

Blast Claims 4 lives

Khurda(KCN): In a major explosion caused due to firecrackers, at least four people were killed and another four got serious injuries at Bhusandpur village of Khordha district on Monday. The incident happened in a single house located near Bhusandpur village under Tangi police limits. The explosion occurred when the victims were reportedly making firecrackers for the Dola Utsav. However, the exact reason which led to the explosion is yet to be known. Senior officials of the Khurda District administration including Khurda Collector K. Sudarshan



Chakraborty, SP Siddharth Kataria, SDPO and local Tahsildar immediately visited the spot. "After getting information around 10.45 AM, our local police and fire service personnel rushed to the spot and rescued the four injured persons, and immediately sent them to Khurda district headquarters hospital (DHH)," said Khurda Collector Chakraborty. A special team of the Khurda hospital is providing treatment to the injured persons, Chakraborty said.

"The firecracker unit was operating illegally. No license was issued for it. We will investigate the incident and take strict action against the concerned persons as per law," the Collector said. Four persons including father-son duo have died in the incident. Only two

of the deceased have been identified while the process is on to get the identification of the others. Meanwhile, two of them with very savour burn injuries have been forwarded to AIIMS Bhubaneswar, an official of the Khurda hospital said. The Collectors also informed that he will launch a special drive to identify such illegal firecrackers manufacturing units. Strong action will be taken against such units, he warned. Notably, at least two persons were killed and two others injured in a similar incident in Jagatsinghpur district on February 28 last.

Message

Warm Greetings to the People of Barachana-Dharmasala dist.- Jajpur, Odisha on the occasion of Holi (The festival of colour). May the Festival of colour bring peace, progress and prosperity for everyone.

Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray
Barachana-Dharmasala, Jajpur, Odisha

Amit Shah To Visit Odisha On March 26

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Odisha on March 26, informed party's state general secretary Prithviraj



Harichandan, today. Shah will address meeting in the Bhadrak Lok Sabha Constituency and hold discussion with grassroots level leaders and workers of the saffron party. His visit to the state holds significance for the Odisha unit of the BJP with General Elections being around a year away. As BJP's state-level leaders have been claiming that the party would

form government in the state in the upcoming Assembly Polls, Shah's visit is likely to boost the morale of its workers.

Message

The Kalinga Chronicle family wishes its readers, hawkers, advertisers, writers and welwishers on the Eve of Holi (The festival of colour).

- Editor-in-Chief

Declaration

The Office will be closed on 7th & 8th March, 2023 on the occasion of Holi (The festival of colour). The next publication will be on 10st March, 2023.

- Publisher

Matric Exam 2023: Odisha Minister's fresh advice for students ahead of HSC exam

Bhubaneswar(KCN):The Odisha School and Mass Education department has put special arrangements in place to check malpractice during Matric examinations.

According to School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash, special squads have been formed and they will pay surprise visits to the schools during the examination. "Our department has sought the help of the district administrations for the smooth conduct of the examination. People have specially been appointed to take question papers from the examination hubs to the exam centres. I believe the examination will end peacefully," said Dash. "My advice to the students is that this is not the last examination of their lives. Rather, it is the first one of their lives. So they shouldn't be under any pressure," he added. He also informed that he

has directed to install as many CCTV cameras as possible at the centres. Notably, the examination is all set to start on March 10 and will continue till March 17.



At the same time, vice president of the Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Odisha, Nihar Ranjan Mohanty on Monday informed about the arrangements in place to ensure the smooth conduct of the examination. "Keeping the scorching summer in view, the Chief Secretary has directed the Electricity department that there shouldn't be power cuts during the entire

examination. Mobile phones have been banned during the examination too. Students have been asked to deposit their mobile phones with the centre superintendents. If anyone is found carrying his/her mobile phone, action as per the Odisha Conduct of Examination Act, 1988 will be taken against them. As per the timeline we have given, question papers from nodal centres should reach the Centre Superintendents between 6 am and 7 am," informed Mohanty. He also informed that nodal centres have been set up at 22 police stations. The question paper packets will be opened in front of the students. This year, the results will be published in a new system. The result will be published on the basis of 40 percent weightage of SA-1 and SA-2 and 20 percent of the Internal Assessment.

Odisha: Temp Likely To Rise By 2-3°C; Rainfall Likely In Several Districts

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Day temperature is likely to soar by 2-3 degree Celsius across Odisha during the next 4-5 days, the Regional Meteorological Centre here forecasted. "No large change in maximum temperature (day temperature) and it is likely to be above normal by 2-3°C at many places over the districts

of Odisha during next 4-5 days," the Meteorological Centre said in its bulletin, last evening. Light to moderate rain or thundershower very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Nuapada, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Angul, Sonepur and Boudh (valid from 0830

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Delhi court sends Sisodia to judicial custody till March 20

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday sent Aam Aadmi Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia to judicial custody till March 20 in the alleged liquor policy case being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Special Judge M.K. Nagpal of Rouse Avenue Courts was hearing the case, who had, on March 4, also extended Sisodia's CBI custody for two days



and listed his bail plea for March 10. The counsel appearing for the central agency said that at this stage, they are not seeking further CBI remand but

in the next 15 days they might seek it. In the last two days, the CBI questioned him with key witnesses -- former excise commissioner Arva Gopi Krishna and former excise department secretary C. Arvind -- in this case, who recorded their statements in front of a magistrate. The AAP leader, while addressing the court, had earlier said that the CBI were asking the same

questions again and again and it is a mental harassment. "They are not using third degree. But sitting for eight to nine hours and answering the same questions again and again, that too, is mental harassment," he told the court. The court had also directed the CBI to conduct his medical exams at regular intervals. The agency arrested Sisodia on February 26 after eight hours of questioning.

Raging Forest Fire A Matter Of Concern For Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Incidents of forest fire in several districts of Odisha have become a matter of concern for the Forest department. The officials and employees of the department are facing a tough task to control the forest fire in districts like Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Koraput, Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Sundargarh, Kandhamal, Sambalpur, Gajapati, Ganjam, Angul, Deogarh, Khurda, Dhenkanal and Keonjhar, sources said. Incidents of forest fire have also been reported from Champua division of Keonjhar, Similipal Tiger Reserve, Paikmal under

Bargarh division and reserve forests in Brahmagiri area of Puri district, said an official of the Forest department. Our employees are working round-the-clock to control the forest fire. Several hectares of forests in several districts of Odisha have been destroyed by the inferno," he added. As many as 1,395 fire points in forests across Odisha were reported today. There were 1,380 fire points in the state yesterday, said the official. As many as 295 fire points were reported from Koraput circle today while the number was 256 in Baripada circle, 203 in Berhampur circle, 185 in Bhawanipatna circle,



105 in Sambalpur circle, 97 in Angul circle and 53 in Bhubaneswar circle, added the official while quoting the data released by the Forest Survey of India. Altogether 594 major fire points were reported from across the country today. The number was 158 in Odisha followed by 112 in Andhra Pradesh, 91 in Karnataka, 57 in Telangana and 45 in Chhattisgarh, sources said. Most of the incidents of forest fire reported in Odisha are due to human activities, said a source in the Forest department. The state government has launched a campaign to create awareness among

people on forest fire. The government is urging people not to light fire in the forests, it added. "Human activities are responsible for most of the incidents of forest fire in Odisha. We have contained the fire in 97 per cent cases in the state. Odisha has not witnessed rain since October last year. The prolonged dry weather is aggravating the situation. As many as 16,000 Vana Surakhya Samitis and 280 special squads have been engaged to deal with forest inferno in the state. The members of women self-help groups have been roped in to create awareness on the issue," said PCCF Debidutta Biswal.

