

Plus II Arts Result Out Industrial Projects Worth Rs 3,457 Crore Get Approval In Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) On Thursday announced the results of Plus II Arts and Vocational studies.

Announcing the results, School and Mass Education Secretary Aswathy S. said 78.88 percent of students cleared the Plus II Arts examination, while the pass percentage of 67.48 was recorded in vocational studies this year.

Out of 2,33,853 students enrolled in the Arts stream, 2,30,545 students have appeared in the annual examination, and of them, 1,81,869 students



have cleared the test conducted by the CHSE, she said.

Of 2,16,069 regular students who have appeared in the Arts stream, 1,71,185 have passed out. Similarly, 9960 of the 12,582 ex-regular Arts students cleared the examination. In the Arts stream too the

girls outshine then the boys. The pass percentage of boys and girls stood at 70.43 per cent & 85.66 per cent, respectively.

Only 24 students have secured more than 90 per cent marks, while 32,782 students have appeared in the examination and 3860 students have passed out.

,16,179 secured third division in the Plus-II Arts examination.

Similarly, 30 higher secondary schools have scored 100 percent results whereas no schools have zero results. Balasore district has recorded the highest 84.97 per cent results while Nabarangpur district is at the bottom with a pass percentage of 70.74, the Secretary said. The Council has also declared the Class-XII Vocational result today. The Council said that 5,862 students have enrolled in the Vocational stream, of which 5720 students have appeared in the examination and 3860 students have passed out.

The overall pass percentage in the vocational course stood at 67.48. The officials informed that 843 students have secured first division, 1751 got second division and 1115 got third division in the exam. Kandhamal district has recorded the highest 89.43 per cent result while Deogarh district is at the bottom with a pass percentage of 39.47. Earlier, the Plus-II results of Science and Commerce streams were declared. The Council has decided to increase the number of seats in the Plus-II courses as a higher number of students have cleared the Class-X examination this year.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) of Odisha government held its 118th meet today.

The authority chaired by Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena granted approval to 18 industrial projects worth around Rs 3,457 crore in the state. The projects will generate employment opportunities for 14,436 people in Odisha, sources said.

At least 10 out of these investment intents were received during the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022. This showcases the immense success of the conclave in attracting investments and reinforcing Odisha's rank as second among the states in attracting investments in 2022-23 fiscal.

The state government is committed towards converting the investment intents into ground reality and in this endeavour, holds SLSWCA meeting at regular intervals to fast-track grounding of projects.

Projects spread across diverse sectors like metal downstream and ancillary, pharmaceutical, food processing, cement, textile & apparel, IT & ESDM, and agro processing received approvals in the 118th meeting of the SLSWCA.

The approved projects will be set up across various parts of the state including Jajpur, Khurda, Koraput, Cuttack, Sundargarh, Bhadrak, Sonapur, Bolangir and Boudh districts.



The committee has given a go-ahead to nine projects in the metal sector, five projects in agro & food processing sector and one project each in textiles, cement, IT & ESDM, and pharmaceuticals sectors. Odisha has been a leader in the mining and metallurgy sector owing to its natural resource advantage. This has been further leveraged by the state government to develop metal ecosystem in Odisha.

While Odisha remains the leader in the production of steel, stainless steel, alumina and aluminum, it is also emerging as the leader in the metal downstream and ancillary sector. This claim was further strengthened today, when the SLSWCA approved nine projects in the metal downstream and ancillary sector.

The projects of TYK Ceramics India Private Limited, Calderys India Refractories Limited, Shriyay Foils Limited, Thakur Prasad Sao & Sons Pvt Ltd, SMS India Pvt Ltd, Ferro Alloys Coporation Ltd, Indiano Spl Private Ltd, Rudramukhi Infracon

Pvt Ltd, and Reliable Sponge Pvt Ltd were approved which aim to provide employment to more than 2,600 people of Odisha.

India Refractories Limited which is an Indian subsidiary of Calderys headquartered in France intends to setup manufacturing for Acidic Refractory Bricks, Acidic Monolithics, Refractory Bricks, Steel Casting flux, and Precast Prefired Shaped Refractory Plant

entailing an investment of Rs 500 crore.

TYK Corporation, who showed its investment intent during the Japan Roadshow of Odisha government have realized the same with their Indian subsidiary TYK Ceramics India Private Limited, is investing Rs 57 crore in Jajpur District to set up a 1020 MT High-end Refractory products plant. While Calderys and TYK Corporation are setting up their first units in the state, SMS India Private Limited is further expanding to add a fourth unit of 4000 MT/annum capacity of steel plant equipment.

HSRP Fine From 23 June

Cuttack(KCN): The State Transport Authority (STA) has given final ultimatum to the vehicle owners to affix High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) in their vehicles by June 22. Otherwise, from June 23, the transport authority and police will start imposing fine on the violators.

Amitabh Thakur, Transport Commissioner has reviewed progress. The deadline for affixation of High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) on the old vehicles registered prior to April 1, 2019 carrying Odisha Registration Mark was ended on February 28.

It is observed that some vehicles are plying on roads without affixing HSRP. The State Transport Authority (STA), will conduct a special drive from June 23, 2023 to detect such vehicles plying without HSRP and impose penalties, said an



official. Lalmohan Sethi, Additional Commissioner Transport (Road Safety & Enforcement) said, "As on 07.06.23, a total of 40,93,608 vehicle owners have booked slots, out of which HSRP has been affixed in 35,87,577 vehicles. Vehicles owners are advised to affix HSRP at the earliest to avoid penalty."

In case the vehicle is not affixed with HSRP, e-challan shall be issued against the offending vehicle and attract a fine of Rs. 5000 or Rs.10,000 under Section 192 of M.V. Act, 1988 as the case may be. In accordance with Rule 50

of CMVR, 1989, all the vehicles have to be affixed with HSRP.

Notably, the HSRP has already been made mandatory for all new vehicles registered on or after April 1, 2019.

In accordance with the directives of Supreme Court of India, Central Government amended Rule 50 of CMVR and Notifications/Statutory Orders from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), State Transport Department has made affixation of High-Security Registration Plates (HSRPs) mandatory for all class of old vehicles which were registered prior to April 1, 2019.

KISS Achieves 100% Result in +2 Arts Examination

Puspa Rani Murmu (Santal) from Mayurbhanj is the school's topper with 82%

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has once again showcased its impressive academic record by achieving a hundred per cent result in the +2 Arts Examination conducted by the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha, this academic session. The results were announced today.

While the state's overall result stood at 78.88 per cent, KISS proudly maintains its perfect record this year. This feat marks yet another milestone for KISS, as the school has consistently attained this distinction for several years, further enhancing its reputation as a premier academic institution.

Out of the total 620 students who appeared for the examination, 35% secured the first division, while 26% successfully passed in the second division. Puspa Rani Murmu (Santal) from Mayurbhanj emerged as the school's topper, securing an impressive 82% mark.

The Founder of KISS and KIIT Dr Achyuta Samanta expressed his delight over the achievement of the students, attributing this success to the students' unwavering dedication and perseverance, along with the invaluable guidance provided by the faculty and staff. Dr. Samanta also acknowledged the divine blessings showered upon these nature's children, acknowledging the role played by a higher power in their accomplishments.

Odisha Train Mishap

New Delhi/Bhubaneswar (KCN): In February this year, a senior Indian Railways official had flagged the faulty signalling system which is now suspected to be the cause of the tragic train accident involving two express trains and a goods train at Bahanaga, Odisha in the South Eastern Railway Zone on June 2 that has left 288 passengers dead and over 1100 injured. The official had precisely pointed to the issue of how trains given the green signal to pass through a particular line got into the adjacent line. Pointing out that a major disaster was averted due to the alertness of a Loco Pilot

in South Western Railway (SWR), he said the "incident indicates that there are serious flaws in the system, where the route of dispatch gets altered after a train starts on signals with correct appearance of route in the Station master's panel. This contravenes the essence and basic principles of interlocking".

