

Vaishnaw Orders CBI Probe Thousands Soak In Snana Jatra Bliss In Odisha's Puri City



Bhubaneswar: For a free and fair investigation of the tragic train accident at Bahanaga in Balasore, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the Railway Board has recommended a CBI probe into the mishap. While speaking to media persons here, Shri Vaishnaw said, "Considering the circumstances leading to the accident and information gathered by administration, the Railway Board has recommended for CBI probe into the incident."

Earlier in the day, the Railway Minister informed that the accident happened due to changes in electronic interlocking. "The Commissioner Railway Safety has completed his inquiry and will submit the report soon. Let the investigation report come but we have identified the cause of the incident and the people responsible for it. It happened due to changes in electronic interlocking," he stated in the morning. Soon after the incident, Shri Vaishnaw cancelled

all his scheduled programmes and reached the accident spot by Saturday morning. Since then, he has been there and personally monitored the rescue operation and restoration works throughout day and night. At least 275 persons have been killed and over 1000 injured in the tragic triple train accident at Bahanaga station in Balasore last Friday. About 260 passengers are still under treatment at different government and private hospitals of Odisha.

Bhubaneswar: Thousands of devotees from across Odisha and outside congregate in the Holy City of Puri in Odisha to witness the Snana Jatra of Lord Jagannath and his siblings Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra. The devotees braved extreme hot and humid weather to have a glimpse of the deities on the Snana Mandap (bathing altar) on the premises of Srimandir. The deities were taken to the Snana Mandap from the sanctum sanctorum of the 12th century shrine through the ceremonial Pahandi procession in the morning. Servitors of Srimandir drew 108 pitchers of holy water from Suna Kua (Golden Temple) on the temple premises for



performance of the Debasnana Purnima (bathing) ritual. They added herbal and aromatic essence to the water before pouring in on the deities at Snana Bedi. The bathing ritual of the deities was performed soon after the completion of other rituals like Dwarapala Puja, Surya Puja, Rosahoma, Abakasa, Adharapochha

and Mailam, said a servitor. Gajapati king Dibyasingha Deb performed Chhera Panhara ritual at Snana Mandap immediate after the bathing ritual, he added. After the completion of Chhera Panhara, the deities were adorned with Hati Besa (elephant attire) at the Snana Bedi. As per the tradition, Lord

Jagannath and his siblings are given a ceremonial bath on the occasion of Debasnana Purnima. As per the belief, the deities catch fever soon after the bathing ritual. The ailing deities are taken to Anasara Gruha (isolation room) for their medication, said a religious scholar. "The deities usually undergo medication for

14 days at Anasara Gruha. The devotees are not allowed to visit the deities in these 14 days. Upon their recovery from fever, the deities reappear before the devotees on the occasion of Nabajauban Darshan," he added. The district administration installed barricades and sheds on the Grand Road from the Market Square to the 12th century shrine for the convenience of the devotees. The shops along the Grand Road from the Market Square to the palace of Gajapati King have been closed from June 3 to 5 to avoid rush near the temple, said an official. The state government deployed as many as 60 platoons of police force in Puri city for smooth conduct of the Snana Jatra.

Train Tragedy Toll 275

Bhubaneswar: After properly counting the bodies, the State Government on Sunday said the final death figure in the tragic triple train accident at Bahanaga station stood at 275. "Some of the bodies have been counted twice at the accident site and also at hospitals. So, after proper counting, the final death figure stood at 275," Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena told Media here. Development Commissioner Anu Garg was present in briefing. Out of 275 dead bodies, 78 bodies were identified and handed over to their family members after autopsy, he said, adding, handing over of another 10 bodies is also under process. Shri Jena said of the remaining 187 bodies, 170 bodies have been brought to Bhubaneswar while another 17 bodies are in transit to the capital city



from Balasore. The bodies have been brought to different mortuaries of Bhubaneswar in a dignified way by 85 ambulances. Only two bodies were brought in each ambulance, he informed. According to official sources, Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to the rescue of the State Government in proper management of such a huge number of the bodies at once.

A premier central institution was reluctant to receive and preserve the bodies. After the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it has agreed to manage more than 100 bodies. Even, on the direction of the PM, a special team of forensic science from New Delhi arrived in Bhubaneswar to handle the bodies. They will collect DNA samples and other samples as per medical procedure of the

unidentified bodies, the source said. Meanwhile, a team of expert doctors from New Delhi along with medical equipment and medicines also reached Odisha to provide quality care to people critically injured in the tragic train accident, Union Health Minister Mansukh B Mandaviya said. He reviewed the medical assistance being provided to the injured victims here at AIIMS Bhubaneswar on Sunday.

He discussed the procedures regarding embalming of dead bodies and handing over to family members of the deceased. Speaking to reporters, Dr. Mandaviya said more than 1,000 people were injured in the terrible train accident and their treatment is underway. "Over 100 patients need critical care and for their treatment, expert doctors from different hospitals including Delhi AIIMS, Lady Hardinge Hospital and RML Hospital along with modern equipment and medicines have reached Odisha through a special plane of air force," he said. We had a detailed discussion and prepared a working plan on which export doctors can assist which patient is admitted in different hospitals, the Minister said. "Special treatment of the critical patients will start so that we can save a greater number of people," he added.

Bhubaneswar/New Delhi(KCN): Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India (ABAJ of India) Pays homage to those who have lost their lives due to the tragic Train or Rail mishap or accident in Balasore District. Taking suggestion & advices from our Chief Advisor of ABWJAI, Sri Sarada Prashna Nanda, Sr Journalist, Resident Editor of the Pioneer, Country Second English Daily & Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray, Advisor of ABWJAI & Chief Editor of the Kalinga Chronicle, English Daily Newspaper & Paryabekhyak, Odia Daily Newspaper, ABAJ of India have sent Executive Member Sri Kishor Mohanty, Sr. Journalist of Baleswar along with his teams have gone to the Tragic Train or Rail Mishap or Accident Areas in



Balasore District of Odisha & Chairperson, Sr. Journalist Philanthropist Sri Sunil Kumar Mishra & others members of ABWJAI (ABAJ of India) will worship & pray at

Debastian of Bhagwaan Harishankar for peacefullness of the Soul of the Persons who have lost their lives in this Tragic Rail mishap or accident in Balasore District of Odisha, India.

Train Tragedy: CM Speaks To PM

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi this morning over phone and briefed him about the latest situation, particularly on treatment of the rail accident victims. The Chief Minister assured that all possible steps have been taken to save the lives of injured passengers in different hospitals of Odisha, CMO said in a statement. The doctors, medical students are doing their best to save lives.

Doctors, students and common people are coming forward to donate blood for the injured persons, it said. Saying that we follow a policy that underlines 'Every Life is Precious,' Shri Patnaik said that starting from the rescue operation to carrying injured to hospitals, making arrangements for treatment, we are leaving no stone unturned to save lives. Detailing about the latest situation, he said that as many as 1175 patients are admitted in various hospitals, out of which



793 discharged. Most of the injured patients are in stable condition, he added. Currently 382 passengers are now undergoing treatment in

various government and private hospitals, the CM informed the PM. The Prime Minister thanked the Chief Minister, Odisha government for the

prompt and efficient action during the crisis. The Centre is ready to provide any kind of assistance if required, he said. Shri Modi also praised

the people of Odisha for the kind of support and timely help in this hour of crisis. "I commend each and every person belonging to the teams of railways, NDRF, ODRAF, local authorities, police, fire service, volunteers and others who are working tirelessly on the ground and strengthening the rescue ops. Proud of their dedication," Shri Modi said in a tweet. The courage and compassion shown by the people of our nation in the face of adversity is truly inspiring. As

soon as the train mishap took place in Odisha, people immersed themselves in assisting rescue ops. Several people lined up to donate blood, the PM said. The Chief Minister also announced an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh for the victims of the Bahanaga train tragedy. The assistance will be given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF). He also announced Rs 1 lakh assistance for those who sustained serious injuries in the mishap.

The Chief Minister has also conveyed his deep sympathy to the bereaved families and wishes speedy recovery of the injured. Nearly 300 people died and over 1100 were left injured after Chennai-bound Coromandel Express and Howrah bound S M V P - Howrah Superfast Express were involved in a major accident near the Bahanaga Bazar railway station in Odisha's Balasore on Friday evening.

