

PM Advises Precaution, Increasing Genome Sequencing As Covid Cases Rise

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised on the need for lab surveillance, genome testing and testing of all Severe Acute Respiratory Illness or SARI cases today as the country witnessed an uptick in Covid-19 and influenza. Over the last 24 hours, 1,134 new coronavirus cases have been recorded, which pushed up the active cases to 7,026, showed data from the Union Health Ministry this morning. This is the highest number recorded since November. At a meeting with senior officials in the evening to review preparedness of the healthcare system, PM Modi advised mock



drills in hospitals, and a need for vigilance. He also underscored the need for maintaining respiratory hygiene and Covid-appropriate behavior. "Prime Minister directed officials to enhance Whole Genome Sequencing of Positive

Samples with the designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories. This will support tracking of newer variants, if any, and timely response," read a statement from the government after the meeting. He has also stressed on

the need to continue focus on the five-fold strategy of Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination and Covid Appropriate Behaviour. The authorities, he has said, should also ensure availability of required drugs and logistics including beds for

influenza and Covid-19 patients across health facilities.

Over the last two weeks, the country has seen Covid figures slowly climb, along with influenza caused by H1N1 and H3N2 viruses. The active Covid cases now comprise 0.02 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.79 per cent, the Union health ministry has said. Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra have recorded a death each. Kerala has reconciled one more, data showed. The daily positivity was recorded at 1.09 per cent while the weekly positivity was pegged at 0.98 per cent.

Uproar In Odisha Assembly After CM Reads Out Written Statement

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Opposition BJP and Congress legislators on Wednesday created a ruckus in Odisha Assembly, objecting to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik reading a written statement in the House on Tuesday, while replying to a demand for grants discussion for the Home and General Administration Department.

The Opposition members submitted that "ministers can read out budget documents, refer to books, newspapers and documents during the speech, but not written speech". The opposition members had walked out while protesting the issue. Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Narasingha Mishra issued a privilege notice to Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha regarding this. During Zero Hour, he requested the Speaker to allow him to move the privilege notice against the Chief Minister for reading out a written

statement.

However, the Speaker did not allow him to move the notice, saying "it is still under examination".

"I assume, as the privilege notice was against the Chief Minister, that's why there is a different consideration. Earlier on many occasions, I was allowed to move such a notice," Mishra said.



Supporting him, Leader of Opposition Jayanarayan Mishra (of BJP) also urged the Speaker to allow the Congress leader to move the notice.

"As per our system, no one can read out a written statement without prior approval from the Speaker. What is the problem in allowing the CLP leader to move the privilege notice in the House?" he questioned. The Speaker said he would consider the notice after due examination. Reacting to it, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Niranjan Pujari defended the Chief Minister, saying "ministers can read out speech and other documents in the House".

Zwigato Made Tax-Free In Odisha; Special Screening Held At CM's Res



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha government has waived off entertainment tax on movie Zwigato. The movie has been directed by Nandita Das with famous actor Kapil Sharma and Sahana Goswami on the lead roles. The storyline of the movie depicts the life of a food delivery boy and his struggle. Zwigato is a Hindi movie and its entire shooting has been done in Bhubaneswar city. It may be mentioned here

that the state government is promoting Odisha as a destination for film shooting through proactive policies. This will promote tourism potential and provide employment opportunities for the youths of Odisha, said a senior official of the state government. The Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of Nandita Das for promoting Odisha as a destination for the shooting commercial movies.

In a related development, a special screening of the movie was held at Naveen Niwas, the residence of the Chief Minister in the city here, today evening. The Chief Minister praised the movie for depicting the struggle of a common man. He also appreciated the artistic portrayal in the movie. The movie will succeed in giving a positive message for social change, opined the Chief Minister.

Mamata Happy With Puri Land

Puri(KCN): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was quite happy with the land identified by the Odisha Government for construction of Bengal Niwas or a building for accommodation of tourists and devotees visiting Shree Jagannath Dham Puri. Mamata made a field visit to the proposed land in Sipasarubali near the site earmarked for the Puri International Airport. Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena and Puri Collector Samarth Verma showed the land to the West Bengal CM. "I have seen the land identified for Bengal Niwas. I liked the land. New airport is also coming here and a bridge will also be constructed here. So, it will be one of the best locations," the Chief Minister told reporters at the site. A large number of tourists from West Bengal are visiting Puri at least five times a year. Sometimes, like Rath



Yatra and long holiday periods, they are unable to get proper accommodation here. So, it will help them, she said. There is a need for construction of more hotels, shops and other public infrastructures in Puri, Mamata said. Asked about the timeframe to construct the Bengal Niwas, she said, "As per the

availability of land, building plan and architecture, the building will be constructed. As soon as the required process completes, we will lay the foundation for New Puri." When asked about the agenda behind her meeting with CM Naveen Patnaik, she said, "I have met Naveen Ji earlier too. During the Hockey World Cup, I

was invited. At that time, I had told the Minister that I will meet the CM whenever I visit Odisha." "So, it is a courtesy meet and we will discuss developmental issues and about the West Bengal Niwas," she informed. Chief Secretary Shri Jena said, "The West Bengal CM had requested the Odisha govt to provide land for construction of

a Niwas for West Bengal devotees and tourists in Puri. We have identified a parcel of land for construction of Bhawans by different States. We have shown her the land."

The details about land to be allocated will be decided during the meeting between the two Chief Ministers tomorrow, he said.

After making the site visit, Mamata visited Jagannath Temple and offered prayers to deities. She was also scheduled to witness the fashioning of the flag on 214 feet high 'Nilachakra' and then offer prayers to goddess Vimala, Mahalaxmi and other deities on the shrine premises.

The CM said she has prayed for the welfare of the people of West Bengal, Odisha and all. It is pertinent to mention here that the Bengal CM is an ardent devotee of Lord Jagannath and had visited the Puri temple in 2017.

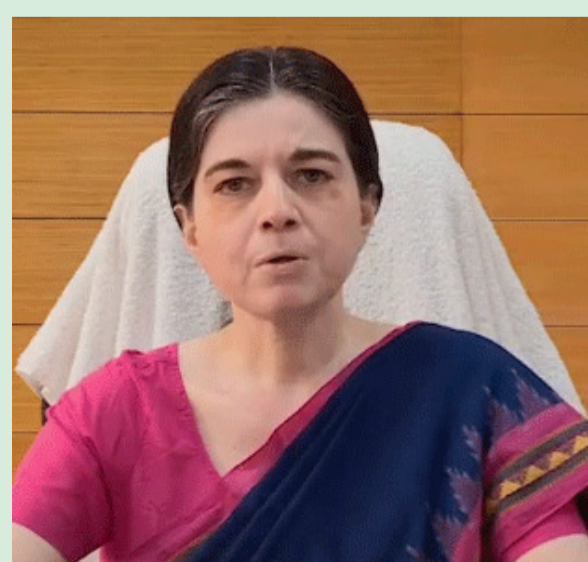
Mantra For Swasthya Mitras

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Secretary Health and Family Welfare and Chairperson State Health Assurance Society (SHAS), Shalini Pandit reviewed the implementation of Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) at the ground level and directed the State Team to organise regular refresher/orientation camps for District Coordinators (DCs)/ Swasthya Mitras (SMs) with best practice modules on extending health services to people at the institutional level.

She gave this direction while reviewing the implementation plan of BSKY in conference hall of the SHAS recently wherein Chief Executive Officer SHAS and Mission Director NHM Brundha D. outlined the issues for discussion. Shrimati Pandit asked the State Team to "Empower DCs with sufficient know-how for immediate redressal of people's grievances" at the hospital level. It was decided to strengthen office of the DCs with required infrastructure, computer, internet

support etc. for enabling them to deliver timely services.

Further, She emphasized on thorough scrutiny of all negative feedbacks received from the patients through Mo Sarkar system. The nodal officers of different empanelled hospitals both inside and outside Odisha were asked to do due diligence of the negative feedbacks and grievances received through different channels. "Resolving the issues that create bottlenecks for people



to avail assured services of BSKY", said Smt. Pandit "is a concrete step forward in ensuring quality health

care" for all. Quick redressal of grievances received from different sources including mass media were emphasized

by the Secretary. Review showed that around 95 percent of the grievances received through different windows including social media were attended, and resolved within the scheduled timeline in interest of the patients. The matters relating to the empanelment and delisting of hospitals as per BSKY performance figured in the meeting. Criteria for performance assessment of the empanelled hospitals were deliberated and worked out. It was

decided to give more weightage to the criteria like patients' satisfaction level, feedback received through Mo Sarkar, and availability of patient-centric eco-system in a hospital for empanelment in coming years.

