

## 13 dead, girl still missing after stepwell collapse in Indore temple

**Indore:** At least 13 people, a majority of them women, were killed after they fell into a deep steepwell at a temple in Indore on Thursday, while one minor girl was also missing, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra said. Out of the 13 fatalities so far, 10

were women. The death toll are likely to go up as some people are still missing. "There was water into the well, which has turned into mud. A girl is reported missing. NDRF team is trying to find out some more people. So far, 13 dead bodies have been recovered," Mishra added. He said this

unfortunate incident, which occurred at around 12.30 p.m. at the Baleswar Mahadev temple as people came to offer prayers on the occasion of Ram Navami, has sent shock waves across Madhya Pradesh. The incident occurred after the roof over the stepwell, said to be at least 50-60 feet deep



and full with water, collapsed as over 25 people were standing on it. "An inquiry has been ordered under into the matter. Rescue operation was started soon after the roof of the well collapsed, but narrow space at the accident spot created hindrance in quick rescue operations," Mishra added.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Madhya Pradesh Congress president Kamal Nath has express their grief over death of people in the incident. Senior BJP leader K a i l a s h Vijayavargiya and Indore Mayor Pushymitra Bhargava have reached the spot.

### More RI Posts

**Bhubaneswar:** In an aim to strengthen delivery of revenue services to the public, the State Government has created 1362 posts of new Revenue Inspectors (RIs), Assistant Revenue Inspectors (ARIs) and Amins in all 30 districts of Odisha. The Revenue and Disaster Management Department has created 526 numbers of RI posts, 442 numbers of ARI posts and 394 numbers of Amin posts. These posts will be kept on reserve so that they can be engaged on leave, training and deputation grounds, sources said. The RI post is of Group-B while ARI and Amin are Group-C posts. Highest 42 RI posts have been created for Ganjam district, followed by Mayurbhanj (33), Cuttack (32), Sundergarh (24), Balasore (24), Puri (23), Khurda (22), Bargarh (21), Bolangir (21) and Jajpur (21). Similarly, 20 RI posts have been created in each of Kalahandi, Kendrapara, Keonjhar and Koraput districts. Lowest only 5 RI posts created for Boudh district as well as Deogarh district.

## 5 Held For Kidnapping Senior Citizen In Odisha's Bhubaneswar



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Commissionerate Police today claimed to have arrested five persons in connection with the kidnapping of a senior citizen in the capital city here. The police had earlier rescued victim Manoj Mahapatra of Laxmisagar area, sources said. According to police, Mahapatra, a retired

Civil Supplies Officer, is constructing a house in Jagannath Nagar area of the city. Mahapatra had gone to Jagannath Nagar to take stock of the construction work on March 24. But, he did not return home. Later, someone called Mahapatra's wife over phone and sought a ransom of Rs 1.5 crore for the release of the

senior citizen. Mahapatra's wife informed the incident to Laxmisagar police. Soon, the Commissionerate Police formed a special team to rescue Mahapatra from the kidnapers. The police, later, came to know that the kidnapers had kept Mahapatra in Delang area of Puri district. "A police team raided the place and rescued Mahapatra within 24 hours of his abduction. However, the kidnapers managed to escape. Today, we managed to arrest five kidnapers," said a senior police official.

## 7 Months After Man Went Missing, Skeletal Remains Recovered In Odisha

**Kamakhyanagar:** Around seven months after a man went missing in Odisha, his skeletal remains were recovered in a village in Dhenkanal district. The deceased person has been identified as

Sanatan Behera, a resident of Balipasi village under Parajang police limits. He was missing since September last year. According to reports, Sanatan was electrocuted after coming in contact with

a live-wire trap allegedly set up by poachers for wild boar while he was going outside home to attend the nature's call in September 2022. To hide the crime, the poachers buried the body in the ground.

## Bhadrak-Nayagarh Town MEMU Flagged Off At Cuttack Station

**Cuttack(KCN):** Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Minister of Railways, Communication and Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav flagged off of the inaugural run of Bhadrak-Nayagarh Town - Bhadrak MEMU at Cuttack Railway Station on the occasion of Sriram Navami today. On the inaugural Day, the MEMU train left for Bhadrak. However, the regular service will commence on March 31.



Direct train link between Bhadrak and Nayagarh District connects five districts of Odisha via important towns like Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. The new train will fulfill the

aspirations of common people, Vaishnav said. "The people of Bhadrak and Nayagarh Districts were demanding for direct train link for last many years. It was earlier announced to provide a new train from Bhadrak towards Bhubaneswar during the foundation stone laying ceremony of Redevelopment of Bhubaneswar Railway Station a few months ago. With the flagging

off of the Bhadrak-Nayagarh MEMU, The people's aspiration has been fulfilled," Vaishnav added. Cuttack Railway Station will be redeveloped as world-class station with an allocation of Rs 303 crore. This year, the Railways have constructed 400 Kms of rail line in Odisha. This is a record, said the Railway Minister. The Railway Ministry under the leadership

of Ashwini Vaishnav is committed to fulfill the aspirations of the common people in Odisha, Pradhan said. MLAs Md Moquim and Suraj Suryavanshi were also present on the occasion at the Cuttack Railway Station. The two Union Ministers also released postal stamps on the legends of Odisha at Ravenshaw University in the Silver City here.

## BJP BJD Locked Horns

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Ahead of the crucial Jharsuguda by-poll, BJP and BJD locked horns over prevailing law and order situation in Odisha, particularly, in poll-bound Jharsuguda district. Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and BJD National Spokesperson and MP Sasmit Patra engaged in a war of words on Twitter. Shri Pradhan cited the alleged kidnap and murder of 15-year-old boy Samarth Agrawal of Jharsuguda just two months after the brutal murder of the then Health Minister and local MLA Naba Kishore Das (January 29). Alleging lawless Odisha is a reality, Shri Pradhan said this is high-time

people in power (BJD government) recognise the fault-lines in the law and order situation in the State. "Murder of young Samarth exactly within two months of the broad daylight killing of Minister Naba Das exposes Odisha government's tall claims on rule of law," he said. The BJP leader alleged that neither citizens nor public representatives are safe in Odisha. Gruesome incidents like the above mentioned two murders on a regular basis, particularly in Jharsuguda have shocked everyone and weakened the trust of people of Odisha, he said. "No amount of empathy will bring solace to young Samarth's family.



The Odisha government must pull up its socks to ensure rule of law and safety of citizens," Shri Pradhan added. Senior BJD leader and Rajya Sabha member Sasmit Patra countered Union Minister's statement saying BJP-

ruled states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have more murder cases than Odisha in 2021. Calling Shri Pradhan as Bhai (Brother), Dr. Patra said, "Don't insult the peace-loving people of

Odisha by branding them as lawless. Don't insult Odisha for your petty political narrative. Its surprising to see that despite you having been an Hon'ble Union Minister for so long, you are still unaware about the difference between

lawlessness (law and order) and crime." Lawlessness is when during a GST raid in Padampur, Odisha, hundreds of Odisha BJP leaders and workers storm in forcibly, snatch the papers seized by the GST raiding party, in a bid to help the businessman who had cheated in paying GST, he said. When 500 people block National Highway between Sambalpur to Cuttack delay in completing NH work for many years and when thousands of farmers protest against Central neglect for not lifting surplus paddy are 'law and order' issues, Patra said. Stating that crime is committed by a group or individual which is investigated and the

guilty are brought to justice, the BJD leader said, "Please don't try to mislead and do politics on sensitive matters of crime." As per NCRB Report (2021), BJP-ruled states like UP, MP, Maharashtra, Assam & Haryana have more rape cases than Odisha. Similarly, the BJP-ruled states like UP, MP and Maharashtra have more murder cases than Odisha in 2021, the BJD MP said. Reacting back to Dr. Patra, BJD's Lawmaker Suryabanshi Suraj said, "People of Odisha are peace-loving and do understand what lawlessness and crime mean. Safety & security of citizens is one of the most important functions of a government. Odisha government is a failure in protecting the rights &

life of its peace-loving citizens." Though two months passed to Minister Naba Das's murder, the motive behind the crime is not established. Isn't it lawlessness?? A prime accused in a murder case—Gobind Sahoo is found mysteriously dead in Jail. Isn't this lawlessness?, asked the BJD leader. He also cited the examples of the Mamita Meher murder case, Mahanga triple murder case, BJD ZP member Dharmendra Sahoo's mysterious death case and attack on JE at Bari Block by BJD ZP member and supporters. "BJD MLA Bijay Shankar Das is an accused in rape case. Is this not lawlessness for you @sasmitpatra Bhai?", Suraj asked BJD Leader.

