

PRESIDENT OF INDIA ATTENDS CIVIC RECEPTION AT RANCHI



New Delhi: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu attended a civic reception hosted in her honour by the Government of Jharkhand at Raj Bhavan, Ranchi this evening (May 25, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the existence of the state of Jharkhand may not be very old, but since ancient times, this

region has had a distinct identity. The example presented by the people of Jharkhand in respecting water, forests, and land and adopting a natural lifestyle has become more important in this time of environmental crises. Noting that about 30 percent of the area of this state is covered by forests, she said that moving forward on the path of development,

while protecting and enhancing the precious forest wealth is the right way to achieve sustainable progress. The President said that giving priority to the group over the individual is a fundamental feature of the society of Jharkhand. She urged all to keep this spirit of cooperation and collectivity alive and strengthen it.

The President said that

Jharkhand is full of attractive natural beauty and has immense potential for development in the field of eco-tourism. She expressed confidence that proper development of this sector would provide many opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship to the youth of the state. The President said that the land of Jharkhand is

called Ratna-Garbha because of the priceless minerals present here. It is one of the richest states in the country in terms of mineral wealth. But the most valuable gems of Jharkhand are the hardworking, loving, and simple people of the state.

The President said that many modern industries, especially those based on mineral materials, were established in Jharkhand. These industries paved the way for modern development. In recent years, efforts have been made to develop Jharkhand's infrastructure on a large scale. She stressed that the benefits of modern development should reach all sections of society, especially the marginalised. She conveyed her best wishes to Jharkhand to make its place among the leading states of the country in terms of development in the near future.

Nor'wester Pulls Down Mercury At Several Places In Odisha; 14 Stations Record Above 40 Degree C

Bhubaneswar: Odisha continued to reel under heatwave condition even though several places in the state witnessed nor'wester rain today. The mercury crossed 40 degree Celsius at 14 places across the state, said the IMD in its evening bulletin today. Talcher recorded the day's highest maximum temperature of 42.8 degree C followed by 42.7 at Sambalpur, 42.4 at Nuapada and 42.2 at Jharsuguda and Sundargarh, added the IMD.

At least seven places in Odisha recorded the maximum temperature in between 41 and 42 degree C. These places are Boudh (41.6), Sonepur (41.4), Rourkela (41.4), Bargarh (41.2), Angul (41.2), Bolangir (41.1) and Hirakud (41.1). The maximum temperature was 40.5 degree C at Nayagarh and 40.2 at Bhubaneswar. The Silver City of Cuttack recorded



the maximum temperature of 38.4 degree C, added the IMD.

Several districts of Odisha including Khurda, Cuttack and Puri witnessed nor'wester rain today afternoon. Light to moderate rain or thunderstorm is very likely to occur at one or places over the districts of Coastal Odisha, Sundargarh, Deogarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Angul, Dhenkanal, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Koraput tomorrow (May 26), predicted the IMD. Besides, thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at one or

two places over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Keonjhar, Rayagada, Koraput, Gajapati, Ganjam and Kandhamal on May 26.

The capital city of Bhubaneswar is likely to witness rain or thundershower during the next 24 hours, said the IMD.

"There would be no large change in maximum temperature at many places over the districts of Odisha during the next five days. The maximum temperature is likely to hover around 42 degree C at several places across Odisha during the next 24 hours," said the MeT department.

Ranpur Laterite Stone Mine Scam: Six Revenue Officials Suspended For Their Alleged Involvement

Nayagarh: Nayagarh Collector Rabindra Nath Sahu today placed six revenue officials under suspension for their alleged involvement in a laterite stone mining scam previously carried out under Ranpur tehsil limits and Mayurjhalia mouza of the district.

The suspended persons are the section officer of Khandapada tehsil MD Sultan Haque, revenue Inspectors (RIs) of Ranpur tehsil Prasant Kumar Naik and Prasant Kumar Pradhan, junior revenue assistant (JRA) of Bhapur tehsil Arun Kumar Sethi, revenue supervisor of Ranpur tehsil Pramod Kumar Behera and section officer of Ranpur tehsil Chandra Sekhar Nanda. Criminal cases were earlier registered and a probe was initiated against the six officials



and five others including leaseholder Sushant Kumar Barad and another lessee and director of Agarwal Infra Builders Sashank Agarwal. However, the six revenue officials had obtained anticipatory bail from a court and joined their duties, a source said.

It is pertinent to mention here that acting on a directive of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in Kolkata, the district administration had registered a police case against the 11 persons in connection with the scam

on May 3, 2023.

Allegedly, the two lessees had carried out excess mining of laterite stone and murrum than the accorded quantity in unholy nexus with some officials and staffers of the Ranpur tehsil. A complainant named Dillip Kumar Samantaray had moved the NGT seeking justice and action against the wrongdoers. Subsequently, a probe was conducted by a joint team comprising some senior officials and geologists of Odisha Mining Corporation

(OMC) and the Nayagarh Collector. The District Collector Sahu had filed an affidavit with the NGT on December 6, 2022, reporting about the probe findings. In the court's final verdict, the NGT instructed for registering a case, the IIC Chandpur had said.

Accordingly, the district Collector ordered the Ranpur tehsildar to lodge an FIR with the police. Key accused Sushant Barad was accorded the lease for mining laterite stone and murrum from four acres of land on plot Number-1689 under Mayurjhalia mouza in the district for a period of five years. Similarly, the Agarwal Infra Builder was given a temporary permit to quarry and transport soil from two acres of land on the same plot.

Odisha Plus 2 Admission Process From May 29

Bhubaneswar: The process for admission into Plus 2 courses in higher secondary schools across Odisha will commence from May 29. According to a notification issued by Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha, the last date for submission of online Common Application Form is June 20.

The online applications are invited through SAMS Odisha for admission into Plus 2 Arts, Science, Commerce, Upashastri and Vocational streams in all Higher Secondary Schools affiliated to the CHSE. The applicants need to apply online by registering themselves on the SAMS Odisha portal (www.samsodisha.gov.in). The application fee for General Category is Rs 200, and Rs 100 for the applicants belonging to ST and SC category.

Praveen Sood Takes Charge As New CBI Director

New Delhi: Praveen Sood, who previously served as the Karnataka Director General of Police, took charge as the new CBI Director on Thursday, succeeding incumbent SS Jaiswal.

His name was shortlisted among three candidates in a high-powered committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sood, a 1986-batch Karnataka cadre officer, has succeeded Jaiswal, who retired on Thursday. Sood has been appointed for two years from the date of assuming office. The CBI Director has a fixed tenure of two years, which can be extended up to five years. The three-member panel that included Sood's name comprised PM Narendra Modi, Chief



Justice of India DY Chandrachud, and Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

In that meeting, apart from Sood, the names of Madhya Pradesh DGP Sudhir Kumar Saxena and Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards Director General Taj Hassan were also discussed. Sood is a 1986 batch IPS officer. He is recognized for his expertise in tackling major cybercrime issues. In Karnataka, Sood implemented the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems

(CCTNS) to combat cyber fraud. Honored with the President's Police Medal, Sood has also served as the Police Advisor to the Mauritian

government. According to the procedure, the Department of Personnel and Training prepares a list of serving IPS officers from the three senior-most batches to consider for the post of CBI Director.

Then the names are sent to the two-member Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister, which chooses one and makes the appointment. Home Minister Amit Shah is the second member of the panel.

Politics Over Parl Opening

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The political atmosphere in Odisha warmed up over the decision of Governing BJD to take part in the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled on May 28.

Senior Congress leader Narasingha Mishra on Thursday criticized Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik over BJD's decision to take part in the inauguration ceremony.

Speaking to media persons, Shri Mishra said the oppositional parties have decided to boycott the inauguration event as the Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself decided to inaugurate the building to get cheap political mileage.

"The new Parliament House should be inaugurated by the first citizen of India, President Droupadi Murmu, so that the prestige of the President will not be harmed, and the



mandate of the people will not be ignored," he said.

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had described Shrimati

Murmu as his sister and a tribal daughter of the soil during the Presidential election and lobbied for candidature, Mishra

said. "Now where is his love for his sister, tribal daughter and Odisha," the Congress leader questioned.

"With this decision, Naveen has proved that he will always abide by what Modi desires. I condemn his decision, which is against constitutional practices and Odisha," he said.

Reacting on this issue, senior BJD MLA Amar Prasad Satpathy said, "Our Chief Minister's decision is very clear. All our MPs will attend the inauguration of the new Parliament House. We respect the Constitution and democracy. Our

Constitution has given a special importance to Parliament. So, we should not play politics, at least on the imaginal day." Further, it is the prerogative of the Lok Sabha Speaker to invite or not. So, all should obey the decision of the Speaker, Satpathy said.

