

"Came As Surprise": Ishita Kishore Tops Civil Services Exam In 3rd Attempt

New Delhi: Delhi University alumnus Ishita Kishore topped the latest edition of the civil services examination as women secured the top four ranks. She now wants to join the coveted Indian Administrative Service (IAS). The second, third, and fourth positions were secured by Garima Lohia, Uma Harathi N and Smriti Mishra. There are 14 women and 11 men among the top 25 candidates, according to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examination 2022 results that were declared today.

"Women power at its best! Congratulations Ishita Kishore, Garima Lohia and Uma Harathi N, the first 3 toppers in #UPSC #CivilServicesExamination 2022 Final. A day of celebration also for all the others who have made it," tweeted Union Minister Jitendra Singh, congratulating the toppers. For Ms Kishore, an Economics graduate from Delhi's Shri Ram College of Commerce, the success came in her third attempt. Now, she wants

to "serve the country by joining the Indian Administrative Services (IAS)". Ms Kishore



further said she was confident about qualifying, but topping the merit list came as a

surprise for her. "I don't know what exactly worked for me but personally what I tried to do was work on my main examinations by practicing, looking at previous years' question papers, making notes from newspapers and revising them. I think all of them together helped me clear the exams," Ms Kishore said in a tweet. On her mantra for success, she told news

agency ANI, "Be sincere if you've taken such a big decision that you want to clear the UPSC. Without sincerity and discipline, you can't crack UPSC no matter how intelligent you are. You have to put in the hours, and you have to put in the work." Ms Lohia, who came second, and Ms Mishra, fourth-rank holder are all graduates of the Delhi University. Harathi N, who came third, is an engineering graduate from IIT-Hyderabad. While Ms Lohia graduated in Commerce from Kirorimal College, Ms Mishra did BSc from Miranda House College.

Early Odisha Assembly polls a possibility: BJD MLA

Bhubaneswar: Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MLA, Debi Prasad Mishra set the political circles abuzz after he said that early Assembly election in Odisha is very much a possibility. "I have heard about it and people are definitely discussing it. So, the possibility of an early election cannot be ruled out. This is an election year, so every party including the BJD is getting prepared," said Debi Prasad Mishra. "As far as the discussions are considered, a Union Minister hinted at it. Even Odisha BJP president, Manmohan



Samal mentioned it in the past. So it is a possibility, provided the Election Commission wants Odisha to go to elections with five other States scheduled next after Karnataka," he added. Meanwhile, the Congress party has conveyed its readiness and asserted its victory in the next elections in the

State. Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) chief, Sarat Patnaik said, "The Congress party is ready whenever they throw elections at us; be it at the stipulated time or six months earlier. If the BJD government actually wants to dissolve the Assembly prematurely and conduct elections earlier, then we are ready for that." The tenure of the current Naveen Patnaik government in Odisha is going to end on June 24, 2024. Speculations are rife that the Chief Minister might dissolve the Assembly earlier and go to polls.

Ganja Ban@ Shiva shrines

Bhubaneswar: The State Government has banned consumption of Ganja at Shiva shrines across the State. The Odia Language, Literature and Culture Department has directed all Collectors and SPs to implement the ban order. Following a request made by priests of Anant Balia Trust, Culture Director Dillip Routray has asked all Collectors and Superintendents of Police to take necessary measures to stop the consumption of the contraband on Lord Shiva shrine premises across Odisha. Balia Baba, the Head of Ananta Balia Trust, on April 13 had written to the Excise Department to ban use of ganja at this shrine. "Hundreds of devotees from across the

state visit the Shiva shrine every day. However, an excessive use of ganja in the name of Lord Shiva is polluting the religious spirit of the place," he wrote. "As per my perception, use of any kind of psychotropic substances should be banned in all places of worship. So, my department has issued the instructions to the Collectors and SPs," said State Excise and Culture Minister Aswini Patra. If anyone violates the rule, legal action will be taken against him/her, Patra warned. Welcoming the move, Padma Shri Baba Balia said, "We have written a letter to the Centre and Odisha government requesting a ban on ganja

at Shiva shrines as consuming ganja is injurious to health. Thanks to the Odisha government for the move." However, he said, there is a tradition to offer ganja or bhang to Lord Shiva in many shrines. So, bhang can be offered to the Lord Shiva at the shrine but should not be distributed among devotees for consumption, Baba Balia suggested. While ganja is not offered to the deity at Lingaraj temple in Bhubaneswar, it is a century-old practice observed during 'Gharsana' ritual of Lord Shiva at Akhandalamani shrine in Bhadrak and the 'bhog' later offered to the devotees.

Mutual trust & respect bind India-Australia ties: PM Modi

New Delhi: While addressing a massive crowd of the Indian diaspora in Sydney on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that mutual trust and respect are the elements that bind India and Australia ties. He made the remarks at an event at the Qudos Bank Arena where he received a rousing welcome from the diaspora members. Upon his arrival at the arena accompanied by his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese, Modi was welcomed amid Vedic chanting and other traditional rituals. Addressing the Indian diaspora, Modi said: "No matter what the geographical distances are between India and Australia, the Indian

Ocean connects us. No matter how different lifestyles are in both countries, yoga connects us! Cricket is something which has kept us connected for ages... and now tennis and movies form other connecting bridges. "There was a time when '3Cs' were used to define relations between India and Australia -- Commonwealth, Cricket and Curry. After that, it was '3Ds' -- Democracy, Diaspora and Dosti (friendship). Now it has become '3Es' -- Energy, Economy and Education. "But the truth is that the actual depth of the relations between India and Australia transcends these C, D, E... The strongest and biggest foundations of this



relation actually are mutual trust and mutual respect, and the real reason behind this is Indian diaspora." Modi said he has kept his promise that the Indians in Australia will not have to wait for another 28 years to see their Prime Minister. "Last time when I came here, I gave you all a promise. And that promise was that you won't have to wait for India's Prime Minister for

a long 28 years, again. And see, I am here! Prime Minister Albanese is also with me, here," he said. Remembering the late Austrian bowling great Shane Warne, said: "We are not only partners in happiness but also share our grief. The entire India grieved at the passing away of Shane Warne." The Prime Minister also highlighted that how India in the last nine years has made great

strides. "We have opened around 500 million bank accounts for the poor people. Not only this, actually the whole ecosystem of public delivery has been transformed in India. An amount worth over Rs 28 lakh crore have been directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries, since 2014. "The JAM Trinity and DBT have brought a revolution in the country. IMF considers India the 'Bright Spot' of global economy. According to World Bank, if there's any country which is withstanding global headwinds, it is India. India has made record exports even in the most challenging times," he added.

2 Lane Roads@ Blocks

Bhubaneswar(KCN): In an aim to strengthen the road connectivity in rural areas also, the State Government has set an ambitious target to construct two lane roads to all block Headquarters by June 2024. This was informed by Works Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik while speaking to media following the departmental revenue meeting taken by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here on Tuesday. Vir Vikram Yadav, Principal Secretary, Works Department was present on the occasion. Shri Patnaik reviewed the implementation of the election manifesto-2019, discussed the achievements of the Department in the last two decades and the achievement in the last four years. Addressing the media at Geeta Govinda Sadan, Shri Mallik said that 267 block headquarters have been provided with 2-lane road connectivity



while 26 more block headquarters will be connected by March 2024. Remaining 21 block headquarters are targeted to be connected with 2-lane roads by June 2024, he said. Similarly, all Municipal Corporations, 46 Municipalities and 63 NACs have been provided with all-weather 2-lane roads. Shri Mallik said that the Biju Expressway (length - 546 km) from North to South connecting Rourkela to Ampani has been completed in record time. Biju Expressway-

II (length - 318 km) connecting Berhampur to Jeypore is being taken up. Biju Expressway is not just a road but an economic corridor which will enhance socio-economic growth of the southern & western Odisha, he said. Roads with a total length of 6,800 km have been constructed as against the assurance of 1000 km, this is exceptional and 680% above the target. For this, Rs.18,500 crore has been spent, the Minister informed.