Chairperson also emphasized upon intensification of IEC activities at ground level for empowering the people with appropriate information. Fixing of BSKY signage in the conspicuous places of the hospitals for

convenience of the patients, functional issues relating to the speed of internet connectivity, strengthening of human resource at district level, and up-gradation of BSKY software etc were discussed, and resolved in the meeting. Joint CEO NHM Subhananda Mohapatra, Additional Director Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra, Joint CEO Finance Aurobinda Routray, Nodal officers in charge of different empanelled hospitals along with senior officers of SHAS participated in the review.

Chaos

Shreeta sikruti kuanr

I'm the chaos
Tiled floor and white walls
Holding my mother's breath
When father chokes her
A benign inability to speak for
Sushed with anger
Burgeoning violence on the tip
Of his tongue
Strangled by distortions
Of his love song

I'm the smoke
My lover inhales
For the disease he hides
Daughter like mother
We carry bruises
From people who carry our heart
With so much of little art
We dream of lands that exist

Between blood and corpse
Sprinklers of white
Over a dark fight

I'm the war
I make of my own
Take all six words of poetry
Watch them fall as Dominos
Over our grave
Brighten our anger with glitter and glam
Rearrange over to satisfy the end
Which doesn't end
Motherly hearts and daughterly heads
Walk behind broken boys to make new
nests.

Dagarapada, Bls.

MY FRIENDS

O my friends,
What can you tell me of Love,
Whose pathways are filled with
strangeness?
When you offer the Great One your love,
At the first step your body is crushed.
Next be ready to offer your head as his seat.

Be ready to orbit his lamp like a moth giving in to
the light, To live in the deer as she runs toward the
hunter's call,
In the partridge that swallows hot coals for love of
the moon, In the fish that, kept from the sea, happily
dies.
Like a bee trapped for life in the closing of the sweet
flower, Mira has offered herself to her Lord.
She says, the single Lotus will swallow you whole.

SURELY

Sharanya Manivannan

Surely,
somewhere
and everywhere
in this country,
there are sleepless women and men
confronting their mirrors
as water splashes into their palms
morning after muted morning, and surely
- surely -
they wonder, and worry,
ever more weighted by the knowing that
the phosphoric ink has faded,
but the blood
that is to be
on those hands has
barely begun its cascade?

Quotation of the day

life comes from
the earth and life returns
to the earth.

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Sanchi Monument: A Rediscovery

Sanchi is one of India's most well-preserved and studied Buddhist sites. It is located at a hilltop in the town of Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh. It covers an area of seventeen miles, east and west and about ten miles, north and south. There are many stupas at the site, amongst which the Sanchi Stupa also known as the Great Stupa is considered the most prominent. The Great Stupa was built by Ashoka in the third century BC. It enshrines religious relics or remains of the Buddha and his most revered disciples. The mound of the stupa was built during the time of Ashoka. Over the course of the next thirteen centuries, expansion to the stupa kept taking place. In the middle of the second century BC, during the Shunga period, the original brick structure was enlarged to twice its size and the mound was covered in sandstone slabs. A circumambulatory walkway was constructed around the stupa which was bounded by a stone railing also known as a vedika. Circumambulation or pradakhshina is an important part of ritual and devotional practices in Buddhism. Moreover, a harmika or a square structure was also added to the stupa. The harmika is placed on the top of the stupa and contains a three-tiered umbrella or chattravali which represents the three Jewels of Buddhism- the Buddha, the dharma (the teachings of Buddha) and the sangha (Buddhist order). The most elaborate additions to the stupa were made during the Satavahana period from the first century BC to the second century AD. Four stone gateways or toranas were added to the stupa in the four cardinal directions. These toranas comprise of two stone pillars which are surmounted

by capitals (the topmost member of a column). The capitals in turn support three architraves (lintel or beam which extends from column to column and rests on their capitals) with volute (scroll-like ornamentation found in the capital of an Ionic column) ends. These architraves are richly carved with episodes from the life of Buddha and the Jatakas (stories from the life of Buddha). The chronological sequence of the four gateways are as follows: Southern, Northern, Eastern and Western. All these gateways were donated by devout people and their names were inscribed on its pillars. The richly carved pillars are considered to be historically important because of the relief figures on them. These figures offer a glimpse into the life of the people in the third quarter of the first century B.C. Further additions to Sanchi were made during the Gupta period. These include a Buddhist temple and a lion pillar. The victory inscription of Chandragupta II is carved on the railing of the Great Stupa, dating to the fourth century A.D. The site is said to have been a thriving religious centre from the third century BC to the thirteenth century AD. Its decline as a prominent religious site coincided with the decline of Buddhism in the Indian subcontinent. In 1818, the British rediscovered the Sanchi site. The rediscovery is attributed to General Henry Taylor of the Bengal Cavalry. The almost intact condition of the Great Stupa at Sanchi generated interest among a growing breed of explorers and amateur archaeologists who were mostly army officials and travelling antiquarians. The first scientific excavation of the stupa took place in 1851 under the supervision of Major Alexander Cunningham. He along with his colleague, Lieutenant-Colonel F.C. Maisey made drawings of the site. The relics of the



Buddha's two chief disciples were found in the ruins of Stupa No.3 at Satdhara (six and a half miles west of Sanchi) which measured about forty feet in diameter and was smaller than the Great Stupa. Besides the Sanchi site, they also conducted excavations in the surrounding stupas of Sonari, Satdhara, Bhojpur and Andher situated at six and twelve miles from Sanchi. Here too many precious discoveries were made. These relic finds were then distributed between Cunningham and Maisey and almost all the reliquaries were sent to England. On 23rd November 1853, the British Resident at Indore, Sir Robert North Collie Hamilton sent a communication to the Governor General of India in Council regarding an offer made by Sikander Begum, the Begum of Bhopal to present the carved stones of two of the Gateways of the Tope (northern and eastern) at Sanchi Kana Kheree to Queen Victoria. Preparations were made for the removal of the richly carved stones of the two gateways to be sent to London. However, the expense and care required to dismantle the structure without destroying the intricate carvings delayed the plans for their removal. The lack of proper means of transport to Bombay led to the suspension of the removal. The grand arrangements for the removal and

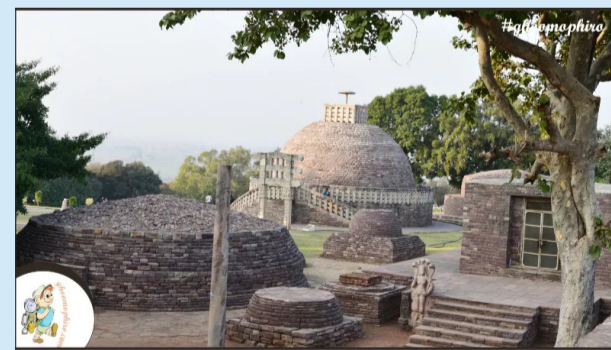
transportation of these gateways also suffered a setback as the Rebellion of 1857 led the British government and the Bhopal Durbar into a highly-charged political situation. In 1868, the Begum of Bhopal renewed her offer to send the gateways to the British Museum. However, this time the begum's offer was declined by the colonial authority as they were invested in following a strategy of in-situ preservation and conservation of monuments. Instead, the plaster cast of the eastern gateway was prepared under the supervision of Lieutenant Henry H. Cole of the Royal Engineers in 1869 to be sent to the South Kensington Museum in London. It was an extensive exercise which involved the recruitment of personnel from the Royal Engineers and training in the making of casts from gelatine, piece moulds and clay squeezes. Conservation and the Preservation of Sanchi An important precursor to the conservation and preservation efforts at Sanchi was the arrival of H.H. Cole at Sanchi in 1869. It was then that a massive project of copying, photographing and replicating of the Sanchi monuments took place along with the restoration of the structures. Concerted attempts were made by the British government in India from the 1880s to preserve the ancient site of Sanchi. This first phase of

conservation at the site was a welcome move on the part of the British authorities. However, this effort also proved to be disastrous for several smaller stupas around the main stupa which were displaced to accommodate the construction of a road leading up to the main monument. The restored southern gateway's lintels were placed front-to-back. These mistakes were never reversed for the fear of damaging these structures further. The second phase of such well-intentioned but ill-fated conservation was undertaken under the supervision of Mr. Cook, State Engineer at Bhopal in 1904. During the

The protection and care of the Sanchi Topes had become a special concern for the British Government. Lord Curzon was especially invested in the preservation of Sanchi since the time he visited the site in 1899. In November 1905, while passing through Bhopal he made the suggestion that the Topes might be handed over to the Government of India. However, Sultan Jahan, the Begum of Bhopal refused stating the Bhopal State's intention to preserve the Buddhist complex as a monument of archaeological interest. She made arrangements for the protection and restoration of Sanchi.