Apex Body of Working Journalists association of India's Get together held at Devasthan Harishankar

Khaprakhol / Patanagarh / Bhubaneswar / Delhi (KCN): ABWJAI (ABAJ of India) celebrated one Get Together Meeting & conducted one Seminar on Role of Journalists & the Citizen of India in Nation Building at Debbarshan Pitha Lord Harishankar Temple premises of Khaprakhol Block, Patanagarh Subdivision under Balangir District on the auspicious Deba Snanna Purnima of Lord Jagannath & same as Lord Harishankar. The meeting & the Seminar was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Chairperson of Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India, Sr. Journalist & Philanthropist Sri Sunil Kumar Mishra. The Annapurna Sanchayika Mahasanga (SHG)



Secretary & the incharge of well furnished Mission Shakti Restaurant & Lodge Smt. Kuni Panigrahi participated as one of the Guest of Honors & She organised the entire gathering or Participants in this above mentioned Seminar & Get Together Meeting, another SHG Smt. Jayashree Bhoi, Journalist Abhya Kumar Tripathy of Dharitri, Odia Daily Newspaper, Prabin Purohit of Kanak

TV, Parthaba Bhoi of MBC TV, Sadananda Behera of Pragativadi, Minketan Dash of Raipur were attended as Guest of Honors. The Chairman & Chairperson of ABWJAI Sr. Journalist Sunil Kumar Mishra narrated vividly about the Vision of ABAJ of India. He mentioned & requested all Journalists to come forward & stand in one Platform & for that ABWJAI has been formed, be united till the

achievement of our genuine demands & the main is to declare Journalists as the Fourth Pillars of the Constitution in officially with Pen & Paper as well as with due Government Notification before 2024 General Election. Journalist Abhya Kumar Tripathy of Dharitri narrated about a story of a King & how he was giving good decision & he was rulling genuinely & it



was about good governance & good ruler. By this a good & developed State & Nation can be built. That was the right rulling & way of Nation Building, he narrated vividly. Minketan Dash of Raipur told that for Nation Building, not only the role of Journalists, but also each & every Citizens of

India have a role & duty, then a developed & constructive Nation can be built. It was unanimously decided that for Nation Building, we all will be united & we all will stand with Journalist friends for achieving their all genuine demands as well as for Nation Building. Journalist Prabin Purohit of Kanak TV narrated

about the ups & downs, problems & sufferers of a Village level Journalists & Journalist Sadananda Behera & Parthaba Bhoi of MBC TV told about Nation Building & the quick fulfillment of our Journalists genuine demands. More to 100 numbers from different Places were participated & all participants took

Prasad of Lord Harishankar. Prior to the starting of the meeting of Get Together, we paid homage & we did 2 minutes silent prayer for the peacefulness of the Soul who lost their lives in the tragic Rail mishap or accident at Balasore District of Odisha, India. Due to this Rail Accident, numbers of Journalists across India failed to participate as numbers of Trains were cancelled. Journalist Abhya Kumar Tripathy of Dharitri gave vote of thanks. It was a grand Successful Get Together Meeting & it became a talk of the Harishankar as daily numbers of devotees are coming to Harishankar Temple for getting blessing of Lord Harishankar & refraining their sins as they do believe.

Telangana police sets new standards in friendly policing, gains public trust: Govt Chief Whip Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar



Warangal: The Warangal Commissionerate Police organized a grand vehicle rally on Sunday to mark the occasion of 'Surkasha Divas' (safety day), as part of the Telangana decennial celebrations. The event witnessed the participation of Govt Chief Whip and Warangal West MLA Vinay Bhaskar, Commissioner of Police (CP) AV Ranganath, Hanamkonda District Collector Sikta Patnaik, and several police officials. The rally showcased various units of the police department,

including petrocars, bluecolts, fire engines, 'She' Teams, Bharosa, and the traffic department. Starting from the main gate of the Warangal Police Commissionerate Office, the procession traversed through prominent areas of the city such as Warangal, Dharmaram, 'O' city, Mamunoor, Hunter Road, and Kazipet. MLA Vinay Bhaskar commended the remarkable transformations within the police department since the formation of the Telangana State. He praised Chief Minister K

Chandrashekar Rao for his efforts to strengthen the police force and highlighted the increased facilities provided to the police during his administration. CP AV Ranganath detailed the significant progress achieved by the police in the past nine years. He emphasized the successful elimination of custodial deaths through friendly policing, stringent law enforcement, and prompt actions against criminals. CP Ranganath also mentioned the implementation of the PD Act as an additional measure to ensure public

safety. He acknowledged the State government's contributions in providing essential facilities to the police, particularly in establishing 'She' Teams. GWMC Commissioner Rizwanbasha Shaikh, DCPs Muralidhar, Pulla Karunakar, MA Abdul Bari, Trainee IPS Ankit, Trainee IAS Shraddha Shukla, GWMC Regional Fire Officer Papaiah, Hanamkonda District Fire Officer Bhagavan Reddy, Additional DCPs Sanjeev, Suresh Kumar, and others also participated in the event.

Odisha Train Tragedy: Railway Clears Air On Sequence Of Events Leading To Mishap

New Delhi: Amid confusion over the involvement of the goods train present at the accident site in Odisha's Balasore on Friday evening, the Railways on Saturday said that Coromandel Express that was going towards Chennai first derailed and collided with the stationary goods trains while some of its coaches dashed with SMVP-

Howrah Superfast Express that was coming from the opposite direction on the adjoining track. The Railway Ministry officials said that 12841 Coromandel Express (Shalimar-Madras) passing through the main up line first met with an accident and dashed with the stationary goods train in the loop line at Bahanaga Bazar station.

The official said that Coromandel Express at the time of the accident was travelling at its full speed across the Bahanaga Bazar station as it was not supposed to stop there. "However, the impact of the accident was such that 21 of its coaches derailed with three of them infringing on the down line, on which SMVP-Howrah Superfast

Express was passing through simultaneously and collided, resulting in the derailment of two of its rearmost coaches," the official said. The confusion over the accident prevailed as visuals from the accident site showed that the engine of the Coromandel Express jumped onto one of the wagons of the stationary goods train after the accident.

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Adivi Sesh Meets Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan's Family On 'Major' Biopic's First Anniversary

Adivi Sesh-starrer 'Major' turned 1 today. To celebrate this special occasion, he revisited the memories and spend the entire day with Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan's family. Taking to Instagram, Adivi shared a string of pictures featuring Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan's parents. 'Major' depicted the real-life story of Sandeep Unnikrishnan and the tragic events of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. Helmed by Sashi Karan Tikka, 'Major' also stars Sobhita Dhulipala, Saiee Manjrekar, Prakash Raj, Revathi and Murli



Sharma.

In the film, Adivi essays the role of Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan who sacrificed his life, while fighting terrorists and rescuing 14 hostages in the Taj

Mahal Hotel.

And this biopic surely forged a very special bond with Sesh, who is keeping this legacy alive by remaining close to the family. Even on the film's first anniversary Sesh spent

the day with Sandeep's family in Bangalore and penned a heartfelt note about the day as well as the film along with some beautiful pictures. Sharing the pictures, he wrote, "Got my

darshan with Amma & Uncle for the 1 year Anniversary of Major. Amma cooked some amazing food despite her shoulder pain. Their love has meant everything to me. Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan has blessed me and changed me in ways I never knew. Major The Film is my most memorable film and I want to thank Mahesh sir, our amazing producers, our phenomenal director, the hardworking team, our actors who gave r i v e t i n g performances and most of all the audience. The love and respect you have

given us is immense. I am indebted from the bottom of my heart. This honour is forever. JaiHind!" Major has won the hearts of millions of viewers, and Adivi Sesh's portrayal of S a n d e e p Unnikrishnan has been highly praised. Bankrolled by Sony Pictures International Productions, GMB Entertainment Pvt Limited and A+S Movies, 'Major' was released in Telugu, Hindi and Malayalam on June 3, 2022. On the work front, Sesh will be seen in 'G2', and the shooting for the film will commence soon.

'Divorce Is Not A Failure': Tamil Actress Shalini's Unique 'Divorce Photoshoot' Goes Viral

We often see people celebrating victories, engagements and marriages, however, in a rare sight, Tamil actress Shalini celebrated her divorce. In a photoshoot that has gone viral on the internet, the actress is dressed in a red gown as she poses after her divorce. In the first picture, Shalini could be seen tearing apart a picture she had with her husband. In the second picture, she is holding a poster which reads, "I got 99 problems but a husband ain't one." In another post, she could be seen holding the letters 'DIVORCED'. Sharing a long note along with the pictures, Shalini wrote, "A Divorced



woman's Message to those who feel voiceless. It's okay to leave a bad marriage cause You deserve to be happy and never settle for less, take control of your lives and make the changes necessary to create a better future for yourself and your children." Adding further, she wrote, "DIVORCE is NOT a FAILURE!!! It's a turning point for you

