LED lighting brand promoted by Century Ply and Star Cement, has undertaken an aggressive marketing plan aiming to be the market leader in the Smart and LED lighting category in Odisha by the end of the current financial year.

Magik has a very strong distribution network in Odisha. Presently it is available in more than 1800 retail outlets through 32 distributors in the state. The brand is also approved by Roads & Building department, Government of Odisha for providing lighting solution for both office and outdoor. The company targets to expand its retail and distribution network chain and aims to have 3500 retail outlets and 45 distributors in the State of Odisha within 2022 – 23.

Magik Lighting is the leading LED lights manufacturer in Eastern India which provides next-gen LED lighting solutions and smart solution ranging from consumer lighting to professional lighting solutions. Magik provides an exclusive collection of products that have an aura. Headquartered in Kolkata, it strives to

understand customers' need and offer solution-based products, which is best in class, consumer-centric. The Company undertakes constant evolution of technology to meet the needs of customers. Along with providing the best technology, focus is also on providing personalized solutions, and ensuring the highest degree of productivity, convenience and efficiency for the customers.

Keeping in line with the vision of 'Make in India' initiative, most of the products are manufactured at their own manufacturing unit, located in West Bengal. It is Eastern India's largest state-of-the-art LED manufacturing unit producing more than 750 wide range of products comprising of indoor, outdoor and smart lighting solutions. The manufacturing unit houses a NABL accredited laboratory, that contains the capability of providing ample, variety testing; thereby the company continues to maintain high-quality product standards. Multiple production lines availability has enabled the factory to simultaneously produce a wide variety of

products. Each production line is geared with highly sophisticated machines that boosted quality and efficiency.

Regarding expanding the market reach in Odisha, Mr. Jay Prakash Mohanty, Senior Vice President and SBU Head – Lighting, Century LED said, "Lighting is a very important thing in everyone's life. With the evolution of technology, the demands of the customers also keep on evolving. We at Magik are constantly in touch with the customers through our distribution channel network to understand their needs and present the most smart, affordable lighting solutions. We aim to be the market leader in Smart and LED lighting solution category in Odisha through our innovative products and strong distribution channels network."

The company has recently roped in Sourav Ganguly as the brand ambassador of Magik to reach out to the audience at large across geographies. Magik is present in all the geographies with more than 17,000+ outlets, along with 315+ channel partners and planning to expand further in 32000 outlets though 500 distributors across India.

## World Menstrual Hygiene Week: Vedanta Aluminium raises menstrual hygiene awareness among 2300+ rural women

Bhubaneswar, 31st May 2023: Vedanta Aluminium, the largest aluminium producer in India, reached out to over 2300 women to raise awareness around women's health as part of Menstrual Hygiene Week across its operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Aligned to this year's UN theme of 'Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030', the company launched a series of crucial initiatives in an effort to improve rural women's health, including the establishment of a sanitary napkin production unit, the installation of sanitary napkin dispensing

machines at its plant premises, and several awareness sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM). Vedanta Aluminium's initiatives are in continuation of its long-standing commitment to promoting rural women's health and well-being in the areas around its operations, towards helping them make informed, safer choices and dispelling myths. The company is also fostering transformative socio-economic impact through the local production and supply of affordable and eco-friendly feminine hygiene products from women-led

microenterprises in the communities. Sharing his views, Mr. Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Ltd – Aluminium Business said, "At Vedanta Aluminium, we consider the health and well-being of local communities and our employees as our utmost priority. Our initiatives during Menstrual Hygiene Week reflect our continued focus on enhancing the well-being of women in our communities, who, as the primary caregivers of children in rural areas, are crucial to ensuring the overall being of entire communities as well. By strengthening the healthcare

ecosystem, raising awareness, challenging stigmas, and providing necessary resources, we aim to help women in making safer choices, while also enabling the socio-economic transformation of rural India." At the township at Vedanta Jharsuguda, one of the world's largest single-location aluminium plants, the company organized several activities on women's health and hygiene. The company announced its collaboration with Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar to launch the 'Saukhyam' initiative. The

collaboration will establish a state-of-the-art biodegradable sanitary napkin production unit, fostering livelihood opportunities and advocating hygienic practices and products for local girls and women. 100 sanitary dispensing machines have also been installed in the washrooms of the plant, providing 4000 biodegradable napkins every month for its employees. The enthused volunteers of Vedanta Aluminium performed a 'Nukkad Natak' that raised awareness about menstrual hygiene and dispelled misconceptions.