The Bhopal Durbar extended full support in this matter as the Begum of Bhopal entirely financed the construction of this museum. Return of the Sanchi caskets In 1920 Lieutenant Colonel C.E. Luard, the Political Agent at Bhopal received a letter from the heir apparent to the Bhopal Durbar, Nawabzada Hamidullah Khan informing him about a few relic caskets and other objects which were taken away to the British Museum from Sanchi by Alexander Cunningham. He requested for their return in view of the fact that Sanchi had a museum of its own, so their claim on these valuable objects took precedence. Along with the letter he had enclosed a list of seventeen articles from Sanchi that were presently lodged at the British Museum which had been prepared by John Marshall in 1919. When this matter of restoration of the Sanchi antiquities was referred by Luard to Marshall, he responded that the British Museum would not contemplate for a moment to return the original antiquities to Sanchi and he further warned that, "if such a precedent were once established the British Museum would quickly find itself despoiled of half its treasures, which would be demanded back by Greece, Egypt and Italy and a score of other countries", urging the Political Agent to drop the said matter. Nothing more was heard of the matter until the demand for the return of the Sanchi antiquities was reignited in 1940. It was reported in the Press that the relics of Sariputra and Moggallana (Buddha's chief disciples) were to be handed over to the Maha Bodhi Society by the Victoria and Albert Museum to be enshrined at the Buddhist Temple in New Delhi. In 1938, the Government of India had received a request from the Maha Bodhi Society of Bombay to

bring back the relics of Sariputra and Moggallana from the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. In 1939 the Museum decided to return the relics to the Maha Bodhi Society through an intervention by the Secretary of State for India. However, the transfer of the relics had to be postponed due to the outbreak of World War II. The intervention of the war proved to be timely for the Bhopal Durbar. A letter reinstating the demand of the Bhopal Durbar for the antiquities was sent to L.G. Wallis, the Political Agent in Bhopal where it was stated that the Government of Bhopal were the owners of the relics and that these were to be restored to the Sanchi Museum which was deemed to be the most suitable place for them. They campaigned relentlessly for the return of the relics to Sanchi. They were prepared to make suitable arrangements for the relics in accordance with the religious requirements of the Buddhist pilgrims. The Bhopal Government was requested to persuade the Mahabodhi Society to enshrine the relics at Sanchi by the Government of India. Accordingly, an agreement between the Government of Bhopal and the Maha Bodhi Society was reached in 1946, wherein it was decided that the relics would finally be enshrined at a newly constructed vihara in Sanchi. Finally, the relics in their original caskets were enshrined at the new Chetiayagiri Vihara in Sanchi on 30th November, 1952. In a grand and fitting ceremony attended by world and Buddhist leaders from Burma, Cambodia and Sri Lanka and the first Prime Minister of independent India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the modern life of Sanchi as a national monument was henceforth inaugurated.



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Actress Arya Parvathi's Mom Delivers Baby At 47, South TV Star Says 'Why Would I Be Ashamed?'

Popular Malayalam TV actress Arya Parvathi is on cloud nine with the arrival of a new addition to the family. The 23-year-old South star shared the good news with her fans on social media and wrote in the caption of her post: Overwhelmed with joy as my little sibling arrives to our family after 23 years. Ready to take on the role of a big sister as well as a mother and shower them with love and support. Come soon, little one! Many fans congratulated Arya Parvathi on her sibling's arrival. In her recent interview with Humans Of Bombay, she revealed how her mother's pregnancy news was shared with her by her dad. "I didn't know how to react...that's not something you just hear your parents say at 23. To say I was shocked would be an understatement. Amma was 47. And I know it's going to sound weird, but when Appa told me, Amma was already in her 8th month. In fact, when Amma herself found out, she was 7 months in," she said. She was quoted as



saying: "After Appa gave me the news, he said they had kept it a secret because they didn't know how I would react. A few days later, when I reached home, I fell on Amma's lap & started crying. I said, 'Why would I be ashamed' I had wanted this for so long." Arya is happy to

have a little baby sister by her side. She added, "Just last week, Amma delivered a girl. Life's never made more sense. I can't wait for her to call me 'Didi!' I mean, people find it weird that we have such a huge age gap, but does that even matter? It's funny that for the longest time, we didn't know she was going to come into our lives & now that she has, we can't seem to stay away from her!" Arya Parvathi became popular with her show, 'Chembattu' and was last seen in 'Ilayaval Gayathri'.

Kabir Bedi Is Sage Kashyapa In Samantha Ruth Prabhu-Starrer 'Shaakuntalam', Reveal Makers



The makers have now revealed that Bollywood veteran Kabir Bedi essays the role of ancient sage Kashyapa in the Gunasekhar directorial. "Among the Saptarishis of the Rig Veda.. The sage from who's name the magnificent region of 'Kashmir' derives its name.. A prime figure in this tale of Shakuntala-Dushyant. @iKabirBedi as Sage Kashyapa. #Shaakuntalam," the makers, Guna Teamworks tweeted on Tuesday. "Shaakuntalam" is a retelling of the classic tale of Shakuntala and Dushyant, the parents of Bharat, after whom Bharatvarsh or India derives its name. Director and filmmaker Gunasekhar has in 2015 made a historical on famed Kakateeya queen Rudhramedaevi who ruled over present-day Telangana. His directorial "Okkadu" starring Mahesh Babu in 2003, was a massive hit.

Aayush Sharma Shares BTS Video Of His Hardcore Workout On The Streets Of Azerbaijan

Having recently wrapped the Azerbaijan shoot schedule of his upcoming film AS04, Aayush Sharma shared a throwback video of his last-minute grind to ace the perfect body shot physique to shoot a shirtless scene. Aayush recently announced the wrap of his straining schedule packed with action in Azerbaijan, which also included a body shot flaunting his washboard abs and toned muscles. The actor shared a video presenting the grind needed minutes before the main shot, to define the abs and muscles more prominently. Ever since his jaw-dropping transformation from the lean, guy-next-door look from his debut film to the beefed up, toned,



physique with washboard abs for Antim: The Final Truth, Aayush Sharma has bagged his permanent spot amongst the fittest actors of the business. Further surprising everyone with his muscular built, Aayush Sharma regularly treated his fans and followers with glimpses into his rigorous workout routine as he gears for his upcoming film AS04. Launching debutante Sushrii Mishraa with AS04, Aayush Sharma also roped in veteran South Indian actor Jagapathi Babu for the film. Produced by KK Radhamohan, under the banner of Srisathyasai Arts, the yet untitled action entertainer AS04 stars Aayush Sharma as the lead, co-starring debutante Sushrii Mishraa. Directed by Katyayan Shivpuri, the film is slated for release in 2023.

Ranveer Singh says Deepika Padukone was 'furious' when he hugged her for the first time in front of the camera

Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone have been dishing out couple goals since forever. Recently Ranveer recalled an incident from one of his very first interviews with his lady love. The actor revealed that it was for their maiden collaboration 'Bajirao Mastani' and he ended up hugging the actress in front of the camera during an interview. "She was furious, she asked me 'you'll hug me like this in front of the camera?'" reveals Ranveer. Calling Deepika his 'lover' and 'best friend', Ranveer shared that they will clock 10 years of togetherness this year. Speaking at an event Ranveer said, "It's been ten years with Deepika. 2022, it'll be ten years. But that's the wonderful part about our relationship that she continues to amaze me, she continues to surprise me. It has been four years (since the wedding) but it always just feels so fresh. She is at times sugar, at times spice but she is both of that and everything to me. And, I think she is my lover and best friend and pretty much the best thing to have happened to me." Interestingly, as Deepika fulfilled her duties as a juror at the Cannes Film Festival, Ranveer Singh had visited her briefly. Praising Deepika for her professional accolades, Ranveer had recently told ETimes, "She is a consummate artist and movie star. She is fiercely independent, and she runs her own show, she forges her own path. She's been on international magazine covers, she's the first Indian brand ambassador for the house of Louis Vuitton, she is doing things that are unprecedented for any man or woman in Indian entertainment. I am truly lucky and blessed that I am her man." After several years of onscreen and offscreen romance, Ranveer and Deepika tied the knot in November 2018.

