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PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO VISIT WEST BENGAL **FROM MARCH 27 TO 28**

New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu will visit West Bengal from March 27 to 28, 2023. On March 27, 2023, the President will visit Netaji Bhawan in Kolkata to pay homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Subsequently, she will Jorasanko visit

Thakurbari Rabindranath Tagore's House to pay tributes to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. On the same evening, the President will attend a civic reception to be hosted in her honour at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata. On March 28, 2023, the President will visit Belur Math. She will also grace the celebration of completion of 80 years of UCO Bank in Kolkata. Later, the President will visit Santiniketan where she will grace the annual convocation of Visva-Bharati.

Odisha CM Inaugurates Projects Worth Rs 2000 Crores In Ganjam

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen today Patnaik inaugurated various projects worth Rs 2000 crores in Chhatrapur, Hinjili, and Kabisuryanagar areas of Ganjam district.

Projects worth Rs 1000 crores were inaugurated Chhatrapur, Rs 590 crores in Hinjili, and more than Rs 316 crores Kabisuryanagar.

The Chief Minister has distributed nearly 20,000 land pattas to the people in Ganjam district. Chhatrapur, 3,500 pattas distributed, 4,500 in Hinjili, and more than 11,000 pattas were given Kabisuryanagar. Addressing



sought the cooperation of people towards making Ganjam the number one district of the country.

The Chief Minister said that the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana and the transformation of five schools are the state the government's two He pledged to convert Addressing the huge the CM said.

achievements.

Through the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, 50,000 people in Ganjam district are receiving medical facilities, and for this, the state government has spent more than Rs 190 crores, said the Chief Minister.

gathering, the CM m i l e s t o n e all schools in the district to high schools by December.

He announced to provide Rs 619 crore loan with zero percent interest to 2.24 lakh women of 22,200 Self Help Groups. He handed over RoR to 12,000 beneficiaries in Kabisuryanagar.

gathering during the programme, Patnaik said, "women SHGs of Ganjam district have been working for development of their localities. I want them to transformed from SHGs to SMEs." "The Ganjam district

has set milestone in healthcare education sectors. So 50,000 far, beneficiaries have been benefited from Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana in Ganjam district for which the state government has spent over Rs 90 crore. Similarly, the high schools in the district have been transformed under 5T initiative. All schools will be transformed in the district by December this year,"

Nikhat Zareen Clinches Gold In Women's World Boxing Championships



New Delhi: India's boxing sensation Nikhat Zareen defeated Nguyen Thi Tam of Vietnam 5-0 in the final to win her second Women's World Championships gold medal, here on Sunday.

Nikhat started her bout in attacking mode. She didn't let Thi Tam to settle and landed a rally of punches to win the first round 5-0.

The second round also went in favour of the Indian. Third round was a tough one, as Thi Tam gave her all but she was given a count when Nikhay punched her on her face. Thi Tam, too, managed to land one punch on Nikhat which stunned the entire stadium. The referee gave a count to Nikhat. The match continued and the Indian proved a little ahead in the round and was declared winner.

Devkund Awaits 5T Care Odisha Excise Bags eGov Award

"When Baripada: Secretary to CM V K Pandian issues an order it is implemented then and there. So we are for waiting Development Plan for one of the foremost tourist attractions of Mayurbhanj-Devkund", said Chief Priest of the Hilltop Shrine.

In fact State Government has planned to develop Devkund as a major Tourist Center, thanks to the initiative of V K Pandian, Secretary to CM.Secretary to Chief Minister VK Pandian visited Devkund on 2 March. ACS Tourism Surendra Kumar was also present. They discussed with the officials and local public regarding development natural wonders and of Devkund as a major tourist attraction.

Then Shri Pandian asked District Administration to consult with stakeholders and send a of Baripada and 85 km proposal to Tourism



Department redevelopment.

The State Government is taking up redevelopment of major heritage tourism sites of the state under its transformation program.A trip to Devkund laced with rustic beauty makes it a must-visit location and perfect for a weekend gateway.

Devkund is situated at 60 all km from the main town from Balasore district.

for Devkund is going through in Udala Sub Division of Mayurbhani District. It is a natural beauty of Odisha and Similipal National park is near it. There are five huge ponds in Devkund, Devkund Devikund Haridrakund Tailakund and Bhudarkunda.

Devkund means the 'Bathtub' of Gods and Goddesses is a natural spring with constant flow of freshwater fed by flow from top of the Similipal Hill Ranges.

So this place is very important for Hindu culture peoples, as they believe that it the bathing place of their Gods and Goddess, so by touching this water they get blessings of their God and Goddess.

Trinity Mata Kurkulla Devi of Kusan Age, Mata Tripurasundari and Mata Bhagamalini worshiped here since time immemorial. And it is known as a place of sacred tantric practices, where Left Foot and Yoni

of Mata is worshiped as Maa Ambika. "This is 51th Tantra

Pitha and Maa Ambika is worshiped like Mata Kamakshya Devi here. Here also Annual Menstruation of the Goddess is celebrated during Raja Utsav", said Bibhuti Bhushan Padhi, who is the Chief Priest of the Maa Ambika Temple since last 20 years.

Earlier his father Rabindranath Padhi of 80 years age was the Chief Priest and now living in Govindpur, a nearby village at

Devkund. He at the age of 80 walks down the entire stretch with ease, thanks to the Blessings of Maa Ambika.Similarly Mata Barahi Devi is and Satarudra Mahadev with 100 Lingas is being worshiped. Way back in 1956 Mayurbhanj Maharaja Prafulla Chandra Bhanj Deo erected the temple for Maa Ambika.

10 Cyclones In 12 Yrs; Eroding Coastline: Odisha Impacted By Climate Change

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha has been facing severe impact of climate change in the past few years. Apart from being battered by frequent tropical cyclones and floods, the state has been witnessing sea erosion in six coastal districts.

Odisha has six coastal districts — Balasore, Bhadrak, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and Puri. The state has faced at least 16 natural including 10 cyclones in the past 12 years.

According to official data, out of about 480 km of Odisha coast line, 267



km has witnessed sea coastal districts faced erosion or accretion.

Applications Centre (ORSAC) has conducted disasters, a DGPS survey based on 2006-2018 satellite image on coastal areas spreading over 3,555 sq.km. The survey found that 2,489 hectare of land in the six Kendrapara district

erosion while there was The Odisha Space accretion in 1,582 hectare of land in the shoreline. In total, 4,069 hectares of land in the Odisha shoreline faced either accretion or erosion during the period. Highest 1,058 hectare land in

Balasore district (920 ha), Jagatsinghpur (679 ha), Bhadrak (543 ha), Puri (540 ha) and Ganjam (327 ha).

worst sea erosion district of Odisha as 16 villages of the district had already been submerged in sea water and 247 people faced displacement due to the rise in sea level.

Similarly, two villages of Ganjam district have also sea-level. Some locals of erosion-hit Podampetta of the district had already or there is a possibility.

witnessed accretion and been displaced. The erosion, followed by Odisha government has prepared a shoreline management plan for the Integrated Coastal Zone Management project.

As per the plan, Kendrapara district is the Satabhaya area of Kendrapara district, Talasahi, Udayapur, the northern side Budhabalanga Balasore, Paradip port

area of Jagatsinghpur, the bank of Jamuna, the beach areas of Puri, and the northern part of affected due to the rise in Gopalpur port, the north of Bahuda river in Ganjam have either and Ramayapatna village witnessed coastal erosion



in it iative of State Excise. Digital Initiative.

Odisha is the Special Governance Computer Society of initiatives. India presented in a ceremony, sending Ashish Kumar Singh, Commissioner Excise to Cloud 9.

initiatives, Odisha Excise has received several awards including Digital India Gold and Skoch Award.

Initiatives 5T implemented Department of Excise Those are e-Lottery, has resulted in better results and gaining recognition at National Level, which was never received earlier.

Top Cop Ashish Kumar Singh Excise Commissioner, Odisha and Nihar Ranjan excise shops etc. as on Biswal, Senior Technical Director, NIC, Bhubaneswar received 20thComputer Society of eliminating physical

New Delhi: Odisha India, Special Interest Excise has once again Group on e-Governance gained recognition at Awardon behalf of National Level thanks to Department of Excise for its 5T innovative eAbkari computerization

implementation. The Shri Singh and Shri Department of Excise of Biswal received honor Government of Odisha from an eminent panel of has been honored at jurist consisting of National Level for its scientist and technocrats of the Computer Society Latest Honor for Excise of India. The Award has been presented to Interest Group on e- Department of Excise for by computerization and IT

It is pertinent to mention that in tune with 5T initiatives Government of Odisha, Excise Department has Due to his proactive switched over to the digital work place "eAbkari" with the technical support of NIC 2019-20 since developing and implementing more than in 40online modules.