In his letter to the Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunications Engineer, Hari Shankar Verma, Principal Chief Operations Manager, referred to the "serious unsafe incident" that occurred at the Hosadurga Road Station in the Birur-Chikjajur section of the Mysore

Senior official flagged serious flaws in Indian Railways' signalling system in February



Division on February 8, 2023. He marked copies of his letter to the General Manager of the SWR and others. Collision averted Flagging the issue, he

had said that a major accident had been averted the very next day due to the alertness of the Loco Pilot of Train Number 12649, the Sampark Kranthi

Express. Noticing that the signal had been cleared for passing in one line but the path was altered to another track where a goods train was stationed, the Loco Pilot

had brought the train to a halt, thus averting a head-on collision. Mr. Verma had said the Signal Maintainer had not served a disconnection memo to

the Station Master to seek his permission to carry out repair of signal failure. Had he done so, the Station Master would have followed the protocol for the safe movement of trains.

Urgent action sought "The present incident must be viewed very seriously and immediate corrective actions are required to be taken to rectify the system faults and also sensitizing the staff for not venturing into shortcuts leading to major mishap," he had said.

The official had further pointed out that if the signal maintenance system was not monitored and corrected immediately, it would result in recurrence and serious

accidents. "It is high time that some serious work is done on this front to ensure that the precious lives and safety of travelling public and railway men are not put in risk," he had said.

The preliminary investigation report in the devastating accident involving two express trains and a goods train in Balasore district of Odisha says it was caused by a faulty signalling system. Senior Railways officials say that though a signal was given for the Coromandel Express to proceed on the main line, the train got into the loop line and collided with a goods train.

Orissa High Court quashes PIL on Rs 2K currency note withdrawal

CUTTACK(KCN): A vacation bench of Orissa High Court on Tuesday refused to entertain a PIL challenging a notification of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 19 announcing the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes from circulation. The bench of Justice SK Sahoo and Justice MS Raman said, "We are of the view the present writ petition is a publicity interest litigation in the garb of public interest and thus we are not inclined to entertain the same. Accordingly, the writ petition being devoid of merits, stands dismissed."



Cuttack-based social activist Jayanti Das had filed the petition seeking direction for necessary changes in the exchange policy of Rs 2,000 bank notes as it had certain loopholes. Advocate BK Ragada argued on behalf of the petitioner. The vacation bench dismissed the petition after going through the averments taken in the writ petition filed by

Das, hearing petitioner counsel Ragada as well as deputy solicitor general of the Union of India PK Parhi after going through the decisions of the Supreme Court regarding the scope of interference in the economic policy decision of the government. The bench said, "Law

is well settled. Public interest litigation is a weapon that has to be used with great care and circumspection and the judiciary has to be extremely careful to see that behind the beautiful veil of public interest, a publicity-seeking is not lurking. It is to be used as an effective weapon in the

armoury of law for delivering social justice to the citizens." The bench cited the Delhi High Court's May 29 judgement on lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay's plea challenging RBI's permission for exchanging Rs 2,000 currency notes without any identity proof following the withdrawal of the highest-value currency notes from circulation. In the cited portion, the Delhi High Court said, "This decision of the government is purely a policy decision and courts should not sit as an appellate authority over the decision taken by the government."

Road blockade over child's death due to 'expired drug' in Odisha



B E R H A M P U R : Following the death of an infant reportedly after being administered expired medicines on Monday, villagers blocked the road between Parlakhemundi and Mohana for seven hours on Tuesday demanding action against ASHA and Anganwadi workers. The toddler Sanchit, son of Upendra and Sunita Swain of Jajpur district, reportedly fell ill after being administered medicines at the

Anganwadi centre in their village on April 11. He was then taken to two hospitals before being admitted to AIIMS Bhubaneswar. When his condition did not improve, he was shifted to Sishu Bhawan in Cuttack but succumbed during treatment on Monday. Locals alleged that the boy died since he was given expired medicines at the Anganwadi centre. Demanding compensation and employment for the family and action

against the Anganwadi and ASHA workers, they blocked the road on the day. The road blockade was lifted after the local tehsildar along with Parlakhemundi IIC Babuli Nayak reached the spot and paid Rs 5,000 to the deceased's parents besides giving written assurance of providing a job to one member of the family. "A case was registered based on the complaint received by the deceased's family and an investigation is underway," Nayak said.

Odisha Misses Pump Storage



Bhubaneswar(KCN): While Odisha has got enough scope for setting up Pump Storage Projects, it is missing the bus. Now Maharashtra has grabbed the opportunity. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between NHPC and Department of Energy, Government of Maharashtra for the development of Pumped Storage Schemes and other Renewable Energy

Source projects in the state of Maharashtra. The MoU envisages development of four Pumped Storage Projects aggregating to a total capacity of 7,350 MW, namely Kalu - 1,150 MW, Savitri - 2,250 MW, Jalond - 2,400 MW and Kengadi - 1,550 MW. Other Renewable Energy Source Projects too will be developed in the state under the agreement. The MoU entails harnessing the Pump

Storage Projects as Energy Storage Solutions to help achieve the national objective of Energy Transition, i.e., installed capacity of 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 and Net Zero by 2070. CMD, NHPC R.K. Vishnoi expressed his gratitude to the Government of Maharashtra for reposing their trust in NHPC for development of Pumped Storage Schemes in the state.

He said that this will be a stepping start for NHPC in the state of Maharashtra. These projects will attract an investment of about Rs. 44,000 crores and will generate indirect and direct employment for 7,000 people in the state, he added. Odisha had signed pact with NHPC for floating solar project. It could have availed the opportunity for similar pact for Pump Storage Projects, feel experts.

Property List not yet submitted

Ranchi(KCN): Despite the orders of the Ministry of Home Affairs, many IAS and IPSOs of Jharkhand have not given the details of their personal movable and immovable assets under the Immovable Property Return (IPR). However, the ED of the IAS and IPSOs should check their movable and immovable properties, otherwise, Jharkhand information against the ED. Right platform to agitate widely will work. The above things were said today by Vijay Shankar Nayak, Central President of Jharkhandi

Information Rights Forum, former MLA candidate cum Central Vice President of Tribal Moolvasi Jan Adhikar Manch. He further said that there are many such ISAs and IPS who have not yet made public the details of their assets despite the orders of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by asking the list of officers from the Ministry of Home Affairs, ED should check the assets of those officers so that their illegal property can be seized. Mr. Nayak further said that since the

Jharkhand, the IAS and IPS officers of Jharkhand started looting the wealth and property of Jharkhand with both hands. The situation is so alarming today that if at present private movable and immovable property of all IAS and IPSOs of the state is honestly investigated by ED, then almost 80% IAS and IPS officers are disproportionate to their income under Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Hotwar will be in jail in the property case. Mr. Nayak further said that there is no dearth of IAS officers like Chhavi Ranjan and Pooja Singhal in Jharkhand, if there is

a dearth, honest investigation has been done against these IAS and IPS officers and today the time has come that all such corrupt IAS and IPS officers' private business should be investigated by ED and all their illegal private movable and immovable properties should be confiscated so that in the coming days, IAS and IPS officers in Jharkhand take a lesson and before committing corruption, they are forced to think thousands of times, not millions, before looting the wealth of Jharkhand.

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Vijay Varma Shares Glimpse From Kyrgyzstan While He Shoots For His Next

The booming Indian cinema business is today ruled by a new league of young and talented stars who are dazzling audiences with their exceptional talent and range. Among the powerhouse actors who have proven themselves as the masters of the game is Vijay Varma. His sustained outstanding performances have won him widespread appreciation and made him a darling of the masses.