The BJD leader accused the Congress of doing politics over a 'non-issue'. He also raised questions over the role of Congress during the Presidential

election. Meanwhile, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has welcomed the decision of BJD to attend the momentous event.

"Not any single party but all had fought for India's independence. We might have different ideologies and political views. But all who believe in democracy should grace the occasion. I welcome BJD's decision," Shri Pradhan said.

An Ayurvedic Medical Girl Student Meenu Bhoi At a Glance

Bhubaneswar / Sundargarh(KCN): In any field & sector, sincere effort, hard work, dedication, sacrifice, consistency & persistency as well as habit makes a man or Girl Perfect & gives Achievement or Result. One brightest illustration or example is Young Ayurvedic Medical Girl student of Sundargarh Meenu Bhoi proves it. She wins the recent The Miss Utkal RunnerUp. Any how or whatever it may be any achievement is achievement. Good result is always good & there is no doubt to say something negative or do not take it otherwise. It is known to all that hard work, habit & sincerity gives achievement &



result. So do practise daily in which field & sector, you are involved or doing or practicing. Achievement & result will knock your Door. Be polite, gentle & sincere. The House of

Almighty is some distance, but the path to reach to him is not at all dark. Always hope for the best. Miss Meenu Bhoi is no doubt a Ayurvedic Medical student of Bachelor of

Ayurvedic Medicine & Surgery. Her main Focus or Achievements are Ms. Utkal 2023 (1st Runner-up), Ms. Glory Queen 2023 (1st Runner-up), Ms. Stycon, Barbil 2022 (Winner), Ms. Catwalk in

The most famous Artist Kurtibash Mund

CuttackSadar,(KCN) : Human beings are interested in arts, song, dance for life, enjoy and perform their internal qualities by arts. An actor or artist is a person able to put their point of view, their way of seeing the World, and a feeling things on a canvas or stages. Also An actor or thespian is a grand story tellers who guides, educates, inspires, entertains our Society better. Actors participation in performing acts in front of audiences as called of performers. In our Society one of the best Actor, artist, poet, renowned personalities, popular politician, social reformer, moreover eminent social worker Mr. Kurtibash Mund. He

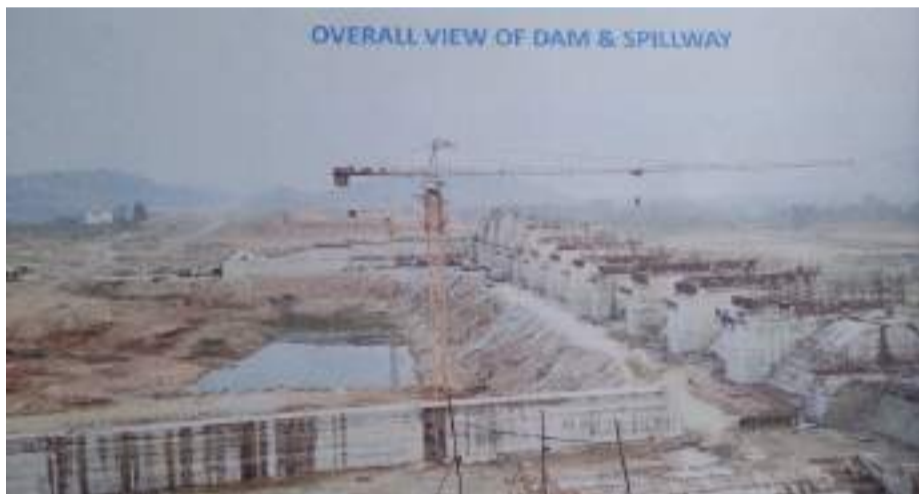


is a multifaceted personality belonging to Pipaljhaper village, Jaipatna Block, Kalahandi District, Odisha. He was born in the year 1986, son of Pramod Kumar Mund & Apurva Mund. By profession, he is a good Electrical contractor having vast knowledge in Electrical Engineering with name and fame. From his childhood

he likes social work, weakness in Odia literature, writing & acting. His aim is for developing rural people, betterment of society, helping brilliant students for their study, help to orphans, awareness for safeguarding the environment, plantation, improve arts as helping to many a organization, encourage to actor, create actor at all times. As a talented actor he has so many abilities in acting and always tries new things with engaged in activity to create arts. He eagerly helps needy people with a pure heart and helping souls. Wishing all the best, long healthy life & good luck with his future endeavors.

Lower Suktel Irrigation Project will complete within March 2024

Balangir / Bhubaneswar(KCN) : The Lower Suktel Irrigation Project in the field of Irrigation is the backbone of Balangir District as Balangir District is a drought prone areas or District in Odisha State. The Lower Suktel Irrigation Project of Balangir will not provide improvement and development in the field of Irrigation, but also it will reform various fields and sectors. Few years back, Balangir District over comes Floods due to continuous heavy rains days together & how the peoples of Balangir District have come across the miserable bad days in Floods Situations and also Balangir District is facing piquant situations in Drought Situations as it is a Drought Prone District due to the lack of Irrigation facilities. But now the Odisha State Government is creating or constructing or implementing the Mega Irrigation Project that is our Lower Suktel Irrigation Mega Project at our Balangir District for Irrigation Facilities and to save the District from Drought. It is the prime duty of the entire inhabitants or Citizens of Balangir District to



come forward & to provide help & cooperation whole heartedly till the completion of the Project without any hindrances for the developments of Our Balangir District on humanity ground. This was the 1st Ultra Modern & totally Computerized Irrigation Project in India & it has been brought or adopted from the Italian County & due to the delay in completion, few same types of Irrigation Projects are also going on in different places in India speedily. Now, to complete the Lower Suktel Irrigation Project is totally depending upon the whole hearted Cooperation of the entire Balangir District Peoples for avoiding or saving us from Drought Situations, then the present target to

complete the Project within March, 2024 will be fulfilled. No doubt that displacement or to leave or vacate so many years residing land or House OR Bhitamati is too difficult & painful. But for saving us from Drought and for the developments of the Balangir District, Sacrifices and dedications for the developments of our Balangir District is badly in need of. It is known to all that any constructive and positive reformation, development, change, improvement some hurdles, problems will come, but rehabilitation & resettlement is/ are a good or better or improved step or position for the Displacement Peoples of affected areas or Villagers of Project

Areas. Now, the Lower Suktel Irrigation Project Department is speedily doing the Rehabilitation and Resettlement works or RR Colonies for the Displacement Peoples as well as the Project Works is also going on speedily. Going into the indepth, the sensitive and intellectual Citizens of Balangir District are requesting & appealing before the entire Balangir District Peoples for providing help and cooperation whole heartedly without any hesitation, so that the Project will be completed within March 2024 as well as the Government Machinery from the Collector, Balangir to the entire Project Staffs must have to be serious, alert, active and result oriented, so that water will reach to the Tail

Huge amount of ganja saized

Berhampur(KCN): From sources of a credible information regarding illegal storage of Ganja from B. Durjyodhan at a house at village Chandpur, Golanthara PS team detected the ganja stored in the house of the accused person in a Plastic Bag. After maintaining all the procedures of search and seizure in presence of the Govt. witnesses and E.M at the spot. The total quantity of Seized Ganja was weighed as 48.550 kg. The accused B. Durjyodhan was



arrested and forwarded to Court. The investigation of the case is on and involvement of other

persons in this case is being verified. It was also revealed that the accused was in this illegal smuggling for

last 6 months and further investigation is going on to detect the source of the procurement.

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Sridevi Death Anniversary: 'Sadma' To 'English Vinglish,' Power-Packed Performances Of The Legendary Actress

The most Stunning actress, Sridevi was called the first female superstar of the country. She ruled the industry in such an era when it was explicitly dominated by superstars like Amitabh Bachchan, Jeetendra, and Dharmendra. She broke the glass ceiling in the industry and established herself as a crowd-puller. Sridevi, the enigmatic actor in the Hindi film industry, left us five years back. The undisputed queen of the silver screen left some unforgettable performances for the audience. She left too early. But she will live forever through her on-screen characters. From Chandni to

Sashi, she has played many power-packed roles and these will always remain in our hearts. Let's relive some of the amazing films by the late veteran actress. **Sadma** There's hardly any person who has not shed a tear in the last scene of this movie. Remake of a Tamil movie, this film established Sridevi as one of the most powerful actors at the very early stage of her Hindi career. **Chandni** Her white look in this film set a fashion trend back in the 80s. Helmed by Yash Chopra, this movie is also celebrated for its music.