Besides, 55 major industrial clusters such as Indian Ordnance Factory in Bolangir district, Bhusan Steel Ltd in Dhenkanal district, Sabitri Industries (P) Ltd in Jajpur district, Vedanta Limited in Jharsuguda district, TATA Steel Ltd., Ferro Alloys Plant in Keonjhar district, Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela etc. have been provided with 2-lane/4-lane connectivity. Besides, 15 roads have been taken up to connect industrial clusters. Minister Shri Mallik also said that 12 major tourist

places of importance such as Chandipur, Talasari in Balasore district, Lalitgiri in Cuttack district, Taratarini in Ganjam district, Chilika, Dhauri and Salia Dam in Khordha district, Daringbadi in Kandhamal district, Gupteswar in Koraput district, Satapada in Puri district, Huma in Sambalpur district and Ghoghar in Sundargarh district have been connected with 2-lane roads. Besides, 5 other tourist spots have been planned

for providing 2-lane connectivity by March 2024. The Government has developed 50 wayside amenities centres and handed over to Mission Shakti Department, to be maintained by Women SHGs. This will be first of its kind model in the country, he pointed out. New ring roads have been planned for execution in important towns such as Bhadrak, Berhampur, Baripada, Balasore, Bhawanipatna, Balangir, Bargarh, Cuttack, Jharsuguda and Sambalpur. The Minister informed that in the last two decades, the total road length of the Works Department has almost doubled from 16,041 km to 31,317 km. In the last two decades, as many as 521 bridges have been completed including 12 bridges across river Mahanadi, 5 across Brahmani, 6 across Baitarani, 3 across Budhabalanga and 3 across Kharasrota.

The long awaited Gurupriya bridge connecting Swabhimani Anchal has also been completed. Minister highlighted that in the last four years the following important projects have also been executed by the Department, he added. The Works Department has been constructing three medical colleges at Kalahandi, Keonjhar and Puri at a cost of Rs.770 crore. Two of which will be completed by December 2023. Similarly, three District Headquarter Hospitals (DHHs) at Kendrapada, Nayagarh and Nawarangpur have been completed at a cost of Rs.155 crore and 7 will be completed by 2023. Mallik said one teaching hospital at Keonjhar has been completed at a cost of Rs 116 crore, whereas 7 other such facilities will be completed by 2023 & another by April 2024. The Department has targeted to complete construction of two cancer care hospitals by

December 2023, one by January 2024, four by May 2024 and three by July 2024. To boost Sports activities, 44 Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadiums have been completed and another 41 projects will be completed by July 2023. In the last four years, 62 bridges have been completed for a length of 18201 m at a cost of Rs.1053 crore. Besides, 12 ROB of total length 6199 m at a cost of Rs.705 crore and 1 flyover of length 1880 m at a cost of Rs.119 crore have been completed in the State. Further, 118 bridges and 23 ROB are in progress. Some of the important bridges completed are: Nelson Mandela Bridge at Sambalpur, T-bridge at Singhanath Pitha over river Mahanadi, Bridge over River Mahanadi at Dholpur, Boudh, Bridge over River Brahmani at Kaluria, Dhenkanal, Bridge over river Budhabalanga at Balasore.

820 Family Relocated From Forests

Bhubaneswar: For the protection of wildlife animals and also human beings, the State Government has relocated 820 families from the core areas of National Park and various wildlife sanctuaries. Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister Pradip Kumar Amat said on Tuesday. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today reviewed the achievements of major projects of the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change in the last four years. After the meeting, Amat and Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Satyabrata Sahu briefed the media about the developmental initiatives taken by the Department. Shri Amat said the Government has relocated 820 families from the different

wildlife sanctuaries by providing an additional grant of Rs 5 lakhs over and above the provisions of NTCA guidelines. The Similipal Tiger Project of the state has been placed in the Excellent Category of the country, he said. Under Eco-Tourism projects, 49 community managed eco-tourism sites have been developed and made operational. It has resulted in tremendous increase in the visitors' footfall both National and International, he said, adding, annual revenue collection has also increased to Rs 13 crore. Under the 5T Initiative, N a n d a n k a n a n Zoological Park has been upgraded with a multilevel car parking facility and toy train facility. Natural parks have been developed in Chandaka & Bharatpur

sanctuaries, the Minister said. Single use plastic ban has been enforced through massive crackdown. Odisha amongst the top States in recording forest and tree cover increase. Between 2019 and 2021, there has been an increase of 893 sq km of forest and tree cover which is one of the highest in the country, he pointed out. The Minister further said that Odisha has also recorded 8 sq KM increase in the mangrove forest which is highest in the country. The total forest and tree cover of the State is 36.71%. As a successful implementation of the afforestation program, a total of 371,163 hectares of plantation has been done in the state including 16,346 running km of avenue plantation and during this time 14.4 crore saplings have been



planted and 11.04 crore saplings distributed. Similarly, a total of 61,204 square km area of the state is being surveyed under geo-referencing with the joint efforts of the Forest and Revenue Department. Till today, a re-notation of 260 forest blocks has been issued. Our State is the pioneer State in this regard. The rising human-elephant conflict is being addressed through engagement of Gaja

Sathi and implementation of Jana Surakhaya and Gaja Rakshya. As per orders of the Chief Minister, the amount of compensation for the victims of human-wildlife conflict has been increased significantly. It has been notified for a

compassionate grant @ Rs 6 lakhs for human kill, Rs 1.5 lakhs for less than 60% of physically injured, Rs 2.5 lakhs for more than 60% of physical injured, Rs 5000 to 10,000 for treatment of the injured. Besides, Rs. 37,500 for death of cow, Rs. 32,000 for death of ox/bull, from Rs

20,000 to Rs 25,000 per acre for crop damage, allotment of Biju Pakka Ghara or equivalent + Rs.20,000 additional amount for full damage house and Rs 10,000 for partially damaged house, ACS Shri Sahu said. The Chief Minister announced an assistance amounting to a record amount of Rs. 194 crore during the 2022 crop year, which will benefit about 8.15 lakhs beneficiaries. The trade surplus in Kendu Leaf trade is completely shared with Kendu Leaf pluckers and workers, he said. In the financial year 2023-24, Sahu said, a new scheme namely Mukhyamantri Kendu Leaf Welfare Fund' at cost of

Rs.50 crore has been introduced to reimburse the cost due to imposition of GST on Kendu Leaf trade. The Government has allotted Rs.250 crore for empowering 10,000 Mukhya Mantri Vana Surakhya Kendra and the Vana Surakhya Samiti (VSS). Odisha Forest Development Society (OFSDS) has implemented Ama Jungle Yojana (AJY), Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project-I, OMBADC Livelihood Development Project, etc. Under the said projects, 6016 Vana Surakhya Samiti (VSS), 21273 Self Help Groups (SHG), and CIGs are working and sustaining their livelihood.

KU VC Prof T Ramesh visits Department of English ahead of NAAC evaluation

Hanumakonda: Prof. Thatikonda Ramesh, the Vice-Chancellor of Kakatiya University in Warangal, along with Academic Advisor Prof Gopi Krishna, paid a visit to the Department of English on Tuesday in preparation for the upcoming visit by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). During the visit, Prof. Ramesh interacted with the Head and staff of the Department, discussing their readiness for the NAAC evaluation and providing valuable suggestions. The NAAC Peer Team is scheduled to inspect the university over a three-day period starting from May 25. Kakatiya University, established on August 19, 1976, is the second-largest university in the State. It received its initial accreditation from NAAC in 2003, obtaining a 'B' grade. Subsequently, in 2009 and 2017, the university was awarded an 'A' grade during the second accreditation cycle. The university offers a wide range of academic programs across eight faculties and 27 departments, serving approximately 2.5 lakh students. Its academic



network includes 18 constituent colleges and 485 affiliated colleges, encompassing the districts of Warangal, Khammam, and Adilabad. Furthermore, the School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (SDLCE) provides 25 academic programs to nearly 30,000 students through 50 learner support centers through distance mode. The NAAC rating holds significant importance as it not only enhances the university's credibility among academic institutions in the country but also enables the institution to secure additional funds from central agencies such as the University Grants Commission (UGC).