International Women's Day organised in Sambalpur Division

Sambalpur, 06/03: East Coast Railway, Sambalpur Division, is organising a week long campaign in view of forthcoming International Women's Day. During this campaign various programmes and events were organised like, Walkathon, Fun events, Seminars, Workshop etc., among Railway womens employees.



It is being organised with the intention to bring awareness as well as motivation among the women & ensure their empowerment. A function was organized in the Railway Community Hall, Sambalpur to highlight the rights of women at the workplace

and in the society. On this occasion, Shri Vineet Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur joined as Chief Guest and Smt. Anjani Singh, President, East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Sambalpur & Shri Anand Singh,

Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur joined as Guest of Honour. Smt. Bishnupriya Hota, Ex-HOD in English, GM College, Sambalpur & Smt. Nilima Panda, Sr. Advocate, Sambalpur joined as chief speakers. Chief Guest, Shri Vineet

Singh said that " Women have made tremendous potential in all fields. They just need to be empower further". Speaker Bishnupriya Hota & Nilima Panda highlighted the importance and significance of Women empowerment & their

role in the society. Chief Guest & Guest of honour awarded the winners of various events.

On this occasion members of ECoRWWO, all officers & women Railway employees were present. A cultural programme was also organised.

Police Bust Inter-District Gold Chain Snatching Racket, Four Arrested

Puri: In a major crackdown, an inter-district gold chain snatching racket was busted today by a joint team of personnel from Baliapanda police station and the street crime prevention cell of Puri district.



The police team, led by Puri Additional SP (ASP) Mihir Kumar Panda, has arrested at least four members of the gang in this connection. Seven numbers of previously stolen gold chains, a 7mm pistol, two gold rings, a motorcycle, six mobile phones and cash of Rs 6,000 were recovered from their possession. The team had laid a trap 29 days ago and conducted raids at different places leading

to the arrests. The racket had plans to commit a major crime in the town. Three of the accused are snatchers and the other one was arrested for purchasing the stolen gold ornaments. Hinting on their modus operandi, Puri SP Kanwar Vishal Singh said that they used to mortgage the ornaments to a money lending company. The snatchers are Mithun Mohapatra, Bibhuti Bhushan Swain and

Sangram Swain, all from the villages under Chandanpur police limits and the purchaser is Rabinarayan Sahu under Kumbharpada police limits. The accused are history-sheeters and several cases are pending against them in Puri district. Baliapanda police have registered a case under Section 110 of the CrPC and launched a probe.

DOUBLE LINE BETWEEN SAGADAPATA & TANGIRIAPAL OF JAROLI-JAKHAPURA DOUBLING PROJECT HAS BEEN OPENED FOR TRAIN MOVEMENT



Bhubaneswar: The 17.799KMs long Double Line between Sagadapata & Tangiriapal of Jaroli-Jakhapura Super Critical Doubling Project has been opened for train movement from 3rd March 2023 after getting clearance from Commissioner Railway Safety (CRS). CRS has approved the Railway Section after inspecting all safety angles for smooth train

operations. After commissioning of this super critical rail project, this will enable better capacity to the existing traffic facility for carriage of goods (mostly iron and manganese ore) as well as passenger traffic. Transportation of iron and coals to the nearest ports like Dhamara, Paradeep and Visakhapatnam will be easier by ECoR apart from running of passenger carried

trains. This line connects iron and manganese rich areas under Keonjhar district to the nearest ports as well as many steel plants. This Double line is very essential for development of the nation, especially this region. Bansapani-Jaroli-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura Doubling is about 180 Kms. The sanctioned cost of this project is now 1826 Crores. Out of 180

Kms, 124 Kms has already been completed by February 2023. CRS has approved to run trains maximum by 90KMPH in the newly commissioned Sagadapata-Tangiriapal Railway section. This section has six major and 46 minor bridges. CRS Shri A M Choudhury inspected this project on 3rd March 2023 along with Dy CRS Shri CRS Shri BSK Subudhi. A. P. Dwivedi, Chief Administrative Officer of ECoR, Khurda Road Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shri Rinkesh Roy, Chief Bridge Engineer Shri Brajesh Mishra, Executive Director/RVNL Shri S. K. Patra along with senior officials from ECoR HQs and Khurda Road Division and from RVNL were present during the CRS inspection.

DPL held : Kalapada cricket team the winner



Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Cuttack Sadar 42 mouza belongs to village of Dahigaon name of the cricket organization Dahigaon Premier League (DPL) at village playground in night time. In Final match played with Kalapada Cricket team & Jharakata Cricket team at the end Kalapada Team win with received Seal with nine thousand, Jharakata Team received seven thousand as gift respectively. Entire cricket match was successfully handled by the DPL team as Radhagobinda Pati, Biswajit Pati, Abhisekh Mahapatra, Srinibash Bhoi, Raja Bhoi, Amit Bhoi, Pratyush Mahanty, Satyam Mahanty, Ankit Mahanty, Akash Mhanty, Bighenswar Bhoi, Asim Pati & others. Local cricket lovers saw the match to encourage the players.

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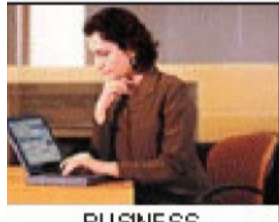
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Shah Rukh Khan's 'Pathaan' Beats 'Baahubali: The Conclusion' At Box Office, Becomes All-Time Number 1 Hindi Film In India

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan's 'Pathaan' has become the all-time number one Hindi film in India by raising Rs 1028 crore worldwide since its release in January, said Yash Raj Films (YRF). According to the studio, the Siddharth Anand directorial raised Rs 1.07 crore nett in India (Hindi Rs 1.05 crore, all dubbed versions Rs 0.02 crore) on its sixth Friday. "The nett collection in India stand at Rs 529.96 crore (Hindi - Rs 511.70 crore, dubbed - Rs 18.26 crore). The total worldwide gross is an incredible 1028 crore (India gross: Rs 641.50 crore, overseas: Rs 386.50 crore)," YRF said in a press note. The movie, a mega comeback vehicle for Shah Rukh after his absence from leading man roles for more than four years, released on January 25 to great hype and record advance bookings. "It feels incredible that 'Pathaan' is now the number one Hindi film in India today! The love and appreciation that has been showered on 'Pathaan' by audiences is historic and it shows in the box office result. As a director, I'm proud that I made a film that has entertained people globally," Anand said in a statement.



The new milestone comes days after 'Pathaan' became the highest grossing Hindi film worldwide in the history of Hindi cinema in its initial run. 'Dangal' is the highest grossing Indian film with reported earnings of around Rs 2,000 crore. In its initial run or phase one of the release, the Amir Khan-starrer earned over Rs 700 crore. In its second phase, when it was released in theatres in China, the film's box office crossed the Rs 1,000 crore mark in worldwide gross. Other Indian films that crossed Rs 1,000 crore mark at

the global box office include 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion', 'RRR' and 'K.G.F: Chapter 2'. 'Pathaan', which also stars John Abraham and Deepika Padukone, is an important step in YRF's spy franchise where characters from different films will cross paths at some point. The film follows the titular spy (Shah Rukh) who comes out of exile to stop terrorist group Outfit X from launching a debilitating attack on India. It is the fourth film in producer Aditya Chopra's spy universe, following Salman Khan's 'Ek Tha Tiger' and 'Tiger Zinda Hai', and 'War', featuring Hrithik Roshan.

&TV Artists Neha Joshi, Shubhangi Atre, Yogesh Tripathi Reveal Their Plans For Holi This Year!