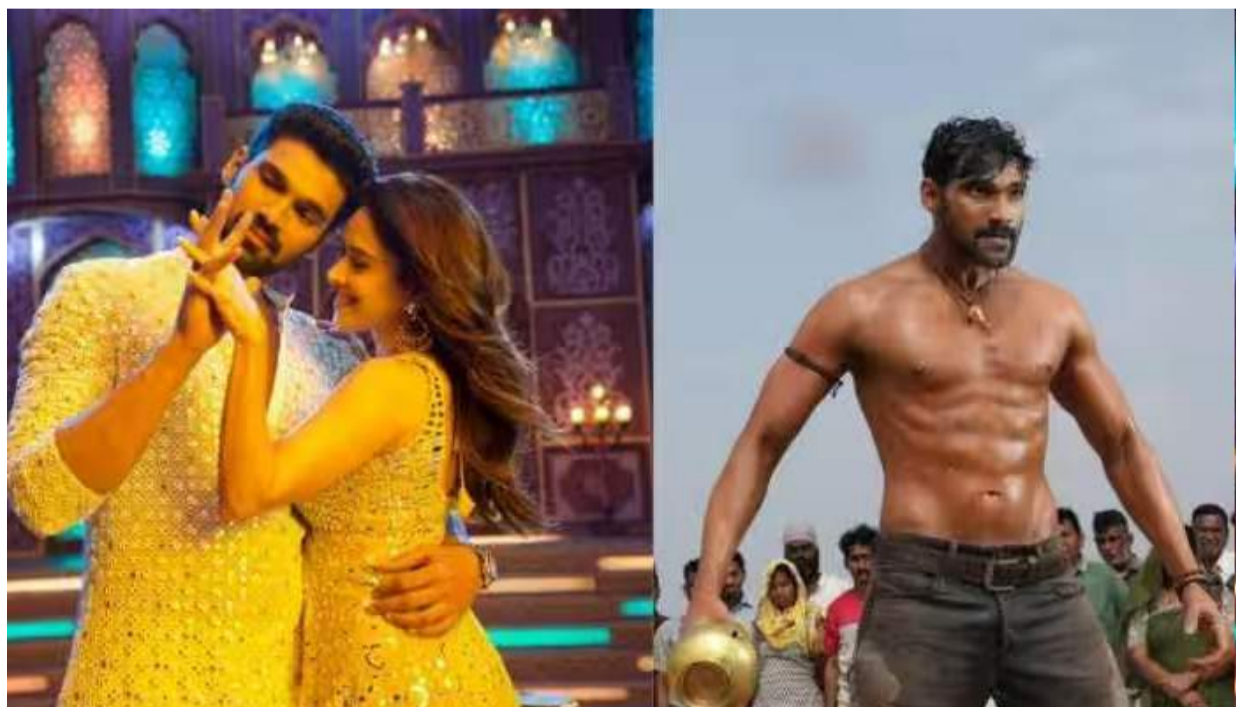
and to lead positive changes in your lives. It takes a lot of courage to leave a marriage and stand-alone So to all my BRAVE WOMEN out there I dedicate this." As soon as the post went viral, fans came out in her support and appreciated her for standing up for her happiness. "Don't worry aka u get happiest life now on words," a user

commented. "You are one hell of a strong woman," another user commented. "Same da I'm divorced now I'm happy b i v e problem it's difficult 2 one time meal bt I'm happy wit my son's," a thrid user wrote.

According to ETimes, Shalini married her ex-husband Riaz in 2020 and later gave birth to a daughter named Riya. However, she later accused him of physical and mental abuse and thye headed for a divorce. Shalini made her debut with television serial 'Mulluma Malarum'. She was last seen in the reality show Super Mom.

Chatrapathi Trailer: Sreenivas Bellamkonda-Nushrratt Bharuccha Starrer Is Full Of Action-Packed Scenes

The 'Chatrapathi' fever is at an all-time high as the official Hindi remake of SS Rajamouli's Telugu blockbuster is set for its massive Pan-India release on May 12, 2023. Produced by Dr. Jayantilal Gada of Pen Studios, the trailer of 'Chatrapathi' gives audiences a sneak-peak into the high-octane action and heady dose of entertainment in store. The star-studded cast of the movie Sreenivas Bellamkonda and Nushrratt Bharuccha made a grand entrance and amped up the excitement with their performance on the upbeat track, 'Bareilly Ke Bazaar' from the film. Marking the big Bollywood debut of Telugu superstar Sreenivas Bellamkonda' the big ticket, large canvas action-entertainer directed by VV Vinayak has been mounted on a larger-than-life scale and is written by SS Rajamouli's father and veteran writer V. Vijayendra Prasad, known for his notable work in



films like RRR, the Baahubali series and 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan'. From the massively scaled visuals to the stunts, the chemistry between Bellamkonda and Nushrratt Bharuccha, the choreography and catchy up-tempo music, to the gripping storyline, the 'Chatrapathi' trailer guarantees to leave you wanting more. Sreenivas Bellamkonda says, "Chatrapathi is a special film to me in so many ways. VV Vinayak directed me in my Telugu debut and he is also the

director of my Bollywood debut, which makes this collaboration even more significant. Chatrapathi ticks all the boxes of a commercial potboiler and we can't wait to bring it to audiences." Nushrratt Bharuccha says, "It was an incredible experience working with Sreenivas Bellamkonda who is just a natural on screen - I'm happy to be part of this massive Pan-India offering and team Chatrapathi is excited to give the masses more reason to whistle and hoot." Producer Dr Jayantilal

Gada says, "Chatrapathi has all the ingredients of an action-packed entertainer, something that Pan-India audiences can't seem to get enough of. The trailer is testimony to everything the film has to offer and all our effort. We hope audiences embrace it and shower it with love and support." Director V.V.Vinayak says, "Sreenivas Bellamkonda is an ideal commercial hero pulling off some high-octane action, performs some jaw-dropping stunts and looks both suave and lethal in every frame. That combined with Nushrratt's

screen presence and performance along with a strong ensemble cast and story that leaves you gripped makes 'Chatrapathi' an exciting cinematic offering." Dr. Jayantilal Gada (Pen Studios) presents 'Chatrapathi', directed by V.V.Vinayak and written by V. Vijayendra Prasad. The film is an official remake of S.S.Rajamouli's Prabhas starrer with the same title. It marks the big Bollywood debut of Sreenivas Bellamkonda and releases nationwide on the May 12, 2023.

A R Rahman announces four Super Winners of Season 2 of 'NEXA Music'

Oscar and Grammy-winning composer A R Rahman has announced the four Super Winners of Season 2 of 'NEXA Music'. The second season of the music platform, which has been curated to promote aspiring Indian musicians to showcase their talent and create original international Standard English music, concluded with Gaia Meera, Hanu Dixit, Sunep A Jamir, and Inga emerging as the winners. Gaia Meera is a Mumbai-based artiste who has captured people's attention with her soulful voice and meaningful lyrics. Hanu Dixit also from Mumbai is a multi-talented artist who sings, writes, and composes music that is both catchy and profound. Sunep A Jamir, from Nagaland, uses his unique voice and vibrant personality to create music that is both fun and impactful. Inga from Bangalore combines eastern and western musical influences in her work, creating a familiar and refreshing sound. Talking about choosing the best artistes, Rahman said, "India is buzzing with youth, energy, and undiscovered raw talent. We always strive to offer something distinctive and unique for the generations with each season. Since each of the individuals were so strong and talented, it was difficult to narrow the field down to the Top 4, but it was undoubtedly an amazing experience to have such amazing talents".

Bengal Tigress: Rekha Lauds Rani Mukerji's Performance in 'Mrs Chatterjee Vs Norway'

Rekha was in awe of actress Rani Mukerji's power-packed performance in 'Mrs Chatterjee Vs Norway'. The veteran star said that Rani has outdone herself in the role of the "eternal mother" and has depicted all the "faces of Durga Maa." She said: "Mrs Chatterjee Vs Norway, was both exhilarating and heart-wrenching, was sitting at the edge of my seat from the word go. It was an absolute delight to watch the dynamic performance of this 'Bengal Tigress', of a mother fight tooth and nail for her kids. This film is for the world to see what 'Mother India' is all about!" Rekha added: "This time around Rani has outdone herself in the role of the Eternal mother depicting all the faces of Durga Maa 'the ultimate Mother', an intense performance worth watching countless times! She walks through fire, straight into our hearts! What a pleasure to see the actor and character melt into each other!"