During his address, Prof. Thatikonda Ramesh mentioned that the university has already completed improvements to basic amenities and infrastructure. The institution has allocated approximately Rs 10 crore towards repair and development projects. Additionally, to address the staff shortage, particularly at the professorial level, the university recently recruited retired faculty members as Adjunct Professors, aiming to maintain its 'A' grade accreditation. The NAAC evaluation will encompass various aspects of the university's activities, including teaching, learning, and evaluation,

research, consultancy and extension services, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, governance, leadership and management, as well as innovations and best practices. Head of the Department of English Ms.P. Nirmala, former Head Dr B Deepa Jyothi, Chairperson of Board of Studies in English and Director of Centre for English Language Training (CELT) Dr R Meghana Rao and former Head Dr K Damodar Rao, former Dean of Faculty of Arts Prof Srinivas Vooradi along with Head of Department of Statistics Dr Srinivas and students and staff Nandu and others were present.

Renowned Social Worker Dr. Amarendra Mohanty

Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Social work is a great job and who is doing this is called a Social Worker or Philanthropist. The great Mother Teresa once said " Help one person at a time and always start with the people nearest You". Social work gives us different types of relaxation after paid seva for the needy, and also satisfies our soul with lots of happiness forever. One great person of our time who has been working for the betterment of Society for more than a decade is renowned social worker Dr. Amarendra Mohanty. He is a multifaceted personality belonging to Nahanga

village, Mahanga Block, Cuttack District, Odisha. He was born in the year 1979, son of Akshaya Kumar Mohanty & Renubala Mohanty. By profession, he is a software engineer having vast knowledge in computer science and attending national and international level Alochana Chakra in India and abroad while doing research. He loves Charity or Daan and social work. He organizes welfare & Social care for general people by making one leading social organization AMA MAHANGA. His aim is for developing rural people, helping brilliant

students for their study, awareness for safeguarding the environment, plantation etc. He eagerly helps needy people with a pure heart and helping souls. Spends times in helping society by doing the padayatras from Nischintakoili to Mahanga with campaign of 5 - S as Swachh, Safe, Sanskrit, Swasthima & Swabalambi during the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. His Yatra from Achyut to Arakhita i.e. from the famous Nemalo Bata to Olasuni was a talking point. Hundreds of youth joined the Yatra and spread awareness about the importance of clean, green and cultured society. He

organised blood donation Camp, built a house for an elderly couple, development of library and Bhagwat Tungi, cleaning periphery of Matha-Mandir-Masjid, providing dustbins in public places respectively. He loves to share his knowledge and experience among the students by visiting various renowned Universities, Colleges and Schools. His journey from Nahanga to New York, Mahanga to Michigan, Cuttack to California and Chennai to Chicago was phenomenal. He was felicitated by many leading organisations for his services to the society and people.

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'The Kerala Story' Box Office Collection: Adah Sharma-Starrer Mints Rs 200 Crore In Two Weeks

Vipul Amrutlal Shah's 'The Kerala Story' has been at the center stage since the time of its theatrical release. While the film is successfully making an impact in the hearts of the audience, it is also scoring big numbers and making a mark globally.

The Kerala Story has secured a spot in the illustrious list of films that have earned success regardless of the post-pandemic effects on the box office of the industry. While 'The Kerala Story' has touched 200Cr Net at the Indian Box office, the film continues to grow across the country. People all over are applauding Vipul Amrutlal Shah, the maker for his courageous move of exposing the true incidents.

Recently, the official members of Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu took to social media and wrote "Watched 'The Kerala



Story". Thanks for exposing a thinly veiled horrific reality.: Governor Ravi @ P M O I n d i a @ H M O I n d i a @ M I B _ I n d i a @ P I B _ I n d i a @ A N I @ P T I _ N e w s " There are several comments floating around on 'The Kerala Story' and its makers, and on the other hand, a source recently informed that a lot of Muslim viewers have loved the movie. The source says,

"Vipul Amrutlal Shah's The Kerala Story aims to empower the women of today's society. The story of Kerala girls is an important tale, which had to be brought before the world. It's heartening to see that the audience, including Muslim viewers, were intrigued and touched by the heart-wrenching narrative of these girls!"

The Kerala Story is produced, developed, and distributed by

Sunshine Pictures which is owned by Vipul Amrutlal Shah. Adah Sharma leads the cast along with Yogita Bihani, Sonia Balani and Siddhi Idnani. The Kerala Story is bankrolled by Sunshine Pictures Private Limited, founded by Vipul Amrutlal Shah who is the Producer, Creative Director and the co-writer of the film, which is co-produced by Aashin A Shah and directed by Sudipto Sen.

Veteran Actor Sarath Babu Passes Away At The Age Of 71

Veteran actor Sarath Babu passed away at a private hospital in Hyderabad on Monday. He was 71.

Sarath Babu breathed his last at AIG Hospitals, where he was admitted last month. Family sources said he succumbed to sepsis in the whole body and multiple organ failure. The actor was brought to Hyderabad from Bengaluru on April 20 and was admitted to AIG. Under treatment for multi-organ damage, he had suffered from sepsis, which impacted functioning of kidneys, lungs, liver and other organs.

His body is likely to be taken to Chennai for last rites. The news of Sarath Babu's death sent shock



waves in the southern film industry. Leading film personalities and political leaders have expressed their condolences. Sarath Babu, whose real

name was Satyam Babu Dixithulu, began his acting career in 1973 through Telugu film "Rama Rajyam" and later became popular with Tamil movies

"Pattina Pravesam" (1977) and "Nizhal Nijamagiradhu" (1978) directed by K. Balachander.

Known predominantly for his work in Telugu and Tamil movies, he acted in more than 200 films including few Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi films. He has bagged Nandi awards nine times for best acting in supporting roles. Hailing from Andhra Pradesh, Sarath Babu wanted to be a police officer but could not realise his dream because of some eyesight problem. His father wanted him to join his business but with the support of his mother, he entered the film industry and established himself as an actor.

Ram Charan Attends G20 Summit Event In Srinagar, Shakes A Leg On 'Naatu Naatu'

Oscar-winning movie 'RRR' actor Ram Charan arrived in Srinagar on Monday to participate in a side event of the third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting in the Kashmir valley.

In a tweet, J&K's Information and Public Relations Department wrote: "Actor Ram Charan arrives at Srinagar airport to attend the first side event on 'Film Tourism for Economic Growth and Cultural Preservation' of the 3rd G20 #Tourism Working Group meeting."

The actor hit global headlines when 'RRR' won the Oscar this year for the best original song 'Naatu Naatu' that featured them. The film also bagged the Golden Globe award. He will be among the representatives of the Indian film industry at the summit to discuss film tourism for

economic growth and cultural preservation. Ram Charan's fans, who hail him as a global star, see this as another honour for their favourite actor. This is said to be the first time that an actor from Tollywood is representing the Indian film industry at a prestigious global event. The actor also shook a leg on Oscar-winning song 'Naatu Naatu' from RRR and the video is now going viral.

The G20 summit is an annual gathering of leaders from the world's major economies to discuss and address global issues, primarily on economics, finance and global governance. India, which is presiding over the international forum, chose Kashmir to host the Tourism Working Group meeting. This includes a panel discussion on film tourism for economic growth and cultural



preservation. The security measures have been heightened in Srinagar. For the 3-day G20 Summit, Kashmir is under a 3-tier security grid for aerial surveillance drone monitoring is put in place. NSG and marine commandos are being deployed around the venue. J&K Police's

special operation group (SOG) will be deployed at several places to give security cover to prevent from any terror incident. In Srinagar, graffiti depicting the scenic beauty and colours of Srinagar cover the walls of the city. As of now, the G20 Working group meeting in Jammu and Kashmir will focus on five key priority areas:

TV Actor Aditya Singh Rajput Found Dead At His Mumbai House

Aditya Singh Rajput, a popular actor, model and casting coordinator, who is known for 'Splitsville 9', 'Love', 'Ashiqui' and 'Code Red', was found dead at his Mumbai residence on the 11th floor in a high-rise apartment on Monday afternoon.



His body was discovered by his friends in the washroom of his house. He was taken to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. Sources have pointed to his death as a suspected case of drug overdose. However, an official statement from medical experts is awaited. Aditya, who has been a part of films such as 'Krantiveer' and 'Maine Gandhi Ko Nahin Mara', was of late involved with a production house and was more into casting. He was popular in the Mumbai glamour circuit and was a regular at parties and page 3 events.