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This has led to proper

monitoring

strengthening enforcement activities, curbing of illicit & spurious liquor, timely service delivery at different levels, proper supply management with regulation of production and manufacture and above all, change of public perception and transformation in the Department of Excise. Odisha Department has bagged two more prestigious award at national level besides the above award. Digital India Gold Awardfor digital initiatives for ease of doing business through eAbkari.Sushil Kumar Principal Lohani, Secretary Excise, Ashish Kumar Singh, Excise Commissioner received the award for from President of India on 7

Department honoured with SKOCH Group Silver Award for the ICT Intervention in the Department at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 25 December,

February.

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CCL conducts Coal India Maraton with Grandeur and magnificence

Sambalppur: The first Morabadi and after going edition of the Coal India Marathon organized by Coalfields Limited on 26/03/2023 under the aegis of Coal India Limited was a grand success. About 5500 athletes from across the country participated in the mega event conducted in four categories: 42 km full marathon, 21km half marathon, 10 km run and a 5 km run. This was the first officially registered marathon of Jharkhand in which various bureaucrats, defence force personnel and people from all walks of life participated. There 8.30 am. The run was were separate categories for women and men. The Pramod runners started the Chairman Coal India marathon from Birsa Limited in the presence

though Kanke and Pithoria finally returned to the Birsa Munda Stadium. The total prize money for the event was Rs 29.70 Lakhs. Which was distributed in different categories. The winner of 42 km got Rs 3 Lakhs while the half marathon winner in both categories netted Rs 2 Lakh. The winner of the 10 km run got Rs 1 Lakh. The full marathon race commenced at 4.30 am and the half marathon race commenced at 4.55 am. The 10 km race started at 5.30 am while the 5 km race began at flagged off by Shri Agrawal, stadium, of Principal Secretary

(Revenue) K.K.Soan, Padmashri Jyotirmoyee Sikdar, Padma Shri Shiny Wilson Padma Shree, Ms Premlata Agarwal CMD CCL Shri P.M. Prasad, CMD, CMPDIL Shri Manoj Kumar, Director (Pers), CIL Shri Vinay Ranjan, Director Technical/Operations Sri Ram Baboo Prasad, Director (Personnel) Sri Harsh Nath Mishra, Director(Finance) Sri PK Mishra, Director(P&P) Sri B. Sairam, CVO CCL Shri Pankaj Kumar, Director (Pers), NCL Shri Manish Kumar Director, (Pers) ECL Smt. Ahuti Swain, Dir (Pers) BCCL Shri Shri M.K. Ramaiah, Abu Bakr Siddiqui IAS and subsidiary other companies of Coal India



Limited. The families of the dignitaries also graced the occasion. There was a sense of jubilation in the air, which was amplified by the loud music, LED screens where the event was streaming live and the amazing arrangement of the organizers. The runners braved the early morning chill to participate in the event and complete the run. The arrangements for the

marathon included facilities like a medical point, hydration point, entertainment programs and energy stations. Enthusiasm electrifying when this group of some of the best runners in the country were enjoying the scenic beauty of Ranchi while competing with each other. Chairman CIL Shri Pramod Agrawal stated Coal India Limited is organizing this event to

Shri P.M. Prasad said that such events will foster a spirit of sportsmanship, camaraderie amongst the people and the company will continue organizing such events in future. Dir (Pers), CIL Shri Vinay Ranjan expressed his delight at the successful completion of the event. Rajya Sabha MP Shri Aditya Sahu and MLA Kanke Shri Samri Lal also graced the occasion. Padma Shree Awardees Jyotirmoyee Sikdar, Padma Shri Shiny Wilson Padma Shree Ms Premlata Agarwal also congratulated organizers

the importance of the event and hoped that physical fitness amongst such events will the public. CMD, CCL encourage a new generation of runners in Jharkhand who will make the state and country proud. Various eminent sports personalities like Shri Harbans Singh Suri, who competed in the marathon at the 1964 Olympics, along with former Indian captain Shri Dilip Vengsarkar, and cricketer Shri Ashok Malhotra, have also encouraged the public to participate in the marathon and expressed their delight that the Marathon was being organized in Ranchi. The Athletic federation of India provided the technical support for the event. The runners who

create awareness about successfully conducting came from different parts of the country were extremely happy with the facilities provided during the marathon and said that Coal India should keep on organizing such events in the future also. The top rank in the Full Marathon men's 42 km category was secured by Shri Arjun Tudu hailing from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand who clocked a time of 2 Hr twenty-five minutes and fifty-four seconds while Shri Anil Kumar Singh an army personal stood second. In the female category of the full marathon, Ms Sonika Sonika from Haryana was first and she completed the run in 2 Hrs forty-five minutes and eight seconds, while Ms Tamsi Singh secured the second position.

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Three Day International Conference on "Pravasi Odia Sahitya" concluded at Central University of Odisha

Karaput: The three-day **International Conference** "Pravasi Odia Literature" started on 23.03.2023 and was concluded on 25 March 2023 at the Sunabeda campus of the Central University of Odisha organized by the Department of Odia Language and Literature. valedictory programme was presided by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi. Former Minister and Jagannath culturist Shri Prasad Harichandan attended the conference as the Chief Speaker. Stating that the subject is relevant, he opined that the life of the nation can be developed only language and culture of conferences, collecting

the migrants. In this context, he proposed seven-point programmes such as reservation of space for migrants in magazines, provision of awards, the inclusion of migrant literature in textbooks, establishment of eschools for migrant children, partnerships with non-resident Odia the organizations,

Pothis (old manuscripts) neighbouring countries, etc. Along with students, research scholars, and faculty members Prof. N.C. Panda, the Dean, of the School of Languages was present on the occasion.

President of Odia Sahitya Akademi and poet Hrishikesh Mallik, storyteller Kripasagar improvement of the organizing Pravasi Odia Sahu, Professor Santosh discussion. Tripathi, playwright

Subodh Patnaik, satirist Laxmikant Tripathi, translator Bijay Kumar Pradhan, critic Khirod Kumar Behera were present in the morning session. Jayshree Nanda from England, Sunanda Mishra from Canada, Lambodar Hota from Kenya, Bibhuti Bhusan Mohapatra from Toronto and Monika Das from Delhi participated in the



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Vedanta Aluminium Organises **Blood Donation Camp at Lanjigarh**

Bhubaneswar: Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, India's premier producer of metallurgical grade alumina, organized a voluntary blood donation camp at its Occupational Health Centre at Lanjigarh operations in association with Odisha Blood Center, Kalahandi District. Employees, families and business partners of Vedanta Aluminium joined in the blood donation camp, and over 200 units of blood were donated to Odisha Blood Center, Kalahandi. This is the highest amount of blood V e d a n t a Aluminium, Lanjigarh has ever collected in a single blood donation camp.

With the aim to increase awareness about the importance of blood donation, especially among youngsters, the camp witnessed a huge participation from people. In FY23, Vedanta Aluminium contributed more than 500 units of blood to support local blood banks in and around Lanjigarh through employee volunteerism.



Speaking about Vedanta Aluminium's blood donation camp, Mr. GG Pal, Dy. CEO – Alumina Business, Vedanta Ltd., said, "At Vedanta Aluminium, community health is one of the most important pillars of our social endeavours. Blood donation is humanitarian act that is critical to saving lives and we are glad to play our humble part in this endeavour. İt gives us immense pleasure to see our employees, business partners, and their families come forward in such big numbers to make this initiative a success. We will continue to elevate our interventions towards healthcare, sustainable livelihood, quality education, skill

development

women's empowerment

and

to bring socio-economic growth in the lives of local communities."

Vedanta Aluminium offers a diverse range of basic and specialized health services in Odisha and Chhattisgarh, both within and near its operational areas. These services include:

The Vedanta Hospital at Lanjigarh is a 20-bed multi-specialty medical facility at Lanjigarh, well equipped with doctors, physiotherapists and visiting specialists, and 24X7 ambulance service for referrals.

Kalahandi has witnessed a decrease in the prevalence of malaria due to awareness campaigns run by Vedanta and free of cost health services rendered by the Vedanta Hospital. Over 60,000

people visit the Vedanta Hospital at Lanjigarh every year.

The BALCO Medical Centre (BMC) is a stateof-the-art multimodality cancer diagnostic and therapeutic facility hospital in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. It is the largest cancer hospital of its kind in eastern and central Indiaand is critical in bridging the cancer treatment gap in eastern India. The hospital is sought-after for its advanced medical care facilities, renowned oncologists, compassionate care to patients.

The company operates Mobile Health Units in its areas of operation, providing basic healthcare services to more than 55,000 people in remote villages.