Let's change the mindset to adopt plastic free life



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Plastic is everywhere. It takes a variety of forms, from synthetic fishing nets to single-use items like water bottles and trash bags. If all plastic waste in the ocean were collected, it would fill 5 million shipping containers. Put another way, there is enough plastic in the ocean to stretch 30,000 kilometers (18,640 miles) if placed end to end. That's the equivalent of a trip from New York City to Sydney, Australia. Plastic is not at all biodegradable, it simply breaks apart into smaller and smaller pieces over time, creating what's known as micro- or nanoplastics. Despite being tiny in size, microplastics and nanoplastics pose a massive threat to human health and the health of vital ecosystems. These microplastics act as little sponges and come with a lot of different chemicals that get absorbed. All these affect our health system and can cause endocrine alterations. They also infiltrate and contaminate every part of the planet, from everyday things like our clothing and laundry to remarkable places like the summit of Mount Everest or the depths of the ocean. It's in your home, in our phone, in your debit and credit card, in your clothes, it's now in your body and

blood and some of them have been linked to possibly being cancerous. It's not just humans who are being negatively impacted; ocean ecosystems are harmed as well. It affects reproduction abilities in animals, ocean life which has serious implications not only for our food chain but also for communities that rely on those ecosystems for their livelihoods. Data says 90% of all birds and fish are thought to have plastic particles in their stomachs. With plastic packaging virtually everywhere, every person on average uses 45 kilograms which is 90 to a 100 pounds of plastic per year. As per the data, global plastic wastes are about 275 million tones. Plastic waste generated in coastal regions amounted to 99.5 million tones. Improperly managed plastic in coastal region amounted to 31.9 million tones. Similarly, 3% of global annual plastic wastes are entering to the ocean. Whole plastic pollution is affecting life on land, body, water and air. Plastic pollution affects habitats and natural processes, reducing ecosystem ability and people's livelihoods, food production capabilities and social well-being etc. Plastic contributes to global warming. Researchers believe that there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean as the rate of plastic production and plastic pollution hike by 2050. To stop plastic pollution and to save our earth, people should act from individual, community and Government level for beat plastic pollution by changing lifestyle. It is

only solution to beat plastic pollution. It should starts from home and ends with globalization. In daily practice, every person should use cloth bag for daily marketing of grocery and vegetable items. The reusable bags shall be used. Minimize use of plastic bottle in home, offices. Alternatively, people can use attractive soil made terracotta bottles, steel bottles etc to carry drinking water. Discourage to use of poly pack water, milk pouches. In different kind of decorations, it is also found use of plastic flowers, plastic ropes and plastic decorated materials in many places. Rather use of natural flowers, natural products in decorating the celebration grounds shall be promoted. Plastic shall not be abandoned at nearby or on water bodies like; pond, river, lake, ocean etc. Public should discard poly packed food beverages. Biscuit pack and plastic shall be banned. Alternatives like, soil pot for plastic base of seedlings, plants shall be used. Plastic teacups with hot tea are harm for health; it should be avoided so many alternatives are there in market that should be available. In Ayurved and natural environment, the tooth stick of neem, miswak etc for brushing is better than Plastic tooth brushes. Avoid plastic lunch box, tiffin box, polythene bags to carry cooked, hot food. Generally most of the people are using plastic mugs that can be replaced with other metallic type of materials. Say no to the little plastic "table" in the

middle of the pizza box and plastic toys on cake for birth day and anniversary observation. Make it otherwise decent and attractive. Cut out sodas, juices, and other plastic-bottled beverages. Shop your needs from local farmers market without using plastic. Return containers for berries, cherry tomatoes, and other small fruits and vegetables to the farmers market to be reused. Choose plastic-free chewing gum. Check labels of personal care products and avoid anything with "polyethylene" listed as an ingredient. Explore plastic-free hair accessories and tools. Learn to preserve foods without plastic. Avoid disposable plastic pens. Choose natural cat litter. Choose pet toys and furniture made from natural materials instead of plastic. Avoid feeding pets from plastic bowls. Learn to make homemade pet food without plastic. Look for plastic-free shoes. Request plastic free gifts for yourself on celebrations or occasions. Avoid poly packed Bouquets. Request zero plastic packaging when ordering online. Avoid buying new CDs and DVDs. Choose healthier electronics. Avoid the worst types of plastic. Reuse refers to the transformation of the 'throwaway economy' to a 'reuse society' where reusing plastic products makes more economic sense than throwing them away. The report highlights the importance of accelerating the recycling market for plastic recycling by

ensuring that recycling becomes a more profitable venture. Similarly Reorient and diversify refers to shifting the market towards sustainable plastic alternatives, which will require a shift in consumer demand, regulatory frameworks and costs. According to UNEP's report with an estimated annual financial risk of \$100 billion for businesses dealing with waste management, circularity in plastics or put simply, using plastics more efficiently could save \$4.5 trillion in environmental and social costs in the next 17 years. The transition would also create hundreds of thousands of opportunities, income, and innovation. That's 700,000 additional jobs and improved livelihoods for millions of workers in developing countries directly associated with short-lived plastics. There are so many options to change our plastic dependant life to a natural healthy life. Everyone should know how to live a Plastic-Free Life; such mind set can change our environment. Then we can say real solution to beat plastic pollution is only our mind set for which local specific need and alternative resources for beat plastic pollution is inevitable. Plastic is poison and harmful for life. For secure and safe future, use of plastic shall be reduced which would helpful for protective life.

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Indian Rituals and culture can only get rid of from Environment problems

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The condition of the environment and its components in India is not hidden from anyone. The figures of India's Environment Status Report 2022, published by Science and Environment and Down-to-Earth, are frightening. It cannot be said how much truth there is in this report, but it can definitely be said that if they are true, then the situation is alarming. According to this report, India ranks 120 out of 192 countries in terms of environmental status. It is a matter of concern that our country has slipped down to three places as compared to last year's data. We could not even achieve the targets set for housing and drinking water, pollution and waste management, forest cover and renewable energy production etc. Moving away from the statistics, if we think over the environmental situation in India, then most of the country's rivers are struggling for their existence. Other underground and surface water sources seem to be dying, at least in summer. Atmospheric temperature is increasing due to various human factors such as carbon dioxide increasing, glaciers are melting, sea water is rising, and the weather is changing. Pollution is spreading everywhere. Laws and regulations are proving to be ineffective at least against those who spread pollution, whether it is a matter of not burning paradi, not mixing of industrial effluents in water sources, not burning garbage etc. Today the land is fed up with the use of chemical fertilisers and chemical pesticides etc..It is losing its fertility power. Forests are troubled by encroachment. Wildlife is struggling for its life due to various man-made reasons. Conflicts and wars are going on between different countries here and there in the world and increasing all kinds of pollution and harming nature along with loss of life and wealth. The development, testing,

trade and use of destructive weapons is making the third world war impossible. There is no exaggeration if the war between Russia and Ukraine is stopped with the explosion of nuclear missiles, bombs etc. Overall, human values ??are ending today. Human civilization groans Nature is forced to shed tears on its condition. Even in such a situation, big influential and powerful countries are eager to take small countries under their control. All the world level institutions are proving ineffective in establishing peace, harmony. Most of the countries of the world are more or less intent on the i n d i s c r i m i n a t e exploitation of natural resources and are oblivious to the problems that harm the environment, or rather, this is not a matter of priority for them. How to maintain natural balance in such a situation? How to provide pure air-water-soil-food to humans and other living beings? This is becoming a difficult, unsolvable question not only for all countries but also for nature itself.

All the scientific inventions of man have proved helpless before nature. Still humans are not ready to understand that without adopting Sanatan Sanskar and culture and nature friendly lifestyle, he cannot remain happy and healthy. In fact, for the enjoyment of both nature and human beings, cordial co-existence is necessary for them to flourish. How long will human beings continue to harm themselves and nature by terming Indian Sanatan culture and rituals as unscientific?T We all are also well aware of the fact that in our scientific Sanatan culture, in the Vedas-Puranas etc., It has always been talked about worshipping the five elements of nature by considering them equal to gods and giving them respect and enriching them. Preach has been given. The meaning of this is that we should understand the importance of panch bhoot and use them sparingly. Neither contaminate them nor waste them in the name of religiosity, in the name of pleasing the Gods and Goddesses, never contaminate the material left over after the use of worship by mixing it with pure natural substances.

This is possible only when every human takes a resolution that he will neither contaminate the god-like five elements himself nor will he allow others to contaminate them. We also have to educate our children for the protection and promotion of the environment and make them responsible. What to talk about people who are irreligious, influenced by western culture, who call Indian culture and rituals unscientific, they consider the five elements to be made only for consumption and contamination. Perhaps this act of theirs alienates them from Indian culture and rituals, it is meant to give birth to various environmental problems. That's why the respected Indian Prime Minister Modi ji has said to discuss issues like the environment at the dining table. Current environmental situation everyone from children to elders are responsible, so everyone will have to find a solution together. Therefore, there cannot be a better place than the dinner table to enlighten everyone on this subject. Indians should at least understand that our eternal culture and rituals were never unscientific. They have always stood the test of scientificity. Perhaps that is why in our Sanatan tradition provision has been made to worship plants, animals, rivers, seas, mountains, forests, fields, barns, etc. to preserve and promote the natural balance, and for various Teej and festivals. It has been said to salute the power and importance of nature on the occasion. Let us all follow the environmentally friendly Indian culture and rituals and will take a pledge to make nature happy and free from the environment by following the environment-friendly Indian culture and values ??ourselves and transferring them to the next generation. let us flourish the sanskar and sanskriti like conserve tree and animals, keep the surrounding space free from pollution, use resources frugally, do not use polythene , avoid the use of chemicals in agriculture, do not burn garbage, limit the use of vehicles running on petrol and diesel and take care of nature etc.

World Environment Day 2023: Plastic will make our end drastic!