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## FC Goa fans excited to see the return of Carlos Pena

Goa: FC Goa's appointment of former club icon Carlos Pena as the head coach heading into the new season seems to have been a shot in the arm for the morale of their fans following a disappointing ISL campaign which saw the Gaurs miss out on the playoffs only for the second time in eight years. Pena takes over the reins at FC Goa just two years after bringing down the curtain on his playing career after spending his last two seasons as a Gaur - both of which brought him silverware at the Club.

In Pena, the FC Goa fans found a leader on and off the pitch - his

presence in the backline bringing a sense of calm to the proceedings. And fans are looking forward to ushering back the good times with his return to their Club.

"It's always an exciting story to hear a former player taking charge of the club and taking it to glory, and here with Pena at the club it's not different. I have heard about his fiery motivational talks in the dressing room and with the players, how he breathes life into dead wood," remarked Ashlesh Ajgaonkar.

"As a player he always gave everything and I am sure as coach, the kind of personality he has, he will

put his all in."

Season ticket holder Sameer Shirodkar also is also looking forward to seeing Carlos Peña back in FC Goa colours and believes his leadership will be very crucial to the Club's upcoming season.

"I'm really looking forward to having Peña back at FC Goa, because we all know his presence in the dressing room is going to be very impactful," opined Shirodkar. Gautham, an FC Goa fan from Trivandrum also feels that the positive winds will be back in FC Goa's sails in the coming season with the return of the Spaniard to Goan shores. "I remember the days Carlos Peña hung up his boots.

## Axis Bank Q4FY22 and annual results: Reports FY22 PAT of Rs. 13,025 crores, up 98% YOY

Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank announced its Q4FY22 and annual results today, reporting quarterly net profit of Rs. 4,118 crores, up 54% YoY and 14% QoQ, as compared to profit of Rs. 2,677 crores in Q4FY21. The Bank's Net Interest Income (NII) grew 17% YoY to Rs. 8,819 crores in Q4FY22 and Rs. 7,555 crores in Q4FY21. Its Net Interest Margin (NIM) for Q4FY22 stood at 3.49%. CASA deposits grew by 16% YoY and 7% QoQ, whereas CASA ratio stood at 45%. The bank's operating revenue reflects an 18% YoY growth from Rs. 11,096 crores in Q4FY21 to Rs. 13,042 in Q4FY22. As on 31st March 2022, the Bank's reported Gross NPA and Net NPA levels were 2.82% and 0.73% respectively as against 3.17% and 0.91% as on 31st December 2021. The Bank's Fee income grew by 11% YoY and 12% QoQ to Rs. 3,758 crores. Retail fees grew 14% YoY and 14% QoQ; and constituted 66% of the Bank's total fee income. The bank's overall capital adequacy ratio (CAR) stood at 18.54% with CET 1 ratio of 15.24%. The Bank's domestic subsidiaries delivered strong performance with combined FY22 PAT of Rs. 1,195 crores, up 44% YoY, and contributing 80bps to consolidated ROE (annualised) of 16.67%. Amitabh Chaudhry, MD&CEO, Axis Bank said, "We have made steady progress across all dimensions of our business. Considerable work has gone into strengthening our core, building granularity while at the same time ensuring that we are well positioned to grow and leverage the opportunities opening up, hopefully with the pandemic behind us. The Citii deal is one of its kind, and should pivot us into a premium franchise in line with our strategic objectives. With smart products, services, partnerships and talent on our side, we look forward to further building on our performance in the new financial year."

## GO FIRST PARTNERS WITH INOX FOR SPECIAL SCREENING OF BOLLYWOOD MOVIE 'RUNWAY 34' FOR EMPLOYEES

Mumbai: Over 4500 employees of GO FIRST (formerly known as GoAir) were in for a gala time today at the special screening of Bollywood movie "Runway 34" at INOX cinemas across 18 cities of India. The movie featuring Amitabh Bachchan, Ajay Devgn and RakulPreet Singh in lead roles was screened as a part of the company's employee engagement program. Ajay Devgn, along with co-actor RakulPreet Singh made a special appearance at INOX Megaplex at Inorbit Mall for the Mumbai screening and delighted employees with their charisma and wit.

