

Landslide Victory For BJD President of Mauritius Prithvirajsing Roopun to Visit Kolkata

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) registered a landslide victory in the by-poll to Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency. BJD candidate Deepali Das won the by-election with a margin of 48,721 votes from nearest rival from BJP Tankadhar Tripathy. According to the results announced by Election Commission of India, BJD got 1,07,198 votes while 58,477 votes polled to the kitty of BJP. Congress nominee Tarun Pandey lost his deposits with only 4,496 votes. A total of 79.21 per cent of 2.21 lakh voters exercised their franchise in the by-poll held on May 10. The byelection was held following the murder of sitting MLA and the then Health Minister Naba Kishore Das on January 29 this

year. In the 2019 Assembly election, BJD had secured 98,620 votes while BJP and Congress got 52,921 and 18,823 votes. The vote share of both BJD and BJP in this by-poll slightly increased by about 5 per cent and 3 per cent, respectively, while Congress' vote share goes down by about 8 per cent. In comparison to her father late Naba Das, Deepali got 8,578 more votes and the vote margin was also increased by 3022 votes. The result indicates that both BJD and BJP were able to grab the votes of Congress in the by-poll. Meanwhile, BJD workers and leaders started celebrating the victory here at the party office Sankha Bhawan and also Jharsuguda.



Welcoming the verdict of the people of Jharsuguda, State BJP President Manmohan Samal said, "I congratulate BJD candidate Dipali Das on winning the election. I also congratulate our

candidate Tankadhar for giving a tough fight to the BJD in such an unfavorable condition." BJP never won the seat in the past. However, due to strong determination and work done by party workers, the BJP was

able to raise the vote from 2,000 to 3,000 and then 52,000 in last poll to 58,000 in this by-election, Samal said. "All credit goes to our party workers, who worked day and night for the party," he stated. The BJP President also said that Odisha is going to witness by-polar fight in upcoming Lok Sabha and Assembly elections as Congress is nowhere in the picture now. "This will not only strengthen our democracy but also a good sign for the State," he added. BJD Supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik spoke to Deepali Das and congratulated her for the landslide victory in the Jharsuguda by-election. Senior Congress leader Bhakta Das said his party will introspect the result and would take necessary action accordingly.

Kolkata: Prithvirajsing Roopun, a Mauritian politician serving as the seventh president of Mauritius accompanied by his wife is scheduled to visit Kolkata for a 3-day private visit. "During his stay, the President will visit the famous Dakshineswar Temple and Belur Math during his stay at Kolkata. The honorary will also drop by the Memorial for Indentured Labourers at Kolkata Port Trust." "Dr. Swapan Dasgupta (Governing Council of India Foundation and President of Khola Hawa) and Mr. Sushil Modi M.P. (Former Deputy CM of Bihar and member Governing Council, India Foundation) will be hosting a Civic



Reception and Dinner in the Honour of H.E. Prithvirajsing Roopun GCSK (President of Mauritius) to be attended by dignitaries including C.V. Anand Bose (Governor of West Bengal), Harivansh Narayan Singh (Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha) and many others. "The president of the Republic of Mauritius is the head of state of the Republic of Mauritius. This country is a parliamentary republic, and the

president's role is ceremonial. The current office-holder is Prithvirajsing Roopun. He took office on 2nd December 2019. "Dr. Swapan Dasgupta, Governing Council, India Foundation and President of Khola Hawa said, "It's my privilege to welcome the descendant of one of those Indians whose last view of the motherland was Kolkata." "Prithvirajsing Roopun is a lawyer who was first elected to National Assembly in 2000 and has been minister of arts and culture, social integration and regional administration. Since attaining independence from Britain in 1968, Mauritius has become one of most stable democracies in Africa.

2 Odisha Ministers Resign; Revenue Minister Gets Additional Responsibilities

Bhubaneswar: A day after the resignation of two ministers from Odisha Cabinet, Revenue Minister Pramila Mallick today got the additional charge of School and Mass Education and Labour departments. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik allocated the two additional portfolios to Mallick, sources said. Odisha Assembly Speaker Bikram Keshari Arukha and School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash and Labour Minister Srikanta Sahu resigned from their posts yesterday amid speculation of a reshuffle in the Council of Ministers in the state. Arukha sent his resignation to Odisha Assembly Deputy Speaker Rajani Kant Singh while Dash and



Sahu sent their resignation to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, sources added. "I have resigned from the post of Assembly Speaker over some personal reasons," said Arukha. Dash said he resigned from his ministerial post to devote himself in the organizational work of Biju Janata Dal (BJD). "My resignation has nothing to do with the outcome of a recent Zilla Parishad by-election in my constituency," he added.

Patnaik had revamped his Council of Ministers, first time in his fifth term in Odisha, in June last year. The reshuffle exercise was effected a day after all the 20 ministers tendered their resignations to the Chief Minister. It is the first incident in the political history of Odisha when all ministers were asked to submit their resignation. As many as 13 cabinet ministers and eight ministers of state were sworn in by Governor Ganeshi Lal.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In an aim to bring more transparency in the property registration offices, the State Government has decided to install CCTV cameras in all Sub-Registrar Offices (SROs), District Registrar Offices (DROs) and the office of Inspector General of Registration (IGR), Cuttack. Under its e-Registration project, the Revenue and Disaster Management Department has decided to implement the project through Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC). ACS Revenue & Disaster Management Satyabrata Sahu is harping on 5T Charter in Department of Revenue & Disaster Management. Accordingly bringing in transparency in the system is being enforced, said a senior official. The e-Registration

project is implemented for providing computerized registration of deeds in all the registry offices in the State in PPP mode. It aims to continue and improve the current computerised services being offered at the 205 Registration Offices (future offices also included under the project) in all the 30 districts of the State to provide citizens of Odisha with a faster, simpler and more cost-effective service. Under the project, CCTV cameras will be installed in all 205 Sub-Registrar Offices (SROs), 30 District Registrar Offices (DROs) and Inspector General of Registration (IGR) offices, official sources said. The SROs will have

connectivity with District Registrar Offices. The systems propose Integrated Security Solutions to the cameras with local recording having four numbers of 5 MP & two numbers of 2MP camera integrated with Fire Alarm System with recording of all the CCTV footages. As per the project, there will be provision of emergency IP communication network, AI based video analytics for facial recognition-based attendance and reports. A State Control Room will be set up at IGR Cuttack office from where one can monitor the CCTVs across the State. Fire protection & safety solution is a major concern in all these SRO offices. Therefore, conventional fire alarm systems will be installed in these Sub-Registrar Offices (SROs) and will have a facility to monitor from the central location.

Dedicated Emergency Communication Network for easy communication and handling of any critical situation, one IP phone will be there at all Sub-Registrar Offices across the State. The 30 DROs which act as a District Control Room will have the dedicated connectivity with the State Control Room i.e., Inspector General of Registration (IGR) Office at Cuttack. The District Registrar Offices will have 4 High-Definition Surveillance Cameras with fire and emergency IP communication network with recording of all the CCTV footages. There will be a big LED monitor for the live viewing of Sub-Registrar Offices. One IP Phone will be supplied at all District Registrar Offices for communication during emergency.