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Vijay Deverakonda's Messy Look Rules The Hearts Of Indian Women

attractive and endearing performers in the Indian film industry is Vijay Deverakonda. The South entertainment industry was where the superstar began his career many years ago, and yes, Vijay's journey has been quite an eventful one. achieving Before enormous recognition and acclaim, he appeared in quite a few films in the South, but without a shadow of a doubt, 'Arjun Reddy' was his most ground-breaking work. The film was such a tremendous success that it was recreated in Hindi with Shahid Kapoor playing "Kabir his audiences. Singh" in addition to



numerous languages. The actor soon made his Bollywood debut with Liger and with that he has set the bar high for

being released in Vijay Deverakonda is fascinated by his

Nushrratt Bharuccha, Soha Ali

The makers of Nushrratt Bharuccha and Soha Ali Khan

Khan Wrap Up Chhorii 2 Shoot

Chor Nikal Ke Bhaaga

Audience Review: Fans

Floored By Yami

Gautam's Performance

Actress Yami Gautam

Dhar is picking some

great stories on the reel.

The actress's 4th film

released within a span of

just 1 year is already

looking like a hit with

such great reviews

coming in from the

critics as well as the

audience on its first day

itself. She has delivered

performance in her latest

release Chor Nikal Ke

Bhaaga and fans are

After films like, 'A

Thursday', 'Dasvi' and

'Lost' within this one

year, she has now

released 'Chor Nikal Ke

Bhaaga' where she

played a very layered

character with different

shades to it and what is

winning the audience

over more than anything is that she has

established her faith in

them with the previous

few films. And now she

has only been proving

that every time Yami is

in a project it is going to

be something interesting

for sure as she has been

known to have an eye for

quality.

loving it.

impressive

highly adored as an actor and superstar, one significant aspect of him is his attractiveness, which makes him very popular with girls around In addition to the fact that the nation. Every girl was

swagger and his unruly hair, so it's no surprise that they all developed real crushes on him. With his long hair, which is popular among girls, Vijay Deverakonda has taken on some of his

to Instagram, Soha shared a fun video with Nushrratt and captioned it, "2 chhoriis very happy to wrap chhorii 2."

In the video, the actors are seen jumping and hugging in excitement. Soon after they dropped the video, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons. Helmed by Vishal Furia 'Chhorii' streamed exclusively on the OTT platform Amazon Prime Video and received positive responses from the audience.

Nushrratt, who will return to play the role of the protagonist in the sequel of the film, Sakshi, earlier said, "I am over the moon with the amazing reactions and success that Chhorii has met with! Chhorii was a significant departure from the work I had previously been a part of and to see the risk being rewarded is such a great feeling. Chhorii is a passion project for all of us and I cannot wait to engage with Vishal and the team as we take the story forward with Chhorii 2."

The official release date of the film is still awaited. Apart from this, she also has dramathriller 'Akelli' in her kitty. Shot in Iraq, the film revolves around how a person realizes her own capabilities in adverse situations like being trapped in the desert land.

'Akelli' is helmed by Pranay Meshram, who has worked as an associate director for various projects and will mark his debut as a director with this film. The film is produced by Dashami Studioz` Nitin Vaidya, Ninad Vaidya, Aparna Padgaonkar along with Vicky Sidana and Shashant Shah.

most attractive personas. Here are some looks that The actor is irresistible to

you simply can't get over The actor's unkempt hair and pastel shirt gave off a pleasant vibe. His innate attractiveness was enhanced by his messy sophisticated appearance. The actor's tousled hair and tailored black shirt make him look even more desirable. His appeal is only increased by his effortlessly fashionable appearance.

The actor's long, unruly hair fell past his shoulders, giving him a rustic charm. His toned physique highlighted by the way his beige sweater hugged his physique, giving him an irresistibly sexy many girls because of his talent as well as his attractiveness, endearing character, and on-screen presence. He has the power to win the hearts of girls, captivating them with his performances and leaving a lasting impression on them, whether it be through his rugged attractiveness or suave demeanor. The actor truly is a sensation among the girls. As they are seen drooling and crushing hard over his looks. And they simply can't stop themselves. On the work front, the actor will be seen in Kushi alongside Prabhu's, Samantha untitled, directed by Geetha Govindam and VD13.

Alaya F-Karan Mehta's Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat Set For OTT Release



'Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat' will start streaming on Netflix from March 31. Starring Alaya F and newcomer Karan Mehta, the musical romantic drama received mixed reviews upon its release in theatres in February.

Kashyap shared the news of the film's OTT release in a post on Instagram.

"It's finally time to first Netflix and then chill #AlmostPyaar streaming on Netflix from March 31st! #AlmostPyaarOnNetflix," the director wrote. 'Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat' is backed by Zee Studios and Kashyap's Good Bad Films. The movie had its world premiere at the Marrakech Film Festival

starrer 'Chhorii 2' have called a wrap to the shoot. Taking Did Ranbir Kapoor meet Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal at Karan Johar's 50th birthday bash?



birthday bash was nothing less than an award night. From Salman Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir Khan to Anushka Sharma, Ranbir Kapoor, Katrina

Roshan and others were and Ranbir. seen putting their best fashion foot forward for the big night. While it was surely a starry affair,

Karan Johar's 50th Kaif, Aishwarya Rai a lot of exes under one Bachchan, Hrithik roof including Katrina Katrina entered the

party with her husband Vicky Kaushal in style. The duo looked stylish in KJo's party also brought their chic and classy

outfits. On the other The report says that they hand, Ranbir came with share a good friendship his mother Neetu and there was no Kapoor since his wife uncomfortable Alia Bhatt is currently embarrassing situation at busy shooting for her the party. Even Katrina Hollywood debut film.

According Ranbir and Katrina were industry. busy with their respective friends at the surfaced on social media party. The report soon after the party in busy with his mom was seen dancing to Neetu and Ayan Mukerji. party with his close Ranbir. Even SRK, who people and he did not go entered the venue and meet Katrina. secretly to avoid the Reportedly, Katrina and paparazzi, burned the Salman Khan, who dance floor as he danced entered the party quite with late, exchanged smiles. lovebirds, Siddhant They are all set to be Chaturvedi and Navya seen in 'Tiger 3' soon. Naveli Nanda.

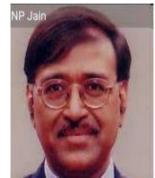
was busy enjoying with to her husband and other BollywoodLife.com, friends from the

A lot of inside videos suggests that Ranbir was which the birthday boy 'Dafli Wale' with Neetu, He was enjoying the Ranveer Singh and rumoured



Some amendments made in Finance Bill 2023

Income from Investmentin UnitsDebt Mutual Fundsto be treated as short term gain



The Lok Sabha has passed the Finance Bill 2023 on Friday without any discussion on the 64 amendments to the direct and indirect tax

regime. Investments in debt m u t u a l funds:Investments in debt mutual funds classified as specified mutual fund will be taxed as short-term gains. capital according amendment in section 50AA to the Finance Bill, 2023 passed in Lok Sabha on Friday. This move will strip investors of the lower rate of tax on longterm tax benefits as well as benefit of indexation. The new provision will apply to investments made in units of specified mutual fund / debt fund on or after 1stApril 1, 2023.Any gains from debt funds if invested on or after 1st April, 2023 will be

Dear Editor

and taxed at slab rates. "Specified Mutual fund"has been defined in section 50AA to mean a mutual fund by whatever name called, where not more than 35% invested of its total proceeds in invested in equity shares of domestic companies. Such percentage of equity shareholding held in respect of the Specified Mutual Fund shall computed with reference to the annual average of the daily closing figures.

It may be noted that Investors in debt mutual funds at present pay tax on capital gains at the time of redemption. The applicable rate of tax depends on the period of holding. If the period of holding is less than 36 months, the gains are treated as short-term capital gains and taxed at slab rates.If the period of holding is more than 36 months, the gains are treated as longterm capital gains and the tax rate is 20 per cent with indexation benefit

The gain on units of such Specified Mutual fund / known as Debt fund are proposed to be treated as shortterm capital gain and indexation benefits that help significantly reduce tax liability available to such funds shall no longer be available if investment in such

☐ Narayan Jain treated as short-term benefit is not claimed. capital gain and tax rate bond markets in applicable in such cases India. where investment in such specified mutual fund/ debt fund is made on or after 1st April, 2023 would be based on the income tax slab in which the investor falls.