Holi, the festival of colours, symbolises vivid and colourful spirit and great enthusiasm. People smear colours on each other's faces and indulge in delicious delicacies and beverages. This year &TV artists intend to play Holi in high spirits and prepare the finest Holi delicacies popular in their hometowns. And what's more, they reveal these secret recipes to us! It includes Neha Joshi (Yashoda) from Doosri Maa, Yogesh Tripathi (Daroga Hattu Singh) from Happu ki Ultan Paltan, Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi) from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai. Neha Joshi, essaying Yashoda in &TV's 'Doosri Maa', says, "Although I am from Maharashtra, this year my festive celebrations will be in the pink city, Jaipur. I truly enjoy the festive vibe even though I don't particularly enjoy playing with colours. So, I plan to explore the city and witness its festive spirits at their best at the Elephant Festival. The festival is celebrated during Holi, where elephants are dressed in rugs and ornamented with pretty accents and jewels. Their bodies and trunks get painted, and a procession of elephants

passes through the streets. A band plays songs and drums to signify the festive mood. Even though I look forward to participating in this unique festival, I will miss my mother, Puran Poli. In

my favourite festival of the year. I am from Uttar Pradesh, where Holi is a two-day festival celebrated with zeal and zest. Apart from playing with colours and throwing water at each other, eating gujiya

shubhkaamnaye." Shubhangi Atre essaying Angoori Bhabi, shares, "I prepare a lot of sweets and snacks for my friends every year to celebrate the festival, and this year will be no different. I will prepare



Maharashtra, there is a tradition of making puran poli on that day. It is a sweet, fried flatbread stuffed with a filling of yellow gram and sugarcane jaggery. It points to the festival's agrarian origins as a harvest festival. I love it so much that I can't resist eating it all day (laughs). I have decided to make it myself this year and serve it to my extended family here. I wish everyone a joyful Holi." Yogesh Tripathi, essaying Daroga Hattu Singh, says, "It is my

(sweet) is my favourite thing to do on this day. It is a classic North Indian sweet made of crisp, flaky pastry filled with khoya (milk solids) and nuts. This year I will be preparing gujiya myself. I will also play colours with my wife and kids in our building. During Holi, our society's swimming pool gets filled with coloured water. I will spend as much time in the pool as possible with my son since he is excited about it. Hamare sabhi darshako ko holi ki dhero

some treats from Bhopal, my hometown. On my list are gujyas, jalebis, besan ke laddoos, chakli, and Bhakarwadis. Additionally, my daughter has planned some interesting games for our guests to play around the festival, and I am quite excited about them. Have a wonderful and safe Holi." Watch 'Doosri Maa' at 8:00 pm, 'Hattu Ki Ultan Paltan' at 10:00 pm, and 'Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai' at 10:30 pm, airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

Mili: Janhvi Kapoor's Main Character Energy is what makes her a Gen Z star, and this is the film that cemented it



What is Bollywood if not a land of contradictions? While the public treats some actors like first cousins, others are spoken about like they're an iPhone. For every 'Bhai', there is someone waiting in the wings to be 'launched'. In a business where every move is calculated — every 'like' on Instagram, every favour, every photo-op — the actual work often gets overshadowed by the looming spectre of fame. But there is one young actor whose efforts to stand out from the crowd, especially her peers, have been concentrated not on deciding which superstar's film she can play a lamppost in, but on crafting a body of work that screams Main Character Energy. Her name is Janhvi Kapoor. Born to Bollywood royalty, she had a habit early in her career to take a defensive stance in most of her interviews, perhaps preempting an interrogation about privilege and nepotism even if there wasn't going to be any. And you can't really blame her. It can get really nasty out there. Plus, not many had seen her work back then. But merely five years into her career, Kapoor has already established herself as someone who, as Lady Bird would say, exclusively plays the titular role. This is rare not only for female actors in general, but especially for someone her age. Kapoor isn't an effortless actor; you can feel the work she's putting in. And this isn't a bad thing. It's nice, sometimes, to see someone be willing to do the heavy lifting.

Big B Launches The Trailer Of Anand Pandit's 'Underworld Ka Kabzaa'

Underworld Ka Kabzaa marks the entry of Anand and gripping songs, the film has created excitement Sudeepa have a face-off! Today, the Shahenshah of Bollywood, megastar of Underworld Ka Kabzaa on his social media. The from the film. Talking about the his experience the story of the film, I was really moved by the life drama. And who better than R. Chandru to direct unfold my story as Arkeshwara in the film." Shriya Saran shared, "Knowing Underworld Ka Sudeepa and the film being an R. Chandru associate herself with a film so grand. I am glad Kabzaa and I can assure you that audiences are working on it." Kiccha Sudeepa added, "Well, one rarely gets to be one such story that catches your attention and say is Audiences are really in for a whirl of Director R. Chandru shared, "Since the minute the fortunately I got all of them on board. And, without Upendra, Shriya and Kiccha, they have witness this once the film is released."



Pandit into the South Industry. With an exciting teaser amongst the audiences to watch Upendra and Kiccha Amitabh Bachchan launched the high-voltage trailer trailer is filled with action and powerful dialogue working on this film, Upendra shared, "When I heard of Arkeshwara and I decided to be a part of this period an action-packed film? Cannot wait for audiences to Kabzaa has such talented actors like Upendra, Kiccha directorial, it was impossible for any actress to not that I got to work on a film like Underworld Ka really going to love this film as much as we loved be part of good stories and Underworld Ka Kabzaa will get you hooked till the end of the film. All I can entertainment with our film." script was finalised, I knew whom to cast for it and Underworld Ka Kabzaa wouldn't have been complete really worked hard for this film and everyone will

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No place for women in nameplates



Arguably women are making long strides in most of the fields, yet it seems that they have to make little more efforts to get a place on nameplates on their abodes.

If the present state is any indication, it seems that there is still a long way to go before they get their names engraved on the nameplates of their homes. Surely, the current scenario is appalling, to say the least.

More often than not, the name plate bears the name of the most prominent male member of the house. In some cases, the owner also includes the name of his son (s). In order to understand the phenomenon, we conducted an informal survey in some of the more prominent residential areas like Rajouri

Garden, Vivek Vihar, New Rajinder Nagar, Vikram Vihar and IP Extension in capital. One could find nameplates in almost 150 houses and flats.

Ideally, one would have expected no discrimination for urban women. But this is not the case. Of 150 houses, one finds only 16 houses where women get a place of pride in nameplates. Among them, 11 women are sharing their names with their husbands. In 35 houses, the names of fathers and their sons are shown in nameplates. Incidentally, one could not find the names of two eminent women writers in the nameplates of their big mansions in the New Delhi area.

"I can say with confidence that it is not about Delhi, but women are not getting fair deal on nameplates across India. It is depressing that even educated families are discriminating their

female members in the name plates," says Praveen Khandelwal, a Delhi-based businessman who is the founder and general secretary of the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT).

It is sad that though mothers, sisters, daughters and daughters-in-law contribute in the making of houses, they do not find their names engraved on the nameplates. The lucky ones finding their names are mostly doctors by profession. There are seven doctors in the list of 16 women whose names were prominently shown in the nameplates.

Among these 16 women, six live in Rajinder Nagar, 4 in Vivek Vihar and three each in Rajouri Garden in IP Extension.

After the husband's death, a family removes his name from the plate. Later, the name of the wife of the departed soul is put on the nameplate. It is

Vivek Shukla

considered ominous if a plate bears the name of the dead. It's ironical that during the lifetime of her husband, a wife does not find her name on the nameplate. But after the demise of his husband, she gets a

position of importance. "The survey findings are shocking since husbands and wives now work hard to buy their dream homes. They apply for home loans together. And, when it comes to nameplates, the wives don't get their due. I really don't know that

anyone has ever protested on this issue," Praveen Khandelwal concludes. Meanwhile, some of the owners claim that women themselves insist that their names do



not get mentioned on the nameplates.