Congress Clears Karnataka Election Test: Five Factors That Worked Against Modi Magic

New Delhi: The Congress party today emerged triumphant in the hard-fought battle of the Karnataka Assembly Elections where it was up against a powerful BJP. The Congress is all set to get a decisive mandate in Karnataka and thus the party may not need support from the JDS or independents. On the other hand, the ruling BJP failed to retain the state as its tally slipped below 70 seats. This comes as a big setback for the saffron party ahead of the Lok Sabha Elections to be held next year. While the BJP had deployed all of its top guns during the campaigning, the

party failed to impress the voters, showed the results. Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi's poll blitzkrieg failed to save the BJP in the polls. Bharat Jodo Yatra Impact The Congress has reposed its faith in Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh had already said that the party will win the polls as Rahul Gandhi spent 27 days in the state covering seven districts. Rahul Gandhi had touched upon 51 assembly seats during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Out of these 51 seats, the Congress won over 30 seats. This shows that Bharat Jodo Yatra

was successful in connecting voters with the Congress. Welfare Manifesto The Congress promised many freebies claiming it to be an assistance in its fight against inflation. While the party vehemently raised the issues like high prices of petrol and LPG cylinders, it promised Rs 2000 per month for every woman head of each household. To help youth fight unemployment, Congress promised a monthly allowance of Rs 3,000 to unemployed graduates and Rs 1,500 to unemployed diploma holders. It also promised to restore the



old pension scheme and provide 200 units of free electricity. These issues may not be much relevant to urban cities like Bengaluru but echoed the sentiments of the rural population. Bajrang Dal Row

The Congress promised to ban organisations like Bajrang Dal and PFI which spread hatred. While the BJP made it a poll issue saying the Congress wants to ban Bajrang Bali, the voters did not resonate

with the BJP's plank. The recital of Hanuman Chalisa publicly also did not help the BJP. The Congress appears to have successfully countered the narrative by promising the development of

Hanuman temples across the state. The issue also appears to have polarised Muslim voters in the Old Mysuru region where JDS ceded its vote bank to Congress. Corruption Issue The Congress has been cornering BJP over corruption issues in the state. It accused the ruling BJP of taking a 40 per cent commission in every government contract. The issue even led to the suicide of a government contractor. Though the BJP did not field K. S. Eshwarappa or his son K.E. Kantesh who were at the centre of the controversy, Congress

successfully took the issue to the masses and reaped dividends. Muslim Reservation/Hijab Controversy Just ahead of the election, the BJP government led by BS Bommai scrapped the 4 per cent reservation for OBC Muslims. It not only abolished the 4% reservation for Muslims under the 2-B category but distributed 2 per cent each to the Vokkaligas in 2-C category and Lingayats in 2-D category. The BJP government was also at the centre of the hijab controversy. This may have united the Muslim voters against the BJP.

STD.-XII CBSE BOARD RESULT: COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE OF DAV, KALINGA NAGAR



Bhubaneswar: Students of DAV, Kalinga Nagar have fared very well with a thumping result in the recently published CBSE AISC-2023 Examination. They have made the Alma mater glorious with a School average of 80.10% & 76.31% in Science & Commerce.

The Highest percentage of the school in science has reached 98.60% and 94% in commerce respectively. In science, out of 79 students 8.86% Students have scored above 95%, 18.99% students have scored above 90% marks, 45.57% students have

scored above 80% marks, 88.61% students have scored above 70% marks, and 98.73% students have scored above 60% marks. Adyansu Beura topped the list of meritorious students with 98.60% while Priyanshu Panda has secured second position with 97.40%

and 4 students bagged the third position with 96% in science. Similarly in Commerce, out of 26 students, 50% students have secured above 80% marks, 73.08% students have secured above 70% marks and 84.62% students have secured above 60%. Aditya Gupta has

topped the list of meritorious students with 94% while Abhishikta Mohanty has secured second position with 89.60% and Arpita Dash has secured the third position with 88.40% respectively. In Physical Education, four students have shown an exemplary performance by securing 100 out of 100. Chairman of the school, S. J. Madan Mohan Panda, Regional Director, DAV Institutions, Odisha Zone Dr. K.C. Satapathy and Principal of the school Mr. Bipin Kumar Sahoo congratulated the students & the teachers for their success & effort.

One Blind Artist Sudam Sahu performs his Arts

Kalahandi/ Kesinga (KCN): "One Blind Artist Sudam Sahu of 47 years old of Village Bijkhaman of Nunmath Gram Panchayat under Kesinga Block of Kalahandi District performs his Art by singing Lord Jaganath & Maa Manikeswari Bhajan in Odia with music. He is staying with his wife & one Son who is reading only five class in his village Government School. He is only getting disabled incentive of rupees seven hundred from the Government. He has requested to the Government for others help & cooperations &



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Iron ore transport exports affected

Chandikhol, 13/5: Transport of iron ore exported by thousands of trucks daily through Jajpur national highways has been affected. In the last few days, iron ore has been reduced from Rs 2150 to Rs 1450 per ton, which has affected the transport and business sectors. The government is losing revenue of lakhs of rupees per day and the livelihood of the families is affected by servicing the vehicles. Truck owners have stopped the road due to lack of other fares, which has made it difficult for the drivers to support their families.



Hockey India Gets Best Organiser Award For FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023

New Delhi: Hockey India today was awarded with the Best Organiser Award by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) for their exemplary execution of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela as the host nation. The award was received by Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea. The prestigious quadrennial event featuring 16 teams from across the globe was held in two world-class venues in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. While the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar had previously hosted the FIH Hockey Men's

World Cup 2018, the newly-constructed Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela caught the imagination of the hockey fraternity for being the largest-seated hockey stadium in the world. The Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium also features an Olympic-style Hockey Village which housed the participating teams, giving them a similar experience as the Games Village at multi-discipline sporting

events such as Olympic Games or the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. Apart from impeccable organization of the on field action with global standards being met in ensuring best facilities were provided for athletes, the host nation along with the unparalleled support of Odisha State Government hosted numerous fan-engaging events that included a star-studded opening

ceremony with performances by Bollywood super stars Ranveer Singh, Disha Patani and international acclaimed K-Pop band Blackswan making the hockey festivities all the more memorable for global hockey fans visiting Odisha. The tournament mascot Olly was highlighted with Olly's Land, a fan zone created within the two-stadium premises became a mega attraction for thousands of spectators who flocked to the stadium to watch top-class hockey and also created awareness about the Olive Ridley Turtles. "We are very humbled and grateful for this incredible recognition by the Asian Hockey Federation.



Social organization helps & hand to needy peoples

Cuttack Sadar(KCN): Cuttack Sadar Kishorenagar based social organization Bipadara Bandhu Seva Sangathan(BBSS) has donated food, clothes and financial support to needy cancer patients. In this great seva work was done in presence and active cooperation of respected president Bhairab Sethi, srectetary Sudhakar



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Pathaan Deleted Scenes Starring Shah Rukh Khan In OTT Version Leaves Fans Spellbound, Netizens Ask Why Did Makers Remove It?

The massive Bollywood hit Pathaan, featuring Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and John Abraham streamed on Prime Videos recently to an overwhelming response. After flooring the audiences worldwide with its theatrical release, Pathaan once again managed to tick the right boxes as some of the deleted scenes from the original were intact in the OTT version of the film. SRK fans reacted strongly to the deleted scenes from Pathaan asking why were they removed in the first place. Some of these scenes include Shah Rukh's character being tortured by the Russians and his entry scene to the JOCR office. Another one is where Deepika's character is being interrogated. Fan were disappointed that these scenes didn't make it to the theatrical version. Check out some of the deleted reactions of fans after watching Pathaan on OTT: The action thriller film has been directed by Siddharth Anand and written by Shridhar Raghavan and Abbas



Tyrewala, from a story by Anand. The fourth instalment in the YRF Spy Universe, it stars Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, John Abraham, Dimple Kapadia, and Ashutosh Rana. On the work front, SRK will next be seen in Atlee's 'Jawan' where besides Nayanthara Bollywood superstar Sanjay Dutt has also come aboard. Shah Rukh also has Rajkumar Hirani's Dunki with Taapsee Pannu in the pipeline. Besides these, SRK will make a cameo in Salman Khan's Tiger 3.