Debt mutual funds had now the scope of a favourable tax regime as compared to banks' fixed deposits but now

In the Budget 2023, the Government had moved to treat gains from Market-linked Debentures (MLDs) as short-term capital gains through a new section 50AA and section 50AA has been enlarged by inserting units of debt mutual funds will specified mutual

adjustment. Income above Rs. 7 Lakhs: The amendments moved earlier provision of by finance minister July 1, 2023. NOT opting for deductions and exemption as per new tax regime. The individuals earning marginally higher income than the notax ceiling of Rs 7 lakh will continue to rebate new tax regime with effect from April 1, if a taxpayer has an annual income of Rs 7 lakh he pays no tax. But if he has income of Rs 7,00,100 he was required to pay tax of Rs 25,010. Thus an additional income of 25,010. The 20%. domestic that the tax payable should not be more It is hoped that this than the income that exceeds Rs 7 lakh. means because individual having contracts, among move appears to be indexation will no income up to Rs other amendments to alternatively 10 per the gain will be counter-productive to longer be available 7,27,700 could stand the finance bill, passed

gains. Indexation of marginal relief. capital gains is TDS:Tax deducted at would be effective essentially inflation source (TDS) on gaming online Marginal Relief on applications will now be effective from April 1, 2023 instead of

has provided marginal TCS on payment for 0.05 per cent. As a relief to taxpayers foreign tour through result the STT for Credit Cards: The futures has been raised cards are not being sale of options has captured under the been increased to Liberalised Remittance Scheme of ?1 crore against an (LRS) and they escape earlier levy of ?1,700, tax collection at while on the sale of get benefit of tax source. The Finance futures contracts, STT of Minister said the RBI has been raised to Rs.25,000.Under the is being requested to ?12,500 on ?1 crore of look into this with a turnover view to bring credit card payments for National foreign tours within the ambit of LRS and Minister source thereon.

Tax on royalty or technical fee earned by foreign (non-Rs 100 could lead to resident) companies tax liability of Rs hiked from 10% to

amendment provides STT on futures, options contract: The government has raised the securities transaction tax or STT on futures and options

similar guidelines to

lead a peaceful and

parliament. The hikes from 1 April.The **Securities Transaction** Tax (STT) on selling options in derivatives market will be increased to 0.0625 per cent from payments for foreign to 0.0125% from tours through credit 0.01%. The STT on the ?2,100 on a turnover against ?10,000 earlier.

pension system:The Finance tax collection at announced that a committee will be set up under Finance Secretary on the pension system to address the needs of employees and also maintain prudence.

> (Author is an advocate and author. He is also **National Deputy President of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners**)



debt fund is made on be taxed at par with fund that is specified 2023. That means the amendment prospective and shall not adversely impact investment in such specified mutual fund/ debt fund made on or before 31st March, 2023.

As a result of change,

or after 1st April, other investments. This debt fund, where not could impact investments in of corporate bondsand fixed deposits instead of of investment in debt companies. mutual funds.

provided liquidity to impact on the tax you This debt investors, and the pay cent if indexation deemed as short term efforts for deepening for calculating your to benefit from this by the lower house of

favourably more than 35 per cent proceeds is invested in the shares

Debt Mutual funds will have a huge

Sanatan Gita for the sake of Spiritualization (Continuing one) - Chapter II - Part II The Second Cuckoo]

Mr.RadhaShyam Jena



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continuation of the

earlier article in

regard to the message

characterized Cuckoo

bird as per the

direction of Jagat

AbhiramParamhansa.

In the message Guruji

has emphasized on

'Karma Yoga' or

'Yoga of actions'

without desire or

attachment with full

devotion to walk on

the path of truth and

non-violence. The

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the Asian koel males singing hidden within the lush green vegetation. Although a nonendangered 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.

Letter To Editor

It is quite rare to spot the harbinger of Spring,

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.

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Vivekananda reproduced hereunder: उत्तिष्ठतजाग्रतप्राप्यवरात्रिबोधत।। क्षुरस्यधारानिशितादुरत्ययादुर्गंपथस्तत्कवयोवदन्ति।

It means arise, awake, and acquire knowledge in the company of learned men. Scholars say that the path to attain knowledge is as difficult as walking on the sharpened edge of

a knife. practice the truekarmayoga, one may face dimensional up-hills to lead a spiritual life in a world surrounded by various illusory attractions and hedonistic pleasures. Despite that Guruji has guided with an example of a poor lady engaged in preparing 'flat rice' under the thrushing wood directly (Dhenki) putting the fried paddies into the basin of the Dhenki. At the same time she also The Cuckoo being an feeds her breast to her obedient carrier of baby with the full concentration to the been instructed to thrushing wood. This unambiguously transpires her full unity of human concentration to the society which has safety of her palm and hand. One has to learn basis of the caste and from her that despite the all hurdles, attractions contemptuous and and the disturbing abominable thought environment, one can i.e. untouchability. concentrate





determination to Almighty without any expectation or desire.

the message, has propagate a message for the integrity and been divided on the

to All human beings Almighty if he or she are equal. The full human society has

been categorized and disintegrated on the basis of the duties i.e. spiritual performance, defence, food supply and business as well as service to the mankind. As Guruji, untouchable untruth, violence, avarice and the touchable are nonviolence, truth and sacrifice. In regard to the sects like Hindu, Christianity and Islam, he asks the Cuckoo to propagate all such preaching to

disciplined life. As to him there is no difference between Allah, Jesus and Krishna. Only the difference is the terminology and the fruit of Karma or action to be sacrificed or surrendered to Almighty, receiver of the fruits of Karma, if the Karma has been performed without desire.The only religion that governs the earth i.e. 'Sanatan' i.e. eternity. Almighty Sanatan and therefore, the eternity may be compared with the ocean and the sects are compared with the rivers. The water of the rivers ultimately mingles with the ocean. The wealth of a real devotee is Almighty. The real devotee should be attached with Almighty and he should be attracted towards Almighty, like a calf is attracted towards its mother cow. If there is such an attraction with full devotion towards mother cow, the cow takes care of the calf. Like that if a devotee the mankind to lead a is attracted towards

spiritual life and these Almighty with full sects preach the devotion, it would never fall a prey of the illusion and it would never become a victim of destruction. Like the moon when it appears in the sky in the night, the sky is glittered and the darkness is vanished. The life is glittered after dispelling the darkness of ignorance. This is called the religion Sanatan Dharma which is neither destroyed nor created. It is always and it would remain always with a principle the yoga of karma. This karma yoga or the yoga of action is an inevitable measuring instrument of the result of the karma or action. This enlightening message has been carried by Cuckoo' for the sake of the staunch devotion towards Almighty despite of all mundane attractions disturbances.

continued.....)

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manner."

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Gems & Jewellery Entrepreneurs are bullish on Business growth in upcoming time

Entrepreneurs from, Indian Chamber of across Eastern India Commerce including West Bengal, Committee on Jewellery growth of Indian bullion Chairman, market as well as gems and jewellery market in upcoming 2 to 5 years. Gems & Jewellery Entrepreneurs were speaking on a Session on "Gold Industry Vision 2025" organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), in partnership with World Gold Council as a part of "5th Gems & Jewellery Summit 2023" held on March 24 in Kolkata.

The session explored the prospects of the Indian gold market.

The session witnessed valuable insights on India's Gold Market – the stimulus to exports, economic growth and Regional CEO - India, World Gold Council; Mr. Rajeev Garg, CEO, Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India (GJSCI); Ms. Vandana Yadav, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Department of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises Government theme, of West Bengal & MD, Somasundaram PR,

Kolkata, (Partha WBIDC; Mr. Vinod Roy): Gems & Jewellery Bamalwa, Chairman, South India and other & Lifestyle and Mr. parts India are bullish on Suvankar Sen, Co-Indian Chamber of Commerce National Expert Committee on Jewellery & Lifestyle.

While delivering the

welcome address, Mr.

Bamalwa,

Vinod

Chairman, Indian Chamber of Commerce Expert Committee on Jewellery & Lifestyle, said, "The demand for gems and jewellery in nation the throughout the world has been significantly influenced by the rising middle-class customers in a developing country and a growing fashion chain. Diamonds are currently more in demand than ever, especially in terms of employment from Mr. new fashion trends. The Somasundaram PR, most recent styles in the gem and jewellery sector are these crosscultural ones. Emerging companies have altered customer habits around accessories, such as the decision to wear less jewellery." Commenting on the



World Gold Council, said, "East India is the biggest market for gold. During the past few years, the administration has achieved great strides. India has the second-largest gold market in the world and second-largest consumption of gold. India spends \$60 billion gold annually. However, we must global developments because gold is currently making a comeback. It is once more becoming an important financial asset. One important investment is gold. Around the world, gold is the subject of

own country, we have a Council of India need for resources, (GJSCI), said, "The gem growing costs, and a and jewellery industries wide range of future depend heavily on skill, yet regrettably, we often uses for gold. According survey, overlook it when Consumers are worried calculating labour costs. about the industry's In terms of creativity purity, per our poll, and expertise, gold is just another metal. If we which highlights the need for a single voice don't value creativity, for the gold sector. A this sector will have self-regulatory body is serious issues in the also necessary for the future. There is no gold sector. The Indian reason to talk about the Chamber of Commerce gold rate or other issues can play a crucial role in if there is no aesthetic India's ability to quality. There are not significantly enhance enough qualified workers in the field. Commenting on the GJSCI is continually of Skill exploring new ways to Development, Mr. increase its capabilities