After Hamza in Darlings, with his chilling turn as Anand Swarnakar, the ruthless antagonist in the garb of a mild-mannered Hindi professor, in the recently-released web series Dahaad, he has again become the talk of the town. From Gully Boy to Dahaad, the actor has won the hearts of the audience

and the critics with his powerful and nuanced performances and proved beyond doubt that he is a force to reckon with in the world of Indian cinema. The actor is currently stationed in Kyrgyzstan for the shoot of his upcoming film which is currently kept under wraps. Throwing light on the same, a source closed to Vijay informs, "Vijay is back on sets for the shoot of his next film in Kyrgyzstan. He will be there till the end of this month to wrap the 20 days long shoot

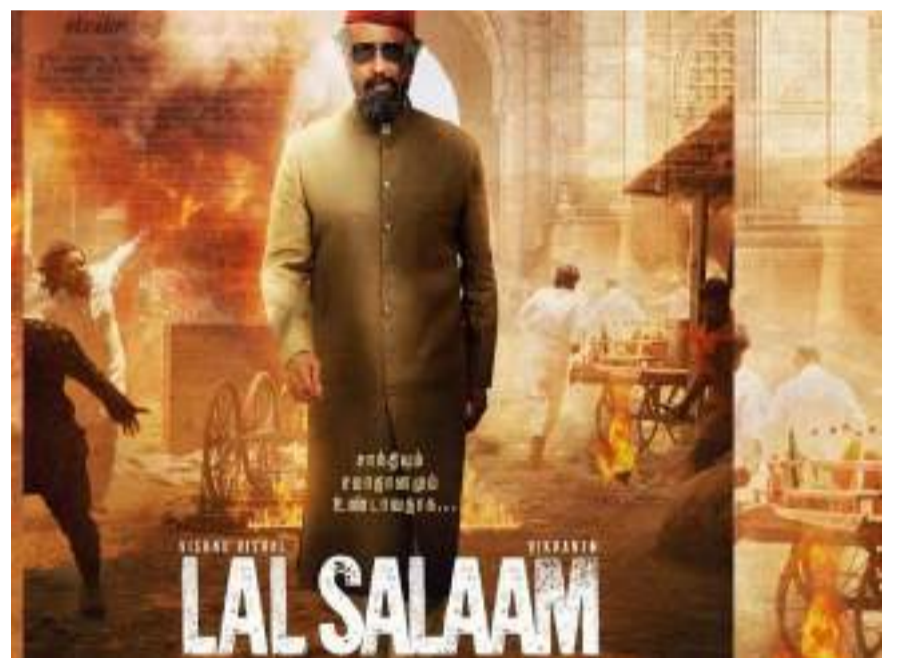
schedule." Vijay Varma's next appearance, after Dahaad, is Lust Stories 2. The highly anticipated show's teaser was released yesterday, and Vijay has been dominating the internet ever since its release. Fans were blown away by his new look and can't wait to see him give another outstanding performance. Vijay also has Devotion of Suspect X and Homi Adjanias 'Murder Mubarak' in the pipeline.

Rajinikanth is Moideen Bhai in 'Lal Salaam'

Magstar Rajinikanth's first look from his upcoming film Lal Salaam is out. The actor is believed to be playing an extended cameo in it. The poster shows Rajinikanth as Moideen Bhai walking in the middle of what is believed to be a communal riot situation in Bombay (now Mumbai) in 1993. Lyca Productions shared the poster in English and Tamil and called Rajinikanth 'everyone's favourite Bhai.'

Judging by the first-look poster, he might play a Mumbai-based underworld don once again. It went on floors earlier this year. Bankrolled by Lyca Productions, the Aishwarya Rajinikanth directorial stars Vishnu Vishal and Vikranth in the lead roles. Lal Salaam has music composed by AR Rahman, marking his first-ever collaboration with Aishwarya. According to reports, the film is said to be a sports drama with political

elements. The film was launched with a pooja ceremony last year on November 5. Sharing pictures from the event, Aishwarya had written on Twitter: "When your FATHER trusts in you.. When you believe GOD is by you. MIRACLES happen in true. After 7 long years. The journey begins again with grateful and joyful tears (sic)." With cinematography by Vishnu Rangasamy and editing by Pravin Baaskar, the film is currently scheduled to release by the end of this year.



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Sara Ali Khan Is Back At Work, Shares Glimpse From 'Luka Chuppi 2' Dubbing Session

Sara Ali Khan has taken over the work and in a full-fledged manner and has turned her busy mode on. Currently, the actress is occupied with dubbing for 'Luka Chuppi 2' and is running a packed schedule. Sara Ali Khan was previously in Kedarnath and now that she is back, she is completely investing her energy into work life, shoots

and is fulfilling all her commitments. Taking to social media, Sara Ali Khan shares a picture of herself from the dubbing studio and writes "Lovely to be back to Somya." Sara Ali Khan is one of the most promising actresses in India amongst the younger lot. Fans love her for her fun, witty personality and can never have

enough of her. Her work schedule is tight as of now and the actress has no time on her hands except for anything but work. With several interesting projects lined up, Sara Ali Khan will next be seen in 'Aye Watan Mere Watan', Homi Adjanias 'Murder Mubarak' and Anurag Basu's 'Metro.. Inn Dino'. She was last seen in



'Gaslight' alongside Vikrant Massey and Chitrangada Singh. Sara made her debut in Bollywood with Abhishek Kapoor romantic tragedy 'Kedarnath' in which she starred alongside Sushant Singh Rajput. After her debut, she has worked on several successful films including 'Simmba', 'Atrange Re', among others.

LORD JAGANNATH IS ALARNATH IN SHAPE OF VISHNU



Lord Jagannath is the lord of Universe is the most adorable and revered God for all faiths in Odisha, India and abroad. He is represented as a Supreme Lord to Saivites, Shaktas, Ganapatyas, Saurasas and Vaishnavas. The Famous Sanskrit Odia writer prays to Jagannath as "Pranipaty Jagannatham Sarvajana Vavachitam serva Buddhama yam

Gagonopaman". Puri the abode of Lord Jagannath has been frequented by saints and seers and the poets who have sung and composed on Lord Jagannath. The Snanayatra is the bathing ceremony of the Lord Jagannath, who is the embodiment of separation between Krishna and Radharani. After complete of this ceremony, it is stated that the Supreme Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, Subhdra and Sudarsan entered the pastime of becoming ill. In the same time Chaitanya Mahaprabhu visited Puri for the Darshan of Lord Jagannath was not available for darshan, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu went to Alarnath to see jagannath in shape of Krishna in a four-armed



Uma Shankar Prasad

form, and the story behind this deity is also special. Sri Chaitanya claimed that the visualised the appearance of Mhaprabhu Shri Jagannath in Alarnath and spent a long period in worshipping the deity here. It is believed that those who cannot worship Mahaprabhu Shri Jagannath during his stay in the sick chamber can get the blessing of the deity if they visit ALARNATH temple in Brahmagiri.

What is the significance of name Alarnath? The alvars also spelt as alvars were the Tamil poet saints of South India preached devotion to God Vishnu and the puja was previously performed by South

Indian Brahmins. Because the pujaris were in the disciple line of the great spiritual teachers known as the ALVARS, the deity became known as Alvarnath (Lord of the Alvars). In course of time became Alarnath. The present temple was built about eleven hundred years ago and obviously kalinga type of architecture like other temples in Odisha. Today, the place is also commonly known as BRAHMAGIRI. It is a famous Temple DEDICATED TO LORD VISHNU, a religious place for his avtar Krishna also. The best time to visit Alarnath is during anavasara period of Lord Jagannath when the deity rests and not available for public

display. At this time Lord Jagannath manifests Himself as Alarnath Dev in this temple. As per legend in Satya Yugo, when Lord Brahma came and worshiped Lord Vishnu on the Top of a hill. Vishnu was very much pleased at his puja & advised him to make a deity of him from a piece of a black stone with Sankha in upper left hand, chakra in upper right hand, gada in lower left hand and Padma in lower right hands. The deities of Lord Vishnu's Queen Rukmini and Satyabhama also installed at his feet.

His Famous Bhoga is known as Kheer (sweet rice porridge). The people who visited Alarnath in the time of Annabasar and pray Alarnath he gets the Sajujya Mukti.