# Orissa High Court stays diversion of Kidney Transplant In SCB forest land for JSW Utkal Steel Limited

CUTTACK: The Orissa High Court has stayed diversion of forest land in Dhinkia area of Jagatsinghpur district where JSW Utkal Steel Limited intends to set up an integrated steel plant along with a thermal power plant, a cement plant and a captive jetty. The division bench of Justice Arindam Sinha and Justice SK Mishra directed the state government to move the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests for the purpose of alienation of the forest land, on compliance with the requirements. "Till compliance of the requirements,



including recognition of traditional forest dwellers, is complete as filed in the lease cases (initiated by Ersama tehsildar), they will remain stayed," the bench said in its March 24 order, while disposing of a petition filed by Manas Bardhan and 23 others. The petitioners claimed to be traditional forest dwellers at the project site also known as

Dhinkia Chaaridesh, comprising eight villages spread over three-gram panchayats - Dhinkia, Nuagaon, Gadkujang and the adjacent forest land. Land requirement for the proposed project site is 1,206 hectares, of which 136.47 hectares is non-forest land and 1069.53-hectare forest land. Arguing on the petitioner's behalf, advocate Khirod

Kumar Rout submitted that the process of diversion of forest land has been initiated by the administration without taking any steps for recognition of forest dwellers of the area in violation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. Rout further alleged that the government has been illegally occupying agricultural forest land, setting the forest on fire, and demolishing the betel vines of the petitioners. As per the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,

2006, no member of a forest dwelling Scheduled Tribe or other traditional forest dwellers shall be evicted or removed from forest land under its occupation till the recognition and verification procedure is complete. The petitioners as well as other villagers of the project-affected site qualify as Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) and are eligible for vesting of rights. They qualify as OTFDs as they had primarily resided in the forest land for 75 years prior to December 13, 2005 and depend on the forest land for bonafide livelihood needs, Rout contended.

Cuttack(KCN): In a big move in the public health service sector, SCB Medical College and Hospital has successfully retrieved two kidneys from a brain-dead female donor and transplanted in two recipients with high priority score. A team of SCB MCH Cuttack of Urology and Nephrology Departments successfully transplanted the kidneys with high priority score, officials said on Wednesday. Dr. Samir Swain, Urology, Dr. Aruna Acharya Nephrology, Dr. Sabyasachi Panda, Dr. Snajaya Choudhury, Dr. Sarat Chandra Parida and other staff of the Department of Urology and Nephrology

conducted the transplantation successfully. Tanuja Kar (57) the deceased donor of Tarol, Jagatpur, Cuttack was under treatment in CTVS Department of SCB hospital. As she could not be revived in spite of all measures, she was declared brain dead by the Brain Death Declaration team, the officials said. As per the recipient list of the state prepared by State Organ Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO), two recipients having high priority score were selected for kidney transplant. The matter was shared with Regional Organ Tissue Transplant Organisation

(ROTTO) and National Organ Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO). The Apollo Hospital Bhubaneswar had cooperated in performing all laboratory investigations required. After cross match of donor and recipient the kidneys were retrieved and transplanted to two eligible recipients as per law. The Medical Superintendent Prof. Sudhansu Mishra, Prof. Manoj Patnaik Head CTVS and Abinash Rout Registrar SCB MCH Cuttack, supervised the work. The State Nodal Officer SOTTO. Prof. (Dr.) Umakant Satapathy coordinated the total process.

## Quiz competition held on behalf of the "Catch the Rain" program

Cuttack Sadar(KCN) : Neheru Yuva Kendra(NYK) Bargarh branch organized a quiz competition on behalf of "Catch the Rain" program campaign at Kulita Tukura Government ME School among all the students. The program presided by Kulita Tukura High School HeadMaster Mr.Madhusudan Sahoo in presence of respected guests are Saraju Kumar Sahoo, Binapani Luha, Sarat Maharana, Rudra Prasad Chanda, Janata Bhoi & all with delivered there valuable speech for conservation, use & save water



respectively. Youth writer, Social worker or honorary teacher Abhishek Panda guide, operate the quiz program very fairly with felicitated all the winner

students by medal & certificate. Nation level Mountain climber or NYK member Mr. Ashribad Mahapatra(Anup) also conscious to the

students about Catch the Rain as harvesting plan very clearly & lastly he paid thanking to all for there presence with helped to make the programm best.

## IDS Bags Innovative Award



Bhubaneswar: Institute of Dental Sciences (IDS), faculty of dental sciences of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA), has been conferred with the 'Most Innovative Dental College' award at the recently concluded Oral Health Innovation Conclave at New Delhi. Dr. Rajiv Chugh, National President of the Indian Dental

Association (IDA), presented the award to Prof. Neeta Mohanty, Dean of IDS. The conclave, which was organised by IDA and mentored by NiTi Ayog, provided an excellent platform for the stakeholders and policymakers drawn from Dental Council of India, WHO, ICMR, CSIR, FDI, BIRAC and DRDO and various dental colleges and

industries to interact directly. Dr. Luv Aggarwal, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was the chief guest at the conclave. Prof. Mohanty delivered the keynote lecture on 'Steering Innovation Through Evidence Based Result' while Dr. Lora Mishra, Dr. Saurav Panda, Dr. Rupsa Das, Dr. Swagatika

Panda and Officer on Special Duty Mr. Pritam Nayak showcased the institute and SOA's achievements through an aesthetically designed booth. Students and interns of IDS also actively participated in the event and presented their research papers and posters which received high appreciation from the judges.

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**Adipurush: Makers Of Prabhas-Kriti Sanon's Film Unveil New Poster On Ram Navmi, Sunny Singh Features As Laxman**

Prabhas and Kriti Sanon starrer Adipurush has been making a lot of noise ever since it was announced. Now, on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navmi, makers and the cast took to social media and released a new post of the film. Sharing the new poster of Adipurush, Prabhas and Krit Sanon wrote, "Mantron se badhke tera naam Jai Shri Ram." The poster showcases Prabhas as Raghav, Kriti Sanon as Janaki, Sunny Singh as Shesh, and Devdatta Nage bowing down to them as Bajrang. However, fans were not very happy with the poster and shared their views in the comments section. "nothing against the actors not their fault . But even the poster doesn't look promising," a user wrote. "Don't waste money for this



cartoon movie," added another user. As we all know, Ram Navmi marks the birth anniversary of Lord

Ram. The auspicious occasion is widely celebrated across the nation. Earlier, the makers had announced

that the film, which was initially scheduled for release in January 2023, will now arrive in theatres on June 16,

2023. The film had earlier received flak for its poor VFX. There was also some controversy around Saif Ali Khan's character Raavan. 'Adipurush' is an upcoming epic mythological film based on Ramayan. It features Prabhas as Lord Ram, Kriti Sanon as Sita and Saif Ali Khan as Ravana. 'Adipurush' is said to be based on a huge budget. Shot simultaneously in Hindi and Telugu languages, it has been budgeted at over Rs 400 crore, making it one of the most expensive films in India ever made. Directed by Om Raut, the film is being produced by Bhushan Kumar under the T-Series banner.

**Kajol Gives A Shoutout To Hubby Ajay Devgn's Bholaa, Calls It 'Paisa Vasool'**

Kajol has heaped praise on her husband, actor Ajay Devgn's upcoming release 'Bholaa'. On Wednesday, Kajol attended the special screening of 'Bholaa'. After watching the film, she took to Instagram and shared her review.

She wrote, "Must must watch. Full paisa vasool. Ajay, I was clapping and cheering throughout. #Bholaa releasing tomorrow in 3D." 'Bholaa' is an official Hindi remake of the Tamil hit 'Kaiithi'. It has been styled as the story of a "one-man army, set in one night, fighting a multitude of enemies in various forms, human and otherwise." The original film revolved around an ex-convict, who decides to meet his daughter for the first time after being released from prison but gets caught in a face-off between police and the drug mafia. Bholaa marks Ajay's fourth directorial film after 'U, Me aur Hum' in 2008, 'Shivaay' in 2016, and 'Runway 34' in 2022. The film also stars Deepak Dobriyal, Sanjay Mishra, Vineet Kumar, Gajraj Rao and Tabu in pivotal roles and is all set to hit the theatres on March 30, 2023.



**Ponniyin Selvan 2 Trailer: Aishwarya Rai, Vikram's Period Drama Is Back, Cholas Fight For The Throne**



The wait is finally over. The trailer of Mani Ratnam's 'Ponniyin Selvan 2' is out and it has left the audience intrigued. 'Ponniyin Selvan-Part 1' was a cinematic adaptation of author Kalki Krishnamurthy's Tamil novel of the same name which was released in the form of a series during the 1950s. The film stars Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Chiyaan Vikram, Karthi, Jayam Ravi, Trisha, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Lal, and Sobhita Dhulipala,

among others. On Wednesday, the makers unveiled the trailer at a special event in Chennai. The trailer of the sequel teases viewers with the grand scale of the film. The second part will take off from where it ended in the first part, where Ponniyin Selvan was facing his death as Queen Nandini (Aishwarya) jumps into the sea to save him. Aishwarya definitely stole the attention with her presence in the trailer. She yearns to avenge the

death of her father. In a scene, she is heard saying, "We will destroy the Cholas." The fans were impressed with the trailer. Heaping praises on the makers, a social media user wrote, "Woaah...can't wait to watch it in theatres." "The trailer looks super interesting, good luck to team," another one wrote. At the trailer launch, Aishwarya thanked the audience for showering love on Ponniyin Selvan. "You have given us so much love and appreciation, as

a team, we are truly overwhelmed. We love you all so much. Thank you for appreciating our work so much in PS-1. We thank the people here in Tamil Nadu, in our country and the world over, who have given us love and enjoyed the efforts of the team. We have received such enthusiasm for Ponniyin Selvan 2," she said at the event. Kamal Haasan was a special guest at the trailer launch of Ponniyin Selvan 2, which will be out on April 28.