Association, we have been discussing opening our own training facility in Kolkata. Yet this sector needs to emerge. It is time for every sector within industry to step up and create its own infrastructure. In an effort to employ artificial intelligence in the gem and jewellery sectors, we collaborating with IIT Bombay on a project. On the other side, IIT Chennai is working on lab-grown diamonds since eventually, the market for natural diamonds would be replaced by these labgrown diamonds. We ought to discuss issues Rajeev Garg, CEO, Gem and effectiveness. With

Ms. Vandana Yadav, said, "West Bengal has a very long history and involvement with gold industry. We have talked about exports of diamonds, gold, and other commodities, but we must also consider the future today. The enormous amount of gold that we import needs to be given additional value before being converted to dollars by exporting the gold post value addition. I think this is where the Bengali Karigar's handcrafted excellence stands, and it might be its USP, particularly given that gold is a lifestyle item and everyone wants a one-of-a-kind, handcrafted piece. We seldom ever have the capacity to offer that. We may thus educate our craftsmen about the latest technology, enhance environments, produce better designs. A training programme in a struggle. We appreciate Ankurhati would be that the government has something we are offered its assistance to us extremely interested in so that both the states and organising, aside from the country may continue

On Rahul Gandhi's Conviction, Shashi

Tharoor Sees A "Silver Lining"

Minister

like these in an open Commenting on the development of West Bengal Gold Market, working and

standardisation, and any kind of certification agency we can put up. During the last three years, I have discussed the training curriculum with municipalities. sincerely hope E-Council or Stay-Council would take this up because we have a complete facility. Mr. Suvanker Sen, Co-

Chairman, Indian Chamber of Commerce National Expert Committee on Jewellery & Lifestyle, said, "....

Both time and the world around us are evolving. The most crucial element is transparency, which is immediately clear if you get the purpose of this summit. As an industry participant in this digital age, one have the option of resisting the changes or embracing them. There are ties between Bengali and Karigari. Bengal is proud of their majority contribution to the gold karigar industry. Attracting the upcoming generation to the sector, however, is now hallmarking facilities, to thrive."

Concern for Calcutta organises Seminar on Vastu

Kolkata happiness and well being of one's family life depends mainly on the location of our home applying Vastu, said famous Vastu expert Hari Shankar Gupta, addressing while Members of Concern for Calcutta Saturday evening at the Saturday Club. Rwitu Agarwal spoke on benefits of Fengshui.

on the panel of the IIT deptt told that Vastu and



interlinked with the success. Narayan Jain, Kharagpur Architectural energy. It provides Chairman of programme facility for welfare, committee and Advisory

Gupta, a Vaastu Advisor Fengshui are closely health and overall Board of Concern for

Calcutta underlined the relevance of Vastu and moderated

gold exports."

interactive session and made it interesting. KS Adhikari President

welcomed the speakers and participants to a very interesting and thought provoking subject .Ashok Purohit Secretary introduced the Speakers and Aayushi Gupta thanked all.

Pawan Paharia, Sharat Jhunjhunwala, DC Chaudhary, KC Tewari, Ramesh Mahajan, RD Kakra, Seema Sonthalia, CS Mahesh Shah and many others actively participated.



our side," he told NDTV in an exclusive interview. "We have seen Mr Kejriwal in Delhi, Mamata Banerjee in Bengal, Chandrasekhar Rao in Hyderabad. These are

not figures that in the past had associated in any way with the Congress," he told NDTV in an exclusive interview.

It was, he said, the "exhibit number one in the law of unintended consequences of the BJP action".

Telangana

Chandrasekhar Rao and his Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee had condemned the BJP-led government without naming Rahul Gandhi, saving it was a dark day for democracy. "We have differences with the Congress, but it is not right to implicate Rahul Gandhi in a defamation case like this," tweeted Delhi Chief Minister

Arvind Kejriwal. Mr Tharoor called the charges against Mr Gandhi "preposterous" as neither fugitive businessmen Lalit Modi and Nirav Modi are backward. They moved their "ill-gotten gains abroad" and live in the "lap of luxury".

"Saying they belong to backward classes... and the comment an assault on OBCs, is stretching common sense to a breaking point," he added, "He(Rahul Gandhi) was pointing specially to these three individuals".

Mr Gandhi's "How come Chief all thieves have the speech.

common surname Modi" comment had landed him with a two-year jail term and disqualification from parliament. The Gujarat court has granted him bail and 30 days' time to file an appeal.

Mr Tharoor also objected

to the sentence -- the highest possible under the charge. The case against Mr Gandhi is weak, and "we have good lawyers and the complainant has a very weak case," he added. "The actual statement lends itself to a more innocent interpretation... and a fourth Modi, Mr Purnesh Modi, cannot demonstrate that he was targetted in any shape or form," Mr Tharoor said. Mr Gandhi's lawyer has argued the court proceedings "flawed" from the beginning. He argued that PM Modi and not MLA Purnesh Modi, should have been complainant in the case because Mr Gandhi had targeted him in his



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurates and lays foundation stone of 236 development projects worth Rs.4500 crore at Raichur, in Karnataka

Man Jay For BJF

an influential group in the Odisha BJP was desperately trying to retain Samir Mohanty as the party's state unit President, a veteran saffron leader predicted that changes are certain, but it comes in a delayed stage in the party. And his prediction has come true when BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda announced the name of Saffron Veteran Manmohan Samal from the coastal belt as the president of the Odisha unit. Earlier, the party had named party stalwart Jaynarayan Mishra from western region as the Leader of BJP Legislature Party.

Now, the state's principal opposition party, the BJP is all set for a fight against the mighty BJD headed by Naveen Patnaik. Both Manmohan Samal and Jaynarayan Mishra at the helm they have been Ministers in the Naveen Patnaik Cabinet when the BJD-BJP alliance was in force between

Bhubaneswar: Around BJP's state party eight months ago when President when the BJP entered into the coalition Government with the BJD in Odisha.

For being part of the BJD-

BJP coalition government eventually which collapsed ahead of the 2009 general elections, both the leaders carry fire within themselves for remaining out of power for over a decade and the party being dropped like a hot potato by Naveen Patnaik. Both of them claim that it was BJP under the leadership of Atal Behari Vajpayee in 2000 which virtually installed the Naveen Patnaik Government in the backdrop of legendary leader Biju Patnaik's demise in 1997. The BJP sacrificed its own interest and ensured that Naveen became Chief Minister of Odisha as he enjoyed the sympathy of people.

However, the experience of BJP leaders in Odisha remained very bitter when the alliance broke and 60 per cent of the state's 147 seats were in hands of BJD. BJP was totally unprepared to go to 2000 and 2009. More so, elections alone in 2009 Manmohan was then the and therefore sustained a



major defeat in the elections and the trend continued even today. Thanks to Congress that it remained engaged in fighting in the party giving a little chance to grow and the saffron party could become the main opposition party in the state.

2019 general In elections, performed very well and secured 23 Assembly and 8 Lok Sabha seats while the then main oppositionthe Congress, finished with only 9 seats in assembly and 1 seat in Lok Sabha. However, the BJD continued its victory journey by winning in 113 assembly seats and 12 Lok sabha seats. Later in 2022, the BJD also extended its winning spree and could capture 80 per cent of seats in three tier Panchayati Raj system and also in the urban local body elections. The BJP lost the game, but remained in a better position than the Congress. Its vote share more or less remained the same though the party lost in most of the rural and urban polls.

Though BJP was considered small in comparison to the mighty BJD which had over 1 crore primary members (of the state's 3.29 crore voters), still the party secured around 40 per cent of vote share. Even as the BJP won in only 23 assembly seats, its candidates lost in 27

other seats with a margin of less than 2,000 votes. Similarly, the difference between the number of votes between the BJD and BJP in the Lok Sabha elections was also small. The BJD got around 1.20 crore votes in LS polls, while the BJP as the runners up could get around 93 lakh votes. The difference was not much for which the Man-Jay combination has expressed confidence to form a government in Odisha after the 2024

elections. Immediately after his name was announced as the party President, Manmohan said: "We have already emerged as the alternative to BJD in Odisha. It is a matter of time and the 2024

elections are only a Under the changed Mohan. formality for change of government in the state. The people have already made up their mind to install BJP Government."

Manmohan, who is considered as a cool and composed type leader in Odisha politics, rarely expresses such type of confidence. But, this time, he claimed that he is sure that the people would end a 24 year old government which has been hit by corruption, nepotism and also lawlessness.

However, a senior BJD Vice-President said that changing the President of a political party does not mean a change of the existing government. Leaders come and go, but the people decide the fate of parties. It is also a fact that Manmohan does not have a charisma like Naveen Patnaik. He is certainly a small leader if one compares with Odisha's five time Chief Minister and tallest of all the leaders, Naveen Patnaik.