Kangana Ranaut-R Madhavan's 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns' Clocks 8 Years



It's been eight years since the release of the iconic Bollywood film, 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns', and the magic it created continues to resonate with audiences around the globe. Directed by Aanand L. Rai and starring the charismatic duo of R. Madhavan and Kangana Ranaut, this romantic comedy-drama has firmly etched its place in the hearts of millions. The film was an extraordinary success, captivating both critics and moviegoers alike. Its box office triumph and the accolades it garnered are a testament to its enduring popularity. In 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns', we witness the enthralling journey of Tanuja "Tanu" Trivedi and Manoj "Manu" Sharma, two characters who won over audiences with their distinctive charm. R. Madhavan's portrayal of the sincere and lovable Manu resonated deeply with viewers, adding an extra layer of authenticity to the film and Kangana Ranaut delivered a brilliant performance in the dual roles of Tanu and Datto.

Reflecting on the film's success and its impact, R. Madhavan shared, "It's hard to believe that it has been eight years since the release of 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns.'

Green Tourism, Digitalisation, Skills, MSMEs and Destination Management. The meeting aims to strengthen economic growth, preserve cultural heritage and promote sustainable development of the region. India, which is presiding over the international forum, chose Kashmir to host the Tourism Working Group meeting. This includes a panel discussion on film tourism for economic growth and cultural preservation.

Ram Charan has been hogging the limelight in recent times due to massive success and international accolades earned by "RRR" in which he teamed up with Junior NTR. The actors hit global headlines when "RRR" won the Oscar this year for the best original song "Naatu Naatu" that

featured them. The film also bagged the Golden Globe award.

During his visit to the US, Ram Charan had also featured on the popular talk show "Good Morning America". His father and megastar Chiranjeevi had called this a proud moment for Telugu and Indian cinema.

Set in the 1920s, "RRR" is a fictitious story based on two revolutionaries who fought against British rule - Alluri Seetharamaraju and Komaram Bheem, played by Rama Charan and Junior NTR, respectively.

"RRR", whose cast also includes Alia Bhatt, Ajay Devgn, Samuthirakani, and Ray Stevenson, became one of the all-time highest grossers from India, collecting over ARS 1,200 crore worldwide.

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International Tea Day: Celebrating the Beloved Beverage

Surbhi Mishra



"Tea is like the magic key to the vault where your brain is kept". After water, tea is the second most popular beverage drunk worldwide. It is a universal beverage that transcends cultures, borders, and generations. Its rich history, diverse flavors, and numerous health benefits have made it a cherished drink around the world. To honor this beloved beverage, International Tea Day is celebrated annually on 21st May. This day serves as a global platform

to promote and recognize the importance of tea in our daily lives. The first-ever International Tea Day was celebrated in New Delhi, the capital of India, in 2005. Other tea-growing nations including Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Uganda, and Tanzania eventually joined in the celebrations. The idea of dedicating a day to tea originated in 2005 during the World Social Forum in India. The participants recognized the significance of tea in promoting sustainable agriculture, economic

development, and cultural diversity. Subsequently, the International Tea Day was established by the United Nations in 2019, acknowledging the social, economic, and cultural dimensions of tea production and consumption. Regarding the exact date of International Tea Day, there is considerable confusion. Although the United Nations General Assembly declared December 15 as International Tea Day, it is important to note that

May 21 had already been designated as International Tea Day. International Tea Day aims to raise awareness about the challenges faced by tea producers and workers worldwide. It emphasizes the need for sustainable tea production practices and fair trade policies. This day encourages consumers to support ethically sourced teas that prioritize environmental conservation and provide fair wages to the farmers and workers involved in

the tea industry. Tea production is a vital source of income for many communities, particularly in developing countries. By celebrating International Tea Day, we recognize the role of tea in driving economic growth, poverty reduction, and rural development. The tea industry provides employment opportunities for millions of people, empowering local communities and contributing to their socio-economic well-being. Tea is deeply intertwined with the cultural fabric of

numerous nations. International Tea Day celebrates this diversity and highlights the unique tea traditions around the world. From the elaborate tea ceremonies of Japan to the vibrant chai culture in India, tea plays an integral role in social gatherings, hospitality, and cultural rituals. By embracing and appreciating these diverse tea customs, we foster cultural exchange and understanding. Beyond its cultural significance, tea offers a wide array of health benefits. Whether it's green tea, black tea, oolong tea, or herbal infusions, each type of tea possesses its own unique properties. Tea is known for its antioxidants, which

help combat oxidative stress and protect against chronic diseases. Additionally, it contains compounds that can improve brain function, boost metabolism, promote heart health, and strengthen the immune system. International Tea Day serves as a reminder to incorporate tea into our daily routines for its potential health-enhancing effects. On International Tea Day, people worldwide come together to celebrate the joys of tea. Events and activities such as tea tastings, tea parties, tea workshops, and seminars are organized to promote tea culture and educate the public about the significance of tea. The day

provides an opportunity for tea enthusiasts, industry professionals, and tea companies to collaborate and share their passion for this cherished beverage. International Tea Day is an occasion to acknowledge and appreciate the global impact of tea. It emphasizes sustainability, fair trade, cultural diversity, and the health benefits associated with tea consumption. By celebrating International Tea Day, we pay tribute to the countless individuals involved in the tea industry and honor the rich heritage of tea.



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The Key to peace is 'Tolerance'

Uma Shankar Prasad



The comment of Voltaire "Tolerance is a law of nature stamped on the heart of all men". Nothing could be truer than this statement; tolerance is, indeed, a permanent law of nature. A man who is intolerant, is not a human being in the full sense of the expression. Many of the learned fellows do not want to recognise the principle of tolerance as being eternal, for, in condition of adversity, the temptation to retaliate becomes too strong. The feeling of anger which accompany negative reaction must somehow be vented and those who think and act in this way are keen to retain the illusion that in hitting back, they are not doing anything unlawful. Such thinking is quite wrong. In really, when a man is

enraged at anything which goes against his will, tolerance as a priority becomes paramount. Many men strive to become supermen. But the true superman is one who, in really trying situations, can demonstrate his

many compensate for the shortcomings of another. Just as one set of talents in one man compliment a different set in another. If people could only learn to tolerate other's

behaviour, your mental equilibrium is upset, whereas when emotionally untouched by such behaviour, your mind will fully retain its equilibrium, and without wasting a single moment, you

beings in society is just like the flowers in garden. The 'Quran' calls the way of Islam 'the path of peace'. The state of peace can never prevail in a society, if a tolerant attitude is

may be done on earth as it is in Heaven'. In a similar vein, the Quran tells us that "The sun is not allowed to overtake the Moon, nor does the night outpace the day. Each in its own orbit". The God created Heaven and Earth, he so ordered things that each part might perform its function peacefully, without clashing with any other part. The universe is following the path of Peace—which is known in Science as the Law of nature as it is imposed upon it by God. Whereas man has to adopt this path of peace of his own free will. Peace is no external factor to be artificially imposed upon man. Peace is inherent in nature itself. The system of nature set up by God already rests on the basis of Peace. Peace is basic to all religions. Let us all strive then to establish peace in the world, for that is the bedrock on which all human progress rests.



Khorda Columnist, (63706 75562)

Letter To Editor

Dear sir,
Performance of new government is vital

Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been vocal in his opposition to political parties offering freebies in order to win votes, but polls show that the Congress' victory in Karnataka had a lot to do with them. Karnataka new chief minister Siddaramaiah's long tenure as an administrator should help the party keep its promises. The Karnataka victory has infused new energy into the minds of the Congress cadre in a year when five state assemblies will be elected: Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Mizoram. The Congress has a lot riding on these states. The performance of the party's government in Karnataka and its ability to keep promises may have an impact on voters in other states. The BJP has learned that artificial slogans in Assembly elections cannot cover up real-life issues, and it may change course. If the Congress leadership hopes to approach the 2024 Lok Sabha elections with a creditable performance in the upcoming Assembly elections, it must remain vigilant about its government's performance in Karnataka from the start.