**Yami Gautam's 'Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga' Trends Internationally, Actress Is Overwhelmed With The Response**

Having left the audience impressed with her back-to-back hits, Yami Gautam Dhar is one actress who has set her charm on the hearts of the audience in a literal sense. After 'A Thursday', 'Dasvi', and 'Lost' now Yami is collecting great reviews for her brilliant performance in her recent release, Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga. The film has started to make noise way beyond the boundaries and is trending at the top in India and USA. As the fans flooded the social media universe with their praising comments for the actress, she is truly overwhelmed by the great response she is receiving from all across. While sharing her excitement about the amazing response she is receiving for Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga, Yami said, "The response to Chor Nikalke Bhaga and my character has been gratifying and humbling to say the least. So many of my friends and family who are residing out of India, have also texted and said such sweet things about the film. And most importantly, the way the audiences and my fans are showering so much love to Neha and the film.. it feels surreal, my phone has literally not stopped buzzing since the release."



**Anupam Kher Announces His New Kannada Film 'Ghost'**

Veteran actor Anupam Kher will be seen in a special role in a Kannada film titled 'Ghost'. Taking to Instagram, Kher wrote, "Happy to ANNOUNCE that My 535th project is a Kannada film #GHOST with the great #ShivaRajkumar directed by #Srinii and produced by #SandeshProductions. Jai Ho." In the film, Kher will be seen sharing screen space with Shiva Rajkumar and Jayaram. M.G. Srinivas is helming the project. Kher also dropped a video in which he is seen walking towards the camera along with Shiva Rajkumar in dapper style. Besides 'Ghost', Kher will also be seen in 'Tiger Nageswara Rao', which is headlined by Ravi Teja. The film will hit the theatre on October 20. 'Tiger Nageswara Rao' is



a period film set in the 1970s based on real incidents of a notorious and courageous thief (Ravi Teja) of south India and the people of Stuartpuram. Written and directed by Vamsee, the film is produced by Abhishek Agarwal under the Abhishek Agarwal Arts banner and presented by Tej Narayan Agarwal. The film will be released in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi languages. Nupur Sanon and Gayathri Bharadwaj have been roped in to play the leading ladies opposite Ravi Teja in the movie. R Madhie ISC is the cinematographer and GV Prakash Kumar takes care of music. Avinash Kolla is the production designer. Srikanth Vissa is the dialogue writer, while Mayank Singhaniya is the co-producer. Kher also has Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri's 'The Vaccine War' in his kitty and Kangana Ranaut's directorial 'Emergency'.

# Gender Budgeting in Odisha



'Gender Budgeting' (GB) is an important step for mainstreaming gender in the design, implementation, and evaluation of financial allocations, across all government expenditures. This broadly indicates the significance of translating gender commitments into budgetary commitments. It is also one of the fundamental roadways towards achievement and mainstreaming of gender equality, women empowerment, development, and inclusive growth. Gender budgeting is about restructuring the budget to ensure that the public resources are used in a way that can increase gender equality and thereby increase the efficiency and effectiveness of budgets and policies. This in turn helps accelerate inclusive and

sustainable growth. The principle of gender equality is enshrined in the Indian Constitution in its Preamble, and mentioned in the Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties as well as Directive Principles of State Policy. India has also ratified a range of international instruments committing towards promoting gender equality and addressing unfair discrimination. UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development also strongly advocates mainstreaming gender into the state machinery for achieving gender equality. For achieving gender equality, the Government of Odisha developed its first Gender Budget Statement (GBS) in 2012-13, focussing on Women specific schemes and programmes that had 100% budgetary allocation for the welfare of women and girls. In the subsequent years, provision for women and girls under various composite schemes and programmes were also included, under a separate category, if their targeted budgetary allocation was greater than 30% of the scheme amount. The Government of India has adopted Gender

Budgeting in 2004-05 and consequently, from 2005-06, the Union Ministry of Finance, under its Gender Budgeting commitments, urged the line Ministries to undertake reviews of their public expenditure profile, conduct beneficiary incidence analysis and recommend specific changes in operational guidelines of the schemes from a gender perspective. The gender budgeting framework has helped even the gender-neutral ministries to design new programmes for women. Most of the States and Union Territories have followed suit, from then on, and have introduced Gender Budgeting. Govt of Odisha has always been committed to advancing gender equality and ensuring that political will and leadership are channelled towards achieving it. Odisha State Policy for Girls and Women, developed by the Department of Women & Child Development and adopted in 2014, focuses on areas improving the status of women and girls in Odisha in areas like survival, health and nutrition; education; livelihood; asset

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ownership, decision making etc. The government has always tried to utilise the resources at its disposal, more efficiently and effectively, while working towards promoting gender equality simultaneously. But despite several and continued interventions targeted for the welfare and upliftment of women in Odisha, the disparity between women and men is very wide when it comes to various development indicators such as health, education, economic and other opportunities, etc. Therefore, there is a need for special attention and budgetary allocation, in view of their vulnerability and lack of access to resources, if we need to structurally address these gender inequalities. The gender budgeting process in Odisha is a step in that direction. Total budgetary amount for Gender Budget for 2022-23 BE is Rs. 5684681.24 lakhs, out of which the gender specific components include Rs. 607973.01 lakhs and gender sensitive elements accounts for Rs. 5076708.23 lakhs which is a substantial portion of the

total state budget outlay. There are 85 schemes and programmes in Gender Specific components and 420 schemes and programmes in Gender Sensitive components in 2022-23 BE. The total amount for Gender Budget has gone up from Rs 4854544.65 lakhs in 2021-22 RE to Rs 5684681.24 lakhs in 2022-23 BE. The total outlay on Gender Specific components has increased from Rs. 415775.35 Lakhs in 2021-22 RE to Rs. 607973.01 lakhs in 2022-23 BE as well as Gender Sensitive components has risen from Rs. 4438769.3 Lakhs in 2021-22 RE to Rs. 5076708.23 Lakhs in 2022-23 BE. As per 2022-23 BE, the share of gender specific allocation, gender sensitive allocation and total gender budget to state's total expenditure accounts for 4.78%, 39.88% and 44.65% respectively. As per 2022-23 BE, the share of gender specific allocation, gender sensitive allocation and total gender budget

allocation to GSDP accounts for 1.12%, 9.35% and 10.47% correspondingly. To institutionalise GRB, the key departments such as the Finance, the P&C and the W&CD Departments are required to work closely. A Gender Budget Cell needs to be established under Finance Department to monitor the processes and procedures that should be in place to effectively implement GRB in the state. The Planning and Convergence Department has to anchor generating and collecting gender disaggregated data and to guide various departments for appropriate planning along with resource allocation for women. Similarly, the Women and Child Development Department has to take the responsibility on capacity building of the officials on GB. There are tools available globally, nationally and sub nationally. The state needs to revisit and analyse those tools and adopt appropriate methodology and tools accordingly to implement GB in the State. A Task Force on Gender Budgeting may perhaps be set up in the finance

department with appropriate representative from government, civil society, academia and media for rolling out GB in the state. The committee will provide technical inputs and suggest methodology and tools to the nodal departments. It is important to create a pool of Resource Persons to carry out GB in the state. Presently, there is lack of literature and IEC material on the subject. For successful implementation of GB, there appears a clear need to develop IEC materials and build capacity of various functionaries on GB. W&CD may take the responsibilities for developing IEC materials and conducting training programme for the functionaries of GB. Key departments, schemes and programme are to be identified to at least start GB. Initially it may be thought of to identify departments needs by Planning and Convergence department, where possible intervention can be made towards Gender Budgeting in the state. There are also certain sectoral schemes and programmes which are beneficiary oriented like PDS, Scholarships,

MGNREGS, subsidy on seeds and fertilizer etc could be taken for starting GB. There exist developmental gaps between men and women across the sectors. To quantify the magnitude of gender-based disparities and track their progress over time and plan schemes and programme to minimise this gap, a gender index of the state need to be in place. There is need for a longitudinal research and analysis on the status of women and men, gap analysis, target oriented community wise and area wise programme/Schemes in the state. It should be done by an agency having expertise in the field. In order to make GB possible in the planning process of the state it is required to start these initiatives from Gram Sabha. Women participation and identification of women needs and consolidation of both their practical and strategic needs in the GP plan could be a starting point for GB. Planning & Convergence Department and Panchayati Raj Department need to work closely to make it possible.