The screening was an extension of GO FIRST's commitment

towards the wellbeing of its employees who form the cornerstone of its service excellence. "Runway 34" is a story about Captain Vikrant Khanna, a flying prodigy, played by Ajay Devgn, who was determined to save the lives of 150 people when things went awry 35,000 feet above the sea level. Followed by an official investigation to determine, what and how things unravelled, this edge of the seat thriller tells the story of what happened on that fateful morning inside the cockpit and outside of it, what triggered the incident and what followed thereafter.

Speaking on the development, Kaushik Khona, Chief Executive

Officer, GO FIRST said, "The movie is based on a landmark event in Indian aviation, and we are delighted to have it screened for our employees, over the first weekend, and what better place than INOX cinemas across the country to carry out this innovative employee engagement activity. Our employees are the driving fuel of our business, and their wellbeing is our primary focus. Past two years have been very stressful and with this initiative we want our employees to unwind and relax. We thank Mr. Devgn and Ms. RakulPreet Singh for taking out time to come and meet us; and we wish the movie to be a grand success."

## TATA PLAY announces their Binge starter pack starting Rs.49

Bhubaneswar: Tata Play, (formerly known as Tata Sky) has released an amazing new offer with the Binge Starter Pack, which allows users to view a variety of OTT content. The new Binge Starter Pack includes access to four streaming services and can be utilized with the Tata

Play Binge app on any device. Here is everything you need to know about the plan.

The Tata Play Binge Starter pack costs Rs 49 and is valid for 30 days after you recharge. A seven-day free trial is also included. The pack will include up to three mobile devices and four

streaming services - Eros Now, Hungama, ShemarooMe, and Zee5. The plan allows streaming on mobile devices and is only available to Tata Play subscribers. Activate your Tata Play Binge starter pack at just Rs.49 now and start bingeing now!

## Union Bank of India goes live on Account Aggregator Ecosystem

Mumbai: Union Bank of India becomes the first public sector Bank to go live on the Account Aggregator Ecosystem for participating in Govt. of India's Digital Initiatives.

The Account Aggregator Ecosystem

helps the Lenders to leverage on Digital data acquired with the consent from the Customers for providing them a seamless journey and eliminating the need of physical documentation.

Financial Information User (FIU) can request for data from the Financial Information User (FIP) based on a simple consent given by the Customer on their Account Aggregator handle. Union Bank of India

endeavors to work both as FIP and as FIU enabling its Customers to share Data digitally on real time basis. Union Bank has implemented the technology stack as per the Reserve Bank Information

Technology (ReBIT) guidelines.

The Account Aggregator (AA) Ecosystem which went live in September 2021 has seen active participation from Banks/NBFCs in the country.

Mumbai: Bharat Bill Payment System, the one-stop platform for facilitating all recurring payments across categories has collaborated with FAARMS to enable the recurring payments facility for all the farmers across India. Through the FAARMS app, farmers can easily access a complete spectrum of products and services that include seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, animal feed, and more products

delivered right at their doorstep. This collaboration will help to create a marketplace for the farmers across India wherein they can purchase products as well as manage various recurring payments like electricity, loan repayments, water bills, etc. on the same app.

In its continuous endeavour to support the Government of India and RBI's vision for a cash-lite economy, Bharat BillPay has continuously strived to collaborate with

new partners and facilitate digital inclusion by making recurring payments easy for the end-users. With this collaboration, Bharat BillPay will help in hand-holding, enabling, and driving each Indian household towards a seamless digital journey.

Currently, Bharat BillPay offers recurring payment services to customers across categories such as electricity, telecom, DTH, gas, education fees

# India hopefuls may have paid for code of conduct breaches

New Delhi: BCCI's integrity officers have reported at least four players from the North and West zones for breaches in code of conduct

BCCI's integrity officers have reported at least four players from the North and West zones for breaches in code of conduct © Getty

The selection committee meetings primarily focus on form, performance, and fitness while picking the players. However, off-field matters such as code of conduct breaches come into play in cases

of serious and repeated violations. This aspect may well have played a role in adding a dimension to the ongoing debate surrounding the selection or non-selection of players for the West Indies tour.

According to reliable sources, at least four players from the Indian Premier League (IPL) teams of north have been reported to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Decision-makers within the BCCI acknowledge that these breaches have not gone unnoticed. It is worth



noting that outside of the IPL, these players

represent the West and North Zones in the

domestic circuit. The owner of a North

franchise shed light on a few instances, revealing that a couple of his players were involved in multiple violations of the IPL player code. Consequently, he was compelled to report the matter to the BCCI. In fact, he disclosed that his players were found in violation of the code on four occasions during the recently-concluded IPL season.