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Legend of lord Jagannath

Nandighosh kuanr

In the village of Baligrama, located just two kilometres away from the sacred land of "Srikhetra," lived a devoted follower of "Shrihari" named Dasia Bauri. Dasia, belonging to the low-caste "Khandal" community, had led a life marked by poverty and ignorance. However, a profound transformation took place within him when he encountered the teachings of saints and experienced the divine grace of Lord Jagannath during the Srigundicha festival. This tale chronicles the journey of Baligrama Das, as he becomes an embodiment of devotion and receives blessings beyond his imagination. Dasia Bauri, a poor weaver, found solace in listening to the hymns chanted by Baligrama Brahmins, despite not understanding their meaning. Gradually, wisdom dawned upon him, and he began to perceive the world as an illusion. Motivated by his newfound understanding, Dasia immersed himself in the company of saints, diligently learning about sins, virtues, and the principles of Srihari. Amidst his devotion, Dasia harbored a constant sadness due to his low-caste background, doubting his eligibility for Srihari's devotion and redemption. However, during the grand Srigundicha festival, he was drawn to witness the incarnation of Lord Mahaprabhu on the

Nandighosh chariot. Overwhelmed by the sight of Lord Jagannath's enchanting black face and eyes, Dasia prayed earnestly for salvation and enlightenment. Returning home, Dasia's encounter with a pot of rice prepared by his wife became a profound spiritual experience. The creamy starch resembled Lord Jagannath's mesmerizing black eyeballs, leaving Dasia unable to consume it. Touched by the divine beauty, he danced with joy, capturing the attention of his bewildered wife and villagers. In awe of his elevated thoughts, the villagers named him "Baligrama Das" in recognition of his devotion and purity of heart. As Baligrama Das continued his spiritual journey, he strived to lead a truthful life, transforming his behavior and character. He dedicated his days to the contemplation of Lord Padmalochana, immersing himself in meditation and renouncing worldly desires. His steadfast devotion touched the Lord's heart, and during his meditations, the form of Lord Jagannath wearing the divine attire of "Shankha Chakra Dhari" manifested before him. The Lord, pleased with Baligrama Das's devotion, offered to fulfill his wishes. However, Dasia, now filled with contentment, expressed his sole desire for unwavering

devotion and direct communion with the Lord. The Lord graciously granted his wish, assuring him that whenever he visited the Srikhetra shrine, the Lord would be present on the Nila Chakra to manifest the form desired by Baligrama Das. Overjoyed by the Lord's blessings, Baligrama Das

genuine devotion. Baligrama Das's devotion and encounters with divine grace continued to inspire others. On another occasion, when presented with a golden necklace by a wealthy merchant, Baligrama Das, overwhelmed by gratitude, refused the gift and humbly explained that his only

comforting the distressed. His acts of selflessness mirrored the compassion and grace of Lord Jagannath, further cementing his status as a living embodiment of devotion. In his later years, Baligrama Das decided to embark on a pilgrimage to Srikhetra, the abode of

from all corners of the land. People came to witness the union of a devotee and his beloved Lord, experiencing firsthand the boundless grace and mercy that flowed through Baligrama Das. As the years passed, Baligrama Das's physical body weakened, but his devotion and love for Lord Jagannath only grew stronger. His divine connection with the Lord had transcended the boundaries of time and space, becoming an eternal bond of love and devotion. The transformation of Baligrama Das from a humble weaver to a revered saint and embodiment of devotion remains an inspiring tale of the power of faith and grace.



continued his humble existence, weaving garments to sustain himself. On one occasion, he encountered a Brahmin who possessed a single coconut on a small tree. Baligrama Das willingly traded his woven cloth for the coconut, intending to offer it to the Lord as prasad. With heartfelt persuasion, he requested the Brahmin to present the coconut to Lord Jagannath and to convey his name when doing so. To the astonishment of all, the Lord, aware of Baligrama Das's pure intentions, personally accepted the coconut from the Brahmin's hands. The miraculous incident spread throughout the world, showcasing the Lord's disregard for caste distinctions and his deep appreciation for

desire was to serve Lord Jagannath with unwavering devotion. The merchant, deeply moved by Baligrama Das's steadfastness, bowed before him and pledged to dedicate his life to the service of the Lord. As news of Baligrama Das's spiritual journey and his encounters with divine grace spread, people from far and wide flocked to Baligrama to seek his guidance and blessings. He became a beacon of hope and inspiration for the marginalized and downtrodden, teaching them that true devotion and sincerity transcend social barriers. Baligrama Das's humility and love for all beings became renowned. He would often be seen feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and

Lord Jagannath. Accompanied by a large gathering of devotees, he undertook the arduous journey, spreading his message of love, unity, and devotion along the way. When Baligrama Das reached the sacred land of Srikhetra, his heart overflowed with joy and reverence. He visited the temple of Lord Jagannath and stood before the Nila Chakra, where the Lord had promised to manifest Himself for him. As he closed his eyes in deep meditation, Baligrama Das experienced the divine presence of Lord Jagannath, enveloping him with love and grace. The news of Baligrama Das's pilgrimage and his divine communion with Lord Jagannath spread like wildfire, drawing devotees

His unwavering devotion, coupled with his acts of selflessness and compassion, touched the hearts of countless individuals, reminding them of the timeless message of love, unity, and devotion. Baligrama Das's life serves as a beacon of hope, inspiring people to overcome social barriers, embrace humility, and seek a deeper connection with the divine. His story continues to resonate through generations, reminding us that true devotion and unwavering faith can lead us to experience the boundless grace and love of the divine.

Dagarapada, BIs

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor

China has transformed into a very serious, global security and economic threat. The belligerent nation is becoming a serious concern for international trade and commerce due to the uncanny monopoly of Chinese companies, blockage of international maritime trade routes, threatening the sovereignty of multiple South, South East and Central Asian nations sharing territorial or maritime international boundaries with China and supporting terrorist groups across the globe. Several times China has vetoed the protection of internationally recognized terrorists particularly those acting against Indian interests. Recently China boycotted the G20 summit at Srinagar. The audacity and ferociousness of a greedy imperialist China is almost similar to the rise of Hitler's Nazi Germany preparing to take geopolitical control of the globe. What role does India and G7 member nation look for themselves to counter an aggressive and belligerent China? This question is raised on the pretext that each G7 member nation has significant economic relationships and business ties with China. Under these unavoidable circumstances will India and G7 member nation be able to take any proactive steps against China's negative and detrimental geopolitical actions around the planet? The silence of major global powers out there, fruitless howling at times only strengthens China's belligerent action around the planet. By sitting steel, I'm thinking to avoid a potential conflict with China is similar to the historical aspect of ignoring the Nazi Germany, rise before the Second World War. It is for the whole planet to decide whether they need to group and string them themselves against a builder in China or sit together like sitting duck thinking that nothing will ever happen to them. It is time for global introspection?

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Dear sir,

Freebies should aim for financial sustainability

The five promises made by Congress during the campaign for the most recent Karnataka assembly elections were a major factor in the party winning the state. The five assurances have proven to be effective weapons of victory. Congress now intends to use the same approach in other states that are in a tight election, in the hopes of taking control there. Together, the guarantees or freebies may be able to provide coverage for the majority of Karnataka's two and half crore families. However, the state governments which promises freebies must supplement the assurances with the creation of work options, including self-employment, to ensure the beneficiaries financial security. The best use of the assurances would be to aim for long-term financial sustainability rather than merely procuring votes.