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# Pet Dog Parenting in Bhubaneswar Smart City : Rights and Responsibilities



For centuries in our culture dogs are domesticated as hunters, guard and companion animals and never acquired the status of family members. It is in the early part of 20th century, keeping dogs in Indian homes has become more and more acceptable. The greatest reformers and thinkers of that era such as Swami Vivekanand and Rabindranth Tagore, had their favorite pets. In modern times there has been a phenomenal increase in the number of pets in developed countries. The trend is catching on in India too. The pet dog population is growing for a number of reasons. On the top of the list is a love for dogs some of the factors responsible for the growing trend of pet dog ownership in urban India are nuclear families, double income households and changing lifestyles. The one child norm has also led to more families keeping pets. Other beliefs that hold for increasing trend is the security concern. With a rise in prosperity, more and more people are keeping dogs as pets for safety. The rise of pets in ad campaigns and films to help an increase trend in pet ownership. Remember how the sale of pugs went up during the Hutch campaign? The biggest shift, though was the change in mind set that is how pets today are considered family members. Note the change in language; people no longer refer to themselves as pet owners, but as 'proud pet parents'. Whether you believe it or not, pets are great way to improve your mood and temperament. Research has shown that people who suffer from various diseases have lesser chances of

depression if they keep pets as compared to those who are suffering from similar diseases and don't keep pets. Health experts say that dog owners have less blood pressure and heart rates which reduces the need to take medicines and also helps reduce cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Dogs can be great companions and will happily go out for walks and is a good source of exercise. It is said that people who keep pets are said to be good in their social relations. Kids who grow up with pets at home are always respectful towards living things. No burglar alarm can be better than dog at home. Pets are quite like family members. However, with growing apartment complexes and Housing societies becoming the norm in almost all major cities in India, new challenges emerges relating to pet ownership. On one hand, there are the non-pet-owners who constantly complain and disapprove the activities related to pets, and on the other, there are the pet owners who strive to ensure that their rights are intact. In this conflict the pet parents living in apartments and housing societies are confronted with a number of issues. Pets being banned on society premises on account of being noisy. Prohibiting homeowners from using parks, lifts and other facilities if they are accompanied by pets. Also, being charged for the same. Being charged 'pet rent'. Forced usage of muzzles (to calm the pets). Discrimination as per the size and breed of pets allowed in the housing society and apartments. Being asked for a pet resume before being given the flat on rent (A pet resume contains the pet's basic details, previous rental experience, health, behavior, references, etc). Such rules are highly discriminatory and might lead to friction among the members of the society and more often people end up are the pet parents having to choose between their home or their

animal companion. But it must be kept in mind that these objections have raised due to certain behaviors of pet animals that have inconvenienced people in some way or another in the past living in apartments and housing societies. With growing apartment complexes and housing societies, it becomes important for pet owners to understand their rights and responsibilities, for the welfare of their pets and their neighbors. As per the opinion of the legal Advisor to the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI). "Apartment owners' associations (AOA) and residents' welfare associations (RWA) cannot 'legislate'. They cannot take it upon themselves to issue 'edicts' and restrict rights available to citizens. There is no law enacted by Parliament or any State Legislature that 'bans' companion animals. This is tantamount to harassment and violates the fundamental right of being a citizen of this country. The right to make personal choices is protected by the constitution of India. By pressurizing people to abandon their pets, they actually compel them to violate the law. Anyone who threatens or intimidates any person taking care of dogs is liable for criminal intimidation under Section 503 of Indian Penal Code and can be arrested without a warrant. As per Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, beating, kicking, over-riding, overloading, overdriving, torturing or otherwise treating any animals so as to subject it to unnecessary pain amounts to cruelty on animals. Whoever indulges in an act of cruelty to animals makes himself liable for action. The Animal Welfare Board of India has passed By-laws on keeping pet dogs in apartments. If you are living in a apartment or housing society you should be aware of these laws and make sure no one harasses you for keeping a pet. The Bylaws and Rules have summarized

## Dr. Gyana Ranjan Mishra

here in simple words for easy understanding. Any civic body, Resident Welfare Association (RWA) does not have the right to ban residents from keeping pets in their apartments, not even by getting a majority vote in the society with the help of other tenants or residents. Any discrimination over size or type of pet breed is not allowed in a housing society. No ban can be imposed on pet owners due to their dog's barking habits. If a pet owner abides by the municipal laws regarding pets then no society/civic body has the right to ban the pets or their owners from the society. So far as use of lift and park by pets is concerned AWBI comes up with following Bylaws, pets cannot be disallowed to use lifts. No ban or special charges can be imposed on pet owners for using lifts with their pets. Banning pets from parks is a short-sighted perspective and can result in canine's aggressive behavior. A dedicated time can be appointed for taking pets to parks and should be informed to RWA. For controlling of pets in common areas AWBI advocates, pet owners should keep their pets on leash while in public parks and common areas in the society. The most important issue thing being defecation by pets in community premises, AWBI states, there is no central/state law that requires pet owners to clean their pet excreta. However, RWA can request pet owners to clean up after their dogs for society's cleanliness. RWA cannot impose fines or special charges on pet owners in case they don't clean up after their pets excreta. Pet owners are encouraged to train their pets to use a specified defecation area without causing trouble to other residents. Large numbers of cities in the developed world have well enunciated pet policies mandating a set of DO's and DON'Ts that are applicable to the ownership of pets. For instance in most countries, cleaning of litter of the pets is the sole responsibility of the pet owner. They should carry

a bag with them all the times while toiling with their pets and take away the excreta for disposal. In fact in countries like Japan in addition to this the pet owners also carry with them a water bottle to wash the area where the pet defecates or urinates. However in India most of the laws and guidelines specified by AWBI remains toothless in the absence of specific city regulation, further if each residential society comes up with its own bylaws/rules with regard to pets, it may result in unacceptable levels of variation in the same city. Local regulation by municipalities is universally acknowledged as ideal solution to this particular issue, since they are in a better position than the state to satisfy the specific needs of their citizens. In November 2022, in a tragic incident an Akita breed (Canis lupus) pet dog bit a schoolboy at Tapaswini Colony, Patia, within the Infocity police limits of the State Capital. The eight-year-old suffered wounds on his back and stomach while riding his bicycle at their colony. The little kid underwent surgery and received 10 stitches along with 30 injections followed by anti-rabies vaccines after the incident. On the other hand, a case has been registered against the dog owner under Section 289 (negligent conduct with respect to animals) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Many such events happen every day and there is a lot of conflict between pet dog owners and local residents throughout the state both in cities and villages. In many occasions it was being observed that local residents put both the innocent pet and the dog owner into trouble without any sufficient reason, with the apprehension that the pet may create some inconvenience. To address this sensitive issue the

Bhubaneswar Municipality Corporation (BMC) has come up with Municipal Corporation (Registration and Proper Control of Dogs) By-Laws, 2023, which will be finalised very soon. Under the new guideline, pet owners would have to own up responsibility of their pets and their pets need to undergo a well-defined registration process. A new chip-based registration system will be functional soon. The chip will contain all details like the name and address of the owner and the Chip-tag containing the name of the owner and address should be tied around the dog's neck. The pet dog owner will register their pet by paying Rs 500 online and renew it every year before April by paying Rs 250. As per the draft guideline the pet owner cannot let their pets roam free outside their premises. The draft plan recommends that the owner of the dog shall not allow the dog to defecate in public places such as residential areas, green belts, parks, streets, roads, road berms and other common places. In case the dog defecates, the owner shall arrange to get the excreta of the dog removed from the staid place at his own level. The owner of the dog will take his dog to defecate in isolated areas which are not visited by residents and other members of the public, while no owner will allow the dog to defecate near the residences of other persons. Further it states that the breeding of dogs for commercial purposes and trading of dogs within the area of BMC will not be permitted. In case it is found that a dog is being kept for breeding or trading or commercial purposes by a person, the registration authority will impound such a dog besides imposing the fine as fixed by BMC Commissioner. Other instructions in the draft plan includes, ferocious dogs would have to be duly muzzled and a stick would have to be carried by the escort accompanying the dog while taking it out. Dogs

are required to be chained or leashed outside home premises. The pet owner would have to compensate for the bites or any harm caused by the dog and if the owner fails to comply with the order of registering authority and fails to keep his dangerous dog in proper control then registering authority may, in consultation with the local veterinary officer of the Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department, Government of Odisha and local animal welfare organization, may order for taking to custody and subsequent action as per Dog Rule. An owner of a dog who violates by-laws would be liable to be punished by a registration authority with a fine, which may extend to ₹10,000 and if the violation is perpetual in nature, then with an additional fine which may extend to ₹200 per day, for a maximum of 7 days for continuation of the breach. If the dog is seized or detained under these by-laws, the owner would have to pay maintenance charges at ₹200 per day to claim the dog. The draft by-laws have provisions of auctioning seized dogs if the owner continues to violate conditions. As per the new rule, the owners will ensure personal hygiene and mandatory rabies vaccination of his pet dog as per the schedule. There will be restrictions in taking pet dogs to parks, restaurants, gyms, shopping malls, and other public places. Special rules will be implemented for business or sports dogs, owners are to follow BMC guidelines for cremation after the death of dogs. Owning a dog is not just a privilege, it is a responsibility too, and responsible pet parenting is the need of the hour. The BMC appeals to the pet parents to abide to certain manners like, make sure your pets must have adequate nutrition and medications required to stay healthy. Keep your dog on leash even while walking in and around