Mr India Sridevi was not only a powerful actor, but she was also one of the most successful commercial heroines in the Hindi industry. From 'Hawa Hawai' to 'Kaate Nehi Katte', Sridevi showed her range of versatility in this movie.

ChaalBaaz Sridevi played twin characters in this movie, the tamed and submissive Anju and the boisterous and go-getting Manju. Sridevi's comic timing was mostly talked about in this movie. **Khuda Gawah** Amitabh Bachchan, larger-than-life setting and Sridevi! The film was talked about as Amitabh and Sridevi were struggling to deliver hits at the box office back then. **Lamhe** Teaming up with her 'Chandni' director Yash Chopra one more time, Sridevi played double roles in this movie. For playing the dual roles of mother

and daughter, Sridevi won accolades. **English Vinglish** After a 15-year-long hiatus, Sridevi made a pleasant comeback at the movies with Gauri Shinde's directorial debut 'English Vinglish'. The film received a standing ovation at the Toronto International film festival. The present generation is perhaps more acquainted with Sridevi's Sashi than her Chandni. It's difficult to live up to Sridevi's legacy. But she is undoubtedly one of the most charismatic actresses on the silver screen who remained a mystery even in her death.



'Dream Girl 2' To 'Tiger 3': Bollywood's Most-Awaited Sequels Of 2023

The second half of 2023 in Bollywood comes with a promise of some power-packed performances. From rib-tickling comedies to high-octane action flicks, these sequels promise to take the cinematic experience to a new level. Here's a glimpse of the most awaited film sequels that will hit theaters in the coming months- **Dream Girl 2** One of the most loved comedies of 2019, Dream Girl left audiences laughing and entertained. The film revolved around a man who can talk in a female voice. The sequel will star Ayushmann Khurrana in the lead once again, and the plot promises to be even funnier and crazier than the first. Fans can expect more laughter, memorable performances, and a whole new set of comical adventures in Dream Girl 2. **Gadar 2: The Katha Continues** 'Gadar Ek Prem Katha' was a romantic drama that released in 2001 and was set during the Partition of India. The film starred Sunny Deol and Amisha Patel in the lead and became a massive success. The



sequel, **Gadar 2: The Katha Continues**, is set to continue the story and will be directed by Anil Sharma. The film's plot has been kept under wraps, but it promises to be just as gripping and emotional as the first. **Tiger 3** The adrenaline-pumping Tiger franchise returns with Tiger 3, featuring the dynamic duo of Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif. Known for its high-octane action sequences and gripping storylines, this espionage thriller series has amassed a massive fan following. Tiger 3 promises to take the excitement to new

heights as the protagonists find themselves entangled in a web of danger and intrigue. With breathtaking stunts, thrilling chase sequences, and edge-of-the-seat suspense, Tiger 3 is a must-watch for action enthusiasts. **Metro.. In dino** The Metro franchise, known for its realistic portrayal of urban life and heartfelt storytelling, is all set to enthrall audiences once again with Metro.. In dino. Continuing the journey of relatable characters navigating the complexities of modern city life, this film promises to strike a chord with viewers of all ages. It

stars an ensemble of Aditya Roy Kapur, Sara Ali Khan, Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta, Pankaj Tripathi, Konkana Sen Sharma, Ali Fazal and Fatima Sana Shaikh. **Metro.. In dino** aims to capture the essence of human emotions and the daily struggles we face in a rapidly changing world. **Fukrey 3** Fukrey 3 reunites Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma, Ali Fazal, and Richa Chadda as they find themselves caught up in a series of comic misadventures. Known for its witty dialogues and lovable characters, the Fukrey franchise

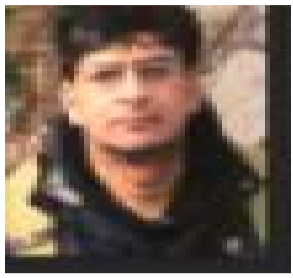
has been a favorite among comedy enthusiasts. **Fukrey 3** promises to keep the laughter rolling with its rib-tickling humor and lovable camaraderie. As the second half of 2023 approaches, film enthusiasts can look forward to an array of sequels that are sure to entertain, captivate, and leave a lasting impression. With promising storylines, talented casts, and skilled filmmakers at the helm, these films are expected to create waves at the box office and ignite the imaginations of moviegoers around the country.

'Kalyug' To 'Loot Case': A Look At Birthday Boy Kunal Kemmu's Best On-Screen Performances

Actor Kunal Kemmu is known as one of the most versatile actors. From playing the lead in Madhur Bhandarkar's drama film 'Traffic Signal' to the comic role of Laxman in Rohit Shetty's 'Golmaal' franchise, he has entertained the audience with his amazing performances. As the actor turns a year older today, take a look at his top five performances showcasing his best roles to date. **1. Kunal in 'Kalyug':** Kunal's role in the film 'Kalyug' demonstrated his ability to tackle serious and dramatic roles. He played the character of a troubled young man entangled in the dark world of pornography. Kunal's performance in this intense role was applauded for its emotional depth and the way he effectively portrayed the internal struggles faced by his character. The film also starred Emraan Hashmi in the lead role. **QuillBot** **2. Laxman in 'Golmaal':** He showcased his versatility as an artist by portraying the character of Laxman in director Rohit Shetty's 'Golmaal' series. In this comedic role, he brought a unique blend of humour, charm, and innocence, making Laxman a beloved character among fans. Kunal's impeccable comic timing and ability to effortlessly deliver jokes added to the success of his performance. He was a part of 'Golmaal 3' and 'Golmaal Again'. **3. Michael in 'Malang':** Kunal's portrayal of Michael in the movie 'Malang' showcased his versatility and range as an actor. In this film, he portrayed a cop grappling with his inner demons and seeking justice. Kunal delivered a powerful and intense performance, capturing the complexities of his character with authenticity and conviction. Helmed by Mohit Suri, the film also starred Aditya Roy Kapur, Disha Patani and Anil Kapoor in the lead roles. **4. Hardik in 'Go Goa Gone':** Kunal's comic portrayal in the zombie action comedy film 'Go Goa Gone' received a lot of appreciation from the audiences. Helmed by director duo Raj and DK, the film was a big hit. 'Go Goa Gone' also starred Saif Ali Khan and Vir Das in the lead roles. **5. Nandan Kumar in 'Loot Case':** His role as Nandan Kumar in the comedy film 'Loot Case' highlighted his comedic prowess and ability to deliver nuanced performances. Playing a common man caught up in a series of chaotic events, Kunal showcased his impeccable comic timing and brought both humor and heart to the character. His portrayal of Nandan Kumar was lauded for its relatability and the way he effortlessly balanced comedy and emotions.

Kashimbazar Royal Palace: Mystery, myths and present day realities

Saikat Kumar Basu



James Forbes, Superintendent of the Calcutta Mint, owned this beautiful one-storied house built on 20 bighas of land. Raja Harinath Nandi of the Kashimbazar royal family bought the land and the house from him. They built a second floor on top of the one-story building; but, the two-story architecture has nothing to do with the single-story architecture. Among the traditional zamindar houses of Calcutta, this house has no Thakur Dalan. Three multi-storied buildings have been constructed by destroying the once huge garden and small hills, a beautiful spiral lake with an island in the middle and two ghats to the east of the house. The land adjacent to the house on the south side also has a very tall multi-storied building left

unfinished due to various reasons. The land of the present ESI Hospital to the north of the house and is the land of the present Maharani Swarnamoyi Road further north were also included in the land of this house. In this part were the outhouses of the palace and horse stables. Right after that, the zamindarbari of Taki started. The two pillars of the main gate of the house had a beautiful seating arrangement. As the circular road became progressively higher, only the part of the seating that was used to push the seats survives today. Garbage trains used to run near this main gate. A little to the north was a railway station. There was also a theatre stage inside the Kasimbazar Rajbari, that has vanished over time. I have seen this building while passing by several times, but has no idea who lives there and who is the owner however, while taking the picture; while standing on public ground way

outside the Rajbari complex, the security guards, howled and barked at me to prevent me from taking any pictures of the building. Most of the time I do see porters and labourers coming in and out of this complex on trucks and tempos without any restrictions or questions asked pooping and peeing inside the heritage complex with impunity. But taking a picture is an unspeakable crime! I didn't even venture inside the complex or loiter or litter around or do any nuisance, taking a picture of a heritage building from outside the designated complex and gate resulted in such a fiery encounter. I wonder if anyone would have by mistake moved to see or enquire about the heritage building; he or she would be physically mishandled or molested by the arrogant and uncivilized members of the Raj in today's Kolkata! There is some sort of never ending, slow construction going