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The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu pays floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Belgrade, in Serbia

BIMSTEC Nations' Largest Business Conclave & Expo in Kolkata from 13-15 June 2023

Kolkata (Partha Roy): BIMSTEC Nations' largest ever Business Conclave & Expo will be organised at Hyatt Regency in Kolkata from 13-15 June 2023 to promote trade and economic cooperation and collaboration in entire BIMSTEC region. BIMSTEC Nations' observed its 26th Foundation Day on 6th June 2023. BIMSTEC Nations' Business Conclave & Expo is being organised in Kolkata as part of India's "Look East and Act East" foreign policy and Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's push for socio-economic development of entire BIMSTEC region with wider people to people cooperation and with people's participation. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is an intergovernmental organisation of seven member countries of BIMSTEC. BIMSTEC Expo and Conclave 2023 will be attended by eight Foreign, Industry and Commerce Ministers from the BIMSTEC region, key stakeholders from the government, business, and academic sectors to discuss and explore opportunities for enhancing trade, investment, and socio-economic collaboration within the BIMSTEC region. BIMSTEC represents the aspiration of 1.68 billion people or 22 per cent of the world population for shared economic and social progress and a combined GDP of around US \$ 2.88 trillion. BIMSTEC region has 22% of world's population but only 3% share in global GDP. The region needs to unlock its potential by addressing trade, infrastructure, regulatory issues and finally aim at BIMSTEC FTA. The program will witness largest ever gathering of over 400 trade & Industry representatives from 7 countries including over 190 international delegates. The Conclave will have over 140 speakers including distinguished leaders, policymakers, and visionaries from BIMSTEC member countries who will participate in insightful discussions, strategic dialogues. The conclave will have focused Sessions on topics such as trade facilitation, agri/food, infrastructure development, digital connectivity, sustainable tourism, advancement of healthcare, tea, gems & jewellery, climate

Novel Approach to Diagnose Peptic Ulcer & Disease State by Recognising Breath Patterns

Kolkata: A newly developed non-invasive method of recognising breath patterns may help rapid, one-step diagnosis and classification of various gastric disorders like dyspepsia, gastritis, and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Currently, peptic ulcer disease is an important medical-social problem that has received special attention all over the world. Helicobacter pylori bacterial infection is considered to be the most significant risk factor for the development of this disease. Patients with peptic ulcer encircling both duodenal and gastric ulcer may remain asymptomatic or symptomatic, and due to undefined risk factors along with lack of specific symptoms at the early stages, the diagnosis is often delayed, leading to poor prognosis and high rates of recurrence of the diseases. Conventional painful and invasive endoscopic procedures are not suitable for early detection of the acute

onset and progression of peptic ulcer as well as various gastric complications. Moreover, the conventional endoscopic methodology is not suitable for general population-based screening and consequently, many common people with complex gastric phenotypes remain undiagnosed. Prof. Manik Pradhan and his research team at S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata, under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, used a pattern-recognition based clustering approach that can selectively distinguish the breath of peptic ulcer and other gastric conditions with that of healthy individuals. The team used machine learning (ML) protocol to extract the correct information from the large complex breathomics data sets generated from exhaled breath analysis. In a paper published in the European Journal of mass spectroscopy, they

implemented the clustering approach to recognize unique breath-patterns, breathograms, and "breathprints" signatures. This helped in a clear reflection of the specific gastric condition of an individual person along with three different risk zones for discrimination of early and late-stage gastric conditions and precise transition from one disease state to another state. The breath-patterns generated from the patients are irrespective of the patient's basal metabolic rates (BMR) and other confounding factors such as age, sex, smoking habits, or lifestyle. The research carried out at the Technical Research Centre (TRC) at S. N. Bose Centre funded by the DST involved a project student Ms. Sayoni Bhattacharya, project scientists Dr. Abhijit Maity and Dr. Anil Mahato who worked in collaboration with Dr. Sujit Chaudhuri, a renowned medical scientist and Gastroenterologist at

AMRI Hospital, Kolkata. Over the decades, few volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or metabolites in the exhaled breath have been proposed for the non-invasive diagnosis of gastric conditions. However, a particular VOC is related to multiple clinical surroundings and is likely to be affected by comorbid conditions, suggesting a single molecular marker is not suitable for distinguishing various gastric complications. Prof. Pradhan who has been working on breath analysis for several years has for the first time unravelled missing links between various gastric conditions and pattern-recognition-based clustering methods. These missing links have helped in the non-invasive diagnosis of various gastric disorders through a single breath test without going for painful endoscopy. The fundamental concept behind the idea was based on the fact that the overall effect of the compounds produced endogenously by

various biochemical reactions and intracellular/extracellular processes associated with the pathogenesis of various gastric phenotypes is reflected in the specific masses of the breathprints. Hence the method obviates the necessity of identification of molecular species in exhaled breath for diagnosis and classification of peptic ulcer. The scientists have developed a prototype device called "Pyro-Breath" that clinically validated it in a hospital environment and patented it. The relevant technology has been transferred through NRDC, New Delhi to a start-up company for potential commercialization. This may open up new non-invasive avenues for early detection, selective classification, and assessment of progress of various gastric complications and could help widespread population screening of infants, children, pregnant women, and seniors.



BIMSTEC and is currently heading BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka. Theme of BIMSTEC Business Conclave and Expo is "Quantum leap in Business Cooperation for shared prosperity & growth" BIMSTEC Business Conclave and Expo is being organised by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in collaboration with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) which is one of the leading industry associations in India, working towards promoting trade, investment, and economic development. With a legacy spanning nearing to a century, ICC plays a pivotal role in facilitating dialogue between the government and the business community to shape policies that promote inclusive

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change, start Ups and fostering innovation. The program will facilitate business-to-business (B2B) meetings, enabling participants to engage in focused networking, explore partnerships, and forge strategic alliances. These meetings will promote cross-border collaborations and contribute to the growth of regional trade and investment. Exhibitors from various countries will have the opportunity to connect with potential buyers, and partners from the public and private sectors as well as showcase their products, services, and innovations. The program will contribute to the overall objectives of BIMSTEC, fostering economic growth, and improving the quality of life for the people in the region.

Joe Biden Urged By US Lawmakers To Address India Visa Wait Time Issue

Washington: Describing India as an important partner wherein people-to-people relationship plays a significant role, top US lawmakers have urged the Biden Administration to address the visa wait time issue in India on a priority basis. Senator Bob Menendez, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Congressman Michael Waltz, Co-Chair of the House India Caucus, during two separate Congressional hearings on Consular Affairs Budget asked top State Department officials why people in India were facing visa wait time up to 600 days. "The United States enjoys strong people-to-people ties with India. India is now part of the

QUAD. We are constantly engaging it in geostrategic interests that we have. New Jersey is home to a great number of Indian Americans and their families. I appreciate and applaud the department's heightened focus towards reducing wait times for first time B1-B2 applicants in India," Menendez said. "But despite that progress this past year, India continues to face the longest wait times globally with average wait times for an appointment for the first-time B1-B2 applicant ranging between 450 and 600 days. Could you please speak to me as to why that is the case? Why does it take up to 600 days for an adjudication?" Menendez asked during



a hearing at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Menendez said that the Indo-US relationship was one of the most consequential economic diplomatic security relationships we have in the 21st century. However, one of the consistent and painful complaints that I receive from Indian Americans and from our Indian colleagues is the wait time, despite the fact that

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in India, I believe you have the second or third most consular affairs officers," Congressman Waltz said during a hearing by the House Foreign Relations Committee. "The data that I have is that the average waiting period in Mumbai, India was 587 calendar days.

With our trade over USD 150 Billion with the consequential relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi coming for a state dinner and visit just this month, what are we doing to fix this. Have you looked at any India specific policy fast tracks or issues?" he asked. He said that the delay in visa would impact the business relationship. "Have you looked at even perhaps a quad umbrella or bubble for some of these critical business relationships. My state just in Florida, it's estimated that USD 8 billion in trade conferences, events and visitors, that's 250,000 jobs are affected by these delays. So what are we doing to fix it?" Waltz asked. Assistant Secretary of

State for Consular Affairs Rena Bitter told the lawmakers at the two different Congressional hearings that the State Department is working hard on it and has taken several steps to address this issue. "India is a place where we have historically had high demand for visas and there's just a tremendous amount of pent up demand. One of the things about India is that every post is unique, but they also had a really devastating bout with Covid 19 quite late and so that their ability to meet the pent up demand lasted quite a bit longer," she said. The visa wait times has been reduced by about two-thirds. "We have opened appointments for Indian nationals, dedicated

appointments in other posts for specific appointments and in all other categories. I'm sure you're aware of this and you've mentioned it, wait times are pre-pandemic levels better?" she said. "We will adjudicate 1 million visas in India this year. Our productivity there is extraordinarily high," Bitter said. In the House Congressional hearing Bitter said the US has opened appointments for Indian applicants at other posts that are dedicated just to Indians to make sure that they are able to get their travel needs met. "We surge staff to India. We reduced wait times by about two-thirds at the beginning of the year and we'll continue to focus on it. We're very aware of these issues," she said.