Lord Ram In Adipurush Most Challenging Voice Role For Me: Sharad Kelkar

Voice acting is a responsible job and for actor Sharad Kelkar his performance behind the screen as Lord Ram in the Hindi language dub of 'Adipurush', the multilingual period saga, is the "most challenging" role till date. In the project, Kelkar lends his voice to Telugu star Prabhas, for whom he previously dubbed the superhit 'Baahubali' franchise. One false note of the voice actor can destroy all the work the actor on screen has put in, added Kelkar, who will next voice for actor Nani's Telugu movie "Dasara". "Voice acting is a responsible job because you are lending your voice to someone else who has performed with all his heart out. Your one mistake can ruin his performance. So, I am responsible (for lending my voice) whether it is for Lord Ram or for Nani's character. Lord Ram is the most



challenging one. It is a matter of pride for me also to give voice for 'Adipurush'," Kelkar told PTT in an interview. 'Adipurush' is directed by Om Raut of 'Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior' fame and produced by Bhushan Kumar-led T-Series. It is set to release in June. Best known for his performance in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Ram Leela', web series 'The Family Man', and 'Tanhaji', Kelkar said there have been times when he felt pigeonholed due to his baritone. "As an actor, it is a

disadvantage for me because it is difficult for people to imagine me in different roles. They tend to offer me similar kinds of roles because I have a certain personality and voice, which they think can go well with a particular range of characters, like a cop or a villain. "I try to do different kinds of stuff. I am trying to prove again and again that I have a good voice but my strength is my acting. It (voice) is an added advantage and I don't take credit for that voice as such," he said. His latest release is heist drama "Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga", also starring Yami Gautam and Sunny Kaushal. It is directed by Ajay Singh and produced by Amar Kaushik and Dinesh Vijan of Maddock Films. In the upcoming Netflix film, the 46-year-old actor plays Shaikh, a character he described as an important government officer investigating the heist. Kelkar said he was keen to explore the genre of heist films and found the movie's story interesting. "People don't make heists or hijack films with a twist in India. Maybe the story is fine but the execution goes wrong and sometimes the execution is of high level but the story or screenplay falls flat. I had heard this story earlier as Amar and writer Siraj Ahmed, who is the writer, had narrated the story, I found it very interesting," he added. 'Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga' will start streaming from Friday.

Shilpa Shetty Returns To Kannada Cinema, Joins Cast Of KD The Devil As Satyavati



Actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra is all set to make a comeback in Kannada films after almost 18 years with the upcoming film 'KD- The Devil'. Shilpa took to Instagram to announce the news on Ugadi. Shilpa, who was born in Karnataka, wrote: "On this auspicious day of new beginnings, I'm thrilled to share with you a new character entering the war in KD's battlefield as Satyavati." The actress made her acting debut with Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Baazigar' in 1993. 'KD', directed by Prem of 'Kariya' fame, is yet another gangster film in Kannada. The period action film is said to be based on the events that took place in Bengaluru in the 1970s. It also stars Dhruva Sarja, V Ravichandran and Sanjay Dutt in pivotal roles. Meanwhile, on the Bollywood front, Shilpa has 'Indian Police Force', an upcoming Hindi language cop action drama streaming series. The series is created and directed by Rohit Shetty. It also stars Sidharth Malhotra and Vivek Oberoi in the lead. The series is set in Shetty's fictional Cop Universe.

How Nushratt Bharuccha got her emotions right while filming toughest scenes in Chhorii

Nushratt Bharuccha delivered one of the toughest roles of her career in Chhorii this year. The horror film had the actress playing the role of a pregnant woman who's trying to save her yet-to-be-born child from the evil. The director of the film Vishal Furia says that there were a few heavy scenes that took a lot away from Nushratt. He says, "This particular film has emotions and drama and there comes a time where actors get stuck. How much can one do? There were definitely instances where sometimes Nushratt could not get what I wanted. She just could not understand." Sharing an example of one such scene, Vishal elaborates, "There was a moment as the end of the shoot. We were shooting a lot of breakdown moments, in the last schedule of the film. These were in plenty and Nushratt was just exhausted shooting these scenes. She could not get the right degree of emotions. It is then I used a trick. I went and whispered something into her ears and then she just took over. The reaction that came out was outstanding in the form of that scene and her performance." In an earlier chat with BT, Vishal had opened up about the hardwork that Nushratt had put in for this film. He had said, "Nushratt did her thorough research as she was playing a pregnant woman. So, motherhood was an emotion that she studied as it is an emotion she hasn't experienced. Before the shoot began, she would practice with a fake baby bump to get used to the extra weight. It helped her understand the body language of a pregnant woman."

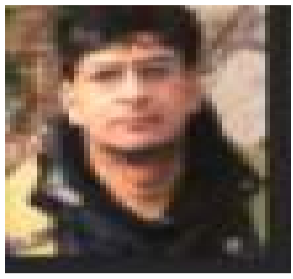


Sara Ali Khan says she wants Vicky Kaushal, Ranveer Singh and Varun Dhawan at her swayamvar, Karan Johar says, 'their wives are watching'

Sara Ali Khan recently graced Karan Johar's celebrity chat show along with her 'Atrangi Re' co-star Dhanush. The young actress was seen answering some fun questions on the show. In one of the segments, Sara was asked to name four actors who she would want at her swayamvar. Without any hesitation, the actress took names of Ranveer Singh, Vijay Deverakonda, Vicky Kaushal and Varun Dhawan. Ranveer is married to Deepika Padukone, Varun tied the knot with Natasha Dalal earlier this year and Vicky recently got hitched to Katrina Kaif. Reacting to her answers, Karan warned her by saying their wives are watching. To which Sara quickly added, 'And hopefully their husbands are too.' While Sara has worked with Ranveer in Rohit Shetty's 'Simmba' and with Varun in David Dhawan's 'Coolie No 1', she is collaborating with Vicky in her next with Laxman Utekar.

Chau Dance should be declared as a National Dance of India

Saikat Kumar Basu



Chau dance is a traditional form of masked dance-drama that originated in the eastern Indian states of Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand. It is predominantly performed by the communities of martial artists known as "Chauuars" or "Chhau dancers." The dance form has a rich history and cultural significance. Chau dance is characterized by its vibrant costumes, elaborate masks, and energetic movements. The dancers wear colorful masks representing various characters, such as gods, goddesses, demons, animals, and mythological figures. These masks are often made from clay, wood, or papier-mâché, and they are intricately designed and painted. The dance incorporates a mix of martial arts, acrobatics, and storytelling. The dancers perform impressive stunts, leaps, spins, and mock battles, showcasing their physical prowess and agility. The

movements are often accompanied by rhythmic music played on traditional instruments like the dhol (drum), mohuri (wind instrument), and shehnai (double-reed instrument). Chau dance typically narrates mythological stories and folklore, depicting episodes from the Hindu epics like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. It is performed during religious festivals, particularly during the spring festival of Chaitra Parva or Chhau Parva, which celebrates the arrival of the new year. The dance is believed to bring good luck, ward off evil spirits, and invoke blessings. Over time, Chau dance has evolved into three main regional styles: Seraikella Chau from J h a r k h a n d, Mayurbhanj Chau from Odisha, and Purulia Chau from West Bengal. Each style has its unique characteristics, but all of them share the essence of vibrant movements, expressive storytelling, and the use of masks. Chau dance has gained recognition as an important cultural heritage of India and has been performed on national and international stages,

representing the rich diversity of Indian performing arts. It continues to be cherished and practiced by dedicated artists who strive to preserve and promote this captivating dance form. Due to its unique style, presentation, as well as historical, socio-cultural and heritage attributes, Chau dance should be recognized as a national dance by the India Central Government. The current eight national dances recognized by the Government of India include the following: Bharatnattyan (Tamil Nadu), Kathakali and Mohiniyattam (Kerala), Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh), Odishi (Odisha), Kathak (North India, UP), Manipuri (Manipur), and Sattriya (Assam). It is quite unfortunate that we do not have any national, dance style or dance form, recognized from the state of West Bengal and Kolkata (the cultural capital of India) at the national level! The difference between folk dances and classical dances are best completely arbitrarily on a thin line of argument, which does not really have a socio-cultural basis or any

rational scientific explanations. With all due respect, Kathakali restricted to particular states and cultures only from North, North East