your home or housing society and apartment premises. Train your dog properly and make sure that your pet doesn't fight with other pets in the society. Don't let society children tease your pet. It might anger your pet and can cause them to react badly. Make sure that your pet isn't causing any annoyance in the society. You should abide by the Municipal Sanitary Bye-Laws or Regulations. Urban India's love for pets is growing without any rules. The absence of any rules and regulations on pet control in India means there are no mechanisms to settle a range of disputes. This perpetual debate of whether pets must be allowed to roam freely and enjoy their rights or in order to safe guard the basic safety and convenience humans we must impose some rules and regulation on pet parents has made us realise that there is a need for a clear understanding of the situation before we jump to conclusions about the rights and wrongs. Humans interact with animals in numerous ways and on numerous levels. We the Homo sapiens indeed are living in an "animal's world," in the sense that our lives are very much intertwined with the lives of animals. This also means that animals, like those dogs we commonly refer to as our pets, are living in a "human's world" in the sense that it is us, not them, who, to a large degree, define and manage the interactions we have with them. In this sense, the human-animal relationship is nothing we should romanticize, it comes with clear power relations and thus with a set of responsibilities on the side of those, (we humans) who exercise this power.

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PM meet with Oscar winner & Film Producer, Ms Guneet Monga and other, in New Delh

### Honourable Sri Ram Krishna Jaiswal Honorary Consul for Maldives in Kolkata, West Bengal, promoting Maldives Tourism, optimistic about Kolkata-Male flights and business opportunities

**Kolkata:** Honourable Sri Ram Krishna Jaiswal, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Maldives in Kolkata, West Bengal has always been confident on promoting Maldives-Tourism. Welcoming travellers tourists and business people and industries from Kolkata, West Bengal as well as Eastern India too. He had Officially written a Request-Letter to the Civil Aviation Minister, Honourable Shri Jyotiraditya Scindhia for starting Direct-Flights between Kolkata, West Bengal & Male, Maldives. Sri Jaiswal is highly

hopeful of Direct Flight connection between the two destinations soon.

Republic of Maldives in Kolkata, West Bengal. Along with Promotion

He has met Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal and Dignitaries in Kolkata, Delhi and elsewhere. Sri Jaiswal has been pro-active in appreciating the health services, police and security services, Kolkata Airport officials and other agencies. Sri Jaiswal has interacted with students, doctors, nurses, lady officials and many others in the state. As well as professional associations in Kolkata. To promote Kolkata and West Bengal and Eastern India deep bond with Male (Maldives) in a win-win situation for all.



As it remains one of his highest priorities as the Honourary Consul, of Education & Trade opportunities between both the Nations!

## 'Have To Handle Threats To Democracy Ourselves': Congress' Damage Control National Level Summit on "Water for Climate Resilient"

New Delhi: The Congress appears to have distanced itself from the controversy over its leader Digvijaya Singh's tweet thanking Germany's foreign ministry for taking note of Rahul Gandhi's suspension from the Lok Sabha. BJP leaders and union ministers have slammed Mr Singh

comment that had led to a huge controversy. Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju and Anurag Thakur slammed Mr Gandhi in tweets, repeating the allegation that he seeks foreign intervention in domestic affairs. "Thank you Rahul Gandhi for inviting foreign powers for interference into India's internal matters.

developments concerning Mr Gandhi after he was disqualified from the Lok Sabha following his conviction in a defamation case over asking if everyone with the surname "Modi" was a "thief". Germany on Thursday said that "fundamental democratic principles" should apply in the case of Mr Gandhi. "We have taken note of the verdict

**New Delhi:** Various speakers today emphasised on the need of sustainable use and conservation of water, especially depleting ground water which is available in very small amounts since surface water is mostly polluted. Speaking at a National Level Summit on "Water for Climate Resilient," here, Mr Ashwini Kumar Choubey, the Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change said that the BJP led NDA Government is trying its best for conservation of ground water which is depleting day by day all over the country. The Jal Jeevan Mission country's flagship programme is envisioned to provide safe and adequate



drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India, he said. Himself a victim of climate change disaster at Kerdarnath tragedy, Shri Choubey urged everyone to save nature including water and nature will save all. The Government has prepared a DPR of

Rs.49,000 crore for conservation of river water, he said. Interlinking of rivers, Nirmal Dhara Swatch Dharam and such other projects will not only save water but also supply the same to all, he added. The Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs, Mr Bisweswar Tudu in his

speech pointed how tribals use to conserve water in villages and forests. But conserving water should also be a public movement, he said. Three Member of Parliament — Mr Sujit Kumar, Mr Suresh Pujari and Mr Nitesh Ganga Deb also spoke about conservation of water in villages and countryside

which the urban population should imbibe. India is a water stressed country for which late Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee had initiated the mega river linking project long ago, they said. Mr Srikant Sekhar Sahoo, Chief Executive, Nature Care Initiative an NGO working in the field presided over the function. It was followed by a day-long technical session with experts drawn from different but related fields. The NCI felicitated Mr Madhukar Swayambhu with first R C Mishra Nature Care Award-2023 and Mr Bibhudatta Panigrahi was awarded the Nature Care Award 2023.



over the tweet, calling it an open attempt to invite foreign powers to interfere in India's internal matters. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, who is in charge of the party's communications, said the country's political problems should be solved from within, amid attacks by the BJP for allegedly trying to drag in foreign powers to influence India's internal matter. "Congress firmly believes that India's democratic processes themselves have to deal with the threats posed to our democracy by Mr Modi's assault on our institutions and his politics of vendetta, intimidation, threats and harassment. Congress and opposition parties will take him on fearlessly," Mr Ramesh tweeted, without directly mentioning Mr Singh's

Remember, Indian judiciary can't be influenced by foreign interference. India won't tolerate foreign influence any more because our Prime Minister is Narendra Modi ji," Mr Rijiju tweeted. The Congress has rubbished the charge, challenging the BJP to produce examples of Mr Gandhi requesting such an intervention. Mr Gandhi has only been speaking about the state of affairs in India in his engagements abroad and not asking for help, his party has said, referring to his speech in the UK recently. "Thank you Germany Foreign Affairs Ministry and Richard Walker for taking note of how democracy is being compromised in India through persecution of Rahul Gandhi," Mr Singh had tweeted, referring to Germany acknowledging it has been tracking the

of first instance against the Indian opposition politician Rahul Gandhi as well as the suspension of his parliamentary mandate. To our knowledge, Mr Gandhi is in a position to appeal the verdict," a German foreign ministry spokesperson said during a press briefing. "It will then become clear whether this verdict will stand and whether the suspension of his mandate has any basis," she added. Earlier this week, the US said that it is watching the Rahul Gandhi case and they continue to engage with the Indian government on a shared commitment to democratic values, including freedom of expression. The criminal defamation case against Rahul Gandhi was filed by Gujarat BJP MLA Purnesh Modi.

## "Conspiracy In Congress To Weaken Rahul Gandhi": BJP MP

**Bengaluru:** A senior BJP leader and MP from Karnataka has alleged there's a conspiracy within the Congress to weaken, mislead and make Rahul Gandhi a "sacrificial goat". BJP MP Lahar Singh Siroya indicated Mr Gandhi's advisers are working against his interests amid the controversy over his conviction in a defamation case and

disqualification from the Lok Sabha. "I find it quite surprising to see what the people who are advising Rahul Gandhi want him to do. The understanding I get from looking at people around him is that Rahul Gandhi is a person with a clean heart. His advisers are misleading him," Mr Siroya told NDTV. He denied allegations the BJP was being vicious against Mr

Gandhi. "We have been accused of being very aggressive towards Rahul Gandhi. It's nothing like that. In fact we hope he becomes MP, comes back prepared for debates in parliament," the BJP leader said. He narrated how Indira Gandhi, former Prime Minister and grandmother of Rahul Gandhi, immediately appealed in the

Allahabad High Court when it disqualified her as an MP and the court stayed her disqualification. "... Indira ji then went to the Supreme Court. I don't want to get into what happened at the Supreme Court. That's a different story altogether. But she managed to remain MP and went on to become Prime Minister," Mr Siroya said.

"Today Rahul Gandhi is saying he has no home, he will vacate his bungalow. Why is he saying all this? When Indira ji lost in 1977, and she was not MP in 1988, she requested (former Prime Minister) Morarji Desai for accommodation. He immediately allowed her request and gave her one at 12 Willingdon Crescent.