Media persons visit GEM Kaniha World Odisha Society felicitates Matric Topper Shreyashree Jena



Kaniha(KCN):NTPC Kaniha today organised Media Appreciation session on the ongoing Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) 2023 at NTPC Kaniha to apprise the media persons about the country wide initiative of the company. Speaking on the occasion, Shri K S Sundaram, Executive Director, NTPC Talcher Kaniha described the programme as a game changer in the life of the participants as it had the potential of unveiling the hidden

talents of the little girls. He said that NTPC was conducting GEM residential workshop at 41 location in the country which was benefiting 2700 plus girls. Around 120 girls of class six from 20 nearby schools are participating in the 4 week residential workshop at NTPC Kaniha. The workshop is free of cost for the participating students. The participating girls of GEM 2023 performed a live presentation of song and dance & Marshal Arts at the township Recreation Centre,

Deep Tarang in front of the news persons which received their appreciation and applause. At the end of the year, one winter workshop for these girls where their progress would be evaluated and best ten performers would be offered free education up to Class-XII in township schools. The media persons were given an overview of GEM programme and taken to the GEM centre at Kendriya premises to get a glimpse of the

classroom and the various activities being done by the GEM participants. Media persons also interacted with the students, enquired about what they had learned in the workshop and answered their queries relating to opportunity and scope in journalism. Among others, Shri A K Sehgal, GM(O&M), Shri Satya Rama Krishna, GM (AHD) and Shri Rafiqul Islam, AGM(CSR) and Shri B K Pandey, AGM(HR) were present on the occasion.

Bhubaneswar.: Warm felicitation was accorded to the matric topper Shreyashree Jena by World Odisha Society (WOS). A grand felicitation ceremony was hosted by WOS at the premises of Panchayat High School in Bari Block of Jajpur district, where Shreyashree had her education to mark the occasion. The Head Master of the School Nirmal Kumar Jena entire teaching faculty, staff members and Shreyashree's father Stalin Jena were also given rousing reception during the meeting specially organized for the purpose. Chairman of World Odisha Society Kishore Dwibedi, Founder of WOS Dr Arundhati Debi and IT General Secretary of WOS Dr Rabi Narayan Behera felicitated them with Uttariyas, Flower bouquets and mementos in recognition to their meritorious services. Addressing the gathering Chairman of WOS Kishore Dwibedi, who happens to be a



native of Bari observed that the awesome achievement of Shreyashree has elevated her alma mater Panchayat High School of Rampur to the ladder of places of fame in Bari like the Ashram of G o p a b a n d h u Chowdhury and Maa Rama Devi, Martyr Shrine in Kala Matia and Historical site of Ratnagiri. Delivering her speech Dr Arundhati Debi lauded the ideal role being played by Panchayat High School in elevating the learning curriculum by combining education with decency aiming at making students culturally sound

and socially dignified. Dr Rabi Narayan Behera described the spectacular success of Shreyashree studying in a rural school is like the blooming of Lotus in mud. Replying to the felicitation Shreyashree profusely thanked the authorities of WOS and suggested to fellow students not to be bowed down under pressure during exams and to keep full faith and confidence on self merit and worth. The programme commenced with the lighting of traditional lamp and offering of garlands to the statue of the Founder of the School Late Gagan Jena by the Guests. The

students recited the State Anthem Bande Utkal Janani at the outset. The Event was supported by Gagan Jena Memorial Committee. The Secretary of the Committee Pratap Das, Senior Members Mukunda Samal and Kedar Samal were also felicitated by the Guests for their exemplary contributions. Prominent personalities sitting on the Dias include the President of the Managing Committee of the School Nakul Charan Das and Founder Member Kusha Dhwaia Samal. Youth Leader Rajkumar Jena proposed Vote of Thanks.

Report of my visit JajpurKeonjhar Road, Railway accident place where 6 people kills on 7 June



Jajpur(KCN):The Railway Board is responsible for the death of 6 daily rated workman who died yesterday at Jajpur Road and two injure under engineless goods trains wagons. 15 daily rated workers who were working in Jajpur Road Railway loading plot, took shelter under the old goods compartments which were laying there for years together. While they were under the train suddenly the train started running forward with pressure of wings and 6

out of 15 died and do workers serious workers injure. Had there been locking system or any strong jammer on both the site and any rest said on Creech in railway loading plot this unfortunately incident could not have accord. Hence railway is responsible for the incident unfortunately railway board as not a declared in any compensation for the deceased and injure person. We appreciate that the state Govt. has declared 5 lakh rupees as compensation of

deceased person. Therefore we strongly demand railway board should give 10 lakhs rupees to all the deceased family and 5 lakhs to the injure person along with one person from each of the family could give an employment in Railway as the family lost the any member of the family. The name of the deceased persons are Susanta Kumar Jena (52), Prasant Kumar Jena (52), Bhimsen Jena, Manas Samal (36), Goutam Samal (56)

Dolagobinda Jena (55) and the name of the injure persons are Amar Sahu (32) and Nabaghan Sahu. I personally along with Sri Manojkumar Rout, Jajpur District President & Sanotsh Kumar Nanda Secretary PCC, Sudhanidhi Mohapatra visited the place of incident Jajpur Road Hospital and I Danagadi Medical to meet kith and keen of the deceased and injure person after the Bahanaga accident of Karomanda Express in Railway area which to like of 6 workers person. It is the same place at Jajpur Road where Karomandal Express also make a serious accident some years ago. Hence railway must implement the recommendation of railway safety commission and the total money should be allocated in supplementary budget of Govt. of India.

Some farmers count blessings, many distressed over crop loss

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

as 85,000 registered farmers in the district across 62 market yards and 100 Paddy Procurement Centres (PPC). Around 84 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) and Women SHGs will be engaged to ensure the process is completed smoothly. On the other hand, due to unforeseen calamities, hundreds of farmers who suffered complete loss of their standing paddy crops are in a bad state. Unseasonal heavy rainfall between the end of March and first week of April shattered their hopes of reaping a bounty. Subsequently, due to fluctuation in temperature, the paddy crops were infested with pests later identified as neck blast. To add to the woes, the recent hailstorm on April 22 ravaged crops over large

tracts of land. As per the eye estimation report, Bargarh has recorded crop damage of over 6050 hectares of land in 52 villages. This includes the maximum damage in Bargarh block at 2631 hectares, followed by 2314 hectares in Attabira, 885 hectares in Bheden and 220 hectares in Barpali. The farmers of Attabira and Bheden have already submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through Attabira MLA Snehangini Chhuria, demanding to take appropriate action towards compensation considering the hailstorm related damage. Farmer leader, Ramesh Nahapatra said, "While the eye estimation report was sent on April 26, several other land on

which crops were damaged due to hailstorm were identified much later. The actual figures could be ascertained only from the joint verification report." However, on the basis of field visit and observation, crops over at least 10,000 hectares of land has been damaged this season, he said. "Considering the massive damage, input subsidy and crop insurance compensation to the farmers should be disbursed at the earliest," he added. Paddy procurement centres will be opened in Koraput district from June 3 and about 12.42 lakh quintal paddy has been targeted to be lifted by Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation through 20 LAMPS, 15 SHGs and three pani panchayats.