West Bengal only. Various forms and styles of Chau dances are still



from Kerala can also be redefined as a folk dance because it connects rural Kerala to the broader urban Kerala and Malayalam community, through its unique storytelling, dance styles, integrated with beautiful costumes, body painting, mudras or postures and captivating music. Broadly looking, is it very different from the Chau dances? While Kathakali depicts stories of Mahabharata, Chau focuses on the Ramayana and Mahabharata too. While Kathakali is connected deeply to rural Kerala; the Chau dance is connected intimately to rural Bengal like the Boul devotional song. While the other dances are

and South India; Chau dance has more national attributes compared to any other regional classical dance styles and forms to be recognized as a national dance of India. It is time to raise our voice for the national recognition of this unique dance style. Although, Chau dance is extremely popular in rural West Bengal, particularly in the areas of the Jungal Mahal that includes the districts of West Midnapore, Jhargram, Bankura, Purulia and East & West Bardhaman; but, geographically, it is not just restricted or limited to the state of

existing in the adjoining states of Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha; particularly in the border regions of these states where they share an influence of Bengali traditional cultures. The dance styles and forms, languages, styles of facial make ups, masks and costumes varies between the states. However, the underlying basic principles of Chau dance is well maintained across these geographical region and deserves national recognition. Chau dance is not just a representative of West Bengal only; but the entire Eastern India. Thus Chau demands to be recognized as the pulse of Eastern India and

transformed into a national dance form representing the aspirations of Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha. It is important to mention here that like any other traditional dance forms, Chau is also being impacted by the change in our lifestyle and culture, as well as our focus towards Western cultural practices and heritage. However, we need to remember, dances like this represent our own traditions and culture has to be conserved and protected at any cost. Several forms of Chau dances have become extinct, their story lines, language, make ups and costume design styles are all vanishing very fast at an astonishing rate in the present world of high speed, braid baba internet with 5G services. Late Bir Singh Mura from Purulia, a Government of India Padma laureate (Padmashree), took Chau dances successfully to the international platform. He has successfully perform in several countries around the world and made this done style and forms, internationally, popular, and highly recognized. It is time to provide respect to his monumental effort in making Chau dance an international sensation. Chau dance is more well known

outside India, then it is within the borders of our country rich in tradition and heritage. A village by the name of Charida, in the Jhalda block of Purulia district in West Bengal, very close to the famous Ayodhya Hills is now internationally famous as the world's leading mask village. Every home in this village is dedicated in manufacturing Chau dance masks and other masks based on the Chau style. Traveling through this village, while walking through the numerous mask shops located on either side of the narrow village street is a mesmerizing experience. The local artist and artisans have been using environment-friendly resource materials like mud, paper pulp, bamboos, different plant and/or plant products along with nature based plant dye being used for painting these outstandingly beautiful masks. Thus with national recognition of Chau such areas, local artists and artisans will benefit more both socially and economically from the tourist flow to these regions, helping rural economy to thrive and establish based on a cultural dance.

Kolkata, West Bengal India

Excessive Sweating And Hair Loss

Shahnaz Husain



If you have wondered why you lose more hair in summers than in winters, there is a reason for it. The combination of harsh sun, pollution, and dryness can cause excessive sweating in the body as a result of which your hair may become frizzier, drier, and less lustrous during the summer. Sweat clogs your scalp's pores, damages your hair's health, and changes your hair texture. While perspiration is only a natural biological phenomenon that helps detox and keeps your body naturally cool and normalizes its core temperature however excessive sweating can clog your hair follicles and disrupt the natural hair growth cycle. Sweat contains salt content which leads to dryness and major hair loss. That's why a sweaty scalp is a foe to your

luscious manes. Sweat which is a combination of water and natural salts itself is not inherently damaging to your hair however excessive perspiration can dry your scalp and potentially clog your hair follicles, as it can mix with bacteria and irritate or damage your scalp. The inflammation on the scalp is due to the presence of lactic acid which is naturally present in our perspiration. As lactic acid accumulates on the scalp it also makes the hair brittle and weak. The lactic acid present in our sweat can bind with keratin (protein) that is already present in our hair follicles which can take away the natural luster and strength of our hair. But the good news is there are a number of ways you can help to keep your hair in good shape while working out regularly. The best way to resolve the hair sweating problem is by keeping your scalp clean and hygienic. For Scalp hygiene, Mix 2 tablespoons of rose water and 2-3 drops of essential oil like lavender and jasmine oil and apply this to

your hair. Wash your hair off with cold water after this.. Massaging your scalp with essential oils can soothe it and reduce hair fall. Lavender oil has antimicrobial and antibacterial properties that help keep the scalp healthy. Chamomile oil helps add shine and softness to it. If possible, wash your scalp immediately after excessive sweating such as after working out, running, or cooking in the kitchen. This is the best way to keep the sweat from building up over time. Wash the hair according to hair type and season. In summer shampoo the hair more frequently, especially if the hair is oily. Use a mild herbal shampoo. Rinse your hair well with water, to get rid of all soapy residues and the loosened flakes. Apply egg white on the hair 15 minutes before shampoo. It helps to reduce oiliness and also adds body. For women with curly or textured hair, oil is the best way to keep your scalp clean from toxins and unhealthy components. Spraying

your hair and scalp with hair oils such as argan oil can help reduce post-workout frizz and reduce dryness. Many women use treatments to moisturize their hair and prevent the salt in sweat from drying it out. You can also use a leave-in conditioning treatment or gel after your workout to restore moisture and help set your curls. Take steam on the hair. This helps in opening up the pores and thus flushes out the dirt and toxins from the scalp. It also removes the extra oil and activates the hair follicles for proper functioning. This helps in proper blood circulation to the hair follicles as well as

ensures deep nourishment and removal of dirt and toxins. This is one way to prevent hair loss through sweat. For oily and sweaty hair, avoid creamy hair conditioners. Use a hair rinse. Lemon juice hydrated, take adequate sleep for healthy hair growth. A diet rich in fats and spices increases body temperature and thereby triggers sweat production. The chemical Capsaicin affects the nerves and makes them warmer, as you have spicier food your tendency to sweat increases. Vegetarian diets, on the other hand, have proven to be more effective for sweat control. A diet rich in protein such as egg whites, white meat, cottage cheese, tofu, soybean, and pulses can contribute to good hair growth and decrease

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hair fall. Have a small bowl of sprouts daily. They contain amino acids, which promote hair growth. Fresh fruits, raw salads, leafy green vegetables, curd, and soybeans, may be included in the diet. Coffee is also not recommended as caffeine increases your heart rate, raises blood pressure levels, and activates your sweat glands. If there is hair loss, ask your doctor to prescribe vitamin and mineral supplements. Apple cider vinegar also helps. Mix a couple of tablespoons of apple cider vinegar with warm water and massage thoroughly into your scalp. Let this stay for half an hour before washing it off with water. For oily scalp and dandruff, mix ripe papaya pulp with gram flour, egg white, and four teaspoons of apple cider vinegar into a paste. Apply on the hair and wash off after half an hour. For dandruff, soak fenugreek (methi) seeds overnight in water. Grind them into a paste. Add 2 teaspoons each of olive oil and apply the paste on the scalp. Leave it on for 20 to 30 minutes. Rinse well with water. Hair loss is largely considered a cosmetic issue, but it can give you a lot of stress and confidence issues and thereby can hamper your overall quality of life.

handful of fresh or dried marigold flowers to three cups of hot water. Allow it to stand for an hour. Strain and cool the water and use as a final rinse. It benefits sweaty hair and adds body and shine. Neem leaves: Add two handfuls of neem leaves to four cups of hot water. Let it stand overnight. The next morning, strain the liquid and use it to rinse the hair. It relieves itching and keeps the scalp healthy and free from infections. A paste can also be made of the soaked neem leaves and applied on the scalp, rinsing off with water after half an hour. For dandruff, soak fenugreek (methi) seeds overnight in water. Grind them into a paste. Add 2 teaspoons each of olive oil and apply the paste on the scalp. Leave it on for 20 to 30 minutes. Rinse well with water. Hair loss is largely considered a cosmetic issue, but it can give you a lot of stress and confidence issues and thereby can hamper your overall quality of life.