Typically, the Integrity Officers assigned to the conduct of Indian players after every game to the BCCI. In the case of this

particular North franchise, both players, who are young and have achieved high scores in domestic cricket, had to be reported to the BCCI. "When I became aware of the situation, I was deeply upset and immediately reported the matter to the BCCI. The Integrity Officer also took the breach very seriously and fulfilled his obligations," the owner of the team shared with Cricbuzz. He further confirmed that appropriate measures were taken against these players at the franchise

level. A former anti-corruption official verified that the Integrity Officer reports on the conduct of Indian players to the BCCI after every match. However, the reported breaches mainly involved disciplinary issues and curfew violations rather than corruption-related matters. It's worth noting that some of the players reported to the BCCI are either part of India's Twenty20 squad or in contention for selection. More will be known when the Twenty20 team gets selected.

## Win The World Cup For Virat Kohli": Virender Sehwag Tells India Players

The countdown for the ICC ODI World Cup 2023 has begun, with the schedule for the mega event out. Having last won the World Cup when the tournament was held at home (partly), India would look to pounce on a great opportunity to end their ICC trophy drought. As the preparation for the tournament gets serious, former India star Virender Sehwag wants the team to try and win this World Cup for Virat Kohli, much like the 2011 team had done for Sachin Tendulkar.

In a chat on Star Sports after the announcement



of the schedule of the World Cup, Sehwag highlighted how Kohli isn't just a great player but also a person who

always tries to help others. "Everyone needs to win this World Cup for Virat Kohli. The kind of great player he is, a great

human being also, he always helps other players", he said.

Sehwag also drew similarities between Kohli and Tendulkar, explaining how both always gave their 100 percent on the pitch.

"Virat Kohli is similar to Sachin Tendulkar. The way he plays, the way he talks, the way he approaches the game. His passion, and his dedication is unbelievable. He gave his 100% all the time. He helped cricketers, he is great in everything".

"Whenever Virat Kohli plays big tournaments he gave everything and

more than everyone in the team. I'm sure he will be excited for this world. And whenever he goes in this world cup and people will cheer and supports him a lot".

When asked if Kohli could go on to break Tendulkar's record of scoring the most number of tons in ODI World Cups, Sehwag said that it was quite possible.

"Possible, I always tell youngsters and my children to learn from Virat Kohli. He never throws his wicket and plays till the end", he said.

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In Splits Shubman Gill posted a video of his visit to PSG's stadium on Instagram and the comment of his India teammate Ishan Kishan left the internet in splits. NDTV Sports Desk Updated: June 29, 2023 08:48 AM IST Read Time: 4 min

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Shubman Gill poses with number 7 PSG jersey. © Instagram India's opening batter Shubman Gill recently visited the Paris Saint-Germain stadium Parc des Princes. The football club gifted the cricketer a number 7 jersey. The Indian cricket team

players went on their respective vacations after the end of the World Test Championship final against Australia on June 11. Meanwhile, Gill too had a good outing at the French Capital. He posted a video of his visit on Instagram and the comment of his India teammate Ishan Kishan left the internet in splits. "Shirt leke West Indies aa jana bro (Come to West Indies with the shirt brother). Please don't forget. Was looking for it everywhere," wrote Kishan while commenting on the video posted by Gill. To his comment, the fans reacted with laughing emojis. Both Ishan Kishan and Shubman Gill are part of India's Test and ODI squads for their upcoming tour to the West Indies.

Young opening batter Shubman Gill failed to

leave a mark in the WTC final between India and Australia, where the Pat Cummins-led side emerged as the winners. In both the innings, Gill could only manage to get scores of 13 and 18 as Team India faced a defeat by 209 runs.

It was the team's second consecutive WTC final loss. In the inaugural season, New Zealand had defeated India by 8 wickets.

Before his visit to Paris, Gill was spotted spending pleasant time in London as he met football club Manchester City's players and congratulated them on winning the treble.

Man City had defeated Inter Milan 1-0 to clinch their maiden Champions League title. Prior to this, they also won Premier League and FA Cup, which completed their treble.