Meanwhile, in a society where people love to have names like 'Jalsa', 'Sai Kripa' and 'Ek Onkar', 'Promised Land' is definitely a huge shift. In a big house in Rajouri Garden, 'Promised Land' is inscribed

right on the top of the nameplate. Those who know the history of Israel would be aware of the idea behind 'Promised Land'. The term, according to the Hebrew Bible, has been used to describe the land promised by God to the Jews. It is

itself outside the gates of both small as well as big houses. The survey finds 18 'Sai Kripa' houses. No other gods or goddesses find similar acceptances. Arguably during the last couple of years, the number of Sai Baba followers has swelled in a big way, it is also reflected in the name plates. While it is said that Hanumanji as lakhs of people throng various Hanuman temples on Tuesday, we did not find even one house where the owner has mentioned 'Hanuman Kripa' or 'Mahaveer Kripa' with or close to name plate of his house. 'Jai Mata ki' was there in nine homes. The devotees of Shiv put either 'Shiv Kripa' or 'Bhole Shanker' in six homes. It is believed that unlike Sikhs and Muslims, the loyalty of Hindus towards particular God or Goddess shifts from time to time. Sikhs more often than not put 'Ek Onkar'

outside their homes. We found 'Ek Onkar' in ten homes.

And finally, the national also seems to be shedding the image of being the city of refugees. The survey finds only one nameplate in which the owner has mentioned his native place, Lahore. Given the fact that Lajpat Nagar, Rajinder Nagar and Vivek Vihar have big concentration of people who came from Pakistan in the wake of partition, this is a significant trend. Earlier refugee families used to mention their place of origin on nameplates more often than not. Surely, Delhi is becoming inclusive city as people from Andhra Pradesh to Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra to Tamil Nadu settle here. However, it has to prove that it is just and fair with the fair sex.

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Students should learn disaster management system

Pratap chandra sahu

Disaster can be classified as natural and man made disaster. Few of natural disasters are landslides, hurricanes, wildfire, tornadoes, floods, earth quakes, droughts, hail and tsunamis. Natural disaster may take different forms and range or duration, but it is sure to strike loss of life and infrastructure. Man-made disasters are caused or induced by human activities. These include hazardous material emergencies like chemical spills on ground water and land, power service blackout, radiological emergencies, reservoir induced earthquake, nuclear leakage, terrorism, civil unrest and many more. Man-made disasters are equally vulnerable as they pose great threat to both people and property.

Nature knows no limits, when strikes with all its fury it does not differentiate between rich and poor, rural and urban, women or children, it just weeks havoc on all under its clutch. A disaster is a serious disruption that strikes the areas

inhabited by man. It involves widespread destruction of human material, environmental loss.

Disaster management is defined as proactive measures to mitigate loss of life and property, measures to rescue, relief, rehabilitation and recovery. It involves the creation of plans through which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. It does not eliminate the disaster but strikes to minimise its effect. It is very important for the societies and nations to value this concept as the failure to realise or plan may lead to human morality, loss of revenue and damage to assets.

Disaster management comes into light as India has suffered a great loss of life and property in the past. Govt. of India has put a strong foot forward in order to create a standard plan for disaster management by passing and implementing various laws and acts. The disaster management act 2005 provides the institutional, legal, financial and

coordination mechanism at centre, state, district and panchayat or municipality or n.a.c level. National disaster management authority is established under the chairmanship of honourable prime minister with tenure of five years. It assists in laying down plans and policies for effective management and implementation of disaster management act. N. D. M. A force has played key roles in the chennai floods, nepal earthquake recently to a f g h a n i s t h a n n.d.r.f.team to rescue other than keral floods, gas leakage vishakhapatnam. Disaster risk reduction is a policy which highlights the broader modalities for disaster mitigation. N. D. R. F maintains an inventory of tents, medicines, blankets, light equipments, and food. Volunteers are also well trained-up for distributing relief and rescue the victims during floods, flash floods and urban flooding. In state level S. D. R. F team and fire station team

rescue in the above cases.

Unsafe building practices in rapidly growing in urban area. So it is a great challenge for disaster management to have an eye on them. A major earthquake in any of India's densely and heavily populated cities in seismic zones would be catastrophic in terms of fatalities. Climate change has far reaching implications for managing disaster risk.

Students also learn how to rescue, distribution of equipments like relief, medicine, etc. during flood, drought, earthquake etc. So they should be well trained-up and a subject disaster management paper should be inducted in their syllabus. It needs well equipped and latest technology, sufficient funding, community participation and coordinated effort at all levels to avoid or reconstruct the loss and damage incurred.

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Play organic Holi with Natural colors

Shahnaz Husain



Holi is one of the most loved and zestful festivals celebrated in India with immense joy and enthusiasm every year.

Traditionally the Holi colours were created with naturally helpful ingredients like hibiscus flowers, henna leaves, Kesar, sandalwood and more. These natural colours are not just good for your skin, hair and eyes but even cleanse and clear the dead skin

As Holi arrives in the season of spring, the Gulal colour was made of plants and flowers that blossomed during this month.

Holi gained popularity with time and natural colours got replaced with chemical-based synthetic colours gradually. These colours are cheaper compared to natural colours, but expensive for health as well as the environment.

The famous quote "Bura na mano holi hai" implies that all playful mischief is allowed in holi.

The primary risk which Holi brings along with itself is exposure to

harmful chemicals in form of Holi colours.

These colours are made from harmful substances like acid, glass powder, industrial dye, copper sulphate, lead oxide etc.

The toxicity from these chemicals are just not harmful for skin and hairs but exposure to them increases the risk of serious health complications such as Bronchial asthma, Renal failure, temporary blindness and much more. The situation becomes more alarming as it is young children who play Holi the most and thus get exposed to these harmful chemicals the most. Add to that later these chemicals cause environmental degradation and pollute groundwater and soil.

So, what are the options? The best option is definitely to make your natural, herbal and safe Holi colors at home

1--Gulal: The most popular color of Holi, Gulal can be made by mixing 100 grams of turmeric powder with 200 grams of arrowroot powder along with 50 grams of marigold flowers and 20 grams of powdered orange peel. Add to the mixture 20 grams of lemon or sandalwood essential oil and rub the mixture gently together to get a bowl full of safe and natural yellow colored gulal

2--Red: Red colour

can be made by boiling petals of red hibiscus or red roses, beet or carrots. Tomato or carrot juice, pomegranate peel, puri xaak guti, red sandalwood can also be used for the same

Red colour can also be prepared using dried red hibiscus flowers. Take properly dried hibiscus or China rose flowers and then grate them into a fine powder. Red sandalwood can also be used in its place. You can add rice flour uniform quantity to obtain dry red colour. You can boil peel of pomegranate to get wet colour.

3--Green: Green colour is a vibrant and lively colour choice for holi celebrations

Green colour can be prepared by boiling different green leafy vegetables in water such as spinach (paleng), mustard greens (laai), coriander (dhania), etc. Neem leaves or other kinds of green leaves with medicinal values can also be helpful in this regard

Green coloured gulal can be made using henna or Mehendi powder. For wet colour, you can use any green leafy vegetables, such as spinach or Neem. The leaves when dipped in water will give it a green colour. To make it natural, corn starch, betel leaf and bathua leaves are used

4Magenta: Beetroot is a good source of red/pink pigment. You can soak sliced beetroots in water, boil the mixture and leave it overnight. You can also use red onions. Strain the water and cool it before use. If you wish to have a darker shade of pink, just dilute the mixture a little more.

5--Pink: The light pink colour is one of the common colours used in holi celebration. Rose, rose periwinkle (nayan tara) or four o'clock flower (godhuli gopal) can be used to make pink colour for Holi. Pink colour can also be prepared by mixing finely chopped beets in water or by boiling onion peels in water. To make it natural, corn starch, beetroot and dried rose petals are used.