Surbhi Mishra

Every year, World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5th, bringing global attention to pressing environmental challenges. This year's theme for World Environment Day will focus on solutions to plastic pollution under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution. Plastic has become a critical issue that threatens our planet's well-being. This year's theme serves as a powerful call to action, urging individuals, communities, and governments to work together to combat the pervasive problem of plastic waste. 'Plastic is a most destructive weapon than a nuclear bomb or an atom bomb, its impact shall remain for centuries on the future

generation', Sir P.S. Jagadeesh Kumar. Plastic pollution has reached alarming levels, causing irreparable damage to ecosystems and human health. From plastic bags clogging waterways to microplastics infiltrating the food chain, the consequences are far-reaching. This year's World Environment Day theme emphasises the urgency of addressing this crisis. Plastic waste can take hundreds of years to decompose, suffocating marine life, polluting soil, and exacerbating climate change. It is imperative that we take immediate and collective action to curb plastic pollution, as the consequences of inaction will be felt for generations to come. While the scale of plastic pollution may seem overwhelming, each of us can make a significant difference by adopting simple yet impactful lifestyle changes. By reducing our reliance on single-use plastics, such as

bags, bottles, and straws, we can greatly minimize the waste that ends up in our environment. Opting for reusable alternatives, like cloth bags and stainless-steel water bottles, is a small but powerful step towards beating plastic pollution. Additionally, raising awareness among our friends, family, and community about the importance of responsible plastic usage can lead to a ripple effect of positive change. Addressing the plastic pollution crisis requires robust policies and regulations at the governmental level. Governments play a crucial role in implementing comprehensive waste management systems, promoting recycling infrastructure, and incentivizing sustainable practices. Policymakers should prioritize reducing plastic production, encouraging the use of biodegradable alternatives, and

imposing stricter regulations on plastic waste disposal. Furthermore, fostering collaborations with industries to innovate and develop sustainable packaging solutions is vital. Governments must also invest in public education campaigns to increase awareness and mobilize citizens to take action against plastic pollution. The business sector has too a pivotal role to play in combating plastic pollution. By embracing sustainable practices, industries can minimize their plastic footprint and contribute to the development of innovative solutions. Companies can adopt eco-friendly packaging materials, implement recycling programs, and support initiatives that promote the circular economy. Collaborations between industry, research institutions, and policymakers can

drive the development of alternative materials and packaging designs that are both environmentally friendly and commercially viable. By prioritizing sustainability and eco-innovation, businesses can create a positive impact on the environment while maintaining economic growth. On this World Environment Day, let us unite in our commitment to beat plastic pollution. By making conscious choices as individuals, demanding strong government action, and encouraging industry innovation, we can create a future free from the devastating effects of plastic waste. Let us embrace sustainable alternatives and work together to protect our planet for future generations.

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The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh along with NHP Chairman, Shri Rajiv Vishnoi, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav and officials of Central and UT governments inspecting the progress of work at Hydropower project site at Dul Hasti, Kishtwar, in Jammu and Kashmir

"World Environment Day" celebrated by India's oldest NGO - BHIA in Kolkata as a part of global observance

Kolkata (Partha Roy): India's oldest Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Bengal Home Industries Association (BHIA), celebrated "World Environment Day" on 3rd June 2023, at its premises 172/3, Rashbehari Avenue, Kolkata as a part of global observance of World Environment Day on 5th June 2023

section of the society to process different kinds of products from various natural fibres like water hyacinth, sal, bamboo, various forms of grass, banana plant & its fibres and others in its efforts to promote theme of 2023 of World Environment Day as a part of global observance of World Environment Day on 5th June 2023. Shri G.M. Kapur

promote social consciousness on environmental issues and challenges as well as need for tackling new and upcoming challenges in innovative ways through large scale people's participation as Environment issues touch every sections of the society across the planet and biosphere. Smt. Mohua Bose Honorary General

Soma Ghosh of F-Cube conducted workshop on usage of natural fibers for production of various kind of utility products like food packaging, baskets, hand bags of various sizes for women, office utility products and others as part of this year theme of WED #BeatPlasticPollution. The Workshop is promoting BHIA's "Green skill

on impact of climate change on Indian Tea industry including tea cultivation in tea gardens across India and various challenges to rejuvenate and restore health of Indian Tea industry as well as tea gardens. BHIA encourages members of civil society to visit its retail outlet to explore wide range of eco friendly utility products. BHIA also



BHIA organised World Environment Day in collaboration with All India Women's Conference (AIWC), Nari Seva Sangha, F-Cube Industries Pvt. Ltd. and other organisations. The 2023 World Environment Day campaign theme #BeatPlasticPollution calls for global solutions to combat plastic pollution. Members of Management Committee of BHIA lit lamps to inaugurate the World Environment Day Celebration. BHIA organised workshop in collaboration with F-cube for women from different

Vice President of BHIA introduced BHIA's World Environment Day (WED) programme for 2023. Shri Kapur also mentioned World Bicycle Day being observed on June 3 by United Nations has major role to play in protection of Environment as well as facilitate to promote United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and support broader objectives World Environment Day. Keynote address was given by Smt. Karuna A Singh Regional Director, Asia of global organisation EARTHDAY.ORG. Smt. Singh spoke on global efforts to

Secretary of BHIA spoke about BHIA's role in empowering marginalised and under privileged women in the society as well as promoting consciousness on environmental challenges and related issues at grassroots level with the help and support of marginalised and under privileged women in the society at large. BHIA organised workshop on Patachitra too. The Patachitra artists gave lecture and demonstration on Patachitra which is very unique art form of Bengal. Patachitra artists use natural colours in their various art works.

initiative". Smt. Nandini Mahtab Trustee of BHIA spoke on medicinal usage of Banana leaf including its usage in various treatment of infections like bedsores and others as a part of traditional Indian ayurveda system. Smt. Nandini Mahtab stressed the need for promoting environment related challenges awareness and consciousness amongst children and youths who have to play major role to find solutions of many environment related challenges in upcoming time. Ms Nayantara Palchoudhuri member of BHIA and Chairperson of India Tea Association spoke

encourages replacement of plastic with eco-friendly products where feasible in the spirit of "Beat the plastic" theme of World Environment Day 2023. World Environment Day on 5 June is one of the biggest international days for the environment. Led by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and held annually since 1973, World Environment Day has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach, with millions of people from across the world engaging to protect the planet.

"Alive Because...: Odisha Rail Tragedy Survivor Recounts Struggle

Balasure/New Delhi: At least 288 people have died in the horrific train mishap that occurred in Odisha's Balasure on Friday. The accident involving three trains - Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and a

who is being treated at the district hospital, recounted the turn of events and narrated how the train he was travelling in collided with the goods train. "My train collided with the goods train and the coaches flipped over. I

accident has been identified. "The root cause of this accident has been identified. PM Modi inspected the site yesterday. All bodies have been removed. Our target is to finish the restoration work by Wednesday morning so



goods train - is one of the worst railway tragedies in the country. Visuals from the accident site showed coaches on top of each other and twisted steel, with passengers' belongings strewn all over. Lines of bodies were collected by rescue workers and more were being extricated from the wreckage. More than 800 people were injured in the accident, officials said, adding that most of them have been admitted to various hospitals in Balasure. Deepak Das from Assam,

survived because I was at the window seat. I held on to the window," he told NDTV. Another man from Bihar told NDTV that he heard a huge jolt due after the sudden collision of the train, but failed to recall much. "My family has been informed. They are coming to take me home. I don't exactly remember what happened. I heard a loud noise when my train collided with the other train," he said. Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the root cause of the

that trains can start running on this track," Mr Vaishnaw said. The Railways Ministry has ordered a high-level probe into how the accident happened. The ministry has announced a compensation of ? 10 lakh for the families of those who have died, and ? 2 lakh for those seriously injured. PM Modi has also announced a compensation of ? 2 lakh for the family of the dead and ? 50,000 for the injured from the PM's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

Getting Death Threats In Dawood's Name: Ex Anti-Drugs Officer Sameer Wankhede



Mumbai: Former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai zonal director Sameer Wankhede, who was booked by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in an alleged bribery probe in the drugs-on-cruise case involving Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan, has claimed that he and his family were receiving threats in the name of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim. According to sources, Mr Wankhede told Mumbai Police that he was receiving threats through a fake Twitter account. He also apprised the police of who would be responsible if he or his family were attacked, said sources.

Sources said Mr Wankhede informed senior officers of Mumbai Police after receiving the threat. Further investigation is underway. Sameer Wankhede has been booked by the CBI for allegedly demanding ? 25 crore as a bribe for not framing Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan in the drugs-on-cruise case. Earlier, the NCB sources said that Sameer Wankhede violated the conduct rules by producing conversations he had with actor Shah Rukh Khan over Aryan Khan's arrest in the drugs-on-cruise case. "Sameer Wankhede giving chats in the court is against the

conduct rules of NCB. How an investigating officer can have such chats with the family of the accused?" sources in the NCB said. The NCB sources further claimed that Mr Wankhede did not provide the phone through which he was chatting with Shah Rukh Khan and, he also tried to scare a senior official of the NCB when he took over the case. Mr Wankhede had approached the Bombay High Court against the CBI action against him, from where he was granted protection from arrest till May 22. The High Court extended relief to Sameer Wankhede till June 8.