Dr. Vijay Kumar H K Raichur, Karnataka

Sir
It is truly delightful and heart touching to see the photos and videos of the second citizen of India, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar with his wife making a visit to the northern district of kannur, Kerala to meet his favorite teacher Ratna nair . The beautiful meeting of the teacher and her student truly picturised our great Indian culture which always give prominence to Gurus and worshipped teachers, and also showcased the beautiful divine, crystal clear affection and bondage of Guru and shishya. In today's fast paced world where parents and teachers are sadly forgotten, the meeting of the VP of the nation with his teacher shows that our great values do persist and Jagdeep Shankar is an exemplary student who inspite of his high post and busy schedule kept his promise of visiting his teacher and seek her blessings. The teacher who taught him maths at the Chittorgarh Sainik school was overjoyed to see her pupil after so many years said that there can't be a better guru dakshina than this. The VP tweeted that the guidance and compassion of a Guru is a compass that steers the trajectory of one's life and he is immensely grateful to have met his teacher after five decades.

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The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurates the Janganana Bhavan, in New Delhi

Madhya Pradesh Vaish Convention held at Gwalior



Gwalior (KCN) :The Vaish convention of Vaish Samaj was held today at Gwalior University Atal Bihari Vajpayee Auditorium, in which Cabinet and Aviation Minister Shrimant Jyotiraditya Scindia, Gwalior former MLA and President of Seed Corporation Munna Lal Goyal, 2023 Miss India Nandini Gupta, Vaish Samaj were the chief guests. State President Mukesh Aggarwal, Youth Cell State President Vivek Gupta were present. Provincial General Secretary Shiv

Shankar Aggarwal, State President of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Forum Bharat Tibet Cooperation Forum and State Vice President of All India United Advocates Forum Monika Jain Advocate, Hariom Aggarwal, Mukesh Aggarwal (Marwari) Manish Bandil and senior BJP workers and office bearers of Vaish Samaj were also present. This ceremony was organized by Vaish Samaj to the young talents and newly elected office bearers of Sarvasamaj who have

been honored with posts in different directions, was organized in his honor. In which Naveen Youth Officer, National Yoga Winner Priya Agarwal was felicitated. People from all over Madhya Pradesh and different districts were present in this ceremony and various office bearers along with the people of their respective groups did cultural programs and honored the people. Vaish Samaj has been trying to work for many years by uniting all the people of the society. Many officials

and eminent people of Jain Samaj, Agrawal Samaj and Vaishya Samaj were present in this function today. And Jain society's Jain Milan Mahila Adinath Fort Gate Forum's President Monika Jain Advocate and Secretary Sushma Jain and other members were present. The guests on the stage told some important things in their speech for Vaish Samaj and for the work done by Vaish Samaj. Where did Scindia ji say that the Gwalior airport work will be completed, And I am also going to

build a new airport in Kota, Along with this, he inspired the people of Vaish community to work unitedly and move ahead in this way. is being done and will renovate the Golden Rekha River, And in the path of progress, the people of Gwalior will have to support me, keep cleanliness in Gwalior, take care of our heritage, the people of Gwalior will have to support me in the development of our Gwalior.

Muna Lala Goyal said that all of us unitedly, whenever a person of our Vaish community stands in the election, he should go to vote and we all should adopt 70% votes like all other communities. Miss India Nadni said, I have been dreaming this since 9 years and today I have fulfilled this dream, so I want all of you to have the same thing, you all do not dream, live the one who can fulfill that dream one day. This ceremony is held once every year in which more than thousands of people from all over Madhya Pradesh are present.

Felicitation function of Shri S. Goverdhan Rao – Registrar NIT Warangal for successful completion of Tenure



Warangal (KCN) : Shri S. Goverdhan Rao, Registrar, NIT Warangal was felicitated today on completion of his tenure of 5 years with NIT Warangal this afternoon at Ambedkar Learning Centre. The

felicitation program was organized by officers and staff of NIT Warangal. Prof. N. V. Umamahesh, I/C Director and Prof. Y. N. Reddy, Dean Faculty Welfare were the guests. Prof. N. V. U m a m a h e s h

thanked the registrar for his services to the institute. Prof. Y. N. Reddy shared his experiences with Shri. Goverdhan Rao while he worked as Dean. The officers and staff felicitated Shri S. Goverdhan Rao

and expressed their thanks for his service to the institute. He joined as Registrar in May 2018 at NIT Warangal and has completed 5 years of tenure. Prof. C S R K prasad

is assigned the responsibility of Registrar In-charge. Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director, NIT Warangal in an order released said "The services of the outgoing Registrar shri S. Goverdhan Rao are appreciated."

7 Dead As Bus Collides With Truck On Nagpur-Pune Highway

Pune: Seven people were killed and 13 others injured after a bus collided with a truck on the Nagpur-Pune highway this morning. The accident took place in Maharashtra Buldhana district. The bus was travelling from Pune to Mehekar in Buldhana when it crashed with a speeding truck coming from the opposite direction. The injured have been admitted to a nearby government hospital. Visuals from the spot show the heavily damaged vehicles,



suggesting how fast they were travelling at the time of the crash. The truck, it appears, was working with a logistics firm. Local residents were seen helping out with the rescue work, trying to

reach the survivors through the mangled remains of the vehicles. Visuals from inside the bus showed heavy damage to the seats. The windshield and window panes were broken down to reach the survivors.

Law And Order In Bengal "Not Good At All": Union Minister Arjun Meghwal



Kolkata: Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal claimed that the law and order situation in West Bengal was "not good at all". The newly appointed Union Minister of State for Law and Justice was on an official visit to the city on Monday. Asked by reporters about some recent incidents in the state, including a blast at Egra in Purba Medinipur district that claimed 12 lives, he said, "I feel that the law and order situation in West

Bengal is not good at all. But I will survey that first and then will be able to speak (more) on that." On Tuesday's scheduled meeting between West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal at Nabanna, the state secretariat, Mr Meghwal said he was trying to drum up support over his opposition to an ordinance brought by the central government. The BJP-led government at the Centre has brought

an ordinance related to the transfer and posting of officers in the Delhi government. Mr Meghwal claimed that Mr Kejriwal, who had an interaction with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday, is meeting non-BJP chief ministers over the ordinance. "The ordinance has been brought in accordance with constitutional provisions. Those who are in power can bring an ordinance and we have done that," he said at the airport. Mr Meghwal, who is also the MoS in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, said that a debate can always be held in Parliament since it has to be tabled in the House. He claimed that Mr Kejriwal is upset that allegations of corruption against him are coming out in the open.

"Not In PM Race": Sharad Pawar Amid Opposition Unity Talks



Pune: Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar has said he is not in the race to become prime minister and asserted the Opposition wants a leadership that would work for the betterment of the country. Speaking on Monday at a condolence meet for Ram Takawale, the Pune University's vice chancellor who passed away recently, Sharad Pawar said opposition parties might face a little task of projecting one

person as the prime ministerial candidate if they come together. "I am putting efforts to get the Opposition together. I am not in the race to become the prime minister as I am not contesting the next (Lok Sabha) election," he told reporters. On seat-sharing with the Congress and the Shiv Sena (UBT), which are part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi, Pawar said, "Recently, a meeting was held at my residence. Leaders from the Maha

Vikas Aghadi will decide on it." "Uddhav Thackeray, Sonia Gandhi or Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, and I will sit together to discuss more about it," he said on seat-sharing. The tenure of several civic bodies in Maharashtra got over early 2022, but polls were not held due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Lok Sabha elections are due in 2024, and the Maharashtra Assembly polls are also due in the later part of next year.