6--Yellow: Yellow is another one of the favourite colours used in holi. Yellow colour can be acquired by boiling marigold petals or add turmeric in water to make wet yellow colours. Turmeric powder can be mixed with gram flour or rice flour for presenting yellow colour. To make it natural, corn starch, turmeric and dried lemon peels are used. Make sure the turmeric is organic, this will result in better colouring.

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Ayushman Saves 80 K Cr Big Boost For Ayush

New Delhi: "Making medical treatment affordable has been the top-most priority of our government", said the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi informing that through Ayushman Bharat, about 80 thousand crore rupees of the poor patients were saved due to free treatment under the scheme. Prime Minister, Shri Modi, addressed a Post Budget Webinar on the subject of 'Health and Medical Research' and said tomorrow i.e. 7 March is observed as Jan Aushadhi Diwas, the Prime Minister pointed out that affordable medicines through 9000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have saved about 20 thousand crore rupees of the poor and middle classes all over the country.



This means that just these two schemes saved one lakh crore rupees of the citizens. The Prime Minister underlined the importance of strong health infrastructure for

the treatment of serious ailments. Highlighting the prime focus of the government, the Prime Minister informed that more than 1.5 lakh health centres are being developed in close proximity to homes across the country so that testing centres and first aid are available. He also informed that facilities for screening serious ailments like diabetes, cancer and heart-related issues will also be available at these centres. The Prime Minister underlined that Critical health infrastructure is being made accessible to small towns and villages under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission which is not only giving rise to new hospitals but it is also creating a new and complete health ecosystem. As a result, the Prime Minister noted that many opportunities are being created for health entrepreneurs, investors and professionals. Regarding human resources in the sector, the Prime Minister informed that more than 260 new medical colleges have been opened in the last few years. This has doubled the medical seats in graduate and postgraduate medical courses as compared to 2014. The Prime Minister underlined the emphasis on the nursing field in this year's Budget. "Opening 157 nursing colleges in the vicinity of the medical colleges is a huge step in the direction of medical human resources. This may be useful in fulfilling global demand, not just the domestic need", he added.

Guwahati: The first 'SCO B2B Conference and Expo on Traditional Medicine' came to a successful end as it created a platform for buyers and sellers from different countries to explore trade potential to serve the needs of the people. An incremental trade interest of over ₹590 crores was generated during the two days of intense meetings among the buyers and sellers at the conference. This first-of-its-kind conference & Expo under the SCO initiative was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal on 2nd March, 2023 at Guwahati, Assam. More than 150 delegates from 17 countries attended the two-day conference and four-day Expo, which ended here today. Speaking on occasion, the Sarbananda Sonowal said,

"It is a moment of great realisation that this wonderful initiative has borne fruit with trade interest of more than ₹590 crores generated during the event". While this marks the immediate success of the Expo, the conference also laid the foundation for further interaction & expansion of cooperation among the states under the SCO initiative. He thanked PM Narendra Modi as his vision brought this concept of expanding the horizon of traditional medicine among the member states of SCO, leading to the event's successful hosting. While the scope of trade in the Ayush market remains buoyant, the event helped expand its horizon to a wider international audience with a noble aim to provide an enriched quality of life with the help of traditional medicine. This is a huge shot in the arm for the Indian Ayush

market as this event provided the platform to further the trade potential among the SCO member states for improving the quality of lives of people. Under the aegis of the Ministry of Ayush, Invest India conducted B2B meetings in a dedicated B2B lounge at the event with the support of Ayushexcil (Ayush Export Promotion Council). More than 56 exhibitors - who participated in the Expo - and buyers from 19 countries discussed and expressed their interest in trade in traditional medicine. More than 50 one-to-one meetings between buyers and sellers were conducted on day 1 of the conference. Among the spectrum of traditional medicinal products, the maximum interest was seen in product categories like Ayurvedic medicines, herbal nutraceuticals, Ayurvedic cosmetics etc.

AAA Performing Art Club, staged its first Drawing Room Theatre at Padatik Little Theatre



Kolkata: Amateur Actors Association (AAA), Performing Art Club, staged its first Drawing Room Theatre at Padatik Little Theatre on 1st March '23. President of the Club Rajendra Bhutoria, said that the motto of the club is to give platform to individuals, who take out time from their busy personal and professional life to pursue their passion and love for theatre. Secretary, Shubhra

Agarwal briefed about the three short plays that were staged. The first play 'The Trial' written and directed by Anjali Lakhotia, talks about the misuse of nature by human race. The second play 'Aarey Sun Le Bhai' written and directed by Raj Bagri, was a comedy on Corona. The third play 'Not I It's Us' written and directed by Jyoti Galada, showed the journey from I to Us, in a marriage. The Writer, Director and

Actors were all part of the club. It was their first attempt in writing and direction. A likeminded group, The Playmakers, also staged a comedy short play 'Haramkhor' written and directed by Vineet Bhatia. Vice President, Mamta Mohnot informed that the event was a grand success. The Theatre was Houseful. Santosh Mohta from the NGO, Concern for Earth gifted plants to all in the audience to create awareness

Women Achievers of this Generation Support Joining Hands to Lift Women Up for Achieving Success

Kolkata: They are achievers in their own fields and they excel in their professions also. They are also achievers in their homes also, as they successfully reared up their children, did the duties of home as a wife, succeeded to be an able daughter-in-law, daughter or sister. They today turned up in a programme 'Meet the Achievers' at Press Club, Kolkata, today, to speak in favour of the parts to be played by women themselves to lift women of the grass-roots level up, as a part of celebrating the International Women's Day, two days before the actual date, hosted by Press Information Bureau, Kolkata. They are Dr Dhriti Banerjee, Director, Zoological

Survey of India (ZSI), Dr Shanta Dutta, Director, ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), Dr Madhumita Dobe, Former Dean, Director, Professor and Head of the Department of Health Promotion and Education, All India Institute of Health and Public Hygiene (AIHPH) and Smt Tahrina Nasrin, the only Muslim lady to cross English Channel in 2015 in 12 hours 38 mins and Gibraltar Channel in 2022 in 4 hours 23 mins. An Income Tax official, she annihilated all social criticisms, a very common village custom to achieve her goals, to be a swimmer of national and international repute

even hailing from a small village in Uluberia, Howrah. While speaking in the Programme Dr Shanta Dutta opined that apart from Government initiatives, there ought to be non-governmental initiatives also to lift women of grassroots level up from the social and cultural drudgeries. The outlook has changed a lot regarding women and there is a requirement of more positivity, while we consider the abilities of the women she said. Dr Dhriti Banerjee spoke in favour of the positive initiatives to be taken by women to lift the women in totality and referred to Darwin's theory of evolution by natural

selection. She said, women now are endowed with multi-abilities, On one hand she is mother, on the other, she is wife, daughter, daughter in law, sister, sister-in-law and an able employee of an organisation. And she performs all the duties with elan, which is quite unlikely in males. Dr Madhumita Dobe dwelt on the scientific truth that the life-span of women are somewhat more than men and they are really empowered as multi-taskers. What is required, she said, is the change in the outlook of the society at large as she referred to the various Government initiatives available to

empower women more. Smt Tahrina Nasreen stated the social environment from which she hails, and described her long fight annihilating the tides of deprivation, under the guidance of her mentor Masadur Rahman Baidya. She has completed her Masters in English major from Vidyasagar University, as she came out with flying colours as an able swimmer to cross the sea, especially that of the tides raging above 6.9 metres in height of English Channel, making a record as the first Muslim woman to do so, despite her surrounding people's frowning which hints at the backwardness of the community.

TSICET-23 website enabled

Hanumakonda: Website of Telangana State Integrated Common Entrance Test (TSICET)-23 has been enabled to facilitate the candidates intending to apply for the test, said TSICET-23 Convenor Prof P Varalaxmi. In a press note issued here on Sunday, she said that the candidates will have

access to the website <https://icet.tsche.ac.in> from the 6th March forenoon for the registration and submission of online application form. Information regarding the eligibility, syllabus and model paper, related instructions, procedure for online submission of applications, online

examination, list of online examination centres and mock tests will be available on the website, she added. TSICET is conducted for admission to the first year of MBA and MCA courses in the universities in the State. The Test is scheduled to be held on May 26 and 27.



The Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Labour & Employment, Shri Bhupender Yadav at the Rezang-La War Memorial, in Ladakh

State Auctions 3 Bauxite Blocks

Bhubaneswar: As promised in the Make In Odisha (MiO) 2022, the Odisha Government has accelerated the process of transparent auction of Mineral Blocks. And the State Government has been successful in auctioning 3 Bauxite and 1 Lime Stone Block.

Three Bauxite Blocks of Sijimali, Kutrumali and Ballada as well as Uskalgavu Lime Stone Block were auctioned in a transparent and competitive manner, thanks to the sincere efforts of the Directorate of Mines & Geology in the Department of Steel & Mines.

Team Mines steered by Director Mines, G Rajesh and headed by



ACS Steel & Mines Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh have meticulously organized the auction process in a most transparent and professional manner, said a senior official of the State Government. Sijimali Bauxite Mines having an area of 1549.022 Hectares spreading in Rayagada and Kalahandi District

has gone in favor of Vedanta Limited. Vedanta Limited offered highest price of 112.16 Percent for this rich Bauxite Block having proven deposit of 445.151 Million Tons of Bauxite. After the successful bidding and deposit of First Installment of Upfront payment, the State Government has issued Letter of Intent

in favor of Vedanta Limited, said sources. Similarly Kutrumali Bauxite Block has gone in favor of Mundra Aluminium Limited, which offered highest bid of 126.76 Percent. Kutrumali Bauxite Mines is having an area of 701.792 Hectares with resources of 303.496 Million Tons.

Kutrumali Bauxite Block is situated in Rayagada and Kalahandi District. After Mundra Aluminium Limited deposited requisite amount of upfront payment, the State Government has issued Letter of Intent in favor of the company, said sources. Ballada Bauxite Block auction has gone in

favor of Mundra Aluminium Limited (MAL). MAL offered highest price of 72.25 Percent for the Ballada Bauxite Block, having spread over 144.945 Hectares with a proven deposit of 22.28 Million Ton. This Bauxite Block is in Koraput District. MAL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Group, which

intends to set up 3 Million Ton Aluminium Refinery in Odisha.

State Government has issued Letter of Intent in favor of MAL after the company deposited first installment of upfront payment with the authorities.

Auction of Uskalgavu Lime Stone Block in Malkangiri District has gone in favor of Ambuja Cement Limited, which offered highest bid of 5.05 Percent.

This Lime Stone Mines is spread over 547 Hectares having resources of 141.41 Million Ton.

After Ambuja Cement Limited deposited the First Installment of the Upfront Price, the State Government has issued Letter of Intent

in favor of the Company, said official sources.

No bid was received for Garamura Lime Stone Block covering an area of 30.256 Hectares having resources of 2.980 Million Ton in Nuapada district.

So auction for this Lime Stone Block is concerned, it has been annulled, an official admitted.

So with mineral resources in hand, the major investors will infuse funds for setting up mega projects in Odisha and the State Government is facilitating the Corporate Giants to invest in the most attractive destination for doing business.

Odisha farmers opt for open market, skip mandis



ROURKELA: Even as Sundargarh district is yet to achieve its procurement target, farmers have stopped arriving at mandis to sell their produce. The district had set a target to procure 22.31 lakh quintal paddy during 2022 kharif season. As of now, a little over 20 lakh quintal has been purchased from farmers. Sources said the possible reason could be the farmers selling their produce in the open market instead of the paddy procurement centres (PPCs) due to 'harassment'. Sources said a quintal of

paddy fetches Rs 1,800- Rs 1,900 in the open market against the minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 2,040 for fair average quality produce. The practice of 'katni-chhatni' is rampant at the mandis where five kg paddy is deducted from a quintal. This apart, farmers have to bear the cost of gunny bags, ropes and labour which makes selling their produce at mandis a less profitable affair. Due to such 'harassment' at mandis and the fact that the MSP remains only on paper, farmers opt for the open market.

In 2021-22 kharif marketing season, around 22.48 lakh quintal paddy was procured from 44,183 farmers against the target of 22 lakh quintal. Around 3,500 farmers who were issued tokens had complained that they were unable to sell their produce at the procurement centres. But the scenario changed during the 2022 kharif season. In-charge deputy registrar of cooperative societies (DRCS) Gabriel Soreng said in next few days, procurement centres will be closed in the

district. The PPCs are reporting that despite having active tokens, farmers have stopped coming. The remaining farmers do not have surplus paddy to sell, he added. In Sundargarh, around 5,400 hectare of fallow land was left out of paddy cultivation due to delayed monsoon during 2022 kharif season. Paddy was grown on the remaining 1,98,600 hectare land. However, chief district agriculture officer Birendra Behera said despite late arrival of monsoon, Sundargarh reported a decent yield of 32.5 quintal per hectare.

Contractual staff of SLN MCH in Odisha on strike claiming unfair recruitment

KORAPUT: Alleging corruption in recruitment of permanent staff, contractual and outsourcing employees of Saheed Laxman Nayak Medical College and Hospital (SLN MCH) have been staging relay strike in front of the medical college since Saturday. The protestors allege that though they qualified for the permanent positions, the medical college authorities deliberately ignored them and recruited new people through unfair means. Around 300 of them were temporarily recruited through an



outsourcing agency 12 years back to work as attendants, cleaners, ambulance drivers and plumbers among other positions. The staff meanwhile continued working with hopes that their jobs would soon be converted into a permanent one. They had also applied for

permanent positions after an advertisement was floated by the medical college authorities in 2019 for filling up the posts. However, after the recruitment letter was published on February 21, 2023, they realised that none of them were included in the 54 names

that were selected for permanent positions. They informed that the list was released on the day the principal-cum-dean of the MCH retired. "The appointed staff were pre-arranged," the agitators alleged. The agitators further demanded revocation of the recruitment list and called for fresh recruitment process considering their experience. "We will continue with the strike till our demands our fulfilled," they threatened. Administrative officer Madhusmita Nayak was unavailable to comment on the matter.



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MCL smashes coal production records in 2022-23



Sambalpur, March 6, 2023: Continuing with its record-breaking spree, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has surpassed its coal production target of 176 million tonnes (MCL) for financial year 2022-23, registering a growth of over 15 per cent.

Shri OP Singh, Chairman - cum - Managing Director, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), on Monday congratulated Area General Managers, Heads of Departments and their teams for putting in untiring efforts to scale the steep target of 176

MT coal production and dispatch for 2022-23. Addressing the General Managers' Coordination Meeting for the month of March 2023, the CMD appreciated the team effort for achieving the target 27 days ahead of schedule respectively. Meanwhile, the functional directors of MCL, including Shri Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel), Shri Jugal Kumar Borah, Director (Technical) and Shri Ajit Kumar Behura, Director (Finance) also congratulated the Team MCL for concerted efforts and achieving all the assigned goals well before schedule.