inside with big abandoned buildings around scattered with rented stores facilities. I had to teach the guards a lesson to take these pics outside from the complex. If anyone knows the owner,

coloured building with a nice garden and a small pond at the front. I was just attracted to that but the way I was being heckled was astonishing as if you are stealing something precious from this

has still not being able to realize that this is PRESENT day India with 75 years post independence; and zamindari system has been abolished. It seems the rights and privileges still loom

the government through ordinance and make them open to general public or build library, hospital or use them for public education and entertainment by transforming them into museums or art galleries or just restore them as heritage buildings rather than keeping them within closed door with suspicious activities. Construction inside heritage places are a wishy washy action, as by law heritage buildings constitute the part of the socio-cultural history of a place and can't be altered, modified, reconstructed or used in ways inappropriate to the cultural and heritage value of that specific site, heritage buildings or their adjoining campuses or archaeological sites. But all is ok under the divine sleeping eyes of the lawmakers as long as some hot silver tonic has been secretly provided. The Pareshnath Jain temple is closed to non Jains, does

anyone know that? In the new millennium in our city, we have such organizations and institutes running a mess with no public or government protest with such unacceptable discriminatory attitudes! If the public has NO right to visit places within our own city, that has heritage value; then such buildings should be permanently closed with appropriate notice served. No maintenance and facility should be provided by the corporation to these institutions as these are tax payer's money and not for charity services to undeserving people and institutes. I humbly request all to protest against such arrogant, uncivilized, poorly trained and derogatory colonial attitude of staff members of heritage buildings and their 'untouchable' and/or 'unquestionable', 'behind the curtain' royal patronage and flag bearers!

Kolkata, West Bengal India



please ask them why such secrecy is practised here? The whole place is rundown with zero management or any care being taken for quite sometime, other than this central pink

abandoned place. I had a similar experience while photographing Marble Palace premises outside their designated fence area. It seems the so called 'Babus' of the PAST

large in the mind of the so called owners and their uncivilized staff members in charge of these heritage buildings! These heritage building should be taken over by force by

Beauty Essentials for Your Holiday



Heading off somewhere cool? Lucky you
It's now the time of year when parents are consulting their child's schools on specific dates for summer holidays for chalking out travel plans with family and friends. It is always exciting to head out to outstation trips with a lot of fun and capturing some nice moments. Travelling might be good for the soul but sadly it isn't always as good for your skin or hair. In fact, neglecting your usual beauty routine and spending time in different climates can very quickly undo all the hard work and time you spend looking after yourself at home. Many of us are looking fabulous places to make most of vacations in child friendly destinations to enjoy pleasant

climate and natural splendours in hills or at beaches to get respite from scorching heat. Be it relaxing or adventurous trips to cool; Himalayan states or popular sea beaches, in the excitement of planning our vacations, we often ignore the essential care our skin and hair need during changing environment. Tanning, rough skin and other skin and hair problems can cause great discomfort when you are travelling during summers. Want to look beautiful throughout this summer holiday, without making much effort? Just follow these simple and easy herbal tips for radiant skin and shining hairs to make your holiday even sweeter. Travelling light is an advantage, so you need items that are compact and portable. Get yourself a spacious shoulder bag and two small, plastic lined cases, for your toilet and make-up. Your beauty aids should be

within easy reach, so that you can freshen up your make-up and alight from your journey looking well groomed. Have your waxing done just before you leave for your holiday. A short hairdo that you can just brush and arrange would be good, while for long hair, take along headband and hair clips, to keep your hair tidy. Remember to take a scarf along to protect your hair from over-exposure to the sun, as well as from wind and dust. You will need it if you are out motoring, boating or even walking by the seaside or hills. If you are holidaying in a big city and expect to meet people, you will need a few good clothes and accessories, for dining out. Take a few in-between outfits that are neither too casual, nor too dressy. You will also need make-up cosmetics for the night. The lighting at night demands more colour, so include darker shades of lipstick, blush-on, eye-shadow and mascara. A hair-piece

can provide instant glamour. Don't forget to take your perfume, one or two good accessories and a neutral evening purse that goes with your dressy outfits. These will help to add the finishing touches. If you are planning a sightseeing trip, or a vacation by the sea or mountains, the emphasis will be on comfort. Casual wrinkle-free clothes, light weight shoes and sunglasses will be needed. On a vacation, one probably needs to carry more skin care cosmetics and fewer make-up aids. An

anti-tan broad spectrum sunscreen or sun block would be good. The effects of sun exposure are greater by the waterside, or near snow, because water and snow are reflective surfaces. Apart from sunscreen, you need skin and hair care essentials, like cleanser, moisturizer, leave-on conditioner and hair serum. For your make-up, carry powder compact, eye-pencil, kaajal stick and lipsticks that are suitable for day wear. Perhaps, a lip gloss will do. By the beach, you need make up products that are

"waterproof" or "long lasting" and provide a matte finish. You will also need pressed powder (compact) and powder blush-on. Remember to take a few tissues. If you have oily skin, or the weather is hot and humid, pre-moistened tissues are what you need. Carry them in your handbag when you go out, to clean and refresh your skin. Apart from these, take a deodorant and talcum powder. Listen Girls, it shouldn't hurt when you smile. A sudden dip in the temperature

can make your lips dry and chapped. A hot and humid atmosphere will dehydrate your lips. A lip balm is a must in such cases. Carry one with Vitamin E extracts and an SPF to protect your lips from damage. In fact, forgo a lipstick completely and simply opt for a tinted lip balm to colour up AND nourish your pucker all in one swipe. When exposed to too much sunlight, the UVA and UVB rays can strip moisture from the hair and damage the hair's protein and cuticle, resulting in dry/brittle ends, frizziness, split ends, discolouration or even thinning. Wearing a hat may seem like a sensible solution, but it's not the only thing you can do to protect your hair from sun damage. The constant exposure to sun, humidity and salty water can leave your hair really damaged and frizzy. But you can easily prevent this. A hair serum provides incredible protection against humidity and frizz, leaving your hair soft,

healthy and manageable. Always carry extra hair clips, hair bands or rubbers etc in a small pouch so that you can make style or tie them up when going for sight-seeing. No holiday is safe without adequate sun protection. Sunscreen is always my priority when I travel to the beach. The higher the SPF the better sun protection it gives. If you are planning to stay in the sun for long that SPF 50 sunscreen is an option to carry along. A sunscreen spray is a smart choice because is super-easy to apply to those hard to reach areas and doesn't require rubbing in. A holiday can be most refreshing and renewing. There is nothing more enjoyable than getting away from daily mundane living and unwind. If you have taken care of your travel essentials, all you have to do is relax and enjoy your holiday!

The author is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India





The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu visits the exhibition at Khunti, in Jharkhand

IIT Kharagpur Researchers Aid to Green Construction to Reduce Global Warming

Kolkata: Climate change and green and sustainable growth have found top most importance in India's G20 presidency this year. Not only India, but all the leading economies have spoken in one voice on it. To revolutionise green construction, a team from IIT Kharagpur, Department of Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering, led by Prof. T.K Bhattacharyya, Scientist Dr. Jhimli Manna, Shri Ayan Chatterjee, and Dr. Debmallicka Das developed and patented a nano-engineered Graphene derivative to reduce clinker factor from cement as well as concrete which can save the CO2 emission upto 25% annually. In addition, it will help to reduce the cost of cement production by approximately 2000 crore INR annually for the leading cement

manufacturers whose annual production volume is 120 million tons. This is mainly achieved by reducing the cost incurred due to clinker production and energy consumption, with an added advantage of green taxation. Cement Industry is the second major contributor of CO2 emission [8%] which leads to global warming with more than 4.4 billion tons produced every year, a number that is expected to grow to 5.5 billion by 2050. This is due to the clinker production which is the main component of strength for cement. But we cannot essentially remove the clinker as lower clinker means lower strength. Hence the major challenge in developing green cement for all cement companies across the globe lies in reducing the clinker without compromising the strength of cement. Nano-engineered

Graphene derivative contains a unique product fingerprint which helps in physical removal of clinker, enhancing strength by 25%. It also reduces water to cement ratio leading to water conservation especially beneficial for water starved areas. The product can be easily produced in large scale, hence can be seamlessly integrated into the existing industrial process flow, downsizing energy consumption. The nanoengineered graphene reinforced cement and concrete reduces crack propagation, enhances durability and resilience with lesser curing time without disrupting the current operating process. It can cater to the need of PPC, OPC, and slag based cement industries. The researchers have successfully reduced clinker in industrial setting by up to 25% without compromising strength.