Manmohan may not be a crowd puller, but certainly is a team leader. soft corner for Man

situation, BJP needs a team leader to strengthen its grass-root level and Manmohan is the most suitable person available

to the BJP. The BJP central leadership put faith in him because of his unique character like walking with the people. An old timer associated with Manmohan recalled how this saffron leader during his childhood used to pedal long distances while two of his friends were seated in the bi-cycle.

He also does not eat alone and prefers to take his lunch and dinner in groups. His basic character of taking people along with will certainly help him to take all groups within the party to elections and hit the goal. He is basically a team man and a team leader. He will be acceptable to all the groups within the party besides being a blue eyed boy of Sangh Parivar, to which he has served as a Swayam Sevak and also as an ABVP leader since student days. RSS has On the other hand, LoP

Jaynarayan Mishra is considered as a firebrand leader who has a solid mass base in the entire Western Odisha. His non-compromising and fighting spirit has put the ruling BJD in trouble in the ongoing Assembly session and he has been gaining acceptance in the party's rank and file. While Jaynarayan can manage things in Western districts, Manmohan is also considered capable of managing things in the politically sensitive Coastal belt, which is considered as a fort of Naveen Patnaik and his

Now, everybody in the saffron outfit pin hopes on Manmohan and Jaynarayan (Man Jay) while other influential groups systematically made to understand that the BJD was their enemy and not anyone within the party. Time will tell whether this Man Jay combination could change the 24 year

old political situation in

the state. So all eyes are

Women cops in Odisha struggle for amenities at police stations: Study

Women in Odisha Police Conducted by researcher infections. have little access to the basic amenities and facilities like clean of PM&IR, Utkal about difficulties they toilets and transportation during odd working hours but when it comes to gender equality in the police administration and securing the women personnel from sexual permanent mode of remuneration harassment, the state has employment. been doing well.

Sustainable Use of Bihar interviewing them and making them prone to Although the Maternity creche facilities.

BHUBANESWAR: filing RTI applications. Dr Susmita Parija with Besides, 57 women help from the department police personnel spoke University, the survey face while returning covered 75 women police home due to lack of personnel across all ranks transportation facilities in Odisha in the age group during odd hours of of 21 to 60. Most of the work. Compared to the respondents are in other states, the

While 46 respondents for the This has been revealed in said they do not have personnel across all a study 'Challenges of access to clean toilets in ranks in Odisha is good, right. Police police stations, 71 the survey found. It In Personnel', which was complained of no further revealed that released by a city-based provision of rest room. To working hours are nonprofit Centre for RTI query on toilets, the relatively police Natural and Social informed that 318 police conducive for police Resources on Saturday. It stations in the state had women in Odisha than examined working toilets but these were in the other states. conditions of women common toilets for both However, being in the police personnel in the men and women. None of police department states of Odisha, the police stations have meant Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand separate toilet facilities newborn care for the by for women personnel, women personnel. 2017 and 2021 had

and promotion opportunity women more department predictable and

sacrificing

UTI and vaginal Act, 1961, mandates at least two nursing breaks, the police women in their postnatal period could not avail of it. Nature of the job and less manpower in police stations prevented the women from seeking permission from their higher authorities for nursing breaks and even for the authority to grant them such breaks if requested, which is their

Odisha, respondents depended on formula milk powder to feed their newborn, only eight could avail nursing breaks and a negligible one resorted to pumping and storing the breast milk to tend to their newborns. Moreover, only four police stations established between

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Nalco and BARC develop bauxite CRM 'BARC B1201'

BHUBANESWAR: In a joint collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Centre Research (BARC), Nalco has developed a bauxitecertified reference material (CRM) **BARC** dubbed B1201. This is the firstof-its-kind CRM in India and the fifth in the world. The National Centre for Compositional Characterisation of Materials (NCCCM) of BARC has helped Nalco develop the material.

CRMs are blocks of metal that come with certificates indicating the concentration of their various constituent elements along with their uncertainty levels. Testing laboratories use certified reference measuring instruments, evaluate test procedures and for quality control purposes.

BARC B1201 was formally launched by the director (P&T) of Nalco MP Mishra and head of NCCCM AC Sahayam on Friday. A TiO2, V2O5, MnO, method previously developed and validated in the laboratory, using single-step bauxite dissolution

quantitation was used homogeneity for studies and an interlaboratory comparison exercise of the CRM. CRM The was certified for nine property values -Al2O3, Fe2O3, SiO2, Cr2O3, MgO and LOI which are traceable to international the system of units. and Congratulating the Make-in-India initiative, he



the development of the product, Nalco CMD Sridhar Patra said the collaboration with BARC has resulted in developing the unique product required by the research laboratories. The achievement will inspire the researchers for further innovation and will also add value to the cherished vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and the

Business/Commerce

India's economic indications remain robust says DSP Mutual Fund

continues to remain electronic facing economic turbulence says DSP Mutual Fund in the February 2023 issue of its monthly report Netra which tracks the latest economic trends and insights. The report highlighted that India's high frequency robust. These include healthy GST collections, near high record high volume of

:India's sold (a proxy for market peers. This is a monetary policy is appreciation. The promising. strong even in times (including Fastag) when the world is collections indicating activity along with business activity and sentiments being positive.

The report mentions attractive once again that the recent flat as we progress into index has resulted in bond the vanishing of the valuation premium that India petroleum products had over its emerging gone up.

muted lately due to high valuations. Further consolidation and steady earnings growth can cause India to become

market. Whenever RBI has raised rates, corporate

economic growth consumption), positive development least disruptive the current dip in banking toll as foreign inflows in reasons being rates are equities is another India had become not as high as previous opportunity to add cycle, liquidity lenders conditions are better borrowers. The ratio vs the last hiking of NSE Bank Index to cycle, corporate spreads are also not bottomed out at a very high. This means corporations can borrow even during the tightening cycle growth from a long- Metals equities makes term perspective. DSP Mutual Fund proposition once

over NSE Metal Index timewhen the yield curve was very steep & RBIwas about to attractive bond spreads have believes that Banking again. Auto sector is This sector is poised for an also looking very

The long-term earnings trajectory for the technology sector continues to remain attractive. Investors who have been waiting on the sidelines are opportunity to buy into consolidation has Mutual Fund.

this valuation and price removed a lot of technology sector.

thing for equity backdrop earnings growth and Kapoor, softening valuations.

correction in the valuation froth. There is a higher likelihood "The most important of better market markets in 2023 is forward," said Sahil Strategist and head of likely to get a good The last 17 month of products at DSP

DIZO, by realme TechLife, performance of Nifty 2023. embark on a rate hike launches DIZO Wireless Dash Index compared to a DSP Mutual Fund and the rates are also journey. The recent 26% rally in the MSCI feels there is an more conducive. This correction in Banking **Bhubaneswar:** DIZO, music playback of upto indicators remain Emerging markets opportunity in the will help in India's stocks & a rally in

the first brand under Techlife today announced the launch of DIZO Wireless Dash that boasts of a unique Kevlar Design, Blink charge feature and 30 hours of total music playback. The feature loaded DIZO Wireless Dash, using an 11.2mm large driver, Bass Boost+ algorithm PU+PEEK diaphragm, will offer an enhanced audio experience at the most aggressive price. For the uber-fast generation today, the DIZO Wireless Dash offers 10 hours of music playback in just 10 mins charge using the Blink Charge feature along with safe charging

30 hours on a single charge. A steal deal for those who prefer neckband design, it also brings Magnetic Instant Connection, Memory Metal, ENC, dedicated Game Mode and realme Link app customizations, and even the smallest of the detailing such as balanced weight, air pressure control and dual material eartips.

The latest DIZO Wireless Dash, designed to complement the uniqueness in you, with its distinct Kevlar design, Blink charge feature and 30 hours of total music playback is we promise to deliver priced at just INR 1,599. However, during the dedication and keep first sale on Flipkart brewing new ideas for chip inside; and a total (and soon on select retail you all.'

stores) from 24th May 2022, 12 pm onwards, the latest neckband earphone will be sold at an introductory price of INR 1,299 only.