BSKY Saves 2700 CR

Bhubaneswar: The path-breaking State-sponsored health assurance scheme, Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) has saved healthcare expenses over Rs 2700 crore of 13 lakh poor families. This was known from a high-level meeting taken by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to review the schemes and programs undertaken by the Health & Family Welfare Department. Niranjan Pujari, Minister Health & Family Welfare and Shalini Pandit, Secretary Health & Family Welfare briefed Media here about the developments in Health Sector. Odisha is the first and only State in the country and perhaps the world, where all healthcare services, from OPD consultation to ICU and surgery, are provided free of charge to all persons, in all Government hospitals,

said Health Minister Niranjan Pujari. Till now, 96.5 lakh families covering over 3.3 crore people have been covered with cashless healthcare in nearly 700 premier private hospitals across 17 States. Each month nearly 1 lakh patients receive cashless healthcare of Rs 225 crores in private empanelled hospitals across the country. Each year, poor families save Rs 600 crore expenditure on drugs, which is borne under Niramaya. Similarly, the people of Odisha save over Rs. 150 crores each year on diagnostic expenses alone under the Nidaan scheme, he said. In addition to this, 96.5 lakh families covering over 3.3 crore people of Odisha are provided with cashless healthcare in nearly 700 premier private hospitals across 17 States. The cashless coverage is up to Rs 5 lakh per annum for a



family and Rs 10 lakh per annum for women members of the family, Shri Pujari said. Presently, he said, every year, about 60,000 patients receive care of above Rs. 1 lakh per annum, nearly 25,000 patients receive care of above Rs. 2 lakh per annum, about 1,300 women patients receive care of above Rs. 5 lakh per annum, and over 100 women patients receive care of Rs. 10 lakh per annum. Pujari said that BSKY runs on a fully online,

paperless platform. BSKY Smart Health Cards have been provided to all eligible families. He said eight new medical colleges and two new post graduate institutes have been set up in the last six years in the State. New Medical Colleges and Hospitals have been set up at Koraput, Baripada, Balasore, Bolangir, Puri, Keonjhar, Sundergarh and Kalahandi. Post graduate institutions established

at Cuttack and Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar. While Odisha was producing only 321 MBBS doctors and 254 specialists per year in the year 2000, now 2200 MBBS doctors and 826 specialists are being produced in the State each year, he pointed out. In 2021, the Chief Minister took a landmark decision to reserve 15 percent of MBBS seats for students of Government High Schools. It is a matter

of pride for us that in the past 2 years, 415 students of Government High Schools have been admitted in MBBS courses, under this policy. Moreover, for transforming the SCB Medical College & Hospital into an AIIMS Plus category hospital, the State has allocated over Rs. 4500 crore, the Minister said. To provide quality treatment to cancer patients, Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer

Hospital with 750 beds and all modern amenities is being established in Bhubaneswar, which will become functional this year. Another 200 bedded state of the art cancer hospital is in the process of being set up by Tata Memorial Centre in collaboration with State Government and Department of Atomic Energy in the NISER campus, for which the State is providing 67 acres of land along with Rs. 150 crores for a State-of-the-art cyclotron, which will be the first in the State and the most advanced in South Asia. Further, a 100 bedded Bagchi-Karunashraya Palliative Care Centre is under construction in Bhubaneswar at a cost of Rs. 110 crore. Under 5T initiatives, the online issue of birth and death certificates

has been implemented since January 2021. In addition, registration of Clinical Establishments and issue of NOC for paramedical institutions had been made online since 2019. In the past four years, 112 new ambulances have been added to the 108 Ambulance fleet and 327 ambulances have been upgraded to advanced life saving (ALS). With this, each Block in the State has an ALS ambulance. The 108 Ambulance Service now runs a fleet of 1124 vehicles, which carry over 4000 patients daily, providing emergency medical service free of cost to the people. It is proposed to add another 236 ambulances to the fleet by December 2023, which will reduce the average response time from 30 minutes to 20 minutes.

Plea For Highway Patrol

Bhubaneswar: In an aim to control rising road mishap cases, Transport and Commerce Principal Secretary Usha Padhee has urged DGP Sunil Bansal to take steps to enhance the performance of the highway patrol teams. Writing a letter to the DGP on Monday, Shrimati Padhee said, as per the direction of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety and for reduction of road accidents and fatalities, Highway Patrol has been rolled out in five vulnerable stretches of roads in the State covering 36 mini stretches. For this purpose, Rs 10 crore have been provided to the State Police, she said. The Twin City Police Commissioner in a review meeting held

under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary in December last had requested to provide Highway Patrol vehicles from the stretch from Manguli to Malipada. Also, the DCP, Bhubaneswar has requested to provide three Highway Patrol vehicles for the stretches from Nakhara to Jayadev Vihar, Jayadev Vihar to Pitapalli and Hi-tech Square to Uttara Square, she pointed out. It is a fact that the stretch from Khordha to Chandikhole on NH-16 is a highly vulnerable stretch. As per road accident data, 12% of road accident fatalities occurred in this stretch out of the total fatalities that occurred in the entire stretch under the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).

In this context, three more Highway Patrol vehicles have been given under the jurisdiction of Commissionerate of Police out of the funds provided to State Police, Shrimati Padhee said. As the stretches proposed by the DCP, Bhubaneswar are smaller in area, the deployment plan of Highway patrol vehicles may be modified to cover more areas especially in Cuttack district, she said. The Government has decided to provide necessary training to the staff of Highway Patrol teams to enhance their capabilities. As per crime branch data, a total of 6923 traffic -violations have been detected by the highway patrol teams

during the month of March 2023. On an average only 6.4 cases of traffic violations have been detected per day by each patrolling team, which is not at all satisfactory, she said. From the report it is seen that six patrol teams have not detected even a single case of violation in the entire month while three teams have detected single digit violations in the entire month. During April 2022 to March 2023, a total of 55,007 traffic violation cases were detected by the highway patrol teams. Therefore, the Principal Secretary requested the DGP to instruct all the SPs/DCPs to personally monitor the performance of highway patrol teams and improve their performance.

ITC Opens ICML Facility

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik, today inaugurated ITC's state-of-the-art Integrated Consumer Goods Manufacturing and Logistics (ICML) Facility at Khordha, Odisha. The inauguration was attended by Suresh Kumar Routray, MLA Jatni Jyotirindra Nath Mitra, MLA Khordha, and Sanjeev puri CMD ITC, among others. During the occasion, the Chief Minister congratulated ITC's Chairman Shri Puri and urged him to expand ITC's footprint within the State. Sri Patnaik reiterated the commitment of the Government of Odisha towards making Odisha the next Industrial Hub in the country. The Government has recently come up with the Industrial Policy Resolution 2022 which aims to transform Odisha into a modern



and advanced industrial state by offering the investors outstanding opportunities for sustainable business growth and to foster holistic socio-economic development of the people. The food processing sector is one of the priority sectors in the IPR 2022 and this facility by ITC, one of the country's prominent conglomerates marks a

significant milestone for this sector in Odisha. This is the first integrated Consumer Goods Manufacturing and Logistics facility in Odisha, and it spans an area of 35 acres. The facility is strategically planned to accommodate a total of seven production lines, dedicated to producing ITC's world-class foods brands including

Aashirvaad atta, Yippee! Noodles, Sunfeast biscuits, Bingo! Chips and among others, in phases. The future-ready unit is powered by sophisticated equipment having integrated data analytics and cutting-edge digital infrastructure. The Khordha facility will be employing over 55% women at an overall factory level. The company will also continue to support local entrepreneurship through multiple co-manufacturing units for its FMCG products. The setting up of this integrated facility by ITC through the Government's active support reinforces the Government of Odisha's commitment to fostering industrial growth and creating employment opportunities by providing world-class investment facilitation to investors across sectors.




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CM, CS, DGP should Hold Janata Darbar

Ranchi(KCN) :State Chief Minister Hemant Soren, State Chief Secretary Mr. Sukhdev Singh and State DGP Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, not just sitting in their own (A.C.) chamber, they should directly listening to the problems of the people of Jharkhand once a month & provide solutions

former MLA candidate Vijay Shankar Nayak, Central President of J h a r k h a n d i Information Rights Forum and Central Vice President of Tribal Moolvasi Janadhikar Manch said today in a press statement

He also said that by fixing a certain day, the work of holding Janata Darbar should be done at a certain time so that the people of the state

can approach them with their problems, as well as the Chief Minister / Chief Secretary / and the DGP of the state, in their chambers should hold Janta Darbar by doing the work of meeting people.

Mr. Nayak also said that today the people of the state are being harassed by the small/big officials of the state, the block and district level officials are working to ignore their problems, instead of solving the problems, they are exploiting them. Is, Due to which the people of Jharkhand try to meet the high level officials to solve their problems, but they do not have time to meet, due to which the morale of the people of Jharkhand is breaking due to not solving their problems. The feeling

of displeasure towards the government is increasing.