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Modicare Limited launches Blue Light Shield range under its color cosmetics brand, Urban Color London

New Delhi: Modicare Limited, one of India's leading direct selling companies, recently launched Blue Light Shield, a gender-neutral and efficacious skincare range to combat the harmful effects of Blue Light rays. Owing to the pandemic and the work-from-home culture, the average screen-time has significantly increased, raising concern over Blue Light rays' adverse effects on the skin. Since it has the ability to penetrate deeper into the skin, excess exposure to Blue Light rays can lead to a number of skin concerns, including premature ageing and hyper-pigmentation. Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range leverages innovation and technology to offer the

consumers a "Screenguard" against the high energy Blue Light emitted from digital devices and provides modern day solution to the new-age skin concerns. The range comprises of a meticulously designed five-step regime - Gentle Face Wash, Resurfacing Gel Scrub, Deep Clean Coffee Masque, Reset Serum Oil and Moisturising Crème. The products have been formulated using Urban Color London's proprietary technology that neutralises effects of Blue Light rays. The hero ingredient in the range is Carotolino* Active, a combination of Beta-Carotene, Carrot Root Extract and Carrot Seed Oil that unite in a perfect base to provide complete protection

from Blue Light rays and promoting overall skin health. The range is 100% vegan, paraben & cruelty free and dermatologically tested. Announcing the launch, Mr. Samir Modi, Founder and Managing Director, Modicare Limited said, "Our skin is constantly exposed to invisible Blue Light rays emitted from the several digital devices we use like smartphones, laptops, televisions, tablets etc. Most of us do not even know the implications of this. Blue Light tends to affect our skin's natural barrier function and accelerate signs of ageing. Keeping this in mind, we are launching Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range. This is one of the world's best formulations.

Milma All Set To Revamp Its Brand Image To Face Competition

New Delhi: The Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF), known by the brand Milma, is all set to revamp its brand image through the 'Repositioning Milma 2023' campaign, which would bring uniformity in packaging and products. The move is aimed at equipping Milma to meet challenges from domestic and global dairy brands and firm up its position as the market leader, an official said here on Monday. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will launch the 'Repositioning Milma 2023' initiative at Edappazhanji near here on Tuesday. Noting that the makeover of products is intended to meet the challenges in the dairy



sector in the prevailing scenario, Milma Chairman K S Mani said that the project had been finalised after more than one year of preparations, including a comprehensive market study. Milma has to embrace a new packing standard and marketing strategy to compete with big domestic and global brands, he said at a press

conference here. As the first step, uniformity would be followed in the quality, design, and production process of the liquid milk, curd, set curd, flavoured milk, and ghee sold in the market by Milma and its regional milk unions, he said. Conceived with the financial and technical assistance of the

National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB), the 'Repositioning Milma 2023' campaign envisages a holistic change and uniformity in packaging, design, quality of the dairy products, and price to compete with any other brands. The project also aims at extending the marketing

network of Milma and ensuring the availability of all dairy products of Milma in remote areas across the state, the Milma chairman said. Through this long-term plan, there will be a notable change in the main functional areas like production, quality, and marketing of federation and regional milk unions. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development J Chinchu Rani will be presiding over the inaugural function, Mani said. Opposition Leader V D Satheesan will deliver the keynote address at the function where Transport Minister Antony Raju, MP Shashi Tharoor, and NDDDB Chairman Meenesh C Shah will be the chief guests.

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants - SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & CEO, Axis Bank,

where they unveiled a special SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub. Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption

of earned points does not have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc. Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make

every customer journey an even more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank - founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience - is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

The Issue offer comprises (i) fresh issue of equity shares face value ₹ 10 each share aggregating to ₹ 10,040

Mumbai: Paradeep Phosphates Limited (The "Company") to open its initial public offering (the "Offer") on May 17, 2022. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, May 13, 2022. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 39 per Equity Share to ₹ 42 per Equity Share of face of ₹ 10 each. Bids can be made for a minimum of 350 Equity Shares and in multiples of 350 Equity Shares thereafter.

PARADEEP PHOSPHATES LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN

The Company intends to utilise net proceeds from fresh issue towards (i) Part-financing the acquisition of the Goa Facility; (ii) Repayment/prepayment of certain of our borrowings; and (iii) General corporate purposes. The offer for sale comprises of up to 6,018,493 equity shares by Zuari Maroc Phosphates Private Limited and up to 112,489,000 equity shares by The President

million (The "Fresh Issue") and (ii) Offer for Sale up to 118,507,493 equity shares by Promoter Selling Shareholders and GoI Selling Shareholder (The "Offer for Sale").

of India, acting through the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. (The "Promoter Selling Shareholders" and GoI Selling Shareholder) The Equity Shares offered in this Offer are proposed to be listed on both BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges"). Axis Capital Limited, ICI Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the Offer.

challenging geographies through education that results in employability and sparks entrepreneurship. This model has been recognized by multiple Governments (Central and State), International Organizations such as UNESCO and the World Bank as well as Policy Think-tanks such as the Niti Ayog.

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) is duly recognized as a pioneer in "Skill Integrated Higher Education". Its unique model lays specific emphasis on creating sustainable livelihoods on a national scale in

development, new ventures, production, and technology development. The founders, faculty and staff are fully committed to its credo: Shaping Lives. Empowering Communities. With this addition, Sunstone advantage would now be available with B.Com, BCA, B.Tech, MBA-Maritime Management, BBA-Health Care Management, MBA-Health Care Management and MBA courses offered by Centurion University.

JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

Paradip/ Bhubaneswar : JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle capesize vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics

cost to power producers. The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure's current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24. Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, "Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the

commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfilment by domestic producers.

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH INFY22

Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum

value to each one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their

life goals and form the bedrock of our business model. The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period

of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."

Iron ore exports to Paradeep disrupted, Srirampur toll plaza loses lakhs of rupees

ChandiKhol, 8/6: Iron ore was being exported from Sundergarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Jharsuguda, Angul and other areas of the state through the main Duburi-Paradeep National Highway No. 53 of Jajpur district and thousands of trucks, trucks and other vehicles were being transported to Paradeep port through Srirampur toll plaza near ChandiKhol. Iron ore has fallen from Rs 2,150 to Rs 1,250 per tonne for more than two months, affecting the export of iron ore and toll plazas are losing lakhs of rupees daily. Due to which cargo vehicles are not plying on the highway, the said toll plaza is causing extensive damage and the government is also losing revenue. Similarly, traders doing business in the street markets along the national highway are also facing similar losses. It has been generally demanded to normalize the export of iron ore as before. The toll plaza authorities are demanding to look into it immediately.

ICC ODI World Cup 2023: Pakistan Refuse To Play Their Matches At Narendra Modi Stadium In Ahmedabad

Karachi: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Najam Sethi has intimated his International Cricket Council (ICC) counterpart Greg Barclay about his apprehensions about playing the ICC ODI World Cup 2023 match against arch-rivals India at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium, according to sources.

As it was reported by news agency PTI initially, PCB wants its matches to be scheduled in Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru. Barclay and ICC General Manager Geoff Allardice were recently in Karachi to seek assurance from

PCB boss that they won't demand to play their ODI World Cup 2023 matches at a neutral venue since ACC is all set to reject its demand of playing Asia Cup on basis of 'Hybrid Model'.

According to a senior PCB source: "Sethi has conveyed to Barclay and Allardice that Pakistan doesn't want its matches to be scheduled in Ahmedabad unless it is a knock-out game like final.

"He requested ICC to schedule their games in Chennai, Bengaluru and Kolkata if national team gets clearance from Pakistan government to travel to India for the global event scheduled



in October and November," the source was quoted as saying by

PTI news agency. While Pakistan board is apprehensive about the

security of its players if they have to play India in Ahmedabad, it

must be mentioned that Inzamam ul Haq led side had played at the

Motera during its 2005 tour to India. The PCB official also informed that Sethi has asked ICC officials to convince BCCI to accept Pakistan's Hybrid Model for Asia Cup 2023, which is unlikely to see the light of the day.

He also confirmed that Sethi had also insisted that it would not accept the new revenue sharing model unless its share was increased in the new five-year cycle. "Sethi pointed out that it was unfair that Pakistan should get a lesser share of the ICC revenues in the new cycle compared to Australia and England,"

the source said.

"Sethi argued that Australia and England regularly get to play bilateral series with India and their players also take part in the Indian Premier League which means extra revenues for the two boards from the IPL management," he added.

The BCCI and ICC officials who are presently in London for the World Test Championship Final are expected to finalize the schedule and venues for the World Cup in the next few days before it is circulated to the member/participating countries.