Godrej Appliances aims for 20% growth in Q1 FY compared to pre-pandemic period

Bhubaneswar: Kamal Nandi, Business Head and Executive Vice President - Godrej Appliances, part of Godrej & Boyce said, "Odisha is one of the fast-evolving markets in India and consumption has been going up significantly. Godrej Appliances has a stronghold in this market for cooling categories. Last 2 summers were heavily impacted by lockdown, therefore this summer we have seen 100% growth over last summer and expecting 20% growth in Q1 FY 2022-23 in comparison

to the pre pandemic Q1 FY 2019-20. Godrej Appliances currently has the largest number of Exclusive Brand Outlets in Odisha in comparison to other states in India; and we are aiming to expand our network further across retail stores, presence in modern trade outlets and exclusive chain stores by 10-15% year-on-year. Overall, the cooling segment has performed well this year, given the pent-up demand due to previous lockdowns, and the heatwave leading to discretionary spends being diverted towards

cooling products. We have also witnessed a trend of hybrid work culture post the pandemic that has increased demand for Air Conditioners. Consumers are using ACs for a longer duration of time at home, and have therefore showcased higher intent towards purchasing energy efficient ACs with 5-Star rating to save more on their electricity cost. This year we have witnessed, around 40% volume growth in sales of 5 Star ACs as compared to pre pandemic period in Odisha."

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

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

previous July edition. Myntra expects over 1 million new customers with over 40% of the overall traffic coming from tier 2 and 3 cities and towns. The brands have specially curated a vast selection with a strong focus on summer essentials, Gen-Z trends, beauty and personal care as well as celebrity-led EORS special collections. First-time shoppers will get ₹500 cashback on their initial transaction, exciting coupons for future use and free delivery for the first 4 orders. On the payments front, there are exciting offers too from banks, such as ICICI and Axis Bank, offering a 10% instant discount, while users

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rourkela, 6 March 2023: Committed to Skill India Mission, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) inaugurated Odisha's 3rd Skill Enhancement Centre at Rourkela in collaboration with Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) of the city. The new centre will empower local youth with job-oriented technical skill training in the city. The inauguration was held in the august presence of Sh. Subrata Kumar Pattnaik (President, Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Rourkela, Odisha), Sh. Bibhajan Samantasingh (Regional Transport Officer, Rourkela,



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

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

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

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

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

Jajpur, 6th March 2023: Furthering its commitment to reduce its carbon footprint, Jindal Stainless plans to install two rooftop solar plants of 21 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity and 6 MWp capacity at its Jajpur and Hisar units respectively. The roofs of various shop-floors at both units have been identified to install these rooftop solar plants with an overall investment of more than INR 120 crores. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by March 2024. The two rooftop solar plants will be generating about 795 million units of electricity, with a carbon abatement potential of 5, 64, 450 tonnes in its life span of 25 years. In addition to the environmental



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

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

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

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

TPCODL warns customers against fraudulent messages for updating KYC

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

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

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

TPCODL has dedicated 24x7 Toll Free Number 1800-345-7122/1912 as a one-point solution for all the grievances. The company urges all its customers to immediately report any such message / call by any individual asking for transaction or banking details. Customers can also e-mail at customercare@tpcentralodisha.com for any queries. "While our team is keeping a close watch on such fraudulent activities, we intend to alert our esteemed customers as well. We request our customers to use the TPCODL Mitra App and follow authorised channels / gateways to reach out to us for any grievances or queries," said Mr. Shenbagam, Chief Executive Officer, TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd.

Tata Steel announces winner of its open innovation programme MaterialNEXT 3.0

Jamshedpur: Team 'Nano Tribe' of IIT Hyderabad was declared the winner of the third edition of 'Tata Steel MaterialNEXT' at the Finale held in Jamshedpur on June 1, 2022. The team comprising Sushmitha Veeralingam, Hari Prakash, and Jaladurgam Eshwari, was mentored by Dr Sushmee Badhulika and presented the solution titled 'self-powering sensor to detect pre-diabetes in human breath'.

The winning team received a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh. Team 'Materials Engineering lab' of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) Kolkata showcased the solution titled 'facile, high yield and room temperature synthesis process for two-dimensional (2D) materials' and secured the 1st runner-up slot. The members, Sukhendu Maity and Dr. Krishnendu Sarkar, were mentored by Dr. Praveen

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

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

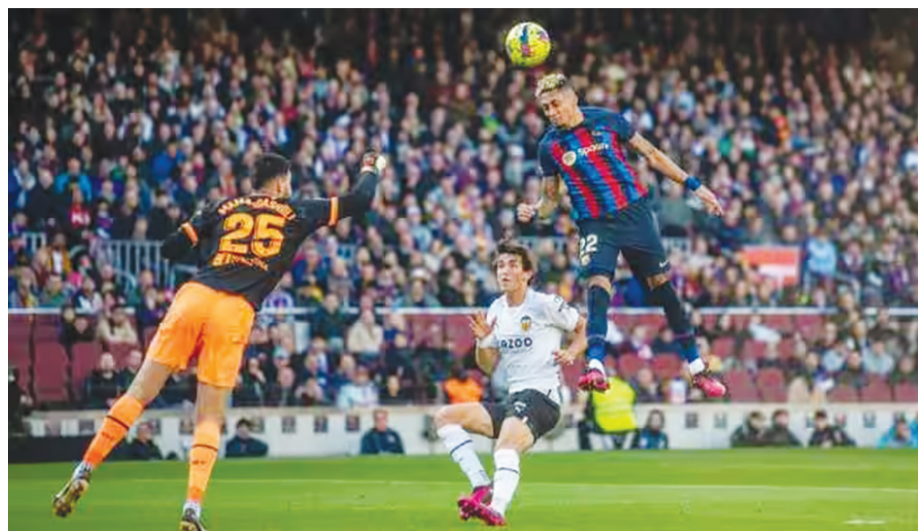
been to tap into the innovation ecosystem that exists outside of the Company, work with scientific establishments, academic institutions, and start-ups to create sustainable solutions and accelerate our journey to becoming a technology leader in the metals and mining space. The breakthrough ideas, initiatives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

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

La Liga: Barcelona Open 9-Point Lead With Valencia Win After Betis Hold Real Madrid To Draw

New Delhi: In three days, Barcelona has enjoyed seeing rival Real Madrid take two blows. After beating Madrid 1-0 in the first leg of the Copa del Rey semifinals at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Barcelona kept its title-chasing momentum in the Spanish league by defeating Valencia 1-0 and increasing its lead over second-place Madrid to nine points. Madrid couldn't keep pace with the Catalan club later Sunday after being held to a 0-0 draw at Real Betis.

Raphinha scored a first-half winner for Barcelona, which missed a penalty from Ferran Torres early in the second half and then saw defender Ronald Araujo sent off. Madrid was mostly in control against Betis, but Vinícius Júnior, Karim Benzema and Rodrygo failed to capitalize on their scoring chances. Barcelona and Madrid will play their final league game on March 19 at the Camp Nou. "It's not over yet," Madrid's Lucas Vázquez said. "We know it's going to be tough, but we will fight until the end. We really think we can make a run."



Barcelona had lost two in a row — against Manchester United in the Europa League and Almeria in the league — before coming up with the big Copa victory against Madrid at the Bernabéu. Raphinha scored against Valencia with a header after a well-placed pass by Sergio Busquets in the 15th minute. Torres missed the penalty in the 55th and four minutes later Araujo was sent off for stopping a

breakaway. Barcelona got the win despite still missing some of its top players, including Robert Lewandowski, the league's leading scorer. Ousmane Dembélé and Pedri also didn't play because of injuries,

while playmaker Gavi was out because of a yellow-card suspension. "We are not being effective up front and end up suffering to close out matches," said Barcelona coach Xavi, who watched from the stands because of a

suspension. Madrid was without midfielder Luka Modric because of a yellow-card suspension. Carlo Ancelotti's team is winless in three straight matches after defeating Liverpool 5-2 in the first leg of the round of 16 in the Champions League. Benzema scored from a free kick in the 12th but the goal was called off after video review because the ball deflected slightly off the arm of Madrid defender Antonio Rüdiger. Betis saw its three-game winning streak end but it remained in fifth place, three points behind fourth-place Real Sociedad in the final Champions League spot. Valencia was

trying to win two in a row after a run of six consecutive losses in all competitions. It went into the Camp Nou inside the relegation zone and missing several players because of injury, including veteran striker Edinson Cavani. Valencia is in 19th place, two points from safety. It was Valencia's third game with coach Rubén Baraja in charge after he replaced Gennaro Gattuso. Singaporean club owner Peter Lim still faces protests from Valencia fans who accuse him of poor administration and not caring for the club's interests. Valencia unsuccessfully demanded a penalty kick

when Fran Pérez was brought down by Barcelona midfielder Franck Kessié inside the area in the 85th. Valladolid defeated Espanyol 2-1 in a match between two clubs trying to stay far from the relegation zone. Iván Sánchez scored in the 25th and Álvaro Aguado in the 62nd for Valladolid, which moved to 14th place, two points clear from the drop zone. Martin Braithwaite netted in the 87th for Espanyol, which was 12th but stayed with the same 27 points as Valladolid. Valladolid hadn't won in three straight matches. Espanyol had won two in a row.