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Grand Opening of South India Shopping Mall at Hanumakonda



Warangal (KCN) Hanumakonda South India Shopping Mall opened its 30th showroom at Hanumakonda on Friday keeping in mind the lifestyle shopping needs of the surrounding areas. Popular film star Kumari Pooja Hegde was present as the chief guest for this inauguration program and the shopping mall was inaugurated after lighting the Jyoti. After this inauguration, Kumari Pooja Hegde..

visited the showroom with various rich textiles. She said that she is very happy to come to the inauguration of this showroom. She said that there are collections available, ranging from traditional styles to the most sophisticated lifestyles, to suit the tastes of all generations. She said that it is special that there are many varieties of clothes that are well suited for the upcoming wedding season. Avail of this showroom's

offerings, the region is said to be where they can get clothing items that reflect their tastes, at the best prices. She said that everyone is invited to visit the new showrooms of South India Shopping Mall hoping to celebrate all the celebrations with joy. South India Shopping Director Suresh, Director Abhinav, another Director Keshav and others participated in this event.

Dual Degree and International Engineering programs in SR University

Warangal (KCN) : Universal high-quality education is the best way to develop and maximize our nation's rich talents for the benefit of the individual, society, country and the world. In this connection "The Sri Raghavendra University launched Dual Degree International Engineering programs (IEP) and many other innovative programs at Undergraduate and Postgraduate level in Engineering and Technology, Management, Agriculture and Allied Health Sciences. "The students can simultaneously pursue two degrees B.Tech + BBA which will enhance their career opportunities as companies are looking for candidates with multi-disciplinary skills. The programs offered will be holistic and flexible. Students have multiple options like B.Tech and BBA, B.Tech and MBA, B.Sc (Hons.)



Agriculture and BBA, BS and MBA, BS and MS, BBA and MS programs in Biotechnology and Computer Science courses with various specialisations. "The IEP is the best twinning program that offers international education to engineering aspirants and helps them evolve into global professionals. The curriculum is flexible, where students have multiple options to pursue Minor degree, Honours, Specialisation, and Semester abroad. "The Vice Chancellor of the University Dr.G R C Reddy speaking on the occasion said that the

university has been at the forefront in introducing several innovative programs which provide lot of flexibility to students in opting courses of their choice and graduate with multi-disciplinary skills, which enable them to take up new challenges at the work environment. The Dual Degree and IEP's will open new avenues, opportunities for students to connect and network with students of other disciplines. "Dr. Reddy also said that in case of an International Engineering program, apart from B.Tech, students studying BBA at SR University can be

transferred to MBA or MS (Finance) or MS (Business Analytics). As their study period for bachelor's degree at USA is one year, they will be spending less amount for their boarding and lodging charges, and only pay one year tuition fee. GRE is not required if student obtains a GPA of more than 3.0 in their bachelors program for MS admission into the collaborated University At USA. The program gives the students an opportunity to Graduate from US University ranked among the top 150 universities in the world. "Dr.Reddy also

announced the launch of various courses of UG and PG under Allied Health Sciences which include Physiotherapy, Medical Biotechnology, Radiology and Imaging Technology, Cardiovascular and Cardiac Care Technology in view of the desperate need of more qualified personnel in the healthcare system. The healthcare support occupations, healthcare practitioners, and technical occupations are expected to generate new jobs in the coming days and are seeing faster employment growth than any other field. Prof. Mantha also said that the engineering graduates with international experience are in demand, and they often command high salaries and gain entry into leadership track positions because of their deep understanding and appreciation of the global economy. "The University's initiative to provide dual degree programs in line with NEP 2020 is an excellent move. Having two degrees increases one's prospects of a better career and places them on a higher pedestal than their counterparts who have one degree. "Dr. Ravi Kumar, Retired Professor of IIM Bangalore stated that the graduates with dual degrees are versatile professionals with skills that are transferable across industries. This provides flexibility and opportunities to switch roles or industries as per their interest. Engineers with managerial skills will have a lot of opportunities.

PM Modi's US Visit "Historic", Will Underscore Bilateral Ties: Indian Envoy

Washington: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US next month is "historic" and will underscore that the partnership between the two nations is people-centric, people-driven, and is good for the world at large, India's top Indian diplomat here has said. President Biden will host Prime Minister Modi for an Official State Visit to the United States, which will include a state dinner, on June 22, the White House announced on Wednesday. "The upcoming visit will affirm the deep and close partnership between the US and India and the

warm bonds of family and friendship that link Americans and Indians together," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement while announcing the visit. India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu told PTI that Prime Minister Modi's forthcoming official state visit to the US, at the invitation of President Biden, is "historic". "Prime Minister and President Biden have together imparted significantly new vigour and momentum to our bilateral ties. The visit will be an opportunity for the two leaders to spend



time together, take stock of the progress achieved and provide guidance on the future limitless possibilities," he said. "The visit will also underscore that India-US partnership is people-centric and people-driven and that it is not just for the two countries, but for the world at

large," Mr Sandhu said. White House Press Secretary Jean-Pierre said on Wednesday the visit will strengthen the two countries' shared commitment to a free, open, prosperous, and secure Indo-Pacific and shared resolve to elevate the strategic technology partnership, including in

defence, clean energy, and space. The US, India and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the resource-rich region. China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea. China also has territorial disputes with Japan in

the East China Sea. China and its diplomats have been attacking the Indo-Pacific concept from the beginning claiming that it is aimed at containing Beijing. "The leaders will discuss ways to further expand our educational exchanges and people-to-people ties, as well as our work together to confront common challenges from climate change to workforce development and health security," Jean-Pierre said. The White House's announcement on Biden's invitation to Modi has been widely welcomed.

"I am delighted that the White House has invited the Prime Minister for a state visit which will help strengthen the strategic partnership between our nations," Indian American Congressman Ro Khanna told PTI. Khanna is the Co-Chair of the Congressional India Caucus, the largest country-specific caucus in the House of Representatives. Mukesh Aghi, president of US India Strategic and Partnership Forum, said Modi's visit in June will be a wonderful opportunity to elevate the bilateral partnership to the next level.



The Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Smt. Smriti Irani at the inauguration of training program for the contingent of Administrative and medical deputationists to KSA for Haj 2023, in New Delhi

Seaplane Service To Statue Of Unity Discontinued In 2021, Gujarat Assembly Told

Gandhinagar: The seaplane service between Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad and the Statue of Unity launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2020 was discontinued over high operating costs and maintenance, the Gujarat government told the Assembly today. Responding to a question raised by Congress MLA Gulabsinh Chauhan about the current status of the service between Ahmedabad and Kevadia, state Civil Aviation Minister Balwantsinh Rajput said the service has been stopped from April 2021. In his written reply, Mr Rajput said the service was discontinued by the operator due to high operation costs and difficulties in maintaining the foreign-registered aircraft. On October 31, 2020, PM Modi had launched the



seaplane service between the Statue of Unity near Kevadia in the Narmada district and the Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad. He inaugurated the service by boarding the twin-engine plane from pond-3 close to Sardar Sarovar Dam on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 145th birth anniversary. Responding to a related question by Aam Aadmi Party MLA Chaitar Vasava, Rajput said the state government had allotted ₹ 22 crore for this project during the last two financial years. Rajput said

the state did not earn anything from this service. The minister told the House that the state government plans to start the seaplane service to connect various other tourist spots such as Shetrunji dam in Bhavnagar district, Saputara lake in south Gujarat, Ukai dam in Surat and Dharoi dam in north Gujarat. While the process to select land near Dharoi dam has been initiated, no such process has been undertaken to start the service at the other places, added Mr Rajput.