"The CO2 emission during cement production increases steeply by 1.8% per year during 2015-2020. In this scenario, we must decarbonise its production to reduce the carbon footprint for a greener future and meet the commitment to deliver Netzero emission by 2050. Almost all the national and international cement producing giants have focused their efforts in developing green cement using different strategies. A few of them have used clinker reduction strategies but till date none of them have declared a cement composition with physically reduced clinker which is the need of the hour. In this scenario, this technology is a breakthrough in revolutionising green construction," remarked Prof. T K Bhattacharyya, the professor at Department of Electronics and

Electrical Communication Engineering and head, Advanced Technology Development Centre, IIT Kharagpur. The production of cement is the most carbon-intensive part which involves using fossil fuels to heat a mixture of limestone and clay to more than 1,400 °C in a kiln. When limestone (calcium carbonate) is heated, roughly 600 kilograms of carbon dioxide is released for every ton of cement produced. The product has already been validated from two places. First, it is tested in a laboratory at the Civil Engineering Department at IIT Kharagpur and then MVP has been validated at the industrial testing laboratories of one of the major cement producing companies. A patent has also been filed and published.

Braithwaite: A Transformative Journey towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

Kolkata, (ADVAITA SETH): Established in Kolkata in 1913, Braithwaite has a rich history in the manufacturing sector. After being nationalized in 1976 as a wholly owned Government of India Undertaking, the company currently operates under the administrative control of the Ministry of Railways. Over the

in consistent performance growth since 2018-19, even amidst the pandemic. In the last five years, Braithwaite has achieved significant milestones and breakthroughs. It surpassed all major physical and financial parameters, achieving its best-ever annual figures in 2022-23. The company's credit ratings were upgraded five-fold,

class welding training centre, and implementation of employee welfare measures have enhanced its operational capabilities and motivated stakeholders. Braithwaite's success can be attributed to key factors. Effective working capital management, support from the Ministry of Railways, improved



years, Braithwaite has expanded its product range to include railway wagons, repairs and retrofitting of old wagons, structural steel bridges, wagon components, and more. It has also ventured into container manufacturing and redevelopment of railway stations, aligning with the government's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative and embracing new business opportunities. Despite facing challenges in the past, Braithwaite under the able leadership of Mr. Yatish Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director underwent a remarkable transformation in recent years. Previously under the purview of the BIFR/BRPSE from 1992 to 2006, the company shifted its revenue generation strategy from core manufacturing to the service sector and new verticals. This change in leadership propelled Braithwaite towards expansion and development, resulting

and it was declared a Prototype Hub by the government, leading to the development of new design wagons. Venturing into the service sector by providing wagon repairing services across India and diversifying into various business verticals contributed to increased business volume. Braithwaite successfully entered the container manufacturing business, aligned with the government's vision of self-reliance. The company's achievements have been recognized through numerous awards, including the ASSOCHAM 2022-23 "Best in Class Design for Manufacturability and New Product Development" and the CII & EY 2022-23 "12th PSE Awards in Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability." Braithwaite's focus on infrastructure development, establishment of a world-

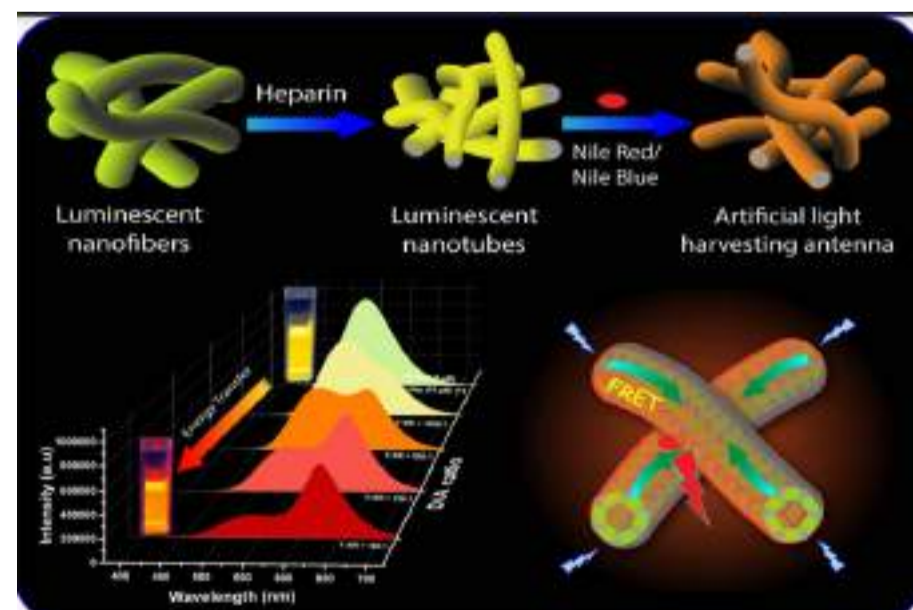
vendor and inventory management, diversification of the product base, employee/stakeholder support, and technological advancements have all played crucial roles in the company's turnaround. Under the guidance of a dynamic leader and proactive management, Braithwaite has demonstrated remarkable business acumen and decision-making capabilities. Braithwaite's journey reflects its commitment to growth, diversification, and self-reliance. The positive changes within the organization have generated confidence among employees and stakeholders, paving the way for a prosperous future. With its strategic initiatives and continued focus on innovation and excellence, Braithwaite is poised to make a significant impact in the manufacturing and service sectors, contributing to the nation's progress.

Scientists Develop new Method of Harvesting Artificial Light Using Organic Nanotubes, which can be Utilised in Solar Cells

Kolkata: Inspired by the natural photosynthetic systems, researchers and scientists have developed a new method of harvesting artificial light using organic nanotubes, which can be utilized in solar cells, photocatalysis, optical sensors, and tunable multi-colour light-emitting materials. In nature, plants and photosynthetic bacteria capture sunlight and deliver it to the reaction centre through a cascade of energy and electron transfer steps for its eventual storage in the form of chemical energy. The antenna chromophores in the light-harvesting complexes are precisely aligned into arrays by the surrounding proteins, which in turn allow the

energy migration between them in a highly efficient manner. Mimicking natural photosynthetic systems and understanding the fundamental processes of energy transfer has gained enormous interest in recent years, especially for systems that need energy conversion and storage. Towards this end, Dr. Supratim Banerjee of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Kolkata, an autonomous Institute under the Union Ministry of Education, and Dr. Suman Chakrabarty from S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata, an autonomous institute of Department of Science and

Technology (DST) carried out experimental and computational investigations on artificial light-harvesting in organic nanotubes derived from the union of an organic fluorescent molecule and a therapeutically important biopolymer. The former is an amphiphilic cationic molecule called cyano stilbenes (an organic molecule with fluorescent properties that are known to exhibit enhanced emission in their aggregated state) and the latter is an anionic therapeutically important bio-polymer called heparin (used as an anti-coagulant-during-surgery-and-in-post-operative-treatments) in aqueous media.



In the presence of heparin, the cationic cyano stilbenes employed in this study formed nanotubes with bright greenish-yellow emission through an electrostatically driven co-assembly process. Just like the antenna chromophores or pigmented (coloured) membrane-associated

vesicles used to perform photosynthesis in bacteria, the nanotubes acted as highly efficient energy donors (antennae) in a system that mimicked the natural photosynthetic process. They donated energy to acceptor dyes such as Nile Red and Nile Blue, resulting in

emission colour tuning from initial greenish-yellow to orange-red, including white light. The energy transfer phenomenon demonstrated in this study is known as FRET (Förster resonance energy transfer), which has significant importance in different applications such as the

determination of DNA/RNA structures, mapping biological membranes, real-time PCR tests, and so on. In the study published in Chemical Science, the flagship journal of the Royal Society of Chemistry, the formation of the nanotubes was investigated by employing absorption and fluorescence spectroscopy, transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy (FLIM) studies. Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulation studies demonstrated that the cyano stilbene molecules formed cylindrical structures in the presence of heparin. The local molecular level interactions and packing of the cyano stilbene chromophores that led to the formation of one-

dimensional nanostructures were also visualised and quantified through the simulation studies. Due to the temperature responsiveness of the FRET process in these systems, they were further employed as ratiometric emission thermometers (that sense temperature based on the variation in emission intensity at two different wavelengths) in the temperature ranging between 20 & 90 °C and this highlighted a practical application of these artificial light-harvesting systems. The researchers thus opine, the future is moving towards the conversion of solar energy for storage as chemical or electrical energy and the process of energy transfer is a key factor for such applications.