Wrestling Row: 'Me And Vinesh Will Quit,' Says Sakshi Malik If WFI President Remains Same

New Delhi: Wrestlers have been protesting against the Wrestling Federation of India. WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh was accused of sexual misconduct and intimidation by the wrestlers. Some of the most renowned wrestlers like Sarita Mor, Sangeeta Phogat, Anshu Malik, Sonam Malik, Satyawart Malik, Jitender Kinha and Bajarang Punia took part in the protests. The decision of the oversight committee is still due and it can go in favour of any side. If the decision goes against the wrestlers, the Rio Olympic medallist Sakshi Malik said she will quit wrestling. "If the decision does not come in our favour and President remains as it is then we will have to quit wrestling, both me and Vinesh have the same thinking," Sakshi told ANI.



Sakshi Malik was present at the Sports Conclave held in Kolkata. Sakshi believes that the decision of the oversight committee should have come out earlier. But even after the delay in result, she believes that it will come in their favour. "The decision should have come by now but they need 10 more days time and we are expecting a result in our

favour because we mustered a lot of courage before starting the protest. We did this because we had enough of what we are going through over the years and we don't want future wrestlers to face what we faced," Sakshi told ANI. She also expressed her happiness about the progress in their fight against the Wrestling Federation of India. "I am happy with the

progress and I want the decision to come a bit faster because we want to be stress-free and focus on our game because Asian Games are coming and we will have the trials for it. So, the main thing is that result should come fast and they are doing a fine job," Sakshi continued. "We are fighting against such a strong person and we can't go through all that again. We can't go

back and face the same thing again. The tournaments the fights etc., but why are you speaking negative. We have never thought of losing this battle. We are positive that it will come in our favour. We are not doing anything wrong. We are fighting for a new fresh and start," Sakshi continued. With Women's Day coming on March 8, Sakshi shared a special message for women.

"Women's Day is not only for women but also the men because men have a big role to play behind those women who are working. Everyone should support their daughters, sisters and wife. For them Women's Day should be every day, not just one single day and should encourage them to do what they want to do for their country."

PSG vs Nantes: The Significance Of Lionel Messi's 1000th Goal; Even Cristiano Ronaldo Is Far Behind This Landmark



New Delhi: Lionel Messi struck the opening goal for PSG in Ligue 1 clash vs Nantes on Saturday, March 4 at Parc des Princes. In doing so, the Argentina legend reached another landmark in his illustrious career. That one goal on Saturday night was his 1000th senior goal involvement. He is the first footballer to achieve this landmark, underlining the GOAT tag his fans put against his name. Messi must be very happy as this big record was achieved in a 4-2 win over the opponents. Since making his senior debut in 2003, Messi has scored a total of 701 goals and has assisted 299 times in 841 matches. This is a

massive achievement even for someone who has already achieved so much in the last two decades on the football ground. Not to forget, Messi is also the first player in the modern era of European football's top 5 leagues to achieve this feat. Messi fans can take a sigh of relief as this record will be untouched for some time. His long-time rival Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo is sitting second on the list of most goals and assists with 912 goal involvements. It must also be noted that Messi has had a great season in Ligue 1. He has made 35 goal contributions for PSG. He continues to have a great run. From winnig

his first-ever World Cup medal to achieving this new landmark, Messi continues to rule the world. In the same match, Kylian Mbappe too scored. With that goal, Mbappe too scripted history as he broke the record of Edinson Cavani for most goals scored by a PSG player in the club's history. Mbappe hit the 201st goal of his PSG career to go past Cavani. What makes French striker's feat look even bigger is the speed at which he has travelled to the landmark. The Uruguayan striker had taken 301 matches to reach the 200 goals milestone where as Mbappe has done the same in just 247 games.

Chattogram track in focus as Bangladesh aim to avoid whitewash

Dhaka: "Has the pace increased in my deliveries?" Shakib Al Hasan asked Mushfiqur Rahim in the nets at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium. Even the veteran spinner who rarely bowls in the nets, was busy working on his pace variations on Sunday. Shakib, who arrived in Chattogram at 9:00 PM on Saturday (March 4) after having stayed back in Dhaka to complete a personal engagement instead of flying with the team in the afternoon, came at the ZACS with his team mates during an optional training session, which included everyone apart from Taskin Ahmed, Afif Hossain, Litton Das and Mehedy Hasan. There were joined by the members of the T20I squad as well, who will be in action soon after the third ODIs - with the three-match T20



series scheduled to start at ZACS from March 9. Even as Bangladesh prepare to play on a new surface at the against England on Monday, they are far from getting over their disappointing performance against India in their last contest at the venue. India had earned a consolation win at

Chattogram after losing the three-match series, beating Bangladesh by 227 runs at the back of some fine batting performances. Ishan Kishan hammered 210, while Virat Kohli notched up a century to help the visitors to 409-8. Tamim Iqbal and Co spent ample time trying to analyse what

to expect from the surface ahead of their last game of the series, after having already lost the series - their first ODI series loss at home since 2016. Bangladesh's spin coach Rangana Herath isn't too fussed about the scars from the last contest, and said, "It is a different surface (from the one we played against India) and so we are not expecting same thing to happen in this pitch. "We are trying to get the best out of the team. Comparatively, Mirpur has more advantages for spinners (than Chattogram). It looks a bit dry, so there will be a challenge for spinners and fast bowlers. "Taijul, Miraz and Shakib bowled very well in the first match, but (England) batted very well in the second game. We need to improve in finding ways to stop

batters from scoring like that. Sometimes you don't have to attack too much. You can be defensive. Sometimes even the defensive options would be attacking. Those are the things we need to understand," he said. Herath added that he is not too concerned despite Mustafizur Rahman's lack of wickets, and insisted that the left-arm pacer is playing a different role than he did earlier. "We need to understand that Mustafiz bowls in the first few overs, in the middle overs and then in the last overs. We can't expect him to take a lot of wickets and keep down the runs. He is doing the hardest part of the team. We need to understand that too. I am happy with him, but there are things to work on all the time," he concluded.

UP Warriorz Batter Kiran Navgire Pays Tribute To MS Dhoni

New Delhi: UP Warriorz started their tough chase of 170-run target against the Gujarat Giants on a disastrous note in Match No. 3 of the ongoing Women's Premier League 2023 on Sunday (March 5). The Giants pacer Kim Garth snapped up three early wickets as the Warriorz were reduced to 20 for 3 by the third over with skipper Alyssa Healy, Shweta Sehrawat and Tahlia McGrath all back in the pavilion.



It was a brilliant maiden WPL half-century by Indian batter Kiran Navgire, who came into bat at No.3 position for the UP Warriorz which kept them afloat before

Grace Harris and Sophie Ecclestone could get them across the line. Navgire smashed 53 off just 43 balls with two sixes and five fours

to help the Warriorz recover from the early blows - putting on 66 runs for the fourth wickets with vice-captain Deepti Sharma.