Mr. Nayak further said that at present the Chief Minister has closed the Janata Darbar, he should start it again and start a new tradition in Jharkhand by holding the Janata Darbar of the Chief Secretary and the DGP of the state so that our poor and helpless people can meet them and I have full faith that due to the Janata Darbar of the Chief Secretary and the DGP, the public will definitely get some relief and the district level and block level officials below Fear will also arise in wrongdoing By doing this, corruption and corrupt officials will also be forced to do public work without any favour

SBI now offers Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO app

Mumbai : With an aim to digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) on YONO. The bank's flagship personal loan product for salaried customers – Xpress Credit has a Digital Avatar now. Customers can now avail RTXC from the comfort of their homes through YONO – which is going to be 100% paperless and digital. The end-to-end 8 step journey would be easy and instant for the customers.

Under Real Time Xpress Credit, Central/ State Government and Defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. The credit checks, eligibility, sanction & documentation will now be done digitally in real-time.

Shri Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said, "We are pleased to introduce Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) Loan facility for our eligible salaried customers on YONO. The Xpress Credit product will enable our customers to experience a digital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process. We at SBI constantly endeavour to offer technology-led enhanced digital banking experience to the customers in order to simplify banking." The digitalization of Xpress Credit delivery will also help the bank to do away with the need to handle and store enormous paperwork.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group – from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

Mahindra Unveils its Disruptive Product Innovation, the brand-new 'G75 Smart' Motor Grader at EXCON

Bengaluru: Mahindra's Construction Equipment Division (MCE), a part of the Mahindra Group, announced expansion of its road construction equipment range with the launch of the brand-new Mahindra RoadMaster G75 Smart – "Profit Ka Partner".

Speaking on the occasion, Jalaj Gupta, Business Head, Commercial Vehicles Business Unit, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited, said, "We at Mahindra are committed to provide disruptive products and services for our customers and are launching yet another product innovation in the fast-growing road construction equipment segment, the Mahindra RoadMaster G75 Smart Motor Grader. It has been designed and developed in India based

on deep insights of the needs of smaller road contractors. Our aim is to help small contractors break free from sub-optimal grading practices and to upgrade them to mechanization and enable them to participate in nation building. The brand-new G75 Smart motor grader is a highly reliable machine with low owning and operating costs and will truly be their "Profit Ka Partner". Our existing RoadMaster range of motor graders has already captured over 20% market share, and we are confident that G75 Smart will further strengthen our position in the smaller projects which were not possible hitherto with the conventional graders. Also, it will help improve the quality and longevity of work and quicker turnaround of projects.

from compromised makeshift solution, such as manual labor and farm tractor-based graders. It is the ideal machine for spreading and grading applications for the rural, semi-rural and district roads, land development, internal housing and commercial roads. It enables small road contractors to participate in projects with grading needs for government flagship programs as Smart City, as well as PMGSY roads. The RoadMaster G75 Smart provides small contractors affordable and uncompromised mechanization and an opportunity to deploy a registered motor grader in the smaller projects which was not possible hitherto with the conventional graders. Also, it will help improve the quality and longevity of work and quicker turnaround of projects.

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Mumbai: As international travel opens up and more Indians resume international travel for business and leisure, Vi, India's leading telecom operator, offers attractive international roaming packs for its customers this holiday season. Currently, Vi has roaming arrangements with operators across geographies, making international travel experience seamless and worry-free for its customers.

Vi International Roaming packs enable users to roam worry-free with unlimited Voice

calls and Data on its unparalleled roaming networks across top travel destinations globally. Vi post-paid customers travelling to popular business and holiday destinations such as UAE, UK, USA, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Australia, Thailand, Brazil and more can opt for Vi Unlimited International Roaming packs, starting from Rs. 599 offering 24 hour validity to Rs 5999 pack that comes with 28 days validity.

The 'Always On' feature on all Vi Postpaid Roaming Packs ensures that customers do not get

charged exorbitant rates while on international roaming even after the expiry of the subscribed pack. For example if travelers who have subscribed to the 7 day Vi Postpaid Roaming Pack, have to extend their stay, they can continue to use their phone for voice, SMS and data, and will be charged standard rates till the user's usage value doesn't cross Rs. 599. Upon crossing Rs. 599, the user will be billed @Rs 599 for each additional day that they use the International roaming facility, thus getting safeguarded from bill shocks.

BOB Financial and HPCL launch co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card

Mumbai: BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) – a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), have announced the launch of HPCL Contactless RuPay Credit Card. The card is designed to reward customers for spends at HPCL fuel pumps as

well as the HP Pay app. It also offers accelerated rewards for spends on utilities, grocery and departmental stores. This card can be used across merchants and ATMs globally through the JCB network. Cardholders of HPCL BOB RuPay Contactless Credit Card will be able to earn up to 24 reward points (per INR 150 spent) for spends at HPCL fuel pumps and on the HP Pay app. In addition, cardholders will also benefit from 1% Fuel

Surcharge Waiver on fuel purchases at HPCL pumps or on HP Pay. Customers who spend INR 5,000 or more within 60 days of card issuance will get 2,000 bonus reward points. The co-branded credit card will offer 10 reward points (per INR 150 spent) on utilities, grocery and departmental stores and 2 reward points on other categories. The card also offers attractive discount on movie ticket bookings.

Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed by Vice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education (SDTE) and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS); Additional Secretary, SDTE, Govt of Odisha, Shri Tapan Satpathy (OAS); Resident Director, JSL, Mr SS

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana. Commending the development, Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said, "This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry."

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD

Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on

Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is

the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury.

A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

NSDL launches "Market ka Eklavya- Express" in 75 cities to mark 75 years of Independence

Mumbai: India's largest securities depository, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) launched 'Market ka Eklavya- Express', an online investment awareness program for students that will be conducted in 8 different languages including Hindi. The program would serve as a beginner's guide for investing for the youth.

To mark the significance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an

initiative of Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of our people, culture and achievements, NSDL has launched a new initiative towards investor awareness 'Market Ka Eklavya - Express' across 75 cities, especially aimed at the college students who would very soon be entering the phase where they would start earning and naturally,

look for avenues of investment.

Earlier this month, Market ka Eklavya (5-hours program) was launched by the hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the silver jubilee event of NSDL.

On the launch of the initiative Ms. Padmaja Chundur, MD & CEO, NSDL said, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a special initiative launched by

our Prime Minister to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of

Atmanirbhar Bharat." Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

Josh Hazlewood declared fit for WTC final

New Delhi: Josh Hazlewood, who had returned home from IPL 2023 complaining of side soreness, has been cleared of any damage and declared available for selection for the World Test Championship finale against India and the Ashes that follows. Since the scans did not reveal any particular damage, after a "precautionary period of rest", Hazlewood has since returned to bowling ahead of the Australian team's departure to the UK. "Josh Hazlewood returned home from the IPL last weekend after experiencing minor side soreness after the completion of his most recent IPL match," a CA spokesperson said. "After a brief and precautionary rest period, Hazlewood returned to high intensity



bowling last week and will continue to increase his bowling workloads in preparation for the WTC and Ashes series. Hazlewood is considered fit and available for the WTC and Ashes Series." RCB's INR 7.75 Crore recruit missed the first few games of the season as he was recovering

from an Achilles tendinitis - an injury that he picked up during the SCG Test against South Africa earlier this year. That injury meant Hazlewood missed the first couple of Tests during the tour of India and aimed to ramp up his recovery to be part of the second half of that

crucial series. But that was not to be and he didn't play a game on tour. Hazlewood then missed the initial fixtures for RCB this season before joining up with the squad. Even after joining the squad, he was still some way away from making full recovery to

feature for the team. He trained ahead of games towards the end of April before playing his first game of the season against Lucknow Super Giants on May 1. He played two more away games - against Delhi Capitals and Mumbai Indians on May 6 and May 9 respectively but didn't feature since. RCB team director Mike Hesson had then officially ruled him out of the team's final league game, a must-win home clash against holders and table toppers Gujarat Titans. Australia have named a 17-player squad for the UK which will be pruned to 15 names for the WTC final - starting June 7 - by the team's scheduled departure on May 28. The finale will be followed by a five-match Ashes series.