Truck Terminals in 10 Dists

Bhubaneswar: In order to avoid congestion due to illegal parking of trucks along different highways of the State, the Government has decided to construct truck terminals in 10 districts in the first phase. Commerce and Transport Principal Secretary Usha Padhee has asked the Department of Works to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and plan & estimate for construction of the truck terminals. In her letter, Shrimati Padhee said the State Government has decided to construct 10 truck terminals in

the first phase during the current financial year, 2023-24, as a measure of road safety in order to avoid congestion along different national and State highways in the State due to illegal parking of trucks. The truck terminals will be set up in districts of Sundargarh, Kendrapara, Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Nabarangpur, Jajpur, Ganjam (Berhampur), Keonjhar and Jagatsinghpur. The concerned District Collector has identified required land in 10 locations of the above districts, she said.



For the above purpose, Rs.300 crores will be provided by the Finance Department out of the Special Assistance received

from Government of India. Each terminal will be constructed over a huge land of 10 acres. The proposed truck terminal will have the

parking area for as many as trucks, dormitory with toilets and water facilities for rest of drivers/helpers, food plaza/ canteen, garage for repair of trucks, guard room, office room, separate entry and exit gates, boundary wall etc. The terminals will be built with an aim to reduce accidents and fatalities due to on-road parking, make the best and most effective use of resources and provide the best of its class facilities for parking heavy vehicles, sources said. In 2021, out of 5,081 accident fatalities, nearly 25 per cent

were due to collision of vehicles with illegally parked trucks on the highways. Besides, this move of Government will also fulfill one of the major demands of the Drivers Ekata Mahasangha, who staged a state-wide strike in March this year. While meeting the representatives of the driver's association, Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena had assured them to positively consider their demands. Apart from the above demands, the Government is also planning to constitute a welfare board to provide social security to the drivers.

Odisha Court Awards 20 Years RI To 3 For Gang Rape



Sundargarh: A local court in Sundargarh district awarded 20 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) to three convicts for gang raping a widow in a moving car eight years ago.

Hearing a gang rape case, the District & Sessions Judge Court in Sundargarh sentenced Sonu Soy, Indaru Kerketa and Prabin Barla to 20 years each in jail after convicting the trio under relevant sections of IPC.

According to reports, a widow from Rajgangpur area in 2015 was gang raped by three men in a moving car while she was returning to her home from a relative.

Reports said that the trio had offered the woman a lift in their car. They raped the widow one after one for four hours inside the car and threw her off the vehicle on roadside after the heinous crime. The court heard the judgement on the basis of 21 witnesses and evidence.

Apart from 20 years RI, the gang rape convicts were slapped with Rs 5,000 fine each, failing which they will undergo further sentence of two months.

Gandhamardan Is New BHS

Bhubaneswar: Keeping in view of its importance for its rich biodiversity, the State Government has declared the Gandhamardan hill as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS).

The State Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department has issued a notification to this effect. Gandhamardan hill, spanning 18,963.898 hectare over Bolangir and Bargarh districts, became the third biodiversity heritage site of the state.

Earlier, Mandasuru Gorge in Kandhamal district and Mahendragiri Hill Range in Gajapati district have been declared as BHS. As per the notification, out of 18,963.898 hectare of Gandhamardan Hill (Gandhamardan Reserve Forest), 12,431.8 ha are coming under Bargarh district and 6,532.098 ha under Balangir.

The hill is considered as the treasure trove of medicinal plants and an ayurvedic paradise of Odisha. This ecologically fragile



ecosystem is rich in floral and faunal diversity having diverse socio-economic, ecological and biological significance for the people of Odisha. The floral diversity of the hill comprises 1055 plant species that include 849 angiosperms, 56 Pteridophytes, 40 Bryophytes, 45 Lichens and 02 Gymnosperms and 63 species of Macrofungi. The faunal diversity comprises 500 species of animals that include 43 Mammals, 161 Birds, 44 Reptiles, 16 Amphibians, 118 Butterflies, 27 Dragonflies and 7 Damselflies and 83 species of Spiders.

Two historical monuments such as Nrusinghanath Temple located on the Northern slope and Harishankar Temple located on the Southern slope of the foot hills of Gandhamardan have immense cultural significance. These two hill shrines are the two major pilgrimage sites of Odisha. In his chronicles Hiuen Tsang had described this hill shrine as a Buddhist heritage site named Parimalagiri. "At present the rich biological resources of this cultural landscape are under pressure due to various anthropogenic and climatic factors, and the traditional ecological

knowledge associated with the bio-resources of the hill is declining. The long-term protection, conservation and management of biological resources of the Gandhamardan Hill is of utmost significance for the State," read the notification.

After the Odisha Biodiversity Board (OBB) received proposals from the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) of Nandupalla, Telenpalli, Bartunda, Mithapalli as well as proposals from DFO Balangir and Bargarh and other stakeholders to declare the hill range as a biodiversity heritage site, a detailed inventory of the flora and fauna in the hill ecosystem was prepared. In December last year, the Board had sent a proposal to the State Government to declare the threatened and ecologically sensitive landscape as a 'Biodiversity Heritage Site' for its ecological and biological significance. Now, the Government notified it as BHS.

BJD Raises Maha Issue

Bhubaneswar: The Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Lawmakers have raised the Mahanadi water dispute issue in Assembly on Wednesday and strongly criticized the UPA and NDA Governments at Centre.

Senior BJD Legislator Debi Prasad Mishra raised the issue during Zero Hour, which was supported by another senior BJD MLA Pranab Prakash Das and all other members present in the House. The Treasury Bench members created a ruckus in the Assembly over the Mahanadi water dispute issue.

All the BJD Members stood up from their seats and strongly criticised the Central Governments for their negligence towards the State. "The Mahanadi, which passes through 15 out of

Odisha's 30 districts, has dried up due to check dams constructed by Chhattisgarh government at the upstream of the inter-state river. They are releasing excess water during monsoon flooding the lower catchment areas in Odisha and stop water flow during the summer causing hardship for lakhs of people in the state," said Mishra.

He described the Congress led UPA and the BJD NDA as two sides of the same coin, saying, "Both the UPA and NDA government have worked against Odisha's interest for which Chhattisgarh has been obstructing free flow of water to downstream." He along with Shri Das demanded a ruling from the Speaker for a


special discussion on the Mahanadi water dispute.

Leader of Opposition Jayanarayan Mishra said that his party was prepared for a discussion on the Mahanadi water crisis. He criticised the BJD Government for not utilising River Mahanadi water as a huge volume is flowing to the sea. "The Odisha government has not been able to construct any check dam to regulate water downstream," he said. Later, the Speaker directed the Water Resources Minister to make a statement in the House on this issue. Notably, the State Government has locked horns with Chhattisgarh in 2016 after water flow in the Mahanadi reduced substantially


following construction of dams and barrages by the Chhattisgarh Government.

On November 19, 2016, the Odisha government had filed a complaint with the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (now known as the Ministry of Jal Shakti) under Section 3 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act 1956. A meeting between the two States at CM level was held but no conclusion arrived.