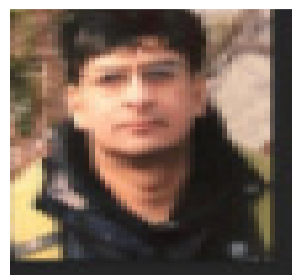


'August 16, 1947,' The Shocking Untold Story Of India's Independence To Unveil Soon



What if there was a hidden chapter in the story of India's independence? What if one Indian village never knew it was free of British tyranny? The trailer of 'August 16, 1947' is now out online, and by the looks of it, audiences are in for an epic big screen bonanza like no other. Directed by NS Ponkumar, 'August 16, 1947' is a spellbinding tale of love, courage and patriotism. The film's exclusive trailer gives us a glimpse of the grand entertainment in store, as we meet the innocent villagers of Sengadu, who are mercilessly tortured by British forces. As one man decides to rise against the evil rulers, a rousing revolution begins, just as India is about to gain Independence. Can the villagers of Sengadu fight back...or are they thwarted by the menacing villains? Fans are left with this question by the end of the thrilling trailer. Starring Gautham Karthik and debutant Revathy, 'August 16, 1947' also features Pugazh in a pivotal role. May it be the stunning sets that transport us to an era gone by, the edgy action that gets us pumped, the sweet romance between Gautham and Revathy, or the melodious music that is a treat to the ears, each and every aspect of the trailer is unique.

From the world of the birds



Clash of the titans: Asian koels

It is quite rare to spot the harbinger of Spring, the Asian koel males singing hidden within the lush green vegetation. Although a non-endangered species, yet they are persecuted relentlessly by ignorant humans. To spot the Asian koel females is even a rare incident, unless one is extremely lucky! The sexually dimorphic species has dark coloured males with shiny black feathers and spotted grey and white coloured females. I was lucky enough recently to record and document two male Asian koels engaged in a fierce territorial fight. The species is mostly docile and avoid confrontations with other species. But possibly this was a territorial dispute by the most famous songbird (read rockstars of the avian world); and was intervened by their well recognized enemy, the common Indian crow. The short glimpse of inner species fighting for a shy species like Asian koel was indeed a spectacular sight! The Asian koel like other cuckoo species are infamous as brood parasites. The female koel quickly lays her eggs in the nests of their targeted host like the common Indian crow; while the males



distract the crow parents and take them away from their nests. The strategy is to provide time and safe opportunity for the females to lay their eggs undisturbed and harassed. The growing koel chicks are notorious in throwing away all the eggs and/or chicks of their foster parents to drag their full attention for their nurture. Once grown up and strong enough to fend for themselves they leave their foster parents, never to return. The adult males hide themselves in dense vegetation and keep calling throughout the day to attract the attention of the extremely choosy females.

Migratory birds
Certain species of migratory birds have evolved to have strong flight muscles, feathers, low body weight and high energy metabolism to cope with this long distance travel from one corner of the planet to the other across different continents. Their physical stamina,

biochemical aspects of metabolism and ability to orient themselves according to the space and time is simply remarkable. Some of them have unique homing abilities to return to their home even if they released very far like the pigeons. It has also been found that such birds have the ability to detect the earth's magnetic field due to presence of complex ferro-magnetic bioinorganic compounds in the brain tissues of these birds which are being researched now to act as sensors helping in their geospatial navigation.

The eyes of bird has a specialized structure called pecten that provides them with much higher resolution power of their eyes, making them able to see from a very long distance and even from great heights. Some bird researchers suggest that birds like humans use mountains, river, valleys or certain landforms to navigate

their migratory pathways. However, this theory is highly debated now for accuracy. The ability of the birds to use even very faint light during flight under lowlight conditions. Many researchers indicate that birds have the ability to use natural biological sextants in their brain helping them to navigate by using the stars and the moon at night; and with respect to the position of sun during the daytime. Their bodies are well designed to handle air current, air resistance, friction and fluctuation of pressures in their immediate environment helps them a lot to travel very long distance everyday without getting exhausted. Furthermore, many migratory birds hunt insects, small mammals etc during their flight and can also excrete waste materials during their flight prevent them from the attacks of predators as well save time and energy for covering very long distance during their flight.

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I am not quite convinced that birds could sleep during flights as it seems to defy the laws of nature without comprehensive Prof; but migratory birds in constant flight mode reduces their energy metabolism and conserve energy by travelling slow from time to time below their average annual speed. Nowadays many migratory birds that travel from colder to warmer environments are staying back in the winter months as the food supply has become better for many bird species due

different continents or countries. More research needs to be done to decode the mysteries and myths associated with migratory birds. **World Sparrow Day** It is important to note that our planet earth does not belong to us humans only; but to all other species of animals and plants that are co-inhabitants of our ecosystem. The sparrow is a tiny bird and a humble species that has co-inhabited with humans from time immemorial. They have lived beside humans in both urban and rural environments in both developed and

industrialization; together with human greed has decimated global sparrow population. Today in World Sparrow Day (March 20) it is our responsibility to protect this beautiful species by offering them protection and conservation. **Parakeets** Plum headed and grey headed parakeets are two extremely beautifully coloured distinct parakeet species from the Indian subcontinent. The species called plum headed parakeet is distinctly dimorphic. The male has brighter plum coloured head

headed parakeets are identified and labelled or illegally sold to customers as grey headed parakeet as the plum headed parakeet is more abundant in numbers. Illegal breeders of indigenous species knowingly or unknowingly keep different parakeet species together in their illegal captive breeding programs. They often produce hybrid species with different colourations that are sold at high prices to the customers. But the approach is absolutely non-ethical and destructive to nature as these are synthetic species and not natural wild species created in nature and has slowly evolved to this current shape, form and colour. Accidental release if such hybrids into the wild could cause gene contamination and genetic bottlenecks by cross breeding with wild species weakening the vigour, population dynamics and ecological health of the species. Breeding of wild birds such as parakeets must be monitored and restricted to avoid genetic contamination of the wild stock of the concerned species. The mesmerizing colouration should not be the cause of their illegal capture, breeding, sale and trafficking. We must take actions to protect and conserve these beautiful species.

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to close association with humans, garbage dumping sites and expansion of agricultural operations. Extensive poaching, illegal capture, trade and trafficking across national and international borders has been decimating many migratory species and hampering their annual or biannual migration across

developing nations. But human greed for exploiting more resources and changes in our life style as also the changes in the construction of our buildings; sparrows had little opportunity to adjust to this changing world around them. Anthropogenic impacts has been the major factor including pollution, rapid urbanization and

and the female has lighter mauve coloured head. This is one of the most conspicuous dimorphic species among parakeets found in India; after the rose ringed parakeet where the male has a dark ring around the base of the head but the female lacks that marking. The grey headed parakeet colour is much much deeper. Often female plum

Home Remedies for Crows' Feet



Crow's feet are the fine lines that appear around your eyes and are a part of the gradual changes that your skin experiences as you become older. The lack of antioxidants and elasticity is the main reason why crow's feet appear on the face. These fine lines and wrinkles referred to as "laugh lines," are

common sign of aging. As we get older, our skin loses elasticity, and you won't replace dead skin cells so quickly resulting in crow's feet, lines, and wrinkles. While the common notion is that crow's feet occur majorly due to ageing, however in certain cases it could also be due to a stressful lifestyle, exposure to the sun, pollution, and general environmental damage. If you are looking to prevent the onset of crow's feet or at least delay its formation, then you can try

some home remedies. For crow's feet and tiny wrinkles, apply pure almond oil daily around the eyes and massage lightly, using only the ring finger, for one minute around each eye. Massage in one direction only. Leave on for 15 minutes and wipe off gently with moist cotton wool. Many anti-ageing ingredients are easily available at home: Cucumber has an astringent effect, which tightens the skin. They also contain Vitamins and other nutrients that soothe and reduce ageing signs.