## Wimbledon 2023: Carlos Alcaraz, Iga Swiatek Declared No 1 Seeds

The Wimbledon championship is set to begin on Monday. Carlos Alcaraz will enter the tournament as Men's No 1 seed. Iga Swiatek is the Women's No 1 seed. On Wednesday, the latest seeding lists were published and Spain national Carlos Alcaraz took the World No 1 spot. As per the official website of Wimbledon, "Alcaraz, who returned to the No. 1 ranking on Monday after winning his first grass court title at the Queen's Club, is projected to meet seven-time champion and No. 2 seed Novak Djokovic in the men's final."

Further stating, "In 2020 the All England Club took the decision to discontinue the use of a grass court seeding formula and that seedings would



follow Tour rankings for both men's and women's singles draws." Carlos Alcaraz will be playing in his third Wimbledon tournament. He reached the second round on his debut in 2021 and the fourth round 12 months ago. Novak Djokovic, after winning the French Open will now be looking to win the Wimbledon and equal Roger Federer's Wimbledon record of eight men's singles titles. According to the official website of Wimbledon, The 36-year-old Serb has a phenomenal record at Wimbledon. He has won the last four editions of The Championships and hasn't lost a match, since retiring in his 2017 quarter-final against Tomas Berdych. Djokovic will also be aiming to extend his grand slam title wins. He hopes to extend his Grand Slam tally to 24 after winning the opening two of the year in Melbourne and Paris. In the Men's category, Daniil Medvedev and Norway's Casper Ruud, a recent runner-up at Roland-Garros, are the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds respectively.

## Danielle Gibson gets maiden T20I call-up for Women's Ashes



New Delhi: England have handed all-rounder Daniella Gibson a maiden call-up to the T20I squad for the upcoming series against Australia in the Ashes. Gibson, who features for Western Storm, was part of England's travelling reserves for the T20 World Cup earlier this year and was also named in the squad for the recently-concluded Ashes Test.

England's T20I Squad: Heather Knight (captain), Lauren Bell, Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, Kate Cross, Freya Davies, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Danielle Gibson, Sarah Glenn, Amy Jones, Nat Sciver-Brunt, Issy Wong, Lauren Winfield-Hill, Danielle Wyatt

England also brought Issy Wong, after she

missed the bus for the World Cup in February. Shortly after the snub for the World Cup, the fast bowler put on quite a show in the inaugural season of the Women's Premier League, picking 15 wickets for the eventual champions Mumbai Indians. Only Meg Lanning and national side teammate Nat Sciver-Brunt (16 each) picked more. Wong was also for England Women A side against Australia A in recent fixtures.

"Danielle Gibson is selected for the first time in our IT20 squad, she is in great form at regional level and has the potential to impact the game whenever she is called upon," head coach Jon Lewis said. "Issy Wong returns to the T20 squad after her success in the Women's Premier

League with Mumbai Indians, it will be exciting to see how she has progressed and grown from those experiences."

The 16-member squad also had several regulars like Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, Freya Davies, Charlie Dean, Sarah Glenn and Lauren Winfield-Hill who were all part of the showpiece event this year where Heather Knight's side reached the semis.

Following the Test match that finished on June 26, the women's Ashes series will next head to the shortest format with the first of the three T20Is played at Edgbaston in Birmingham on July 1. The next two games will be played on July 5 and 8 at the Oval and Lord's in London. Each of these fixtures is worth two points.

## "Don't Know Real Truth...": India Great Wonders About Injured Star Ahead Of World Cup 2023

New Delhi: The ICC World Cup 2023 is less than 100 days away and excitement is at an all-time high after the official schedule was announced for the tournament. The Indian cricket team will start their campaign against Australia on October 8 with the much-anticipated clash against Pakistan happening on October 15 in Ahmedabad. With home conditions in their favour, India are widely being considered to be one of

the main contenders for the title but former India opener Krishna Machari Srikanth believes that the absence of wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant can be a major factor. "We don't know the real truth about Rishabh Pant. Because Rishabh Pant, if he was playing, I would have straightaway said that India are the real favourites for the World Cup. But I think obviously, Rishabh Pant's fitness is questionable. Nobody

knows how fit will he be before the World Cup. I doubt it. Many people doubt if he will play the 2023 World Cup. Otherwise, the Rishabh Pant factor would have been very crucial," Srikanth told India Today. The other cricketer who is currently recuperating from injury is batter KL Rahul and Srikanth said that he expects Rahul to make a return to the side and provide solidity to the middle order.