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurates several development works including computerization of Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (MPACS), in Uttarakhnad

## Sitaram's wedding is grand in Siddhartha Nagar



**warangal(KCN) :** B h a g w a a n Shriramchandra's marriage ceremony was held grandly at Siddhartha Nagar Committee Hall in Fatima Nagar, Hanumakonda District on Thursday to follow the footsteps of Lord Rama. Sitaramchandra Swami Kalyan celebrations at Siddhartha Nagar Committee Hall were

conducted grandly with devotion and chanting of Veda mantras under the auspices of the Utsava Committee. All the devotees from the surrounding areas to the people of the colony participated in this program. Speaking on the occasion, the organizers of the committee said that the Sri Ram Navami celebrations are with the cooperation of the peo

ple of the colony. The organizers of the committee said that since the last 31 years, they have been managing the welfare of Swami with zeal. After that, Annadanam was arranged for the devotees and prasads were distributed. Rajender, Dheeraj, Ramana, Hemant Reddy, Prasad, Mahender Reddy, Sampath and others participated in this program.

**B h u b a n e s w a r :** Molecular tests in cancer are started in AHPGIC, SCB Medical college & other tertiary care centres on PPP mode in partnership with Bhubaneswar based In DNA Laboratory. The samples will be

collected from these Institutions, tests performed in the laboratory in Bhubaneswar & reports submitted back to the concerned Institutions. The entire cost would be borne by the State Government through

Nidan Scheme. The laboratory is selected through an open tender by OSMCL. Molecular tests of tumours are advanced version of tests those can help to understand the tumour biology and plan the treatment more

precisely for targeted therapies. It's expensive and require specialised laboratories & expertise. This facility will benefit the cancer patients immensely. It has started in AHPGIC. Rest Institutions, SCB Cuttack, MKCG

Berhampur, VIMSAR Burla, PRMMCH Baripada, FMMCH Balasore, BBMCH Bolangir, SLNMCH Koraput, Capital Hospital Bhubaneswar and RGH Rourkella will follow according to Health & FW department sources.

## Nidan Funds Cancer Test

## Children in need enjoyed state level event: MAHAK and UTSAHA

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** With participation of 900 children in need of care and protection from all districts of Odisha, the state level children's festival MAHAK and UTSAHA were organised by Odisha State Child Protection Society, Women and Child Development Department, Govt of Odisha from 26th to 31st March 2023 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. Flying up the bunch of balloons, Minister of Women and Child Development Smt. Basanti Hembramand Smt. Shobha Sharma, Commissioner cum Secretary, Ms. Sumitra Jena, Advisor, Mr. Arvind Agrawal, Director and Smt. Rega Geetarani Patnaik of the Department inaugurated the Programme MAHAK & UTSAHA. Mr. Pritikant Panda, Programme Manager Child Protection coordinated and Managed the event. Inmate children of 185 Child Care



Institution (CCI) participated in different literary and cultural competitions including Debate, Quiz, Group Dance, Solo Song Painting in the state level event: MAHAK. Similarly the Sports and athletic festival UTSAHA was conducted to identify the sportive and growing talent of inmates of CCI in sports under Mission Vatsalya. The inmates of all Child care Institutions and their escorts along with Officials of District Child Protection Units extended support for mentoring and guiding the children. The

UTSAHA programme was inaugurated on 29th March 2023. The Ollywood actor Mr. Sabyasachi Mishra spent quality time with children with sharing stage among children and expressing lovely words to encourage them. In UTSAHA the children participated in the games like; football, chess, carrom, long jump, high jump, 100mtr and 200 mtr race. The first, second, third positioned winner children will be felicitated on 31st March 2023 in the

closing ceremony. All the Officials and staff of OSCPS offered all possible supports to organise such a fantastic and marvelous programme. During interview most of the participants opined that we got an beautiful opportunity to see our Hon'ble Chief Minister during the event inauguration of tennis court and fortunate to play in the Kalinga Stadium Ground. The programme was successfully organised with the cohesive team work of staff from OSCPS, DCPU & CCIs.

## Quiz competition held on behalf of the "Catch the Rain" program



**Cuttack Sadar(KCN) :** Neheru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Bargharh branch organized a quiz competition on behalf of "Catch the Rain" program campaign at Kulita Tukura Government ME School among all the students. The program presided

by Kulita Tukura High School Head Master Mr. Madhusudan Sahoo in presence of respected guests are Saraju Kumar Sahoo, Binapani Luha, Sarat Maharana, Rudra Prasad Chanda, Janata Bhoi & all with delivered there valuable speech for conservation, use & save

of water respectively. Youth writer, Social worker or honorary teacher Abhishek Panda guide, operate the quiz program very fairly with felicitated all the winner students by medal & certificate. Nation level

Mountain climber or NYK member Mr. Ashribad Mahapatra (Anup) also conscious to the students about Catch the Rain as harvesting plan very clearly & lastly he paid thanking to all for there presence with helped to make the program best.



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## Vitesco Technologies aims to achieve 100% carbon neutral production by 2030

Pune: Vitesco Technologies, a leading international manufacturer of modern drive technologies and electrification solutions, recently celebrated the second anniversary of its Pune facility. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Braun, Senior Vice President of Operations at Vitesco Technologies, visited the facility to commemorate the occasion. The facility is spread across 20 acres and contains more than 17580 m<sup>2</sup> of manufacturing space, including over 900 employees.

The Pune plant, like all Vitesco Technologies facilities, serves its grid demand entirely through renewable energy sources. Furthermore, the site generates sustainable electricity. All new photovoltaic systems have been built

in the Talegaon facility, generating 03 GWh of electricity from solar energy. The installed capacity is currently 2.6 MW, with the company aiming to increase it to 3.6 MW by the end of the year. The facility is also strongly driving automation, digitization, and Industry 4.0, with over 25 cobots and robots installed on the production lines and shopfloor. During his tour of the facility, Dr. Hans-Jürgen Braun, Head of Operations at Vitesco Technologies said, "We have a clear vision of the key characteristics of the plant of the future, which are sustainable, smart, and predictive. And our plant in Pune already embodies these qualities with highly automated production lines, state-of-the-art Industry 4.0 solutions and a strong

focus on sustainability. But what is most important for me is the highly motivated team, because I genuinely believe that people, not only technology, will shape the plant of the future. I am very impressed with India's business competency and the employees' enthusiasm to support us on this journey.

Dr. Braun further highlighted that "The carbon footprint must be dramatically decreased to combat climate change, which is one of the major issues of our time. We must take on responsibility for our environment. As a result, the plant of the future must be climate-neutral in operation. That is why I am proud that the plant in Pune has truly established itself as a driver of sustainability.

## Spice Money nearly doubles its nanopreneur (Adhikari) network hitting 1 million milestone in FY22

New Delhi: Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech that is revolutionising the way Bharat banks, achieved the significant milestone of 1 million Adhikaris (nanopreneurs) in FY22, growing by nearly double over the last financial year. Spice Money's strategy, to provide the first-of-its-kind zero investment model, continues to yield results and growth in Adhikaris. This network is spread across rural India covering more than 95% rural pincodes, 700+ districts serving a base of over 100 million consumers, through the Spice Money app and web portal.

In FY23 Spice Money aims to expand into other digital and financial services. The company will consolidate its ATM, banking and payments

business, while scaling its enterprise Cash Management Services (CMS) business. The company, additionally, will be introducing a financial products & services marketplace which will offer solutions such as insurance, credit etc. Considering the crucial role agriculture plays in the rural economy, Spice Money will also venture into digital solutions for the industry. With the country emerging from the pandemic, Spice Money will expand its travel tech platform, Travel Union, to offer a first-of-its-kind solution for all travel agents in semi-urban and rural India. Through its phygital super app, the company will disseminate multiple digital services including education, e-commerce

and healthcare to the masses. On this occasion, Dilip Modi, Founder, Spice Money said "FY22 has witnessed commendable growth, with Spice Money showcasing consistent double-digit growth over the past eight quarters.

We continue to remain bullish about rapid adoption of digital services in rural India, as we aim to foray into new business segments in FY23. Spice Money's phygital super app will further help rural communities get essential services like basic banking, payment services, financial services, travel services and entrepreneur solutions along with healthcare and e-commerce at their doorstep, assisted by Spice Money's 1 million+ Adhikaris.

## Sterlite Power wins orders worth INR 1600 crores

New Delhi: Sterlite Power, a leading power transmission developer and solutions provider, has secured multiple orders worth ~INR 1600 crores across its Solutions business in the domestic and international markets.

The company has secured orders from customers like Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), and West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (WBSETCL) in the MSI (Master System Integrator) segment. The orders are for the installation and supply of high-performance conductors and reconductoring solutions for transmission projects. In the Products segment, Sterlite Power has acquired strategic maiden orders of EHV cables for state transmission utilities in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka and orders for overhead lines from large and reputed international

customers in North America and CIS regions.

Commenting on the order wins, Mr. Manish Agarwal, CEO - India Transmission Business, Sterlite Power, said, "We are happy to win these new orders across our Solutions business which significantly adds to our robust orderbook. Our integrated model provides us with a strategic advantage in delivering complex projects successfully while also diversifying our revenue base."