12K CR DMF Funds Utilized

Bhubaneswar: For bringing in sustained social and infrastructural development of mineral-rich regions, the DMF (District Mineral Fund) and OMBADC (Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation) funds have been used in crucial sectors, benefitting the persons in areas affected by mining related operations.

As of Financial year 2022-23, Rs.12,792 crores have been utilised from DMF for activities like drinking water supply, health care, education, livelihood opportunities, physical infrastructure, irrigation etc. for the welfare and benefit of the mining affected people and

areas, Planning & Convergence Minister Rajendra Dholakia said here on Thursday.

The DMF fund has been pivotal in supplementing the State's efforts in construction of notable infrastructure namely the 500 bedded Medical College and Hospital in Keonjhar, providing artificial limbs (Prosthesis and Orthosis) and setting up Advance Rehabilitation Centre (ARC) in Angul, Sukinda Mega Lift irrigation project in Jajpur to name a few, he said.

Shri Dholakia said the State's economy has been growing at an accelerated pace, outpacing the national economy. The size of the economy has expanded nearly fifteen

times since the year 2000-01, reflecting impressive economic progress. There has been a significant reduction in the gap between state per capita income and national per capita income.

To address regional disparities, the budget for Western Odisha was enhanced significantly through Western Odisha Development Council (WODC). The annual budget of WODC has been enhanced over the years- from Rs. 100 crores in FY 2008-09 to Rs. 200 crores in FY 2021-22 and now to Rs 325 crores in FY 2023-24, he pointed out.

WODC funds are used for creation of essential community

infrastructure related to different sectors: E c o t o u r i s m , auditoriums, handloom malls, etc. About 1600 community centres-cum-Kalyan Mandap under 'M u k y a m a n t r i Sabhaghar' are being created through WODC. To accelerate economic growth in the erstwhile undivided KBK (Kalahandi, Koraput & Balangir) region, since 2007-08, an amount of Rs 120 crores is being allotted annually under the Biju KBK Plan. A total amount of Rs.1940 crore has been allocated till FY 2022-23 to the eight KBK districts resulting in improvement in infrastructure, the Minister said.

To bridge the demand for

critical and emerging infrastructure needs, the 'Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme for KBK districts' has been introduced with an outlay of Rs.130 crores per annum from 2017-18. Since inception till FY 2022-23, Rs 639.06 crore has been allotted to different departments for different infrastructural works.

Similarly, under the Biju Kandhamal 'O' Gajapati Yojana, an amount of Rs 400 crores has been allocated till FY 2022-23 for the growth of the two districts.

For the development in 'Swabhimana Anchala', the Chief Minister in 2018 inaugurated the Gurupriya Setu,

connecting the long isolated 'Swabhimana Anchala', consisting of 151 cut-off villages in 9 Gram Panchayats of Chitrakonda Block in Malkangiri District, to the mainland.

Under SETU (Socio-economic Upliftment and Transformation) scheme, a total outlay of Rs. 230.28 crore till FY 2022-23, has been made. Projects to enhance livelihoods like procurement and release of 5 crore fingerlings in Balimela reservoir, cultivation of turmeric and subsequent marketing, initiating integrated farming as well as projects related to road connectivity, lift irrigation, electrification continues to be

undertaken to bring the region at par with the rest of the State, he said.

To provide dedicated handholding support to backward districts, the State is bringing in strategic initiatives through the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).

With an objective of expediting the transformation of 'Behind-the-curve' districts, 10 Districts of Odisha were selected as Aspirational Districts. Over the years, through the convergence of government programmes and schemes, these 10 districts have now grown on various economic d e v e l o p m e n t a l p a r a m e t e r s . Cumulatively, all the

Aspirational Districts of the State have won award money totaling to Rs 104 crores, which in turn have been used by the districts in funding initiatives across sectors like health, education and livelihood.

Filling the gaps in c o m m u n i t y infrastructure, the 'M u k y a m a n t r i Swatantra Sahayata' scheme has been pivotal in setting up critical amenities for education such as e-libraries, IT Labs, science labs, and smart classrooms; to enhance tourist footfall by revamping existing places of worship like Biraja temple in Jajpur, Tara Tarini temple in Ganjam etc.

4G cover for 140 remote pockets of Sundargarh by January 2024: DoT



ROURKELA: In a significant development, the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has set a target to launch 4G services in 140 remote pockets of the tribal-dominated Sundargarh district by January next year. At least 140 towers will be installed under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) of the DoT and public sector telecom operator BSNL would provide the services and maintain the infrastructure.

The move aims at enabling high-speed internet access and other 4G services to the neglected rural population as part of the Digital India programme. The initiative aims to ensure digital access, inclusion and empowerment besides bridging the digital divide in the country. Incidentally, Rourkela city and rest of the district are getting 2G and 3G networks of the BSNL. However, the public sector telecom operator is often found struggling to provide

steady 3G connection. Rourkela-based general manager, telecom district of BSNL RK Chandrakar said following a survey, it was found that 140 remote villages of Sundargarh do not have access to mobile network, not even of private operators. These targeted areas are low on revenue generation and with private operators unwilling to spend, the DoT decided to set up 140 4G towers under the USOF. Chandrakar further

said the district administration went the extra mile to provide the required land at cheap price to set up telecom infrastructure. Work on setting up mobile towers and battery power plants along with optical cable laying will start shortly. Asked about the possibility of upgradation of the existing 2G and 3G services of BSNL to 4G in the district, Chandrakar said the BSNL would subsequently go for upgradation from its own resources. In absence of mobile and internet connectivity, major part of the mineral-bearing areas including Hemgir, Koida, Lahunipada, Rajgangpur and Kuanrunda along with remote pockets of other blocks in Sundargarh continue to be deprived of digital services of the government.

Maoists Kill Man Over Police Informer Suspicion In Odisha's Nabarangpur

Nabarangpur: Resorting to violent act yet again, Maoists allegedly killed a man on the suspicion of police informer at Khalepara village under Raighar block of Odisha's Nabarangpur district, last night. The deceased was identified as Chandan Mallick (42). According to reports, more than 25 Maoists reached the village at around 9 pm and took



Chandan to a nearby field from his house. The extremists tied his hands with a rope and thrashed him mercilessly. The ultras left posters at

the place mentioning that Nabarangpur SP, Chhattisgarh Police and Intelligence Department were responsible for the death.

The Maoists further mentioned in the posters that Chandan was informing police about their movement and presence for which he was earlier warned by them at a 'Jan Adalat'. As he continued to help the police despite the warning, he was given death punishment, the poster read. Raighar police have started an investigation into the incident.


Ideal Woman Sailabala Mohanty is no more

Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Cuttack Dist locality of Netaji Nagar Press Chhak eminent journalist Bhakti, poet Bhusan Mohanty's mother & great freedom fighter, retired DSP Late Nityananda Mohanty's Wife Pious Lady, mistaa B h a a s h e e , k i n d -hearted, ideal lady Sailabala Mohanty (89) passed away. For his death local people, some social & cultural organization paid condolences. For her demise leading Cultural



Mangal Club, Muhana Sahitya Sansad Mumbai, Utkal Youth Trust Bangalore, Adarsh Yuva Sangh Bharat, Netaji Subhash Smruti Smruti Parisad 42 mouza, Ananda Nrusiha Smruti Sansad 42 Mouza, Bishnupriya Charitable Trust Orissa (BCT) team Natyakar Ashok Pattanik, Er. Ashok Blswal, Er. Prakash Sethi, 42 Mouza Jadab Mahasabha president Bulei Behera, Narayan Mohanty, Saty Ranjan Barik, Poet Prafulla

Das, Odisha Mo Parivar-Jeevan Bindu Jajpur district coordinator Er. Bimal Chandra Das, renowned teacher and blood donor hero Suraj Behera, Er. Sevak Srikanth offers there shradhanjali to the departed soul. Dead body was done in Parikrama around the locality area and dead body sanskar done as per Hindu religion at Swargadwar Puri. Elder son Bidyabhusan conducts cremation ceremony as Mukhagni traditionally.