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Apply cucumber juice around the eyes and at the outer corners daily and rinse with plain water after 15 minutes. Egg white can be applied around the eyes, especially on the outer corner of the eyes. Wash off with plain water after 15 minutes. Green tea is a powerful antioxidant. Take half cup of water and 2 teaspoons of green tea. Bring the water to a boil. Put tea leaves in a ceramic bowl. Pour the hot water over it

and keep for 2 minutes. Strain and cool the liquid. Soak cotton wool pads in the tea and apply them as eye pads over closed eyes. Leave it on for ten minutes. Lie down and relax while you do this. You may repeat the process again for another ten minutes. Apply aloe vera gel around the eyes daily. Aloe Vera is an antioxidant and rich in Vitamins A, C, E and B 12. Rinse it off with plain water after 15 minutes. Exfoliation

removes dead skin cells and helps the regeneration of new cells. Crush sesame seeds (til) coarsely and mix it with honey. Apply on the face and rub gently on the face, including the skin on the outer eye region with small circular movements. Wash off with water. Fruits like bananas, apples, papaya, and watermelon can be mixed together and applied as a mask around the eyes. Papaya, rich in enzymes, cleanses the skin of dead cells and helps cell renewal. Banana tightens the skin.

Apples and oranges are rich in vitamins and minerals. Watermelon hydrates the skin. Apply and wash off after 15 minutes. Or, take papaya pulp, and add lemon juice and a pinch of turmeric. Use this to massage the skin around the eyes lightly. This helps to brighten the skin around the eyes. Soak a few strands of saffron in milk for half an hour. Soak cotton wool pads and use them as eye pads. This relieves dryness and prevents wrinkles. Never leave the

house without sunscreen. This way, you minimize exposure to the sun - which is the leading cause of wrinkles and fine lines. Maintain a healthy sleep cycle. Sleep allows the body precious time to repair skin cells and rejuvenate them. Follow a balanced diet that provides your body with vital proteins, fats, vitamins, minerals, etc. Keep your skin moisturized at all times.

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Study Reveals First Genetic Identity and Habitat Modelling of Endangered and Endemic Leaf-Nosed Bat from Nicobar Island

Kolkata: A recent study by scientists on highly threatened Nicobar Leaf-Nosed Bat, *Hipposideros nicobarulae* has revealed the first genetic identity and habitat suitability modelling in Andaman & Nicobar (AN) Archipelago, India. This bat species is only known from the insular type locality of Nicobar Oceanic Islands'. The experts have also expressed worry that the identity and species status of this endemic

species has been erroneous for over 100 years since its discovery in 1902 and has been inaccurately classified as a subspecies of *Hipposideros ater*, which is only found on mainland India. At the genetic level, the produced DNA sequences clearly separated this mammalian species from its neighbours. The details of the study have recently been published in a research article "Genetic

Characterisation and Insular Habitat Enveloping of Endangered Leaf-Nosed Bat, *H. nicobarulae* (Mammalia: Chiroptera) in India: Phylogenetic Inference and Conservation Implication" in a peer reviewed international journal Genes. The current study primarily added the morphological and craniodental features of *H. nicobarulae*, which can be used in future taxonomic research of this

mammalian species, according to Manokaran Kamalakannan, scientist at the Western Ghat Regional Centre of the Zoological Survey of India in Kozhikode, India. Furthermore, the distribution modelling of *H. nicobarulae* has provided clear evidence of highly fragmented habitat of the species which is greatly influenced by natural calamities like Tsunamis and increasing the sea level of the Indian Ocean throughout its range, said Tanoy

Mukherjee, DST-Inspire Faculty, Landscape Ecology and Wildlife Sciences lab at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. "Our findings suggest that approximately 294 km² of the area is critical for the conservation of the endemic *H. nicobarulae* population within this isolated insular habitat of Nicobar Island, which requires special attention from wildlife authorities and conservation agencies," according to the study.

Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) explained that the united method of taxonomy, genetics, and ecological modelling is critical for the survival and protection of this vulnerable and unique mammal species. "Such molecular information is also useful in diagnosing animal-virus interactions and zoonotic diseases that cause epidemics like we've seen recently," she added. "The species is facing a

systematics quandary with an unknown evolutionary background, which is critical for future research," said Shantanu Kundu, a researcher of Professor Hyun-Woo Kim Lab at Pukyong National University in South Korea. Dr. Kundu added that *Hipposideros* bats are widely distributed in the Palearctic, Afrotropical, Indo-Malayan, and Australasian regions and undoubtedly have many unresolved systematic issues due to the rareness

in collections and in nature, constraint of museum materials, and limited range in areas inaccessible to researchers. "Current research recommends the exhaustive genetic screening of this species from different small islands of AN archipelago as well as other closely related species throughout their range will illuminate the clear genetic diversity of these rare mammals in nature" the international journal Genes commented.

Hemant soren government of the state should immediately stop the politics of marginalizing the Dalit and OBC community

Ranchi (KCN) : The Hemant soren government of the state should immediately stop the politics of marginalizing the Dalit and OBC community in the district reservation roster and reform the reservation roster immediately, otherwise it will have to face serious consequences. Today, the Central Vice President of Adivasi Moolvasi Janadhikar Manch cum former MLA candidate Vijay Shankar Nayak said the above things through his letter (email) sent to the Chief Minister of the state Mr. Hemant Soren. He also said that OBC reservation has been made zero in 7 districts of the state and only 5% reservation has been given to Scheduled Castes, which is a social injustice to these classes, which will be widely opposed in the coming days. Mr. Nayak further said that the MLAs belonging to Scheduled Castes and OBCs have proved



unsuccessful in providing rights to their class. In such a situation, there is no justification for these MLAs to continue as MLAs. All MLAs should either resign or not allow the House to function until the errors are rectified. He also said that the Hemant government of the state is doing anti-Dalit/OBC work, the

result of which is that the census of OBCs has not been done till date, and moreover, how to keep the society marginalized in politics and all fields. There is no minister from the Scheduled Caste category in this government. The government has also not given representation. In today's date, there is no minister from the

Railways To Restore Fare For AC 3-Tier Economy Class In Trains

New Delhi: Railways on Wednesday issued an order to restore the fare for AC 3-tier economy class travel which had been withdrawn in November last year when it was merged with AC 3-tier. Despite the restoration in price, Railways will continue offering linen to passengers, the order indicated. The present order has withdrawn an earlier circular in which the fare for AC 3-tier economy class ticket had been made equal to the fare of an AC 3-tier ticket. The reason for the merger was stated to be the cost of linen which was initially not provided in the economy air conditioned class. According to the order, passengers who have booked tickets online and over the counter will be given a refund of the extra amount for



the pre-booked tickets. The railways, while introducing the 3E as a class in September 2021, had announced that fares in these newly-introduced coaches will be 6-8 per cent less than normal AC 3 coaches, pitching the class of travel as the "best and cheapest AC travel service" in the world. Before the November 2022 order, passengers could book AC 3 economy tickets under

a separate category of "3E" in specific trains where railways offered such seats. Officials said, currently there are 463 AC 3 Economy coaches compared to 11,277 normal AC 3 coaches. AC 3 economy coaches have better facilities for passengers than normal AC 3 coaches, officials said. Officials said that with the merger of AC 3-tier

economy, passengers had to pay around ₹60-70 additionally. While a normal AC 3-tier coach has 72 berths, AC 3-tier economy has 80. Railways earned ₹231 crore from the AC 3-tier economy class in the first year of its introduction. According to data, from April-August, 2022, 15 lakh people travelled in these coaches, generating earnings of ₹177 crore.

Greater Warangal Press Club Property Tax Payment



Chief Warangal (KCN) :The Greater Warangal Press Club property tax was paid to the Greater Warangal Corporation officials by the press club executive on Tuesday. Property tax for the year 2022-23 is Rs. 1,02,182. The cheque was handed over to the

press club president Vemula Nagaraju, general secretary Bollarapu Sadaiah and treasurer Bolla Amar GWMC officials. In this program Vice Presidents Gokarapu Shyam and Allam Rajesh Verma. Assistant Secretaries Sampeta Sudhakar, Burla Narender,

Podichetty Vishnuvardhan, EC member Gundaboina Dilip Kumar, GWMC Deputy Commissioner Jona, Special Officer Mohan Reddy and others were present. Municipal Corporation officials congratulated the management of the Press Club for paying tax on time.

Somebody Imagined A Thing Like That": General VK Singh On 2012 "Coup" Report

New Delhi: General VK Singh, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, has dismissed there was any "attempted military coup" during then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's tenure in 2012 after a news report had claimed that the Indian Army had moved two units towards New Delhi without notifying the government on January 16, 2012. Speaking to ANI in an exclusive interview, General VK Singh, who was Army Chief then, described the alleged military coup as "Somebody imagined a thing like that in the journalistic world. Egged on by some people who wanted to tarnish the image of the armed forces. To come up with an absurd idea like that... Nothing like that happened," Gen Singh said.