The Union Government has subsequently notified the formation of the Mahanadi river dispute tribunal on March 12, 2018. Since then, the Tribunal's tenure has been extended including the latest till December 24, 2024.



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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.

Jindal Stainless Bags International Safety Award from British Safety Council for the Fourth Time in a Row

New Delhi: Setting new benchmarks in safety at the workplace, Jindal Stainless received the coveted International Safety Awards from the British Safety Council for the fourth consecutive year for its steps to ensure a safe and secure work environment for its employees. The award ceremony was held on May 10 in Mumbai, and Mr Sudhir Kumar, Head, Environment, Health and Safety, Jindal Stainless, and Mr Ashok Rana, Vice President (Steel Melting Shop - SMS, SMS Raw Material & Submerged Arc Furnace - SAF) in Hisar, Jindal Stainless, received the award on behalf of the company. The company won the award in the topmost category of "Distinction".

Commenting on the achievement, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, said, "Safety has always been a top priority for us at Jindal Stainless, and we are pleased to have been recognized with this prestigious award for the fourth time in a row. This achievement is a testament to our unwavering commitment to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of our employees."

Sr Vice President & Head – of Manufacturing (Hisar Unit), Jindal Stainless, Mr Vijay Bindlish, added, "This recognition is a reflection of our continuous efforts to create a safe and secure work environment for our employees. We will continue to work towards our goal of achieving zero accidents and incidents in the workplace."

Employees' personal and professional safety and well-being are atop priority for Jindal Stainless. The company organises monthly safety awareness campaigns, mock drills and hands-on training for material handling equipment, along with mandatory safety induction training for all visitors which are delivered with the help of a digitized safety system.

The International Safety Awards by the British Safety Council are an esteemed recognition of the companies that prioritize the safety and well-being of their employees. Jindal Stainless' consistent efforts to maintain a safe work environment have been recognized by this prestigious award, and the company continues to strive towards achieving excellence in safety standards.

Aakash+BYJU'S launches Aakash AudiPREP

New Delhi: Upholding its reputation of leveraging cutting-edge technologies and innovation to deliver the best, Aakash + BYJU'S, India's leader in test preparatory services, has introduced the Aakash AudiPREP -- India's first comprehensive audiobook for NEET aspirants.

Aakash AudiPREP is an innovative web and app-based audiobook containing podcasts of scientifically designed study materials designed by experts. The audiobook lends detailed insight into Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology curriculum which will be incredibly useful for Class XI and XII students to crack the medical entrance

examination. Riding on digital transformation, AudiPREP aims to provide efficient and effective learning through a multi-sensory learning approach. The audiobook makes the process of revision of lessons anytime and where more convenient. The audiobook also encompasses a special feature called spaced repetition that assists students in grasping and retaining dry subjects easily. It is an effective and efficient tool for better time utilization. The audiobook offers some exciting features such as high-quality audio content with proper modulation and clear pronunciation curated by Aakash

experts and a compilation of subject-wise previous year questionnaires called NEETY GRITTY. It also offers powerful mnemonics, elaborative explanations of diagrams, tables and flow charts to improve the retention power of the students.

The audiobook also entails a Content Builder feature which covers relevant NEET concepts even beyond the NCERT syllabus and has interactive quick quizzes for self-assessment aiding in practising and preparing in a fun way. AudiPREP also provides a quick recap at the end of each chapter for rapid revision and cluster of important formulae making complex

concepts engaging and easier to understand.

Commenting on the launch of AudiPREP, Mr Aakash Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash+BYJU'S, said, "We are a forward-looking organization and to honour our student's first approach, we are constantly innovating to bring in the best technologies that provide a conducive learning environment. We are a pioneer of many educational trends in the industry. AudiPREP is yet another path-breaking tool giving NEET aspirants the extra edge. The comprehensive audiobooks offer high-quality study materials curated by experienced teachers and engage

students by appealing to their multisensory learning."

AudiPREP is a portable audiobook solution enabling the best utilization of time. One can listen and learn anytime, anywhere at their convenience. The tool also facilitates spaced repetition which is scientifically proven to improve long term memory recall. The audiobook also facilitates multisensory learning by encompassing visual sense through printed study material, hearing through audio recordings while arousing the sense of touch through writing my underlining the keywords and taking running notes.

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.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES AWAIT SINGAPORE AIRLINES CUSTOMERS

Singapore: Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a S\$50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again.

The Private Room, the First Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, the Business Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, and the KrisFlyer Gold Lounge can collectively accommodate around

1,150 customers within their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The Airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticing food and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight.

Mr Goh Choon Phong, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines, said:

"Extensive customer engagement and research have gone into the design of the new SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges. Customers will enjoy thoughtfully curated product offerings and experience the signature Singapore Airlines hospitality, all within a comfortable and restful environment, ensuring that they are refreshed and ready for their journey."

"Opening these lounges at this time signals our commitment to SIA's premium brand and growth strategy. It reinforces our position as Changi Airport's anchor airline, and reflects our confidence in Singapore's future as a pre-eminent global air hub."

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,

That girl is me

Hiding behind her smiles and laughs
Her bright eyes are filled with pains and sorrows
She was a girl with all curiosity and passion
But time has brought her on a different path.
At first glance no one would ever guess
The great battle she has fought.



In every night she talks with her dreams
Some dreams encourage her and some remind her existence
Walking alone in the dark cold winter night
Suddenly step on a cliff and darkness around
Wondering how much patience she can have...

She is not the girl she wants to be
She is unique and none will replace her
Anyone may hate her but no difference in her heart
Others may think her sour heart and a ugly duckling
But she is precious having a sweet heart.
Drowning deep inside she counts the breathes she has taken in delivering duties
But no one has ever cared for her feelings
No one can imagine what she has gone through
But I can understand her as that girl is me.

Dr. Prajnaya Paramita Jena
Sr. Block Education Officer, Bhubaneswar

Centurion Najmul credits Hridoy's positive batting

Dhaka: Bangladesh's in-form left-handed batter Najmul Hossain said Towhid Hridoy's batting intent helped him in the middle during their thrilling three-wicket win over Ireland in the second ODI in Chelmsford on Friday (May 12). Najmul scored his maiden ODI hundred as the visitors chased down a target of 320 to take a 1-0 lead in the series against Ireland after the opening game was abandoned due to rain.

Najmul and Towhid added 131 runs for the fourth wicket in 17 overs to lay the foundation for the win. During his stay, Towhid attacked the opposing bowlers to

put them under pressure, making a 58-ball 68 which included three sixes and five fours.

"The way Hridoy batted after coming to the wicket and the intent that he showed, it helped my batting and he never looked nervous. The partnership that we made and we wanted to play as per the requirement, and the important thing is that we are not thinking about the outcome and just try to play our natural game," Najmul told reporters after the game.

"I am enjoying batting with him and we had some big partnerships in BPL and both of us understand how we



want to bat and we want to construct our innings. The intent with which he bats is good for the team while it put pressure of the opponents. He doesn't go out of his process and I think he

should play like this and our team plan is such that no matter what the situation is, we will try to bat in our natural way and we are not worried whether we lost three wickets or four."

Speaking about his

happy because it was my first one-day hundred and the way I wanted to bat I batted. But I felt if I could finish the game it would have been made me more happy.

"Certainly (they deserve thanks). The selectors and the coaching staff that includes the previous ones like Russell (Domingo) gave me opportunity to play lot of matches and it helped. I am thankful to them that they had that trust on me but still long way to go because I feel I just played well in couple of innings and if I can continue (in this manner) it is good for me and my team," he said.

Bangladesh also had luck on their favour as Mushfiqur Rahim survived a close run-out appeal and in the final over pacer Mark Adair bowled two dot balls before bowling a full toss which the experienced batter hit straight to the fielder at the boundary but it was declared no-ball for being over waist-height. It left Bangladesh to get four off four balls and Rahim played a scoop over the 'keeper's head to help Bangladesh win with three deliveries to spare. Najmul said he is happy that they could capitalise their luck. "Certainly you need luck and that luck favoured us -

like the no ball and the run out. No matter what you say luck is important and we had it today and capitalised on it."