As part of its Solutions business unit, the company manufactures and sells a diversified portfolio of products, covering high performance conductors, OPGW and EHV power cables, to international customers, including central and state electricity transmission companies, transmission developers and engineering, procurement, and construction ("EPC")

contractors. Further, its MSI sub-unit is a provider of specialty contracting services, delivering bespoke solutions for the upgrade, uprate and fiberization of brownfield transmission infrastructure projects. In addition, the company also offers underground EHV turnkey services including cable laying and substation development.

Under its infrastructure business segment, where the company bids to develop transmission projects, it has recently won inter-state transmission system projects in J&K as well as north-east India which will play a pivotal role in connecting clean and green power to the national grid. The Kishtwar transmission project is based in Jammu & Kashmir and comprises a 400/132kV GIS substation at Kishtwar and 400 kV Kishenpur - Dulhasti LILO (Line in Line out) transmission line.

## Aakash BYJU'S Launches Its Third Flagship, after South Extension and Janakpuri, and the 17th Centre in Delhi, at Vasant Kunj

Delhi: Aakash BYJU'S, India's leader in test preparation services, today launched its third flagship in Delhi, after South Extension and Janakpuri, at Vasant Kunj, responding to the growing demand for its NEET, JEE and Foundation courses from the Capital. This new addition to the Aakash BYJU'S expanding pan-India network of centres, currently totaling 330+ in 24 states and union territories, reflects the institute's commitment to reaching its standardised direct coaching services to students where they live. Located in an area of 14952 sq. ft. of space in a prime location at Ambience Tower, Second Floor, Plot No 3, Sector- A, Pocket II, Vasant Kunj, the flagship has 17 classrooms and can offer direct classes to 2000+ students. Featuring connected and smart classrooms, it can also provide



a seamless learning experience to the students of its hybrid courses. Aakash BYJU'S has been constantly scaling up its op-

erations across Delhi NCR, with the past few months seeing new centres coming up in Bhiwadi, Sonapat, Najafgarh, Faridabad, Greater Noida, Rohini, Jasola etc to name a few. Currently Aakash BYJU'S has around 34 centers in the whole of Delhi and NCR. The new flagship will be the 35th in the region. A feat that speaks volumes of its popularity, pedagogy and student centric approach, this year, till now, 17000 students have enrolled for various courses of Aakash BYJU'S from the National Capital alone with the number set to grow significantly as the new session kicks in. The flagship at Vasant Kunj, Delhi was inaugurated by Mr. Abhishek Maheshwari, Chief Executive Officer, Aakash BYJU'S along with Dr Yash Pal, Regional Director in the presence of other company officials.

## Lifestyle announces launch of Miss Raja Season 2 contest to celebrate Raja Parba in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: Lifestyle, India's leading fashion destination, announces its second season of Lifestyle Miss Raja in Bhubaneswar, to celebrate the occasion of Raja Parba. The #LifestyleMissRaja2022 contest aims to showcase the passion and unique fashion sensibilities of the city's young women. The three-day festival in Odisha, which is a celebration of womanhood, will be commemorated by Lifestyle through its 2nd season of Miss Raja Parba contest. Popular Ollywood actress Bhoomika Dash announced the contest on 27th May on her social

media. #LifestyleMissRaja2022 welcomes young women from Bhubaneswar to participate in the contest by uploading their most stylish picture on Instagram using the hashtag and tagging @LifestyleStores. The entries would be evaluated basis the stylish look created, and the number of likes garnered on the post. 10 pre-finalists will be announced on the 9th of June and invited for a stylish makeover in Lifestyle's newest trends by an industry expert and photographed professionally. These images will be further posted by the pre-finalists on their Instagram page for a voting round. The

contest will culminate on the 15th of June with the announcement of the winner with the highest votes. The grand finale will be conducted at the Lifestyle store in Esplanade One Mall and will have none other than the popular actress Bhoomika Dash announce the Lifestyle Miss Parba of 2022 and hand over voucher worth Rs. 50,000. The contest is being aggressively promoted through different online and offline avenues.

All the young fashionistas of Bhubaneswar who aspire to be successful models, #LifestyleMissRaja2022 provides a perfect platform to be recognized

for one's great fashion sense.

Announcing the contest, celebrity Bhoomika Dash said, "I feel glad to be associated with Lifestyle for the 2nd season of #LifestyleMissRaja2022 contest. This is a great way for the brand to connect with the young women of Bhubaneswar. Lifestyle is best known for its latest and trendy fashion collection across all categories with an affordable price range. Do visit the Lifestyle store at Esplanade mall for your Raja Parba shopping!"

Rohini Haldea, Assistant Vice President - Marketing, Lifestyle said,

"Celebrating the Raja Parba Fest in Bhubaneswar has been a great experience for us. The passion and enthusiasm of the participants truly fuel the energy of the contest. Lifestyle, with its trendy festive collection and #LifestyleMissRaja2022, proudly celebrates the festival with the young women of Bhubaneswar as a true ode to womanhood."

Lifestyle offers a great range of ethnic wear with vibrant colours and modern silhouettes that perfectly capture the vibe of the festive season.

## Airtel Xstream Fiber unlocks its NEW All-in-One plans

Bhubaneswar: To serve the needs of premium households who want the next generational connectivity and entertainment experience, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, has once again raised the bar in the home broadband segment with the launch of three new all-in-one plans built for the evolving entertainment needs of today's connected homes.

Vir Inder Nath, CEO - Homes, Bharti Airtel had this to say: "Our new plans are built for India's emerging entertainment needs. Through these bundle offers we plan to offer our discerning customers great value, convenience and unlock a multi-faceted digital experience."

Increased broadband consumption in Indian homes has given rise to the phenomena of hybrid viewing, where families are looking to consume OTT content on the TV screen along with linear TV without the hassle of managing multiple subscriptions and devices. Airtel's plans are the first of their kind in terms of catering to the evolving entertainment needs of the whole family and come with: Subscription to 17 premium OTTs to go with unlimited data. This includes Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar and Airtel Xstream Premium ((SonyLiv, Lionsgate, Hoichoi and 11 more OTTs). 350+ TV channels covering the best of linear TV. Airtel 4K Xstream TV Box\* that allows you to enjoy OTT and linear TV content with a single device and single remote.

## WHEC recognizes Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as excellence worldwide in Gender Equality

Barcelona: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was invited to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC), which recently took place in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO recognized Amrita as one of five universities of excellence worldwide for its performance in gender equality. The WHEC aims to reshape ideas and practices in higher

education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity, as well as to define and prepare a roadmap for a new era of higher education. As the world comes out of COVID-19, the WHEC's goals and strategic scope remain, and the new timeframe represents an opportunity to deepen and expand common efforts of knowledge

production, policy dialogue, exchange, and networking. Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, participated in a round table called "Universities' Contribution to Gender Equality: A global perspective". Adding to his views Swami Amritaswarupananda expressed how Amrita is

making a difference in terms of gender equality and which policies have been put into place at the university level. Gender equality is number five in the United Nations' list of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He explained how the culture of gender equality is not implemented only in terms of policies within Amrita, but also practiced in spirit.

The round table included Dr. Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Chair on Women, Science and Technology; Dr. Ricardo Vilanueva Lomeli, Rector General, University of Guadalajara; Ms. Elizabeth Shepherd, Leader of the Consultancy team, Times Higher Education; and Dr. Victoria Galan-Muros, Chief of Research and Analysis,

# ICC ODI World Cup 2023: Mumbai, Ahmedabad To Host Semis And Final, Delhi Or Chennai To Witness India Vs Pakistan Clash, Says Report

**New Delhi:** The ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 is set to get underway in India on October 5. The International Cricket Council (ICC) is yet to announce the detailed schedule but there is already buzz around where the semifinal and final may take place as well as the venue for the biggest match of the tournament – India vs Pakistan. According to a report in Cricbuzz website,

the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium will be hosting the 50-over World Cup final while Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai will be venue of one of the two semifinal matches. A total of 12 venues have been finalized in India to host 48 matches of the ODI World Cup, the first in India after country's historic 2011 triumph. The report also quashed news that Pakistan's matches could be organized out

of the India, in possibly Bangladesh. "Bangladesh was not discussed at all at the Board meeting and full backing for the event in India was given by the Board. We're focused on that," an ICC official was quoted as saying by Cricbuzz website. The website added that the matter of Pakistan's World Cup matches at a neutral venue wasn't even raised at an ICC meeting in Dubai last



week. "It was not discussed at the board. (It) may have been in one of the committees but never in my presence," a member, who was present at last Monday's (March

20) meeting in Dubai, was quoted as saying by Cricbuzz website. The World Cup is scheduled to be held in Indian in October-November but the BCCI and the ICC are

yet to announce the schedule. Delhi and Chennai have been billed to be the venue options for the big India-Pakistan game but nothing has been confirmed. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), meanwhile, may consider the possibility of playing at a neutral venue during the upcoming ODI World Cup. Pakistan might end up playing in Bangladesh, despite

India being the sole host of the tournament, according to ICC general manager Wasim Khan. "I don't know if it would take place here on in a different country but a neutral venue is highly likely," Wasim Khan said in an interview with local media. "I don't think that Pakistan will play their World Cup matches in India. I think their matches

will also be held at a neutral venue just like India's Asia Cup matches," he added. However, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), blasted the suggestion that Pakistan matches may move to a 'neutral' venue. "Wasim Khan has no business talking about the neutral venue, he should stop behaving like a PCB CEO," a top BCCI official told Cricbuzz.