When asked what happened that night on January 16, 2012, Gen Singh said: "About a week before that, Go back in time and you will be able to do research on that". In 1988, the former army Chief recounted that in the Maldives, there were chances that the president is going to be thrown out. "And somebody else will take over. We had that information in the Army". "The information was shared at the appropriate level. And

we were told nothing will happen. It is ok. But when you get information, which is more than what is coming to the people, You know what is happening. You know the person who is coming is not in our favour but is showing to be in our favour and chances are that if the throw-out becomes bad, like last time, we probably would have to interfere," he said. "If you don't study whatever we have done, then, we are not worth it. We had

problems. Last minute, things came. People were running helter and skelter. We got a little delayed. Things were better when we ultimately landed there. This time we did not want to be late. If you don't want to be late, you need to prepare your people," Gen Singh said while referring to 'Operation Cactus' undertaken by the Indian Army in averting the 1988 coup attempt in Maldives. In 1988, a group of Maldivians led by

Luthfi and assisted by armed mercenaries of a Tamil secessionist organisation from Sri Lanka, the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam tried to overthrow the government of then-president Maumoon Abdul Gayoom. However, they were caught in a shootout with military forces in Male and were forced to retreat after Indian Army commenced 'Operation Cactus' and deployed paratroopers to the Maldives at Gayoom's request. "So, two units were asked so that we can time them out. Those were the bad days. If I told them to come to Hindon, the game is up. Republic Day Parade is taking place. They can come to Delhi. And when you ask people to move, you should go through the entire gamut of activities that are taking place," General Singh said.

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Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said that getting investment to a state is a reflection of the law-and-order situation in the state. No investment comes when the Law-and-order situation is poor in a state. Odisha gets one of the highest investments in the country. Replying to the discussion on Annual Budget for Department of Home in State Assembly he said that due to better law and order situation, State has record industrial production year after year or record agriculture production year after year. He said that transport and major logistical movements is also an indicator of law-and-order situation. Our Railways makes one of

the highest profits in the country and there is absolutely no problem in the transport situation in the state. Conduct of major Events is also a sign of better law and order situation. Whether it is Hockey World Cup, Ratha Jatra, elections or examinations, we have not had any dislocation in any of these events because of law-and-order situation. Specific issues like communal harmony, left-wing, extremism or labour related issues, Odisha has been the best in handling all these issues. Growth and revenue generation are directly proportional to the law-and-order situation of the state. State is recording highest growth rates on

a continuous basis and State's revenue generation is increasing year after year. Odisha is progressing because it's a peaceful state. People are peace loving and he is proud of the people of Odisha. By accusing the state as Lawless Opposition is insulting the people of the state and doing injustice to the peace loving people of Odisha. In the tragic case of the murder of Naba Kishore Das, the only statement made so far is by me in front of this August House. No police officer or any other authority has briefed anyone including the media on the sensitive case so far. The investigation is still under progress and



within the time frame given by law for filing of charge sheet and the same would be done. Where did opposition find this point about the State Government saying that the accused person is mad or government trying to show that the accused person is mad? The entire investigation is being

monitored by a retired High Court judge appointed by the High Court itself. Even then, the opposition is accusing the State Government of hiding something in the investigation. This is deplorable and smacks of political opportunism. Police Stations are at the cutting-edge level

in the delivery of police services to the citizens. State Government is committed to further improve the functioning of the Police Stations in the state. Recently, Aska Police Station in Ganjam district has been adjudged as the best police station in India for the year 2022 which is a moment of great pride and honour for all of us. In order to augment the capacity of the State Police, 36 Police stations were recently created / upgraded. About 2200 Police Posts under various ranks have been recently created for further strengthening of Police Force. At present recruitment process is going on to fill up more than 6500 posts in Police, Prisons

and Fire service. Odisha Police has been regularly taking feedback from the public about transparency and quality of police services under "Mo Sarkar". The response from public has generally been very good. 5-T and Mo Sarkar initiatives launched by the State Government are such initiatives. It envisions a transformative governance for better delivery of public services. Keeping that in mind, under Mo Sarkar, we constantly take feedback from the Citizens. This is to inform the House that more than one crore calls have been made so far and actions have been taken for grievance redressal

and institutional transformation. To ensure timely and hassle-free delivery of public services, 566 services have been made online. State Government is persistently endeavoring to provide employment to maximum number of youths of the State. Recruitment examinations are conducted regularly. During 2022-23, more than 8000 candidates have been recommended by the OPSC, OSSC and OSSSC. During the year 2022, the State Vigilance continued its drive against corruption by public servants with very good results. It has registered 287 criminal cases against 557 persons including 60 Class-I Officers.

Heavy rain causes wall collapse, four injured

KENDRAPARA / BERHAMPUR / BALANGIR: Four members of a family sustained injuries after a wall of their thatched house caved in at Malipur village of Pattamundai block on Monday night due to heavy rainfall for the last four days in the district. Hemant Mallick (34), his wife Swarnalata (30), their three-year-old son and niece aged four, were admitted to the community health centre at Pattamundai for treatment. The showers have also left several areas of the district waterlogged. One of the worst-affected spots is the rehabilitation colony at Bagapatia in Rajnagar block where no concrete roads have yet been laid. The colony, inhabited by 4,000 people, remains waterlogged even with



little rainfall. The district administration had assured to build concrete roads in the colony five years back but nothing has yet been done in this regard, said Sahadev Rout, a resident of the colony. Waterlogging was also reported from Kendrapara town, Pattamundai, Rajnagar, Mahakalapada, Marsaghai and other areas. Executive officer of Kendrapara

municipality, Debaprasad Bal said, "We are clearing drains in the town to prevent waterlogging. Some potholes have developed due to the rains". In the seaside villages of Mahakalapada and Rajnagar blocks, extensive damage was caused to agricultural land due to breach in embankments. It is alleged that some prawn gheri owners have damaged the

embankments in the blocks to allow flow of saline water into their farms. However, the authorities are yet to act against them," rued Umesh Chandra Singh, a farmers' leader. In Berhampur city, sudden showers accompanied by wind threw normal life out of gear on Tuesday. The rain that brought respite for people inundated several parts of the city.

No For Awaas+ Re Survey

New Delhi: Once again turning down Odisha Government's request, the Centre said it doesn't have any proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Rural Development for opening of Awaas+ portal for Re-survey. Union Minister of State for Rural Development, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti informed this to Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Replying to a query of senior BJD MP Pinaki Mishra, MoS Niranjan Jyoti said The Awaas+ survey exercise was started under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana—Gramin (PMAY-G) in January 2018 with an initial deadline of 31 March, 2018 for the identification of eligible households during this exercise. Shrimati Jyoti said the Ministry has allowed synchronization of data from State developed Rural Housing Portal to National Awaas+ database of potentially



eligible households captured during the Awaas+ survey. However, she made it clear that the request for the opening of the Awaas+ portal for resurvey has not been acceded to for any state, since sufficient time had been given to all the States and Union Territories by way of multiple extensions, including Odisha State, where special windows

and even approval for synchronization were also granted. "Also, at present there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry for opening of Awaas+ portal for any State/UT for Re-survey," she added. Notably, the Odisha Government has been demanding the opening of Awaas+ portal for Odisha so that the data from State Rural Housing Portal can be migrated to the national portal. It may be noted that the Governing BJD has also staged protests over the issue several times across the State on this issue. The Centre had promised to give 15 lakh houses to the poor in Odisha but it has not kept its commitment. It has shown a biased attitude by closing the registration portal of PMAY in Odisha, a senior BJD leader said.



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Johnson & Johnson Vision's new campaign film #DekhteRehJaoge inspires India's youth to follow their passion

Bhubaneswar: Johnson & Johnson Vision India, a division of Johnson & Johnson Private Limited, recently launched its latest campaign #DekhteRehJaoge. The campaign stands out for featuring real users of ACUVUE® lenses and highlighting their experiences as they take on new challenges fearlessly and making their vision their very identity. The film gives a sneak peek into the lives of different ACUVUE® Contact Lens users on their journey to explore their creative freedom, encouraging the Gen Z and millennial audience

to keep hustling. It reflects ACUVUE®'s vision to influence consumers to be bold in owning up to their true personality. The quirky reimagining of the iconic song 'In aankhon ki masti' makes the film captivating, providing a compelling background to the narrative. ACUVUE® Contact Lenses are designed to offer clear vision with comfort and the confidence to go out and push boundaries instead of holding back.