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Modicare Limited launches Blue Light Shield range under its color cosmetics brand, Urban Color London

New Delhi: Modicare Limited, one of India's leading direct selling companies, recently launched Blue Light Shield, a gender-neutral and efficacious skincare range to combat the harmful effects of Blue Light rays. Owing to the pandemic and the work-from-home culture, the average screen-time has significantly increased, raising concern over Blue Light rays' adverse effects on the skin. Since it has the ability to penetrate deeper into the skin, excess exposure to Blue Light rays can lead to a number of skin concerns, including premature ageing and hyper-pigmentation. Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range leverages innovation and technology to offer the

consumers a 'Screenguard' against the high energy Blue Light emitted from digital devices and provides modern day solution to the new-age skin concerns. The range comprises of a meticulously designed five-step regime—Gentle Face Wash, Resurfacing Gel Scrub, Deep Clean Coffee Masque, Reset Serum Oil and Moisturising Crème. The products have been formulated using Urban Color London's proprietary technology that neutralises effects of Blue Light rays. The hero ingredient in the range is Carotolino* Active, a combination of Beta-Carotene, Carrot Root Extract and Carrot Seed Oil that unite in a perfect base to provide complete protection

from Blue Light rays and promoting overall skin health. The range is 100% vegan, paraben & cruelty free and dermatologically tested. Announcing the launch, Mr. Samir Modi, Founder and Managing Director, Modicare Limited said, "Our skin is constantly exposed to invisible Blue Light rays emitted from the several digital devices we use like smartphones, laptops, televisions, tablets etc. Most of us do not even know the implications of this. Blue Light tends to affect our skin's natural barrier function and accelerate signs of ageing. Keeping this in mind, we are launching Urban Color London's Blue Light Shield range. This is one of the world's best formulations.

Students from Vedanta Aluminium's archery training program qualify for national Khel Mahotsav

Lanjigarh: Students of archery training program by Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, India's premier producer of metallurgical grade alumina, have qualified for the upcoming Khel Mahotsav. The students—Sanjay Majhi and Bikram Majhi, will be participating in the national-level tournament, being organised by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Youth & Sports Department, Government of Odisha. Hailing from Lanjigarh Block in Kalahandi district, both the students have been training under Vedanta's archery program for 2 years now and will be

representing the State for the third time in a row. Sports being integral to holistic development of the youth, Vedanta Aluminium is providing youngsters from local communities with the required infrastructure and training to pursue their passion. Parallely, it is also building the ecosystem for increasing representation from rural communities in the national sporting arena. The company has been promoting grassroots sports in Kalahandi, with their archery training program producing several State and National champions over the years. In 2022, the students from the program participated in 75 State-level and 15 National-level competitions, bagging over 35 medals across various tournaments.

Speaking on Vedanta's sports initiatives, Mr GG Pal, Dy. CEO - Alumina Business, Vedanta Limited, said, "Through our unwavering commitment to promoting grassroots sports, Vedanta Ltd., Lanjigarh has cultivated a legacy of producing champions in sports such as archery and karate. We believe that sports not only instil discipline and foster physical fitness but also nurtures invaluable qualities like perseverance, teamwork, and resilience. Harnessing the power of sports to uplift communities and empower individuals, we aim to support them in their journey to becoming future champions, both on and off the field." Appreciating Vedanta's sports initiative, Mr.

Jagmohan Patnaik, President - Odisha Olympics Association and General Secretary - Kalahandi District Athletic Association, said, "I would like to congratulate Sanjay Majhi and Bikram Majhi on behalf of Kalahandi District Athletics Association (KDAA), who will represent Odisha at the Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav. In the past few years, we have seen a splendid performance from the children trained under Vedanta's archery training program, bagging medals both at the State and National level. This also shows the rich heritage of Kalahandi in sports. It is indeed a proud moment for all of us and I wish them all the luck. Further I also congratulate Vedanta for promoting grassroots sports in Kalahandi."

Vedanta Lanjigarh runs several community development programs within the domain of sports, with the dual objective of holistic development of rural youth and increasing rural communities' participation in the national sporting arena. At present, over 40 students are undergoing training in archery and 60 students in karate at the SSD High School, Lanjigarh, supported by Vedanta. The company has provided them with quality equipment, professional coaches, scheduled training programs, and supports them for participating in various competitions.

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this collaboration, the two brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & CEO, Axis Bank,

where they unveiled a special SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub. Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption

of earned points does not have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make every customer journey an even more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹39 per Equity Share to ₹42 per Equity Share of face of ₹10 each. Bids can be made for a minimum of 350 Equity Shares and in multiples of 350 Equity Shares thereafter.

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PARADEEP PHOSPHATES LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN

Mumbai: Paradeep Phosphates Limited (The "Company") to open its initial public offering (the "Offer") on May 17, 2022. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, May 13, 2022.

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million (The "Fresh Issue") and (ii) Offer for Sale up to 118,507,493 equity shares by Promoter Selling Shareholders and GoI Selling Shareholder (The "Offer for Sale").

The Company intends to utilise net proceeds from fresh issue towards (i) Part-financing the acquisition of the Goa Facility; (ii) Repayment/prepayment of certain of our borrowings; and (iii) General corporate purposes. The offer for sale comprises of up to 6,018,493 equity shares by Zuari Maroc Phosphates Private Limited and up to 112,489,000 equity shares by The President

of India, acting through the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. (The "Promoter Selling Shareholders" and GoI Selling Shareholder)

The Equity Shares offered in this Offer are proposed to be listed on both BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges").

Axis Capital Limited, ICI Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the Offer.

JSW Infrastructure begins commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Terminal in Odisha

Paradip/ Bhubaneswar : JSW Infrastructure, India's leading ports company and part of US\$ 13 billion JSW Group, has begun commercial operations at Paradip East Quay Coal Terminal in Odisha. This is a fully-mechanized terminal at Paradip Port Trust with an annual coal handling capacity of 30 million tons. The coal terminal has been built as a cape compliant terminal and will handle capsize vessels once the dredging at Paradip Port is completed. The terminal has capacity to unload 25 rakes per day and can load two vessels simultaneously. The infrastructure of the terminal is built to ensure higher productivity while reducing overall logistics

cost to power producers. The company has invested approximately Rs 1,300 crore to establish this terminal at Paradip Port. Paradip Port Trust awarded JSW Infrastructure to develop a fully-mechanized coal terminal on Build, Operate & Transfer basis for 30 years. Following the commissioning of this coal terminal, JSW Infrastructure's current cargo capacity crosses 150 MTPA. It aims to have a total cargo handling capacity of 200 MTPA by FY24.

Commenting on its coal terminal at Paradip, Mr Arun Maheshwari, Joint MD & CEO of JSW Infrastructure said, "Paradip Port continues to be an attractive sea route for coal movement. With the

commissioning of this terminal, India can now offer cape size shipments with efficient operations. During the last few months, steam coal prices globally have witnessed sharp increase forcing thermal power plants and other coal based industry to switch to domestic coal. Start of this coal terminal has come at the right time to fill up the demand gap of domestic coal. Through high productivity and larger shipment size, we hope to reduce overall logistics costs for our coal cargo customers. As the country pursues PM's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the total thermal coal demand in India is expected to remain strong and our endeavor would be to maximize fulfilment by domestic producers.

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH INFY22

Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include: Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum

value to each one of our stakeholders." Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their

life goals and form the bedrock of our business model. The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period

of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."

Experian launches new cloud-based decisioning solution –PowerCurve® Strategy Management

MUMBAI: Experian, the world's leading global information services company, has launched a new PowerCurve® Strategy Management solution, a powerful decisioning solution delivered as software-as-a-service via cloud. The solution is designed to help organisations leverage data and make faster, secure, and informed business decisions.

PowerCurve® is a unified platform that helps businesses understand and leverage their data across the entire customer life cycle – be it acquisition, retention or growth – to make fast, efficient decisions that support their strategic goals. With the new solution, businesses will be able to swiftly adapt their decision-based strategies at lower operational cost

while harnessing the power of cloud. Neeraj Dhawan, Managing Director, Experian India, says: "Financial institutions in India are looking for more agile and scalable decisioning solutions. To fulfil their needs, we have come up with a comprehensive suite of solutions to help businesses make better decisions and stay one step ahead.