NSS Care For Train Victims Pandian Care For Injured

Balasore: A large number of students from many colleges, universities have rendered essential services like rescue operation, distribution of food packets, biscuits, water bottles, ORS in Balasore, Bahanaga, Soro, Bhadrak and Cuttack hospitals, where train tragedy victims are under treatment.

Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Higher Education made a follow up effort to mobilize volunteers for serving the victims. More than 1000 NSS and Youth Red Cross Volunteers under Department of Higher Education have come forward to serve the victims of unfortunate



Train Accident at Bahanaga.

Shri Sethi, who has served as Special Relief Commissioner has moved the Principals of the Colleges and his sincere effort has come at a crucial period, when about 1000 train passengers were left

injured due to an unfortunate train tragedy. Student volunteers also donated around 700 blood units in their local medical centres and IRCS blood centre.

Shri Sethi appreciated the efforts of the students from KKS Women's

college, Nilamani Degree College, Baba Panchalingeswar College, U N College, Soro, Soro Women's College, Nilakantheswar Degree College, Sarasatwa Mahavidyalaya, Anantapur, Dr J N Mahavidyalaya,

Balikhanda Degree College, Remuna Degree College etc. from Balasore district, Ghanteswar Degree College, Basudevpur College, Panchayat Degree College, Barikpur etc. from Bhadrak district, Salipur Auto College, SB Women's Auto College, Stewart Science College, Ravenshaw University from Cuttack District, BJB Autonomous colleges, Ramadevi Women's University, KIIT University, Kamala Nehru Women's College etc from Khurda district who are keenly involved in the above activities. Volunteers from many Higher Secondary Schools and other universities also got associated in some places.

Cuttack: Secretary to CM, VK Pandian today visited SCB medical college and hospital today and met the injured of the Balasore train accident undergoing treatment at SCB medical college.

Sri Pandian enquired about their condition and assured all support from Odisha govt in providing better treatment. He also interacted with the doctors and staff and thanked them for their sincere efforts and hardwork in extending excellent service to the injured.

Due to their support such a large health operation could be conducted successfully and do many lives could be saved Sri Pandian added.



Sri Pandian said that Every life is precious for all us and thanked the Doctors and staff for making it their Motto.

Secretary to CM also thanked the Doctors and students for their noble gesture in donating blood to the victims of train accident.

As per the report total

1175 injured persons were admitted in various govt and private hospitals. Out of them total 793 have been discharged after treatment.

Currently 382 passengers are now undergoing treatment in various Government and private hospitals.

Coal Production High Reord

New Delhi: India's coal production has made new record of highest production during the month of April 2023 achieving 73.02 Million Tonne (MT) of coal with a growth of 8.67% as compared to 67.20 MT during Apr'22. Coal India Ltd (CIL) reported production of 57.57 MT in Apr'23 as compared to 53.47 MT in Apr'22, representing an increase of 7.67%. Ministry of Coal has paved the way for releasing additional coal in the market by greater utilization of mining capacities of captive/private coal



blocks which has led to increase in production of coal by 17.52 % to 9.88 MT (provisional fig.) in Apr'23 as compared to 8.41 MT in Apr'22. The total coal despatch has registered a growth of 11.76% from 71.99 MT in Apr'22 to

80.45 MT in Apr'23. This is mainly due to the initiatives taken by Ministry to augment rail connectivity infrastructure for all major mines under PM Gati Shakti to ensure faster evacuation.

With an objective to

enhance coal availability, Ministry of Coal has offered 103 coal/lignite blocks for auction under 7th round of auction and 29 agreements have been signed for mines which were auctioned in 6th round of auction. The cumulative PRC of 29 coal mines is 74 million tons per annum. The government's initiatives to increase domestic production would lower dependence on imported coal and would result in considerable saving of foreign exchange.

All Time High GST

Cuttack: The State has recorded a Gross GST collection of Rs. 5035.74 Crore during April 2023

OGST and IGST settlement has recorded a growth of 40.43% during April '23 with collection

services sector as well as growth in the trading sector. The total collection from goods which

during April, 2023 as against Rs.232.92 Crore during April 2022 with a growth rate of 13.52%.

The collection under all Acts monitored by the Commissionerate of CT & GST, Odisha including GST/ VAT/ Entry Tax / Profession Tax is Rs. 2661.92 Crore during the month of April '23 as against collection of Rs. 1947.21 Crore during April '22 with a growth rate of 36.70%.

During April 2023, 20.23 Lakh of waybills have been generated vis-à-vis 17.57 Lakh of waybills generated during April 2022 recording a growth of 15.12% and reflecting the buoyancy in the economic sector.



which also is the highest Gross GST collection of all time. Further, the collection to be retained by the State consisting of

of Rs. 2359.17 Crore as against collection of Rs. 1680.00 Crore during April 2022. This growth is primarily on account of buoyancy in the

are not subsumed under GST i.e. petroleum products and liquor for human consumption stands at Rs. 264.42 Crore



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Legend of Jagannath

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Lord Jagannath is a divine being of great mystique and intrigue, revered as the supreme lord whose attributes are beyond human comprehension. Despite his indescribable and astonishing nature, devotees believe that he bestows divine blessings upon those who wholeheartedly call upon him with eagerness and devotion. Throughout various communities and belief systems, there exists a shared conviction that devotion to Lord Jagannath's diverse incarnations yields profound wellbeing, which can manifest in ways that are both extraordinary and deeply compassionate, inspiring unwavering faith in his divine grace among his followers.

Ganapati Bhata, a devout resident of Kaniyari village in Karnataka, seeks salvation through the blessings of the divine. He has studied numerous shastras and discovered that beholding a deity made of neem wood in the Nilgiri hills can grant liberation from worldly attachments and the cycle of life and death, as well as release from the grips of hell. Determined to attain this ultimate goal, he embarks on a journey to see the deity by traversing great distances.

During his pilgrimage, Ganapati Bhata arrives at Atharnala and observes that despite devotees flocking to witness the deity, they fail to attain the promised liberation and remain tethered to earthly attractions. Disheartened, he concludes that the deity is not present at that location and abandons his

quest to return to his homeland in Karnataka. As if by divine intervention, Lord Jagannath appears before Ganapati Bhata in the guise of a saint. The saint engages him in conversation and asks him why he is returning without seeking the lord's darshan. In an effort to fortify the gentleman's beliefs, the saint explains that God fulfills everyone's desires, and seeking the lord's divine darshan, even once in a lifetime, can lead to transformative experiences. The saint's words stir something within Ganapati Bhata, and he has a change of heart. He resolves to seek the lord's darshan and experience the transformative power of his divine presence. As fortune would have it, the day he goes to have a glimpse of Lord Jagannath is the auspicious occasion of snana purnima, a sacred day celebrated in honor of the divine.

However, Ganapati Bhata sees that in "snana mandap," Lord Jagannath is seated along with his big brother's idol "Balabhadra," small sister "Subhadra," and "Chakraraja Sudarsana." He becomes extremely disappointed as he was expecting to see the "Ganapati" version of the lord but instead sees something else. His interest and excitement get washed away, and he doesn't even greet the lord closing his hands. Upset, he immediately leaves the place where the pure "snana purnima" is celebrated and decides to return home.

Moved by Ganapati Bhata's unwavering devotion, Lord Jagannath makes a divine intervention to fulfill his desires. He appears in the dream of one of his servants, Mudiratha, and instructs him to inform Ganapati not to be disappointed. The lord requests Ganapati to visit him again so that he can show him his "Ganapati" avatar. On the demand of the lord, Mudiratha assures Ganapati that if he visits the lord again with faith and dedication, all his wishes will be fulfilled satisfactorily.

Ganapati heeds Mudiratha's advice and returns to the "snana purnima" festival where he is able to behold the "Ganapati" avatar of Lord Jagannath through his third eye. His disappointment vanishes instantly, replaced by profound astonishment and bliss. The lord blesses him as he touches his feet. The transformative power of devotion to Lord Jagannath is exemplified by this miraculous event. It inspires unwavering faith in his divine grace among his followers and serves as a testimony to the supreme power of the lord. As a tribute to this event, the festival of snana purnima is celebrated every year, wherein the lord comes out of his temple in his "Ganapati" attire/avatar and blesses his devotees in this form. This sacred celebration is a reminder that true devotion is the key to unlocking the transformative power of the divine.

Dagarapada, BIs.

Myntra's EORS-16 is geared to serve over 50 lakh shoppers

Bhubaneswar: The 16th edition of Myntra's biannual EORS, India's grandest fashion event is arriving, bringing with it the joy and euphoria to the millions of fashion aficionados in the country. The event, which will be held from 11 to 16 June, is going to be bigger than previous versions, comprising the biggest-ever collection of 14 lakh styles across 5000+ brands. The 6-day event is set to provide unprecedented offers from fashion, lifestyle, beauty and personal care and home categories, catering to over 50 lakh unique customers across the country, with an expected uptick in demand by over 3X of BAU and 26% increase in traffic over the

previous July edition. Myntra expects over 1 million new customers with over 40% of the overall traffic coming from tier 2 and 3 cities and towns.