Commenting on the launch, Abhilash Panda, CEO, DIZO India shares, "We committed to deliver feature-rich solutions at aggressive price points every time and our team is working towards it daily. With the launch of DIZO Wireless Dash, I am confident to wow our consumers this time again. The latest achievement motivates us more than ever and products with more

Doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital successfully treated 33year-old suffering from a rare case of Salivary Gland Cancer

Bhubaneswar/ Cuttack :Doctors at HCG Panda Hospital. Cuttack, treated 33-yearold Reema (name changed), hailing from Western Odisha, from Gland Parotid Carcinoma, a rare form of cancer that occurs in the salivary glands situated right below the ear lobes. The cancerous gland was resected by conducting an advanced of Total Parotidectomy Surgery on the patient while preserving her facial nerves, which are responsible for facial This expressions. incredible feat was achieved by Dr Manjunath NML, Senior Imaging of the parotid consultant Surgical Oncologist and his team

unexplained excruciating pain continuously on the face and earlobes for a period of 8 months. In order to get relief from the pain, she visited neurological specialists physicians from multiple hospital where she was misdiagnosed for other neurological diseases and was treated with analgesics, as they failed to diagnose her actual condition.

doctors at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital, who discovered a vague swelling near the earlobes and with suspicion of a tumour. gland was conducted to check for any at HCG Panda Cancer malignancy and it was

Reema suffered from a parotid lobe tumour in side of the face, lack of surgery, while thanking the junction between the expressing emotions, superficial lobe and the deep lobe, right behind the mandible or the lower jaw bone. Nerve sparing total parotidectomy was conducted using advanced form of equipments such as surgical loupes, nerves monitoring devices and Vessel Sealer, which helped surgeons achieve an absolute haemostasis or minimal blood loss She consulted the during the surgery. This four- and half-hour surgical procedure was conducted by preserving the facial nerves that passes through the superficial lobe and deep lobe and any implication on the facial nerves would lead to disfigurement of the on the patients face." discovered that she had face, paralysis on one

inability to close the eyes and move the eyebrows. Elaborating complexities of the

the surgery, Dr Manjunath NML said, "This is a unique and a rare case among young women, where we usually witness just one or two cases per year. This was one challenging case, as the cancer tumours were adjacent to the facial nerve and we had to carefully dissect them without causing any hinderance or impact to the nerve. With the advanced facilities at HCG Panda Cancer Hospital Cuttack, we were able to resect the tumour successfully and witness a big smile

her doctors, Reema said, "For the past eight months, the events that occurred to me because of this condition are unexplainable. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr Manjunath and the entire team for the timely help in relieving the pain I was enduring and helping me recover back from this deadly tumour. Alsoi was worried about my facial expressions when doctors explained me about the tumor in relation to facial nerve and need for its removal if required. Thanks again to the entire team for helping me to get rid of this bad tumor with my smile intact" (with a Post her successful big smile on her face).

ViStrengthens 'Vi Hero Unlimited' **Proposition with 'Data Delight'**

To ensure a worry free hero unlimited portfolio, ATL campaign themed – data experience for its prepaid usersVi, leading service provider, has launched ViHero Unlimited Campaign' with yet unique proposition, 'Data Delight'. With this, Vi userscan unlock up providing an unlimited Unlimitedportfolio also includes other unique such asUnlimited High Speed Data from 12am – 6am' and Weekend Data Rollover. In addition, to

further strengthen its

Vihas introduced more recharge packs under the portfolio.

Vi Hero Unlimited packs are structured to provide a onestopsolution to the common concern of data quota exhaustion faced by prepaid users. to2GB of extra data It's differentiated every month, over & offerings aim to provide above their daily quota, more value to Vi's be actioned. at no extra cost. Truly Unlimited plan users. In today's digital world data experience, Vi Hero where availability of recharges of Rs. 299 and mobile internet has above daily data quota become a crucial factor, Vi Hero Unlimitedbrings a dose of oxygen when needed the most.

> To promote proposition, Vi has launched a high decibel

Microtek Organised Rockstar & Star

'Sirfnaamkanahinkaamka unlimited'. Featuring popular actor Vinay Pathak, the Vi campaign is planned for 8 weeks and to promote this unique 'Hero Unlimited' proposition, multiple media platforms like TV, Digital and OOH along with large on ground activation programs will

Vi Hero Unlimited packs packs. Vi has also added new recharge packs with higher daily data quota at Rs.359, Rs.409 and Rs.475 under Hero Unlimited portfolio.

Ashok Leyland reaches yet another milestone, showcases 'CNG engine H series'at EXCON Ashok the first of its kind in the turbocharged engine Ashok Leyland said, N Saravanan, CTO,

Company of the Hinduja highway segment. Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer today showcased 'CNG engine H series' at the ongoing EXCON 2022, organized Confederation of Indian torque and flat torque Industry (CII). Based on strong leverage of Auto engine development, the CNG engine H series (4 and 6 Cyl) is designed for off seats for CNG operation; highway / CEV clients, proven, durable engine

Hospital Cuttack.

The H series CNG engine has a number of features, including ECUcontrolled gas leak detection; improved cold capability; start enhanced lower end from 1200rpm to 2000rpm; gear-based torque control for better fuel economy; durable engine valves and valve

AIC-GIM Foundation, Climate Collective and the Taj Hospitality

Brand collaborate on a Global Single Use Plastics Challenge

Leyland, the flagship CEV / mining and off provides higher torque, "Ashok fuel efficiency, better drivability, and transient response; maintenancefree engine. The CNG engine H series also fulfils CEV V standards without SCR or DPF, and features proven multipoint sequential gas injection for dependable performance; a 500 hours oil drain interval; and the maximum power in the sector.

Dheeraj Hinduja, and this product will be for CEV application; Executive Chairman,

expertiseinengineering has paved the way for the company to establish itself as a key player in the CNG engine sector, and we aspire to continue to do so by expanding our portfolio of CNG Engines and technology solutions. Ashok Leyland aims to make India's CNG engine sector self-reliant, and to be one of the leaders Sharing his views, Mr. in the "Make in India" narrative."

Present at the event Dr grows".

Leyland's Ashok Leyland said, "Ashok Leyland has a track record of catering to customer needs with world class products that generate higher profitability. With the increasing need for better fuel efficiency and use of alternate fuels, we have a solid pipeline of such technologies. We aspire to lead the market in this segment, as the need for engines with alternative fuels

Symphony, in partnership with AEEE, invests in the 'SAHARA Programme'

Bhubaneswar partnership with Alliance days, initiated the first-of-its-"SAHARA", initiative for Supporting Affordable Heat Action Billion Lives (TCBL). cooling. mainstream energy efficient, affordable and sustainable cooling solutions in India's academic Institutions to bring a paradigm shiftat the ecosystem level and

: around four trillion-Symphony Ltd., in person cooling degree India for an Energy Efficient characterised by tropical Economy (AEEE), and sub-tropical climatic conditions coupled with kind pilot programme a lack of access to an cooling, rising temperatures and everevolving socio-economic for Resilient Academic trends such as rapid Institutions in India by population growth and deploying Evaporative urbanisation, which will Air Coolers. It is not only amplify the envisioned to enable a climate change-induced pathway to achieve heat stress but would also Thermal Comfort for a fuel the demand for space SAHARA This initiative aims to programme would act as a range of inverters, catalyst for disseminating knowledge about the thermal comfort situation in India's academic institutions. It could bring about systemic changes on multiple fronts in the enable TCBL. With long term.

Retail Partners' Meet in Bhubaneswar Bhubaneswar : We recently launched Microtek, the leader in our wide range of UPS' the power product in the Indian market like

recently organized a Star Retail Partners' Meet at Vivanta, Taj Bhubaneshwar, where the company introduced its newly launched range of inverters and home UPS series to the key retailers of the region. The new range of inverters and UPSs launched demonstrates the latest technological advancements that help to save electricity besides offering the best output in power backup. More than 400 retailers from the region attended the gala event.

Talking about the new Subodh Gupta, CMD, Microtek International, shared "The 6 new series of inverters launched, besides providing saving electricity benefits are also aesthetically appealing.

market of India has the SmartHybrid UPS series. It is powered by Smart Hybrid Electronics Integrated Circuit Technology for True Sinewave out that gives noiseless performance, and more load handling capacity. The other efficient UPS launched series are Superpower, Heavy Duty with the capacity of running heavy loads & energy-efficient model – Energy Saver. It has an inbuilt energy-efficient transformer for better performance in energy saving. Luxe and iMerlyn are the premium series launched with business relations with Luxe having the LCD display that shows running load status, battery charging time and backup time.I am sure this event and our new

The key people of the industry were present at the event. The company also felicitated its channel partners at the event. The event was attended by the officials Microtek International and trade partners from Odisha. Odisha is one of the important markets for

Odisha market."

Microtek and the company is looking forward to expanding its presence in the state with the new series. Microtek is planning more such activities for the Odisha Market to create awareness about its new products and further strengthening the retail market in the state. The price of the new product range starts from MRP Rs. 6240 and the products are already available through the product range will company's further strengthen the distribution network brand presence in the across India.

consumption of Single The selected solutions Hotels Use Plastics (SUP's) in will get the opportunity of reducing single use emphasis (AIC-GIM)

Plastics Challenge. inviting innovations to properties in Goa" said single-use reduce single use plastic Mr. Vincent Ramos, packaging.

and IHCL's

the food and beverage to test their ideas in Goa grew with the Taj hotel will assess the volume dramatically during the network of Indian Hotels of single-use plastics Covid-19 outbreak and is Company Limited waste reduced through now expanding at a 2.5- (IHCL). "As a company, piloting and scaling fold rate. With the aim we want to put a strong ventures' innovations plastic from the F&B sustainability as a way of environmental impact industry in Goa, Atal life for everyone, which avoided, such as waste Incubation Center thus culminates in the diverted from landfills, Foundation at Goa adoption of a variety of Institute of Management sustainable business in methods. We are happy partnership with Climate to collaborate with AIC-Collective Foundation GIM Foundation and business cases for F&B Taj Climate Collective industry and insights hospitality brand is Foundation for the derived from their pilots bringing the Single-Use Global SUP challenge will contribute to a study (SUP) which will reduce the around understanding usage of Single Use the The SUP challenge is Plastics across our impacts of alternatives to

The from the F&B sector. Area Director, Indian Company Limited.