First batch leaves for WTC; Kohli and Ashwin to fly later

New Delhi: The London-bound Indian team is to leave in batches starting tomorrow. The first group of about 20 members, consisting mostly of the members of the support staff, including Rahul Dravid, will leave in the early hours of Tuesday. The congregation of the full squad for the June 7-12 World Test Championship (WTC) final will happen only by May 30, after the final of the IPL on May 28. With their teams out of reckoning for the IPL play-offs, players like Axar Patel, Shardul Thakur and Mohammed Siraj will be part of the first batch. Virat Kohli and R Ashwin, whose teams Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals are out of the IPL, will be leaving later, most probably on May 24.



Umesh Yadav, whose team Kolkata Knight Riders is also out of the IPL, may also reach England later. Net bowlers Akash Deep (a medium pacer from Bengal) and Pulkit Narang (an off-spinner from Delhi) may be part

of the first batch. Aniket Choudhary (a left-arm pacer from Rajasthan) and Prithvi Raj Yarra (a left-arm pacer from Andhra) may join later. The original plan was to send the first batch immediately after the IPL league stage, which concluded on Sunday. However, some players have requested the BCCI to be allowed to leave at a later date. "There may be departures everyday till May 30," said a BCCI official in the know. "Logistics arrangements are being made for almost every day." Jaydev Unadkat, who has been undergoing rehab at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru for a

Carlos Alcaraz Replaces Novak Djokovic As World No 1 Ahead of French Open 2023 Grand Slam

New Delhi: Carlos Alcaraz replaced Novak Djokovic at No. 1 in the ATP rankings on Monday, earning the top seeding at the French Open 2023, and Daniil Medvedev's Italian Open title moved him up to No. 2 ahead of the year's second Grand Slam tournament. Djokovic's loss in the fourth round as the defending champion in Rome dropped him to No. 3. That means he and Alcaraz could end up in the same half of the Roland Garros bracket and be set up for a potential semifinal showdown, depending on what happens in Thursday's draw in Paris. The French Open, which

begins on Sunday, will mark the first chance to be seeded No. 1 at a major tournament for Alcaraz, a Spaniard who turned 20 this month. He is 30-3 with four titles in 2023. Alcaraz ascended to the ATP's top spot for the first time by winning the US Open 2022 last September and, at 19, became the youngest man to finish a year there. But a leg injury kept him out of the Australian Open in January, when Djokovic won the title for his 22nd at a Slam event, tying Rafael Nadal for the men's record. Djokovic has spent more weeks at No. 1 than anyone — man or woman — in the history of the sport's computerized



rankings. Iga Swiatek, the defending champion in Paris, remained at No. 1 in the WTA rankings, which she has led for more than a year, followed by No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka, the Australian Open champion. Swiatek stopped playing in the third set of her quarterfinal in Rome against reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina because of a hurt right thigh. Swiatek said afterward the problem "shouldn't be

anything serious." Rybakina's trophy at the Italian Open allowed her to jump two places to a career-best No. 4 on Monday. She is not higher than that because her title at the All England Club did not come with the benefit of any rankings boost after both the WTA and ATP withheld all points that would have been earned there last year to protest a ban on Russian and Belarusian players over the invasion of Ukraine. Jessica Pegula remained at No. 3 on Monday, with WTA Finals champion Caroline Garcia at No. 5 and 2022 French Open runner-up Coco Gauff at No. 6. Casper Ruud, last year's runner-up to Rafael

Nadal at the French Open and to Alcaraz at the US Open, stayed at No. 4 in the ATP rankings, followed by Stefanos Tsitsipas at No. 5 and Holger Rune at a career-best No. 6. Rune eliminated Djokovic in Rome before losing to Medvedev in the final there on Sunday. That marked Medvedev's 20th career ATP title — and first on clay courts. Nadal, who has 14 of his 22 major trophies at Roland Garros, announced last week he would be sitting out the French Open with a lingering left hip flexor injury. He has never missed that tournament since making his debut there in 2005.

Neeraj Chopra Scripts History, Achieves No. 1 Rank In Men's Javelin Throw

New Delhi: Neeraj Chopra, the name which made all of the people from India proud at the Tokyo Olympics with a gold medal, once again scripted history as he became the Number One Javelin thrower as per the new rankings released by World Athletics. Chopra currently leads the list by 22 points with reigning world champion Anderson Peter of Grenada sitting at number 2. The 25-year-old athlete from India began his 2023 season by winning the first Diamond League meeting in Doha on May 6 with an effort of 88.67m. He will be action once more at the Fanny Blankers-Koen Games at Hengelo in the Netherlands on June 4 followed up by another event set to take place at June 13.



'It just didn't click, it wasn't meant to be': Bangar on Karthik's downturn

New Delhi: Dinesh Karthik got an almost ideal entry point as he walked in to bat at the start of the 15th over of RCB's must-win game against Gujarat Titans. It had been an IPL 2023 to forget for the veteran but here was an opportunity to give the total some heft with only one over of spin to negotiate. As it turned out, Karthik gloved his first ball, an attempted bouncer down the legside from Yash Dayal to the 'keeper' and was dismissed for a duck - a record-setting 17th in IPL history. As it turned out, that proved to be his final act in the season, which he finished with a lowly tally of 140 runs at an average of 11.67. It was a steep decline from the highs of the 2022 season when Karthik scored 330 runs at a strike-rate of 183.33 and forged his

way into India's T20 World Cup squad as the team's designated finisher. This downturn, a failure to serve as the fourth-arm of the batting unit, was a contributing factor in RCB's exit from the league phase of this tournament. Head coach Sanjay Bangar put it down to things just 'not clicking' for the 37-year-old. "We tried to define the role for him. We made sure that he was walking in at the moments or in the phases where his strengths could have been maximised. And he had an outstanding season [last year]. So I don't think that his efforts or his preparation or the role clarity that we gave was different last season. It's just that it didn't click this season," Bangar said after the defeat on Sunday (May 21).



"More than anybody, if there's one guy who would be disappointed the most, it's Dinesh. Because he prides himself as a professional and wants to contribute to the team's cause. So we could see it in him.

Even till today's game, we were hoping that he would come good. But that wasn't meant to be. So we live and we learn and move ahead." RCB's batting woes were exacerbated with neither Mahipal Lomror [135 runs at

16.55], Anuj Rawat [91 runs at 30.33] or Shahbaz Ahmed [42 runs at 10.50] able to pull their weight with the bat. It led to an over-reliance on the top-three of Faf du Plessis, Virat Kohli and Glenn Maxwell,

who ended up scoring over 70% of the team's runs in the season. The team invariably stuttered when they didn't fire and consequently the absence of a strong finishing act had an effect in them having to temper their own batting. "From a batting perspective, the top four contributed really well," du Plessis said. "Maxi (Maxwell) was unbelievable. And then Virat and myself. But we were a little bit light on the middle order, to be honest. We missed a few runs from the middle order consistently throughout the season, especially in the back end of the innings, through a bit of power-hitting. "Obviously, last year DK had an incredible season, probably one of the purple patches of his life and was

finishing games left, right and centre. This season, it wasn't to be and that's the game of cricket. I thought there was a lot on his shoulders. I did feel that there could be someone with him to shoulder that responsibility." Bangar noted that it was tough in a T20 tournament to find form over the course of the tournament especially when batting time was limited, but admitted that the young Indian batters ought to have done better in the opportunities they got. "Last season, our top order wasn't scoring that many runs. That meant the bulk of scoring was done by the lower order in Shahbaz and Dinesh, who had a fantastic season last year," he said. "But this season the top order was batting

so well, the opportunity for the lower order was limited. DK had a season which is probably below his standard, if he had clicked in a couple of games that would have meant we would have added 15-20 runs more in the games that were the crunch ones and those runs could have been the difference in winning and losing a game. And you have to be patient with the young players, that's something most teams agree to and you have to invest time. Mahipal had his share of innings but he should have been a little more consistent. "We will go back to the drawing board and see what kind of continuity we want to give to the players, and we will assess the season once the dust settles," he summed up.