The brands have specially curated a vast selection with a strong focus on summer essentials, Gen-Z trends, beauty and personal care as well as celebrity-led EORS special collections. First-time shoppers will get ₹500 cashback on their initial transaction, exciting coupons for future use and free delivery for the first 4 orders. On the payments front, there are exciting offers too from banks, such as ICICI and Axis Bank, offering a 10% instant discount, while users

of Paytm will get assured cashback on wallet & postpaid transactions.

To cater to the changing needs of the customers, Myntra has on-boarded 100 new brands ahead of EORS and increased its style selection by a whopping 40% from the previous July edition, giving shoppers a wide catalogue of products from the best of international and domestic brands, including D2C brands to choose from. Speaking about EORS, Nandita Sinha, CEO, Myntra, said, "Over the years, EORS has become one of the most sought-after fashion events in the country.

NHAI's escrow guidelines a huge positive for BOT road projects: Infomerics Ratings

New Delhi: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) recently issued a guideline on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to monitor the escrow defaults and take appropriate action to safeguard the NHAI interest in the arbitration matters on claims made by the concessionaire.

It is observed that at times the waterfall mechanism where escrow account has been in place between the NHAI, the concessionaire & the lender, is not followed. Adherence to waterfall escrow arrangement is the basic premise while assigning ratings to such projects.

with ensure that all project cash flows (inflows & outflows) must be necessarily routed through the escrow accounts and funds shall be applied in the waterfall of priorities set forth in the concession agreement. Any deviation by the escrow lender will be a breach of trust to be dealt in accordance with the provisions of concession agreement and the lender shall be liable for damages.

Infomerics Ratings believes that this is a positive development from a credit risk perspective while analyzing BOT road

The applicability of the new SOP to all BOT projects, whether toll or annuity where escrow mechanism is in place, has been mandated to

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India inaugurates its 3rd Skill Enhancement Centre in Rourkela, Odisha

Rourkela, 6 March 2023: Committed to Skill India Mission, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) inaugurated Odisha's 3rd Skill Enhancement Centre at Rourkela in collaboration with Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) of the city. The new centre will empower local youth with job-oriented technical skill training in the city.

The inauguration was held in the august presence of Sh. Subrata Kumar Pattnaik (President, Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Bibhabanjan Samantasingh (Regional Transport Officer, Rourkela,



Odisha), Sh. Dhananjaya Khura (Principal, Industrial Training Institute, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Rajendra Bhimrao Shinde (General Manager, Regional Business East Customer Service, HMSI) and other

dignitaries from Government ITI, Rourkela and HMSI. On this occasion, Mr. Atsushi Ogata - Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "Fulfilling its corporate social

responsibility, HMSI proactively supports Skill India Mission to empower Indian youth. Constant changes in rapidly evolving automobile industry have raised the demand of skilled technical manpower. Keeping this

as a priority, HMSI has inaugurated its third Skill Enhancement Centre of Odisha. The new developed centre in Rourkela is a testimony to our commitment to upskill local youth and enhance their employability." HMSI's Skill Enhancement Centre at Jail Road, Near Reserve Police line in Rourkela has a fully functional workshop with two-wheelers and service infrastructure and latest tools & technology to give practical training to students on technical aspects of two-wheelers maintenance & repair and empowers them with recruitment opportunities at two-wheeler dealerships across India.

Jindal Stainless invests over 120 crores to install rooftop solar plants at its Jajpur and Hisar units

Jajpur, 6th March 2023: Furthering its commitment to reduce its carbon footprint, Jindal Stainless plans to install two rooftop solar plants of 21 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity at its Jajpur and Hisar units respectively. The roofs of various shop-floors at both units have been identified to install these rooftop solar plants with an overall investment of more than INR 120 crores. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by March 2024.

The two rooftop solar plants will be generating about 795 million units of electricity, with a carbon abatement potential of 5, 64, 450 tonnes in its life span of 25 years. In addition to the environmental



benefits, these rooftop solar plants will also save 108 acres of land that would have been used if the plant was located on the ground. Commenting on this development, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Abhyuday Jindal, said "This is an important step towards

achieving our Net Zero target. Solar rooftop plants are a great alternate source of energy in a tropical country like ours. Jindal Stainless is known across the globe for its product stewardship. Our aim is to make sure that our growth stems from

finest and adopting sustainable energy practices that revolve around social upliftment, good governance, decarbonisation, waste management, and digitalization." Jindal Stainless' Hisar unit has already commissioned rooftop solar projects of 4.1 MWp which is capable of generating 110.7 million units of electricity and reducing 78597 tonnes of CO2. The company is taking significant strides towards achieving its Net Zero carbon emissions by implementing sustainable initiatives

and adopting renewable energy solutions. From introducing a senior position of Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) to becoming India's first stainless steel company to install a Green Hydrogen Plant at Hisar, Jindal Stainless is dedicated to helping India attain its reduced carbon footprint target. The company successfully reduced its carbon emissions by 1.4 lakh tonnes in FY22. Recently, it also signed a contract with ReNew Power to develop a utility scale captive renewable energy project for its plant in Jajpur. This project will generate 700 million units per year using a combination of solar and wind power generation technologies.

TPCODL warns customers against fraudulent messages for updating KYC

Bhubaneswar: TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), the joint venture between Tata Power and Odisha Government for power distribution in Central Odisha region, has issued an advisory for its consumers against the unscrupulous elements, who are misleading people with messages to update their KYC to avoid disconnection of electricity supply.

With malicious intent these individuals are engaging with customers without any authorisation of TPCODL. Such messages threaten the consumers stating that their power supply will be disconnected at 9.30 pm on the same day as they have not updated their KYC and advise to contact the electricity officer at certain phone numbers which are different from TPCODL's dedicated customer care numbers.

TPCODL urges customers to take all precautions before responding to any such messages / calls. The company never asks any customer to share any password, OTP or any other personal details with any Executive. The company urges to customers to use TPCODL Mitra App to verify the credibility of their employees.

TPCODL has dedicated 24x7 Toll Free Number 1800-345-7122/1912 as a one-point solution for all the grievances. The company urges all its customers to immediately report any such message / call by any individual asking for transaction or banking details. Customers can also e-mail at customercare@tpcentralodisha.com for any queries.

"While our team is keeping a close watch on such fraudulent activities, we intend to alert our esteemed customers as well. We request our customers to use the TPCODL Mitra App and follow authorised channels / gateways to reach out to us for any grievances or queries," said Mr. Shenbagam, Chief Executive Officer, TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd.

Tata Steel announces winner of its open innovation programme MaterialNEXT 3.0

Jamshedpur: Team 'Nano Tribe' of IIT Hyderabad was declared the winner of the third edition of 'Tata Steel MaterialNEXT' at the Finale held in Jamshedpur on June 1, 2022.

The team comprising Sushmitha Veeralingam, Hari Prakash, and Jaladurgam Eshwari, was mentored by Dr. Sushmee Badhulika and presented the solution titled 'self-powering sensor to detect pre-diabetes in human breath'. The winning team received a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.

Team 'Materials Engineering lab' of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) Kolkata showcased the solution titled 'facile, high yield and room temperature synthesis process for two-dimensional (2D) materials' and secured the 1st runner-up slot. The members, Sukhendu Maity and Dr. Krishnendu Sarkar, were mentored by Dr. Praveen

Kumar and received a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh. Team 'TCN-IITRPR.' of IIT Ropar which showcased the solution titled 'Recovery of pure hydrogen from H2S by greener electrochemical approach', bagged the 2nd runner-up position. This team, consisting of a member Mukesh Kumar, was mentored by Dr. C N Tharamani and received a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh.

Congratulating all the winners and the finalists, T. V. Narendran, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Tata Steel, said: "Knowledge and Technology have emerged as key enablers for driving value creation and enhancing the geopolitical worth of our country. As India moves forward to become a \$10 trillion economy in the next few decades while also realising its net zero ambitions, it is imperative we achieve this in a clean, smart, and innovative way. At Tata Steel, our endeavour has

been to tap into the innovation ecosystem that exists outside of the Company, work with scientific establishments, academic institutions, and start-ups to create sustainable solutions and accelerate our journey to becoming a technology leader in the metals and mining space. The breakthrough ideas, initiatives and innovations evolved by the young minds, who participated in the competition, are indeed laudable and offer a glimpse into exciting times ahead."

On the occasion, Dr. Debashish Bhattacharjee, Vice President, Technology & New Materials Business, Tata Steel, said: "Technological excellence of an organisation does not happen in isolation, it needs a highly capable and supportive ecosystem. Students and academia form the foundation of such an ecosystem of a country.