## Big Blow For Punjab Kings As Liam Livingstone Ruled Out Of IPL 2023's Opening Match vs Kolkata Knight Riders

**New Delhi:** Liam Livingstone, the England batter, will not be participating in the opening game of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 for the Punjab Kings (PBKS) as he is still awaiting a fitness clearance from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), according to ESPN Cricinfo. Livingstone had suffered a knee injury in December last year, and since then, he has not played any competitive cricket. He was an integral part of the PBKS set-up and had performed exceptionally well in IPL 2022, scoring 437 runs in 14 matches with a strike rate of 182.08 and picking up six wickets with his spin bowling. However, despite his heroics,



PBKS finished at the sixth spot for the fourth season in a row. Livingstone's absence will be a significant blow for PBKS, but they have the highest-paid player in IPL history, Sam Curran, who joined the team after being purchased for Rs 18.50 crore at the auction last year. Curran is the only English player left in the squad, as Jonny Bairstow has been ruled

out of the competition, and Matthew Short has been named as his replacement. Short was the 'Player of the Tournament' during the Big Bash League (BBL) 2022-23, representing Adelaide Strikers. He was the second-highest run scorer in the tournament with 458 runs at an average of 35.23 in 14 matches and took 11 wickets with the best bowling figures of

3/14. Apart from Livingstone, South African pacer Kagiso Rabada will also miss the opening game of the IPL 2023 because of international cricket commitments. However, he is expected to arrive in India on April 3 ahead of PBKS's away match against Rajasthan Royals.

PBKS will face Kolkata Knight Riders in their IPL campaign opener at the Punjab Cricket Association IS Bindra Stadium, Mohali, on April 1. Livingstone's absence will be felt, but with the likes of Curran and Short in the squad, PBKS will be hoping to start their campaign on a positive note and improve on their performance from the last season.

## Virat Kohli Reveals Phone Is Filled With Daughter Vamika's Photos

**New Delhi:** Former Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) captain Virat Kohli is getting ready to take part in his 16th season of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Kohli is the highest run-getter in the history of the T20 league and could become the first batter to score 7,000 runs in IPL 2023.

However, off the field, Kohli remains a doting father to daughter Vamika. Former India captain and his Bollywood star wife Anushka Sharma became parents to daughter back in 2021. During a chat with 'RCB Bold Diaries', Kohli revealed that his phone's gallery is full of pictures of his daughter Vamika. "My photo gallery is filled with my daughter's



pictures, for sure. I click her a lot, it just comes to me naturally, every time I see a moment with her and Anushka or her just doing something cute with our dog at home, or anything, I just try and capture it. It is special, you know, you do not want to miss out on these days," Kohli said. Explaining how kids tend to grow up quickly right in front of their eyes, Kohli harped on importance of capturing these moments. "Even now, you don't realize

how quickly kids are growing up, but then you see one of those compiled videos from six months back and you're like, 'Thank god we took those pictures'. It is so beautiful to watch those moments, because when you are in those moments, you don't quite see it in the same way when you look back at it," the RCB batter commented. Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma announced their new philanthropic venture at the recent Indian Sports

Honour awards. Announcing SEVVA, Kohli said that the foundation's name contains the initials of not only his and Anushka's names, but also of their daughter, Vamika.

"This stands for 'SE' of self, 'V' of Virat, 'V' of Vamika, and 'A' of Anushka, as 'seva' is always from self of self," Kohli explained recently.

Apart from his family, Kohli also talked about his current playlist. He revealed that he's currently listening to a lot of Arijit Singh songs which relaxes his mood.

Royal Challengers Bangalore will host Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians in their first match of IPL 2023 on Sunday (April 2).

## Namibia, PNG tumble records in high-scoring encounter

**New Delhi:** Hosts Namibia bounced back from an opening defeat to the USA to see off Papua New Guinea in a run-fest at United Cricket Ground, while Canada avenged their side against their southern neighbours in a low-scoring, hot-tempered dogfight at Wanderers to go top of the table on day three the CWC Qualifier play-Off at Windhoek. With a four year-old wound from the two sides' last encounter at the ground clearly still rankling, tempers flared repeatedly at Wanderers as Canada defended a sub-par 198 by 26 runs despite a defiant knock from Sushant Modani, laying to rest grievances from 2019's World Cricket League Division 2 when American obduracy cost them a shot at reclaiming ODI status. Aaron Johnson weathered a hostile opening spell from Ali Khan (who with Suarabh Nertavalkar reduced Canada to 9-3 early) to pull his side back into the match with a brisk 47.

Contributions from Nick Kirton, Harsh Thaker, and Ravinderpal Singh down the order ensured the Canadians had something to bowl at, and regular wickets during the reply ensured the USA never got on top of the chase. Modani repeatedly lost partners as he batted through to the death before falling to Kaleem Sana, triggering a rapid end to the American resistance.

Meanwhile at United Cricket Ground, Namibia bounced back from two early wickets to pile on a record score of 381-8 against Papua New Guinea, skipper Gerhard Erasmus leading the way with 125 from 113. It was Erasmus too, who broke the spirited Papuan chase, taking the wickets of skipper Asad Vala and centurion CJ Amini just as it seemed as though the pair might achieve the unlikely, the Barramundis eventually falling 48 runs short as they were bowled out for



their highest ever ODI score of 333. Coming of the back of a hard-fought win against unfancied Jersey in their tournament opener, Canada again found themselves in trouble early as they renewed their 150-year duel with the United States - the oldest rivalry in international sport. The Americans made good use of the conditions after winning the toss, Netravalkar opening with a maiden before Ali Khan again struck early, pinning Pargat Singh dead in front

with his third ball. Netravalkar had Johnson dropped at slip in his next, but Khan struck again in the fourth to have Matt Spoor caught down leg. Netravalkar claimed his first in the next, pinning Wijeyeratne with one that pitched on leg and straightened from around the wicket, and at 9-3 the Canadian looked in danger of being wiped off the field. Johnson rallied with Kirton however, and was accelerating toward a half-century when he gave it away three

runs short, spooning Nisarg Patel's fifth ball to cover in the 20th. Patel struck again six overs later, drawing Kirton forward and finding the outside edge, and the collapse continued as Nikkil Dutta was caught behind off Jessy Singh for a six-ball duck. Harsh Thaker and Saad bin Zafar arrested the collapse with a 48-run stand for the 7th wicket, but Zafar would hole out off Nostush Kenjige, Monank Patel taking a spectacular catch

just millimetres from the midwicket rope, sparking the first angry exchange between the rival dugouts. Thaker followed soon after, the victim of a direct hit from Nisarg Patel coming in from short midwicket, and made his frustration abundantly clear on his way off. Ravinderpal Singh contributed a vital 26 off 25 before being caught top-edging a pull off Netravalkar, and Kaleem Sana got a couple of boundaries away before being run out trying to get back on strike in the final over, Canada all out with two balls unused, two short of 200. Canada came out after lunch full of fire however, and from the moment Kaleem Sana had Saiteja Mukkamalla caught behind fending at a short ball, Canada had their neighbours on the defensive. Monank Patel and Aaron Jones both succumbed to the

pressure, caught off Thaker for 9 and 16 respectively, before Gajanand Singh was adjudged LBW missing a sweep at Pragat Singh to his clearly expressed disgust. Shayan Jahangir's attempt to shift the momentum ended when he was clean bowled by Zafar soon after, and at 96-5 the USA were on the ropes. Nisarg Patel played some attractive shots before being struck in front of leg playing across the line to Zafar, yet through it all Modani hung in, bringing up his half century pushing Zafar out the cover sweeper for one in the 37th. It would not be enough -- he lost another partner next ball as Jessy Singh played down the wrong line, with the asking rate climbing all the while. Modani finally fell on his 126th ball driving Sana hard to extra cover for 64, and despite a defiant 28 from Nostush Kenjige the equation proved insoluble for the tail. The States were subsequently bowled out for 172, triggering

wild celebrations from Canada, followed by welcome apparent reconciliation between the sides.

Meanwhile at United, hosts Namibia and Papua New Guinea were putting on a hitting exhibition of record proportions, the combined total of 714 runs -- the most ever in Associate ODI cricket. Namibia's total of 381-8 proved too much for the tourists in the end, but not before Sese Bau, Kiplin Doriga, Asad Vala and CJ Amini had given the home side an almighty scare. There was little hint of the torrent of runs to come when Kabua Morea struck with his second ball, swinging through the gate into Fouche's leg stump, before nicking off van Lingen in his next over to reduce the hosts to 10-2 after three overs, but Niko Davin kicked off the remarkable counter-attack almost at once and Erasmus soon joined the fun as the pair piled on the runs, racing to 128 without further loss after 20 overs.