The No.3 also defended the bowlers despite Bangladesh conceding 319 in the game reduced to 45 overs. "I don't think they bowled badly because out of 45 over we perhaps leaked big runs in six to seven overs and that is what the coach was mentioning in the dressing room. But apart from that we bowled well in 39 overs. The batsman who scored hundred (Harry Tector) really batted well."

Bradburn appointed as head coach of Pakistan men's team

New Delhi: Grant Bradburn has been appointed as the head coach of the Pakistan men's team for the next two years, the Pakistan Cricket Board announced on Saturday (May 13). Bradburn, the former New Zealand cricketer, had recently served as the head coach on a consultancy basis in the series against New Zealand.

Bradburn was also the fielding coach of Pakistan from 2018 to 2020 before moving to the National Cricket Academy to work on the coaches development. He had also worked as the head coach of the Scotland team.

The PCB also announced that Andrew Puttick, the former South Africa cricketer, has signed a two-year contract as the batting coach of the men's team. Strength and conditioning coach Drikus Saaiman and physiotherapist Cliffe Deacon will continue in their roles, PCB's media release added.

During Bradburn's interim tenure as the head coach, Pakistan

draw the T20I series 2-2 and defeated New Zealand by a 4-1 margin in the ODIs. The Babar Azam led side had also briefly occupied the top position in the ODI rankings during this period.

"I am delighted to name Grant Bradburn as the head coach of our men's side. Bradburn joins the side with a plethora of coaching experience. After having worked with our men's side before and at the National Cricket Academy, he understands our culture and philosophy of cricket well and is an ideal candidate to take our team forward," said PCB management committee chair Najam Sethi.

"After the announcement of Mickey Arthur as team director, Bradburn's appointment is another step in our endeavours of putting together a highly qualified coaching panel so our players can benefit from their experiences and dominate world cricket in all three formats," Sethi added. Speaking about his new appointment, Bradburn

said: "It is a great honour for me to work with the highly talented and skilful side like Pakistan as a head coach. We have been working hard on raising our game and are eager to showcase our growing skills. Mickey Arthur and I are excited to support, challenge and develop our players. The New Zealand series has been valuable to get game time and create clarity of roles, culture and brand to win.

"We have raised the bar of expectation and we will keep challenging our players. The process has started and our players are agreeing to take these challenges head-on. ODI cricket has evolved and our agreed expectations are aligned to being the best in the world. We have mutually agreed with our players they are capable of higher team scores, even when setting totals. There have been immediate positive signs during this series and this group of players is determined to continually improve, to put ourselves into contention to win major events."

Mickey Arthur, the team director, added: "If a team wins without a culture, without a brand or without a style, it may work for a short period but will eventually fall. If a team is losing with a culture, a brand and its own style, then it is moving towards the right direction.

"So how do we achieve The Pakistan Way? We achieve this by winning while having our own culture, our own brand of cricket and our own style. We will not be satisfied with wins without that culture in the team. Pakistan as a nation is proud of its identity, culture and style. I love Pakistan and Pakistan cricket; I want to leave behind a legacy as a director where the rest of the world says we want to play The Pakistan Way." Pakistan's next assignments include a three-match ODI series against Afghanistan as well as the Asia Cup, which will be played in the 50-over format building up to the 2023 World Cup to be played in India in October-November.

Kyle Coetzer retires from cricket with immediate effect

New Delhi: Kyle Coetzer, the former Scotland captain, has announced his retirement from cricket with immediate effect. The 38-year-old, widely regarded as one of the best Scottish players, has already accepted a coaching role that is set to commence this week.

Coetzer made his debut almost two decades ago and finished his career as the highest run getter in the 50-over format for his country with 3192 runs including five centuries. Among those five hundreds was the one he scored in 2015 as he became the first Scottish player to register three figures in a World Cup game.

Having led Scotland for a long time, Coetzer stepped down from his role last year. The highlight of his reign came in 2021 when he led Scotland into the Super 12 stages of the T20 World Cup. Coetzer, who was named the ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Decade in 2020, finishes his career on a high after Scotland



lifted the ICC CWCL2 Trophy in Nepal last month.

"I don't ever think there's a perfect time for a decision like this, but I've been considering my options for some time, and an opportunity came up which was too good to turn down," Coetzer said. "The chance to move straight into the performance game isn't always there, and I'm

fortunate that this opportunity opened up for me at this moment and I can take it on. "I've been so lucky throughout my Scotland career, that it's tricky to pick out a highlight. Getting our first win in the ICC T20 World Cup against Hong Kong in India in 2016 was special....but then so was the whole of 2018. The victory against England at The Grange

was just amazing. That whole year - Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, England - just felt like a change of momentum and belief amongst the players about competing against the best teams in the world. Reaching the ICC T20 Super 12's in 2021, having never achieved it before, and being the captain of that squad, will also always stay with me."

Donald backs Ebadot to shine in all three formats

Dhaka: Bangladesh pace bowling coach Allan Donald believes that young fast bowler Ebadot Hossain has all the skills to shine in all formats of the game. Ebadot was labeled a Test specialist since his international debut and had to work hard to remove the tag from his shoulders.

Ebadot made his Test debut in 2019 but had to wait until 2022 to make his bow in ODIs and T20Is. He has done reasonably well since being introduced to white-ball cricket and left an impression in the series opener against Ireland, picking 4-42.

"He's (Ebadot) brought the house down from the moment we met in Johannesburg exactly 12 months ago," Donald said ahead of the final ODI against Ireland. "He has kept on being impressive and if you say there's one area he needs to improve on, I'm still trying to find it.

"But what's pleasing is Ebadot is always in the game and it doesn't matter if he goes for four or six. You know he is in the wickets column every single game. He is that kind of bowler that he is up there bowling 145, 148 km/hr at times where

you know that pace will have a massive impact on the game. He showed that again the other night.

"He's an athlete with a great engine on him and a great kid to work with. Love working with him, a wonderful talent. He won a fast bowling competition to come to where he is now. He could consistently become a member in all three formats. All of them, we are working on small things and its more tactical than anything else. It's our game intelligence that we work on every single time for all three



formats and that's what we work on as a group," he said. Donald said that he is not very keen on taking credit for the recent development of the pace unit as they are going from strength to strength while he added that he was

focused on removing the fear of failure from their minds. The pace unit has done well in the recent past and gone are the days when Bangladesh were labelled a one-dimensional team relying on spinners.

The inclusion of Hasan Mahmud in place of

Mustafizur Rahman in the second game of the series only validates the fact that the pace unit is making rapid strides under the South African great.

"As coaches we are not here to get pats on the backs. We're here to make an impact. As I said before, you can sell a product and the players will have to believe in buying into that product and at least trying it," he said. "It's wonderful to see how the group of guys, not just the pacers but the others as well like Hasan and the guys that haven't been here like Khaled (Ahmed).

All part of the journey we are on. It's wonderful how we have adopted this new way of thinking. "When I met this group, I didn't want to come in and just ask questions. You sit back and listen and then to ask questions. I ask every single individual where there game's at and what they need from me. At this level if you are worried about whether you are going to be picked again, you don't have a place and we needed to get that way of thinking out of the window.

"For me then, I had to focus on mindset and it's all about mindset at this level like being fiercely competitive. It took four or five months for the group to trust me in that thing and my message has been clear that you don't have to worry about making mistakes. I have made mistakes and absolutely fine to make mistakes and make plenty. I think the more the group got rid of it, this is the growth we are seeing now. We are taking opposition on and competing in the right areas."