Taskin hurt over not being able to play in overseas competitions

Dhaka: Taskin Ahmed, the Bangladesh pace bowler, admitted that 'sometimes he feels bad' for not being able to take part in overseas competitions. Cricbuzz had earlier reported that Taskin was denied permission to take part in County cricket for Yorkshire Cricket Club as the BCB was not ready to take any risks ahead of the World Cup.

It is not the first time he is missing an overseas tournament. In the past teams like Lucknow Super Giants and Multan Sultans wanted him to play for them in Indian Premier League and Pakistan Super League respectively.



"Yes, I got an offer from County Yorkshire. Actually, they wanted me for a long season and I had spoken with the coach (Chandika

Hathurusingha), and the board after considering everything, they decided not to release me for the longer-version cricket," Taskin told reporters on

Wednesday (June 7). "I didn't talk with the cricket board or the team in this regard later and it is okay. If I am fit and can play well, there will be opportunities in future. "I like it because the cricket board cares about me so much. I'm lucky as a player as they are trying to keep me safe before the World Cup. As a player it is a great honor for me. Please pray for me so that I can remain fit and play all the matches for the national team while also praying so that I can play in those leagues in my spare time," he said.

Taskin, however, added that it is disappointing to miss out on some leading

tournaments in the world like County and franchise-based T20 tournaments. "Who doesn't want to play in those leagues? But at the same time you have to understand that I can't ignore my national commitment and it's difficult because I play in all three formats.

"If I can't go when there is free time, that hurts and hopefully in future I will get more opportunities. But sometimes, it feels bad (not to play in those leagues) because I want to play in those leagues for some personal achievements," Taskin said.



New Delhi: Adam Milne has been given a New Zealand Cricket (NZC) central contract for the first time in five years. The 31-year-old fast bowler featured in 16 white-ball games for the national team in the last season and is a possible inclusion for the 50-over World Cup in India later this year.

"Adam's worked exceptionally hard and has shown good resilience over the past few years to be in a position to earn this contract offer," said Black Caps head coach Gary Stead.

"He's always been a top-class bowler and we were impressed by his consistent contributions

in the recent home summer and tour of Pakistan."

The 20-man contract list released by the board for the 2023-24 season has a notable absentee in Ajaz Patel. The left-arm spinner, who is only the third bowler in the history of Test cricket to take all 10 wickets in an innings, played just two Tests last year and no games whatsoever for the white-ball teams. Also absent from the list is the trio of Trent Boult, Colin de Grandhomme and Martin Guptill, all of whom had previously requested to be released from NZC contracts in order to feature more regularly in franchise

cricket around the world. NZC has however said that Boult has committed to being available for the Black Caps for part of the playing programme and therefore has been offered a casual playing agreement.

Central contracts for 2023-24: Finn Allen, Tom Blundell, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson, Tom Latham, Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee, Blair Tuckner, Neil Wagner, Kane Williamson, Will Young

KIIT & KISS to Host 1st Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The 1st Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav is going to be hosted by both KIIT and KISS from 9th to 12th June 2023. More than 5000 participants including coaches and officials will take part in this mega event.

participants have assembled here from today. They will be representing 26 states of India. It is the 1st Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav which is going to be introduced to promote sports among the Janjati. KIIT is now active in

arrangements of this mega event. KIIT has arranged accommodations for all players, coaches and officials in KIIT. All arrangements have been prepared under the direct supervision of Dr. Achyuta Samanta,

Founder, KIIT & KISS. It is a noble initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Entire 1st Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav will be hosted with the financial support of the Government of Odisha, Ministry of Culture,

Government of India and KIIT University. But it is a pride for KIIT and KISS to host the 1st Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav, as we have been promoting the Janjati through KISS in huge numbers for the last 30 years.

Laurie Evans's superlative ton secures big win for Surrey

New Delhi: Daryl Mitchell put in an all-round show to end Lancashire's four-game winless run as they beat Worcestershire by four wickets in Blackpool. Chasing Worcestershire's 177/9, Lancashire were in control via Jos Buttler's half-century and his 75-run stand with Steven Croft. However, both fell in the 15th over to leave the chasing side with 59 to get from 30 balls. Liam Livingstone tipped the scales back in his team's favour with a breezy cameo but it was Mitchell who put the finishing touches with an

unbeaten 33 off just 14 balls. The New Zealander took on Adam Finch and Mitchell Santner in his blitz stay to ensure the chase was wrapped up midway through the final over.

Earlier in the evening, it was Mitchell's death bowling that helped Lancashire keep Worcestershire to a total under 200 despite Colin de Grandhomme leaking 27 runs in the 18th over. Mitchell bowled two overs on either side of that massacre and conceded just 9 runs while accounting for the wickets of Kashif Ali, Ben Cox and Ed Pollock.

Brief Scores: Worcestershire 177/9 in 20 overs (Mitchell Santner 57, Adam Hose 42; Daryl Mitchell 3-9) lost to Lancashire 181/6 in 19.3 overs (Jos Buttler 58, Steven Croft 40, Daryl Mitchell 33*; Dillion Pennington 2-17) by 4 wickets

Warwickshire vs Derbyshire Sam Hain's unbeaten 79 off just 36 balls was outclassed by Derbyshire captain Leus du Plooy's incredible hitting enroute an undefeated 66 off just 25 balls as Derbyshire chased down Warwickshire's 203/7 with three balls to spare.

Warwickshire were rocked at the halfway stage as leg spinner Mattie McKiernan cleaned up Moeen Ali and Glenn Maxwell in the space of two overs. Hain picked up the pieces from thereon and made a second-half dash for a big score. He found an able ally in Dan Mousley as the pair added 66 for the fifth wicket off just 33 balls. Chris Woakes then hung around for a cameo that allowed Warwickshire take their total past the 200-run mark.

That however, proved insufficient. Luis Reece (57 off 38 balls) and Haider Ali (48 off 34) provided the perfect platform as they took the

chasing side to 95/0 at the halfway stage. Du Plooy walked out in the 14th over when both the set batters had been dismissed, and seamlessly took over. His carnage started off in the 16th over when he carted Moeen for a four and a six. He took a heavy toll on Woakes, as he hit him for three sixes and three fours across two overs at the death that paved the way for the successful chase. With the team needing 34 off 12 balls, Du Plooy led the way in a 20-run massacre of Woakes's over in the 19th. The Derbyshire captain then capped off the chase with a big six on

the third ball of the final over from Craig Miles. Brief Scores: Warwickshire 203/7 in 20 overs (Sam Hain 79*, Dan Mousley 26; Mattie McKiernan 3-39) lost to Derbyshire 207/4 in 19.3 overs (Leus du Plooy 66*, Luis Reece 57, Haider Ali 48) by 6 wickets Glamorgan vs Surrey Riding on Laurie Evans's exceptional knock of 118 from just 60 balls, Surrey mounted the highest T20 Blast total at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff - 236/2 - on their way to a 65-run victory. The venue witnessed runs galore as Glamorgan hit back with a 171/8 as opener

Sam Northeast smashed 76 off 54 deliveries. Six of the seven bowlers that Glamorgan used during Evans's carnage conceded runs at more than 10 runs as Surrey were devastating all through the innings. Evans, who hit 12 fours and 6 sixes in his essay, added a 115-run stand with Will Jacks (46 off 29) and followed it up with another big partnership, worth 118 with Sam Curran, who came out swinging for the fences and amassed 66 off just 29 balls with one four and seven sixes. Surrey hit 72 runs in the last five overs to reach a total that was

eventually well beyond Glamorgan's reach. Despite Northeast's efforts, Glamorgan remained behind the eight-ball throughout as Kent bowlers did enough to keep chipping away with regular wickets. The highest partnership that Glamorgan could muster was just 34 runs - for the sixth wicket between Prem Sisodiya and Northeast. Brief Scores: Surrey 236/2 in 20 overs (Laurie Evans 118*, Sam Curran 66) beat Glamorgan 171/8 in 20 overs (Sam Northeast 76; Gus Atkinson 2-24, Chris Jordan 2-26) by 65 runs