The SUP Challenge on along incineration or avoided entirely. Additionally, the challenge will guide startups to fine-tune their environmental plastic

Matt Short replaces injured

Bairstow at Punjab Kings

India may play two extra T20Is on the tour of West Indies

NewDelhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) understood to have agreed to play two more Twenty20 Internationals than originally scheduled in the West Indies later this year. The additional games will feature in the full-fledged series that was part of the FTP in July-August. In all the tour will feature 10 games consisting of two Tests, three ODIs and five T20Is, instead of three T20Is.

In addition to this, the BCCI is contemplating having another short home series in June. Although nothing has been firmed up as yet, options are being explored to see if a threematch ODI series against Sri Lanka or Afghanistan in the second half of June, more precisely after the World Test Championship (WTC) final, is possible.

Such a series will have to



be scheduled in the the BCCI will have to window between the WTC final in London (from June 7-11) and the start of the West Indies tour, for which the team is expected to be leave in the first week of July.

Cricbuzz learns that discussions with various boards have taken place on this some time back but the outcome is still not known. Should that series come to fruition, ICC meetings in Dubai. with a Test tentatively

identify a short-term broadcaster as the new broadcast deal is unlikely to have been signed by then. The current deal ended with the last ODI against Australia on March 22.

As for the series against West Indies, the additional games were finalised bilaterally on the sidelines of the recent

When contacted, Cricket West Indies (CWI) president refused to confirm or deny. "BCCI and CWI have a healthy bilateral relationship that is based on mutual respect understanding of each

world cricket," Ricky Skerritt told Cricbuzz. India are expected to start the 10-game series

other's needs and role in

around July 10-12 and the schedule is expected to be finalised after the AGM of the CWI on Saturday. "The schedule will be out soonest," said the CWI president. From the Caribbean, India will travel to Ireland where they have agreed to play three Twenty20Is in the third week of August, as recently announced by Cricket Ireland.

So from March 31, when

the IPL starts, the Indian teams will have a packed schedule till the World Cup, with the WTC (June 7-12, including the reserve day) final immediately following the IPL (March 31-May The as-yet unannounced series is likely in the second half of June, to be followed by tours to the Caribbean and Ireland with the Asia Cup in September leading into a threematch ODI series against Australia right before the ODI World Cup in October-November.

a leg injury. Short spinner, nailing 11 scalps becomes the second while also going at just Australian in the Punjab a shade over seven Kings roster for the season after fast bowler Adelaide Strikers Nathan Ellis. The 27-year-old playoffs but Short's Victorian all-rounder had a breakout season in the 2022-23 Big Bash of the Tournament hosting the Kolkata League, where he award.

NewDelhi:Punjab Kings

have signed all-rounder

Matthew Short as a

replacement for Jonny

Bairstow, who will miss

IPL 2023 after failing to

sufficiently recover from

runs at a strike-rate of reported that the ECB April 1.

144, mostly while

opening the batting.

aggressive knocks with

the willow, Short also

proved to be a more-

than-handy defensive

Apart from

had declined a No Objection Certificate to dynamic English keeper-bat Bairstow. The Yorkshireman, fresh off a surgery to his broken leg and ankle, hadn't completed his rehab process and with England facing a runs-per-over. His team gruelling schedule ahead across formats, failed to make the the ECB decided to preserve Bairstow.

phenomenal efforts Punjab Kings will kick fetched him the Player start their season by Knight Riders at PCA accumulated over 450 Cricbuzz had earlier Stadium, Mohali on

West Indies ride on Powell brilliance to down South Africa in series opener

New Delhi: Skipper Powell Rovman headlined a powerpacked West Indies batting performance as they downed South Africa by three wickets in a high-scoring contest that was reduced to 11overs-a-side due to rain. By virtue of this result, West Indies went 1-0 up in the first of the threematch T20I series at Park, SuperSport Centurion.

Having opted to bowl, the visitors had a strong start to the game as South Africa kept losing wickets in pursuit of racking up quick runs. At one stage, it seemed like that the hosts would end with a below-par total but that's when David Miller got into the act, like he so often has over the last 12-18 months.



other end, but the arrival of Sisanda Magala turned the momentum of the Proteas innings upside down. The duo added 47 off just 12 deliveries with 60 Miller took his time deliveries to give South it is, the Caribbean boys

initially, even with Africa a grandstand wickets falling at the finish. Sheldon Cottrell and Odean Smith both endured costly final overs due to the onslaught.

If South Africa's finish was incredible, West Indies went a notch coming off the last 18 higher in their chase. As

don't need a second invitation to play with high intent and this kind of a chase suited them perfectly. The three-over powerplay yielded five fours and three sixes, and the carnage refused to stop even as South Africa chipped away at the wickets.

Skipper Powell ensured that the towering platform wasn't wasted and he batted right through till the end to see his team across the line. South Africa had a glimmer of hope when Anrich Nortje and Magala combined to get the equation from an easy-looking 20 off 18 to 12 off 7 with a series of solid defensive bowling and wickets. However, Powell held the same venue. Brief scores: West

Indies 132/7 in 10.3 overs (Powell 43*, Charles 28, Magala 3-21) beat South Africa 131/8 in 11 overs (Miller 48, Hendricks 21, Smith 2-27) by three wickets

Big Blow To RCB As Patidar Likely To Miss First Half Of IPL 2023 Due To Injury

Bangalore: Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) join a list of IPL teams whose key players are struggling with injuries as their last year's hero, Rajat Patidar, is injured and might miss the first half of the season. In IPL 2023, many big starts across teams are missing due to injury. The names are Jasprit Bumrah, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas suffered a heel injury. Patidar is currently program at National Cricket Academy in



rejoin the squad. Patidar played just 8 of a new season.

reported strike rate of 152.75.

gone unsold at the IPL 2022 Mega auction but was roped in by RCB midway through the player and he grabbed the opportunity with both from NCA, he cannot hands. The injury is a big blow to him right ahead

Shooting World Cup: Manu Bhaker Wins Saweety Boora: From Kabaddi India's Sixth Medal, China Win Sixth Gold Player To World Boxing Champion

pistol ace Manu ISSF and NRAI Bhaker, won India's YouTube channels. sixth medal of the Du Linshu won the International Shooting first medal event of (ISSF) World Cup defeating Hungary's Rifle/Pistol Bhopal, picking up a bronze in the women's 25m pistol at the M.P. State Shooting Academy range. China however, continued their domination of the tournament, winning a top eight ranking sixth gold medal out of round. He finished the the eight decided so The final competition day comes up on Sunday with two more finals left to be played- the women's 3P and the men's 25m rapid fire pistol (RFP). All finals are being

Federation competition day four, Istvan Peni 16-10 in the men's 3P gold medal clash. Seasoned Swiss 3P specialist Jan Lochbihler won bronze when he edged out favourite home Aishwary Tomar in the 40-shot round with a score of 407.4 while Aishwary, courtesy three five-shot series in the 40s in the final Standing position, finished with a score of 405.5. Du topped the round with 410.7 while

NewDelhi: Women's streamed LIVE on the Istvan was second with 408.2. The Indian had earlier topped the 60shot qualification round with a score of 591.In the women's 25m pistol, two Indians made the ranking round with Manu shooting a solid 294 in the second rapid-fire stage to finish third with a score of 584. Esha Singh bagged the seventh spot with 581. That meant both Indians found themselves in the first ranking match together from where, eventual gold medallist Doreen Vennekamp Germany and Manu, qualified for the medal match with 14-hits each out of 20.

NewDelhi:Saweety Boora was a state kabaddi level player before she switched her loyalties to boxing on the advice of her father who preferred that she excelled in an individual sport, rather than a team

sport. Daughter of a farmer, Mahender Singh, Saweety initially had to overcome a lot of obstacles resistance from relatives. Apart from having to undergo all her training



ploughed fields, she she was asked to pursue a career. was forced to stop shift out of Haryana Eventually, fighting

playing kabaddi as if she wanted to against all odds over

the years, Saweety has emerged into one of the country's top women boxers. She was silver medal winner at the 2014 W o r l Championships.

On Saturday, she clinched the gold medal at the 2023 IBA Women's World B o x i n g Championships in New Delhi.

The 30-year-old recently won a gold medal at the Asian Championships in Jordan too and also defended national title at the Bhopal National Championships.

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