Stokes allays injury concerns after landing awkwardly on knee

New Delhi: There was an injury scare for Ben Stokes on Day 3 of the England-Ireland Test at Lord's, which also happened to be the final day of the game as England secured a 10-wicket victory. The England captain hobbled after taking the catch of Curtis Campher at short fine leg but he continued to be on the field. He later revealed that there was nothing to worry about, and that he was happy about his fitness having bowled the morning before the third day's play. "Actually I didn't pick it [the ball] up and I landed quite awkwardly on it [the left knee]. My weight went on the inside of the knee like I hyper-extended but I bowled this morning, the first time I have bowled since being back from India, so it's been about 4 weeks actually and I got through that and I was really happy with where I was, so nothing to worry about," Stokes said at the post-match

presentation no Saturday (June 3). "I was really happy with how I bowled [before the start of day]. I bowled for about 20 minutes and I got through that really well. Obviously I have got time to build up before I push back into flat out, but I just landed quite awkwardly when I took that catch," Stokes said. "I didn't quite see it so had to adjust myself and landed on my left leg and it twisted in a really strange way. It was fine, I just don't know what really happened. It was one of those things - but I am 32 tomorrow so that probably explains it." It was a fairly comfortable victory for England in the one-off Test but they did have to bat for the second time as Ireland came up with a fighting performance with the bat in the second innings. Stokes praised the visiting team for their performance while he said the nature of the pitch, which got



flatter as the game progressed, showed England what to expect and what they need to do during the Ashes. "(I) thought Ireland came out and showed grit and determination. Gives us a little insight into what we might have to do against Australia. It got flatter as it went on. Trying to take the game on in

our own way allowed us to potentially bowl them out without batting again. Ireland had to get a really good score to put us under pressure. Good test and credit to Ireland today," said Stokes. Speaking about Josh Tongue, who bagged a five-wicket haul on debut, Stokes said: "I told him the role that I saw him playing in this team as our third

seamer, and used him in a way to get different types of spells out of one bowler. His first spell, he came on and bowled really well pitching the ball up. Then we looked to use his pace to use him as the aggressor when we needed to and the wicket got a bit flat. "For him to show he's more than one

type of bowler does us the world of good as a team going forward, knowing we've found someone else who can fulfil the role of the guys with the extra pace," said Stokes. "Bowling the long spell yesterday and two long spells today, I wasn't quite sure of how to manage him so early on. But I was very, very impressed with the way he just

said yes to the plans I wanted him to operate under." Ireland skipper Andrew Balbirnie was pleased with the character and fighting spirit displayed by Ireland in their second innings after they were bundled out for 172 in the first essay. Harry Tector scored a half-century before 80s from Andy McBrine and Mark Adair in a 163-run seventh wicket stand kept England waiting. "[The dressing-room] was a tough place to be yesterday, in the evening particularly, but we showed character today. We've showed in our Test career that we have that character - and that bouncebackability - but unfortunately for us, it's when our backs are against the wall, that's almost when we seem to produce our best cricket. We need to find a way to not get so far behind the eight-ball that you need to really scrap it out. But get to 12 ahead, it's a small win to get them batting again. And certainly, after three days like that, you have to take those small

wins." Ireland will be next seen in action in the World Cup Qualifiers that will be played in Zimbabwe from June 18. When asked if the Test served as a preparation for the event, Balbirnie replied: "I wouldn't say it's been preparation. I've played in these tournaments before. It's really cut-throat. If you don't turn up for a couple of games, your qualifying tournament is over. So the guys need to be switched on, and I think they will be by the time we get out there. "It's 9am starts, very early-morning stuff, the games are thick and fast, in a sporadic sort of a schedule. I've struggled over the years to differentiate between our [Test and white-ball] groups because it's many of the same names, but for the one-day team, next week is huge. I said at the start of my tenure that qualifying for that World Cup will be my greatest achievement as captain, and we've got three weeks to try to do that," he said.

Lionel Messi Gets Boomed In Last Match For PSG As Ligue 1 Champions Lose To Clermont

New Delhi: Lionel Messi didn't care about the boos in his final game for Paris Saint-Germain as the French league champion lost to Clermont 3-2 on Saturday. Disrespectful PSG supporters booed Messi when the Parc des Princes announcer read his name on a warm evening. A few minutes later, Messi walked onto the field with a smile on his face, holding his three children's hands before the team photo and kissing them on their foreheads before kickoff. "I would like to thank the club, the city of Paris and its people for these two years. I wish you all the best for the future," Messi told the club website. In two seasons at PSG, Messi won two French leagues and the French Champions Trophy and notched 32 goals and 35 assists in all competitions. Messi scored in a 1-1 draw at Strasbourg a week ago to



help PSG clinch a record-extending 11th French league title. By notching a 496th career league goal, the Argentine genius also broke Cristiano Ronaldo's scoring record for Europe's top five leagues. The World Cup winner didn't sign the contract extension that Qatar-backed PSG offered him and has been strongly linked with a move to a Saudi club where he could earn more money than Ronaldo. Inter Miami is another possible option but wouldn't be able to

match the Saudi offer of hundreds of millions of dollars. Messi tried hard to get on the scoresheet on the final day of the French league. He had a shot parried by Clermont goalkeeper Mory Diaw in the 14th minute, hit a snapshot wide in the 31st and curled a free kick over the bar in the 42nd. A selfless Kylian Mbappe made a solo run in the 54th to tee up Messi, who blazed over the bar. Messi nearly found the net in the 59th but Diaw turned his low drive around the post.

Diaw denied Messi again in stoppage time, palming away a free kick. After the final whistle, Messi hugged his teammates and shook hands with the Clermont players. PSG took a 2-0 lead with a header from the departing Sergio Ramos in the 16th and a penalty from Mbappe in the 21st. But Clermont leveled before halftime with goals by Johan Gaten and Mehdi Zeffane. Grejohn Kyei scored the winner by converting a cross in the 63rd. Despite his aging legs, Messi has produced

moments of magic this season; an overhead kick against Clermont last August, a ball over the top for Mbappe to score against Lille in August that was the joint-fastest goal in the league, a free kick in stoppage time to beat Lille in February, and a perfectly timed throughball for Mbappe against Brest in March. There were hopes Messi would stay another year in Paris after expressing his happiness at the club in March. "Yes, it's true that I feel very well," Messi told the club website. "The first year, I needed a little time to adapt to Paris for different reasons, but I started this season really differently, with a lot of desire. I feel more comfortable with the club, with the city, with everything that Paris means. And the truth is that I am really enjoying this season."



London: Josh Tongue has been named in England's Ashes squad for the first two Test matches against Australia. The 25-year-old Worcestershire seamer, who made his debut in the one-off Test match against Ireland, seems to have done enough to convince the selectors and retain his place in the unchanged 16-man squad. With Jonny Bairstow being the designated wicketkeeper on his return from the foot injury, Ben Foakes has once again been

overlooked. Squad: Ben Stokes, James Anderson, Jonny Bairstow, Stuart Broad, Harry Brook, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Dan Lawrence, Jack Leach, Ollie Pope, Matthew Potts, Ollie Robinson, Joe Root, Josh Tongue, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood. The unchanged squad means that Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett will continue to open for England. Both James Anderson and Ollie Robinson, who sat out the Lord's

Test against Ireland with niggles, make it to the Ashes squad which is without Jofra Archer, Craig Overton, Olly Stone and Jamie Overton owing to injuries. The squad is heavy on bowlers, with Dan Lawrence of Essex being the only back-up batter in the squad. The first Ashes Test at Edgbaston will be played at Edgbaston from June 16 and the second one follows soon after at Lord's from June 28.

Vince on fire again as ruthless Hampshire hammer Sussex

New Delhi: Warwickshire suffered their second successive loss in as many days after faltering in the pursuit of Nottinghamshire's massive 214/3 by 11 runs. Joe Clarke (89*) and Colin Munro (87) were the wreckers in chief, at Edgbaston, as they sent the Warwickshire bowlers on a leather hunt. Munro was the aggressor in the

122-run stand, getting to his half-century with a six in just 27 deliveries, while Clarke took over the mantle after his partner's departure. His unbeaten 89 off 53 included seven boundaries and half a dozen sixes. Despite Warwickshire slipping to 40/3 in reply by the fifth over, Sam Hain kept them in the hunt with an unbeaten 97 but it was all



in vain. He added a 52-run stand with Dan Mousely but ultimately was left with an improbable ask of 59 off the last five overs that proved too tall a mountain to climb. Brief scores: Nottinghamshire 214/3 in 20 overs (Joe Clark 89*, Colin Munro 87; Henry Brookes 2-34) beat Warwickshire 203/9 in 20 overs (Sam Hain

97*; Shaheen Afridi 3-39, Jake Ball 3-41) by 11 runs Hampshire vs Sussex, South Group Sussex were handed a 10-wicket thrashing after collapsing to just 144 against Hampshire, who picked up their third win in last four games to climb to the third spot in the table. A middle-order collapse proved to be their undoing, and the

handy 30s from opener Tom Clark and FJ Hudson-Prentice lower down the order could only help Sussex muster a below-par 144 in 18.5 overs. Hampshire openers were brutal in the chase, overhauling the target at 10 runs an over with both openers - James Vince and Ben McDermott scoring unbeaten half-century knocks.