Talking about the launch, Tiny Sengupta, Business Unit Director, Vision Care India, Johnson & Johnson

Vision adds, "Our aim at Johnson & Johnson Vision is to give India's youth a confident new perspective of looking at the world with the contact lenses that complement every aspect of their personality. We are excited to see these lenses be a part of our consumers' lives and break myths and apprehensions around contact lens usage. ACUVUE® is the #1 selling brand family of contact lenses worldwide* and through this campaign we want to encourage more people to go and fearlessly face the world with confidence. Contact lens

usage is still low in India. Our aim is to get more people to try our lenses, realize the ease and comfort of wearing them, and get hooked onto the confidence it builds! We are aiming to increase contact lens penetration in India and get new wearers into the category, simultaneously promoting eye health awareness".

Speaking about the importance of routine eye check-ups Ashok Pandian, Optometrist and Consultant-Professional Education & Development, Vision Care India, Johnson & Johnson Vision, adds, "Regular eye

examinations with an optometrist are important in ensuring good eye health. It is especially important now, given the current context of increased screen time as we continue to work from home. Another important consideration here is embracing contact lenses to address vision corrections or even to enhance one's looks. It can also improve all aspects of quality of life, including work, leisure and sports. Not to mention bolstering self-confidence. In addition to this, there are various myths surrounding the use of contact lenses.



Bokaro's Young social worker Afzal Khan met former President of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee, former MP from Jamshedpur and National Spokesperson of Congress Party Former IPS officer Dr. Ajay Kumar and apprised him about the Civic problems of Bokaro

Vedanta Aluminium recycles 12.5 billion litres of water in FY23

On World Water Day, recommits to becoming Net Water Positive by 2030

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium Business, India's largest producer of aluminium, has recycled 12.5 billion litres of water as of February during FY 2022-23. On World Water Day, the company has also undertaken the groundbreaking ceremony of a new Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with a processing capacity of 440 kilo litres per day (KLD), at its mega aluminium smelter in Jharsuguda. Once operational, the treated water from the facility will be reused within the plant premises, reducing fresh water consumption by 15 crore litres per year. This reiterates the company's commitment to become Net Water Positive within the decade, leveraging advanced technologies for efficient water utilisation and community participation towards building a sustainable water footprint. Vedanta Aluminium's water sustainability efforts are aligned to the 6th UN Sustainable Development Goal of 'Clean Water and Sanitation'. In the week leading up to

Pond cleanup drive at Similibhata pond, Lanjigarh



World Water Day, Vedanta Aluminium organized an interactive session with Ramveer Tanwar, popularly known as the Pond Man of India and a noted pond conservationist, to encourage employees and community members to work towards water conservation in their personal and professional capacities. Desilting and restoration activities of several waterbodies were also undertaken at its operations in Kalahandi and Jharsuguda districts, Odisha and in Korba, Chhattisgarh, with the active participation of employee volunteers and professional experts. Further, the company organized community marches and street plays at local educational institutions to spread increased awareness of the need to conserve water. Speaking about the program, Mr. Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business, said, "On World Water Day, we recommit to our mission of becoming Net Water Positive and ensuring a sustainable water footprint in the regions where we operate. The quality of our lives and business sustainability is contingent on the planet and hence, excellence in ESG (Environment, Social & Governance) forms the bedrock of our aspirations. Water is a critical shared resource that is crucial to sustaining the ecology and communities around us, and hence, our endeavours are aimed at ensuring the sustainability of our operations and making more water available for local communities and biodiversity." Commenting on the impact of the new STP project, Mr. Ajay Pandey, COO - Power, Vedanta Jharsuguda, said "Our operations maintain a laser-focus on ensuring the judicious usage of precious water resources. By deploying a strategic mix of resource conservation and source rejuvenation programs, we have been successful in achieving a steady improvement in our water management efforts. The new Sewage Treatment Plant provides an additional fillip to our efforts in this regard and will help accelerate our roadmap to water positivity."

The rise of flexibility in health insurance with modular products

Mumbai: India is a diverse country, with different people demanding different outcomes from the same product. The insurance landscape is constantly transforming to cater to these evolving demands. The health insurance industry, which traditionally followed a standard approach to products, is also reinventing itself by innovating as per dynamic consumer needs. Keeping customer-centricity as the focal point, health insurance companies are now designing flexible modular products that allow policyholders to financially secure themselves against towering medical inflation. Siddhartha Singhal,

Business Head- Health Insurance, PolicyBazaar.Com: "New-age modular health insurance plans give insurers the freedom to devise their products according to personalised needs. This is especially valuable when policyholders may not need or want a traditional plan; rather, they want to go for customised offerings that a single plan can incorporate. Moreover, the flexible approach also enables policyholders to make their premium more cost-effective, thereby making health plans more accessible. With rising healthcare costs, the importance of high sum insured cannot be emphasized upon enough. It's always

advisable to go for a plan that at least offers Rs 50 lakh to 1 crore coverage. There are also plans that come with coverage as high as Rs 5 crore and provide the policyholder with an additional 30% of the sum insured on this high coverage. This makes sure that you are always covered, no matter the medical emergency". This is a stellar feature for senior citizens, as waiting period often comes as a pain point when they need medical attention. For instance, the waiting period of 3 to 4 years in a policy can now be brought down to 1-2 years or less in certain policies. In addition, some plans also reduce the waiting period for specific illnesses like diabetes and hypertension

by covering them from day one. This is an enhanced version of the no-claims bonus. While under NCB, one gets rewarded with a discount for not making any claims during the policy year, in cumulative bonus, a certain percentage of the sum insured gets added to your cover every year even if you make a claim. In some plans, the bonus goes as high as 50% to even 100% every year at a reasonable cost. Also, a few plans even offer 5x, 6x or upto 10x of base sum insured. Customers can choose any option and make their coverage as high as they want. There are critical illnesses that may require advanced treatment overseas. In this case, global health insurance

comes to your rescue where you are not bound by geographical boundaries or expenses and opt for the best course of treatment. These plans cover both emergency treatments as well as planned hospitalisations. OPD or out-patient department expenses make up about 70% of healthcare expenses in India. Fortunately, OPD as a category has started getting more traction in India in the past few years. The insurance industry has evolved to make OPD coverage more accessible through health insurance plans. Not everyone needs only large hospitalisation bills covered. So now, one no longer needs to be hospitalised in order to make a claim.

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ICC ODI World Cup 2023: Tournament To Run Between October 5 And November 19

New Delhi: India will be hosts of ICC ODI World Cup 2023 and the tournament is all set to get underway from October 5 this year. The final of the ODI World Cup, the first in India after the historic triumph in 2011 will take place on November 19 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

Apart from Ahmedabad, the shortlist of host cities comprises of Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Dharamsala, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Indore, Rajkot and Mumbai, according to ESPNcricinfo website. In all the tournament will comprise 48 matches including three knockouts across the 46-day duration.

for the final, the BCCI have not specified venues for any games as yet or the two or three cities where teams will play the warm-ups ahead of the World Cup. The delay in finalising the venues is due to the complications posed by the monsoon season receding in different parts of India.

"The ICC usually announces World Cup schedules at least a year in advance, but this time it has also been waiting for the BCCI to get the necessary clearances from the Indian government. This includes two key issues: getting a tax exemption for the tournament, and visa clearance for the Pakistan team, which has not played in India except at ICC events since early 2013," the ESPNcricinfo report read.

Women's World Boxing Championship: Nikhat Zareen, Nitu Ghanghas and Manisha Moun Advance To Quarterfinals

New Delhi: Indian boxers Nikhat Zareen, Nitu Ghanghas and Manisha Moun extended their dazzling show at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships to progress into the quarter-finals, with dominating victories at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi on Tuesday. The defending champion, Nikhat outpunched Mexican pugilist Fatima Herrera comfortably by unanimous decision in the 50kg pre-quarterfinals. The Indian made an aggressive star, launching an attack from the word go, exhibiting quick movement. Herrera tried her best to shift the momentum in her

favour but Nikhat's relentless attack proved too strong. Nikhat will be up against the Thai boxer Chuthamat Rakshat in the quarter-finals. "I played this boxer in the last World Championships too and had won. She was a little tougher today than last time. My weight category has changed from 52 to 50kg and my speed has increased but I still have to work on some things. I am happy that I played well today. Each player that I have played till now was tough," Nikhat was quoted as saying in a release by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) after the match. Meanwhile, Nitu (48kg) and Manisha provided hosts with a perfect



start as they recorded commanding Referee Stops Contest (RSC) wins in their respective matches.

Nitu, the 2022 Commonwealth Games champion, made a cautious start but took less than six minutes to force the referees to end the contest against Tajikistan's Sumaiya Qosimova. Manisha

and Turkey's Nur Turhan exchanged heavy punches during an intense 57kg match. However, Manisha, who won bronze in the last edition, quickly moved through the gears to take charge before completing a convincing victory in the end. She will next take on French pugilist Amina Zidani in the

quarter-finals whereas Nitu will face Japan's Madoka Wada of Japan. Meanwhile, it was heartbreak for Shashi Chopra (63kg) who gave it her all but went down fighting 0-4 to Japan's Mai Kito.

Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), Sakshi Choudhary (52kg), Nupur Sheoran (+81kg) and Saweety Boora (81kg) are the other Indian boxers who have already secured their places in the quarter-finals.

The quarter-finals will be played on Wednesday at the prestigious event, which is seeing participation of 324 boxers, including several Olympic medallists, from 65 countries fighting for

titles in the 12 weight categories. Two more Indian pugilists-- Jaismine (60kg) and Manju Bamboriya (66kg) -- will also be in action in the pre-quarterfinals later on Tuesday night.

In a major upset, Venezuela's Omaylyn Alcala stunned former world champion and Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Nesthy Petecio of Philippines with a thrilling 4-3 victory in a hard-fought 57kg contest.

Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Irma Testa (57kg) had an easy outing as she continued her winning momentum with a comfortable 5-0 victory against Vietnam's Hao Nguyen Thi in the 57kg Last-16 match.

Surya is learning the 50-over game: Dravid

New Delhi: Rahul Dravid allayed concerns around India's batting in the ongoing ODI series against Australia, and threw his weight behind Suryakumar Yadav, who has got two first-ball ducks so far as Shreyas Iyer's replacement at the crucial No.4 position. Dravid vouched for a show of patience for Suryakumar, a day after Rohit Sharma reiterated his captaincy philosophy of rewarding potential with long rope.

"Obviously, it's unfortunate for Shreyas to get injured - he's one of those guys we think will bat for us at No.4 and he has been given a lot of time in that position. Not really concerned so much about Suryakumar. You have got two first-ballers against two pretty good balls," Dravid said of the



two Starc deliveries - at 145 and 144 kmph - that came with Suryakumar's name on it in Mumbai and Vizag.

Heading into the ODI series against Australia last week, there was a glaring lopsidedness to the batting numbers of Suryakumar. In the 13 years since making his

List A and T20 debuts, the Mumbai batter has played nearly double the number of games in the shortest format - 242 to 124, with 123 of them at high-octane in the IPL - a numbers disparity not lost on Dravid.

"One of the things about Surya is he is also learning the 50-over

game a little bit. The T20 game is slightly different. Even though you hadn't played for India for a long time, in T20 cricket, he played nearly 10 years of IPL - a tournament which is like international cricket."

Suryakumar's phenomenal T20 game

has been built brick by brick from his experiences at the IPL, while there hasn't quite been a 50-over equivalent for him to make that kind of steady progress. Even at the international level, Suryakumar has played more than twice the number of T20Is than ODIs [48 to 22].

"He has played a lot of high-pressure T20 games but in one-day cricket, there's no equivalent tournament in domestic cricket, you'll have to play Vijay Hazare and all that. Even though he has played a lot of T20 cricket, I think he has not played a lot of one-day cricket. We just need to give him some time and be patient with him. We certainly see the upside of him doing well, which is very good for the side," Dravid said.

Nabi recalled for Pakistan T20Is

New Delhi: Afghanistan have recalled veteran allrounder and former captain Mohammad Nabi for the upcoming three-match T20I series against Pakistan, the PCB confirmed on Tuesday (March 21). Nabi had resigned as Afghanistan captain last year after the T20 World Cup and was also left out of the squad for the series against UAE last month. Doubts were cast over his international future back then given his age but the 38-year-old allrounder has now been recalled for the series that is set to be played on March 24, 26 and 27 in Sharjah. The selectors have dropped opener Hazratullah Zazai and Rahmat Shah for this series and have included uncapped opener Sediquallah Atal. Nijat Masoud



and Zahir Khan, who were a part of the squad that played against UAE, are present in the reserves this time alongside Nangyal Karoti.

"Our team has been working hard in training camp and selectors have selected the best available players for the series," PCB CEO Mr. Naseeb Khan said. "I am confident that our team will perform at their best and make our nation proud. We wish our team the best of luck for the series and

hope to see them emerge victorious.

"In addition, we look forward to an exciting competition between two great teams. Both nations have passionate fans who support their teams with enthusiasm and pride. As neighbors, we have a special bond and we hope to showcase not only our cricketing skills but also the spirit of friendship and sportsmanship," he further added.

Squad: Rashid Khan (C), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (WK), Ibrahim Zadran, Usman Ghani, Sediquallah Atal, Najibullah Zadran, Afsar Zazai, Karim Janat, Mohammad Nabi, Azmatullah Omarzai, Gulbadin Naib, Sharafuddin Ashraf, Noor Ahmad, Mujeeb Ur Rehman, Fareed Ahmad, Fazal Haq Farooqi and Naveen Ul Haq

Afif, Shoriful excluded from squad for final Ireland ODI

Dhaka: Bangladesh batsman Afif Hossain has got a reality check in the form of his exclusion from the squad for the deciding third ODI against Ireland at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium on March 23. Along with Afif, the team management also released pacer Shoriful Islam to take part in the ongoing Dhaka Premier League for their respective teams and work on their 50-over game. The exclusion of Afif from the ODI squad for the Ireland game came on the back of his exclusion from the last T20I game against England that brought about the end of his long rope in the shortest format. Afif was part of all the 66 T20Is that Bangladesh played since his debut before missing the last game

against England due to bad form. He currently holds the record of playing maximum number of T20Is on a trot for Bangladesh, going past Mahmudullah tally of 54 consecutive T20Is from November 15, 2015 to March 30, 2021.

The arrival of Towhid Hridoy in the scene and Shakib's demotion down the order across white-ball formats also had an impact, as Afif failed at the top of the order in the shortest format. At the moment, the management seems more interested in seeing Yasir Ali as the finisher in ODIs - the role previously held by Afif.

A member of the national selection committee confirmed Afif Hossain has left the team after being excluded from the ODI squad.



"Yes, he's headed back to Dhaka. The squad has been reduced to 14 members from 15," said a member of the selection panel. "There is no specific reason for his exclusion apart from the fact his

chances of being in the eleven are slim." "We wanted to have a 14-member squad initially and since we don't have injury concerns he has been sent back to play there in the DPL."

It was reported in Prothom Alo, Bangladesh's leading Bengali daily, that Afif did not shy away from showing his disappointment to head coach Chandika Hathurusingha after

the last T20I against England at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on March 14. Hathurusingha ahead of the ODI series against Ireland told the media that the left-handed batsman needed to regain his form in order to earn back his place in the white-ball format. "Afif didn't have the best series that he wished for, and we wanted to see. He has to get back to his best form that he has shown before," Hathurusingha told reporters while explaining his stand on Afif, who scored 542 runs in 25 games, averaging 31.88 with a strike rate of 88.13 that included three half-centuries.

However, along the way, he showed potential to play at number seven in the

ODI format. The southpaw made his case for a batting promotion following brilliant half-century against South Africa at Wanderers in 2021-22. Afif was at his best in the ODI during his match-winning knock against Afghanistan ahead of their tour of South Africa when he literally won the game single handedly against Afghanistan with his unbeaten 93 against one of the best spin bowling attack of the world.

In the cricket fraternity of Bangladesh, many believe that being a left-handed batsman had gone against him as far as getting promoted in the batting order is concerned, given that the team management is always looking for a right-handed

middle-order batsman, given the plethora of left-handed batsmen in the toporder.

Towhid Hridoy grabbed his chance with both hands on his debut series against Ireland only to make his case stronger, and to some extent, difficult for Afif and his only way out is making runs to force his way back into the side.

Bangladesh squad for 3rd and final ODI: Tamim Iqbal (Captain), Liton Das, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Yasir Ali Chowdhury, Towhid Hridoy, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Nasum Ahmed, Taskin Ahmed, Ebadot Hossain Chowdhury, Mustafizur Rahman, Hasan Mahmud, Rony Talukdar.