I enjoy it: Naveen-ul-Haq on the 'Kohli..Kohli' taunts

New Delhi: For the last 25 days, everywhere Naveen-ul-Haq has played, chants of 'Kohli, Kohli' have followed him. A heated exchange of words with the RCB stalwart during their fixture in Lucknow on May 1 kicked off a furore among fans across stadiums in India. They took it upon themselves to taunt the Afghanistan pacer every time he came on to bowl, bat or even field at the boundary line, and Wednesday was no different. Krunal Pandya bowled three overs of spin up front and got hammered by both Rohit Sharma and Ishan Kishan, setting up the mood for the crowd that came in big numbers to support the five-time champions. Krunal course-corrected and threw the ball to Naveen, sparking widespread chants of Kohli. For his fluent

start, even Rohit was being cheered on but the moment Naveen walked up to his run up, the crowd shifted. 'Kohli.. Kohli' resonated around the stadium even when Naveen ran in to bowl in the fourth over. On the second ball of that over, Naveen had Rohit Sharma caught at cover and responded to the taunting crowd with a pointed celebration of drowning the noise out with the gesture of putting two fingers in his ears. This back and forth jibing between the Chepauk crowd and Naveen became the theme of the first innings. "I enjoy it," Naveen said of the chanting. "I like that everybody in the ground is chanting his name, or any other player's name. It gives me passion to play well for my team." "I don't concentrate on the outside noise. I just



focus on my own cricket. It's not like if the crowd is chanting or anyone is saying something... it doesn't affect me. As professional sportsmen you have to take it in your stride. One day you

will not do your best for the team and these fans are going to give it to you. On another day, you'll do a special thing for your team and the same people are going to chant your name,"

Naveen added. Fans around the country may not want to see Naveen beyond his theatrics from that day, but the Afghanistan pacer has quietly had a fine season which he

finished off with 11 wickets - four of them coming on Wednesday. Even after LSG dismissed both openers inside the PowerPlay, MI flew with a stand between two of their best hitters in Cameron Green and Suryakumar Yadav. The pair smashed eight fours and three sixes in a 66-run partnership off 38 balls as Krunal struggled to place adequate fields to stop the leak. He soon turned to Naveen in the 11th over and reaped instant rewards once again. As both batters were confidently hitting through line on a surface that was occasionally assisting change of pace, Naveen unfurled two cutters - one leg, one off - to stop them in their tracks. The leg cutter bowled at 107.3 kmph worked against Suryakumar, who looked to loft one down the ground but didn't cover

for the lack of pace. The result was a miscue that had height but not the distance and was caught at long off. Green got one that turned the other way a touch and was even slower at 104.9 kmph and breached the big batter's defence to knock back the stumps. "You assess the conditions. You see the conditions, what they offer. I think the pitch was offering a bit of help," Naveen opined. "It wasn't like we were bowling 3-4 slower ones in an over but just to keep the batters guessing, you have to vary your pace and vary your line and length. It comes with T20, it's a fast format and you have to adjust quickly and be a step ahead of the batter." At the death, he had to deal with the left-handed pair of Tilak Varma and Nehal Wadhwa. In the 18th over, he looked to go full and outside the off-stump

against the pair and ended up bowling three wides to Varma. Yet he kept at it, and took the pace off once again (105.3 kmph) when the southpaw launched into it and hit it to Deepak Hooda at long-off. His spell of 4 for 38 kept LSG in the game at the halfway stage before their batting imploded against Akash Madhwal's five-wicket haul. Naveen yet walks away with a solid first season, which he hopes to learn from and return stronger. "To be honest, it [his season] was good. We could've done better as a team. Individual performances don't count. At the end of the day, our team goal was to win the trophy. My individual performance comes second. It was a good season for me, I learnt quite a few things from this IPL and hopefully [I'll] come back stronger," he said.

India bilateral rights: BCCI consults agencies over closed bids & e-auction



New Delhi: Closed bidding or e-auction? That is the question. And the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) officials are leaving no sinew unstrained to arrive at the right decision with regard to the media rights of India's bilateral cricket. Over the last one week, the BCCI mandarins have consulted five agencies over the way to go about selling the rights, purportedly for four years - for the 2023-27 cycle. Ernst & Young, a global

agency in assurance, consulting, strategy and transactions, and tax services, was one of the five. KPMG, similarly an agency with global footprints, the BCCI's association with which had resulted in a bumper deal for the IPL media rights, is also believed to have been consulted, although there was no immediate confirmation over this. Mumbai-based Group M, a media selling agency, has also been consulted. The main point of discussion/presentation

is whether to go for an e-auction or a closed bidding. The latter is thought to be the preferred choice at this stage, because of the projected value. In an auction, the ultimate price will be just about five per cent dearer (higher) than the second highest bidder but when there is a closed bidding, or a blind offer, the party keen to buy the rights may go all out, and the gulf between the second and winning bid is expected to be much larger. That happens to be the norm

with closed biddings. The other factor that could determine the process is the ever delayed merger of Sony and Zee networks. It was expected to be formalised by January 1, got postponed to April 1 and then the new date was projected at June 1. Now it is being said that the proposed merger could be complete only by August 1. The perception is if the two companies are merged then there would be three equally formidable parties bidding for the rights - Disney Star and Viacom 18 being the other two. In case of separate bids by Sony and Zee, the views are different. Opinions were also being sought in the packaging of the tender but the general view is that there may not be much work here and all that the BCCI can do is to separately sell the linear and digital rights. Star, the current holders, had won both rights last time in 2018 with a composite bid of Rs 6138 crore. The method adopted at the time was e-auction.

Warner remains in Australia's Ashes plans, insists Andrew McDonald

New Delhi: Australia head coach Andrew McDonald has insisted that David Warner remains in his plans for the forthcoming Ashes series. The 36-year-old has endured a lean run in the longest format of the game, recording just one 50-plus score in his last 15 visits to the crease, which incidentally was a double century at the last Boxing Day Test against South Africa.

He was picked in the squads for both the one-off World Test Championship final as well as the Ashes series against England that follows but chief selector George Bailey was non-committal on the veteran's first-choice status in the latter of the two assignments in the UK given it is the start of a new cycle for the team. Bailey and team did pick Marcus Harris as a reserve opener with Matt Renshaw another contender to join Usman Khawaja at the top of the order. McDonald though has opted to play down those alternatives for the time being, reiterating that



Warner remained very much central in the team's scheme to retain the urn. "We're optimistic with what Dave's got left, we picked him in the squad and we feel he's going to play a really significant part in the Ashes and the World Test Championship final," the head coach told SEN on Wednesday (May 24). "He's an important part of that squad. And if he wasn't, then we would have had a clear checkpoint (to pick a new squad) after the World Test Championship. That's not the case... He's clearly in our plans, and he's ready to go. We're in

constant contact with him. He knows exactly where he sits with us. That's why he's on the plane. We think he's got some good games left in him." Part of the reasons for the question marks over Warner was his record in the last Ashes when he repeatedly fell to Stuart Broad's around-the-wicket angle. McDonald pointed at the 2015 series in the UK when the opener passed 50 in each of the five Tests to reinstate his ability against the moving Duke's ball. "You can draw on some positive experiences in England in 2015... he was averaging mid-40s

[46.44]. He's had success there. It's not as though he hasn't had success in those conditions," said McDonald. "So we're backing him to draw on everything that he's got." "Leading into the Boxing Day Test, the doomsday people were out there then as well. He's still got plenty to draw upon. We saw early in the IPL a trend up in terms of his form there - he started slow, the doubters were out again around his game, and then he was able to rebound and respond." "He's in a good head space. I spoke to him as recently as yesterday, and he's ready to go. He's really excited to get back into the camp."

Brighton Hold Champions Manchester City To Draw, Secure UEFA Europa League Qualification

New Delhi: Julio Enciso's stunning long-range strike secured Brighton's qualification for the Europa League in a 1-1 draw with Manchester City on Wednesday. The Paraguay international unleashed an unstoppable effort from around 25 meters to even the score after Phil Foden had fired Premier League champion City ahead at Amex Stadium. A point means Brighton is guaranteed to finish sixth, its

highest-ever final position in English football's top flight. It marks an outstanding first season in charge for manager Roberto de Zerbi, who only took over from Graham Potter in September after the former Brighton boss left for Chelsea. "It's a fantastic goal, we achieved an incredible target," De Zerbi said. "Man City is the best team in the world. For us it was a very tough game. We deserve the point. We

deserve the Europa League." The club faced an uncertain future at the time but has gone on to flourish under the Italian, who also led the team to the semifinals of the FA Cup this season. Sixth place beats Brighton's previous highest finish of ninth, which it achieved under Potter last year. "You never know in the early part of the season what may happen when you hire a new coach,"



Brighton chairman Tony Bloom said. "Fortunately we hired the perfect man. The players have taken to him so magnificently. His motivational skills, tactical skills and

getting the best out of our players has been absolutely superb. The draw ended City's 12-game winning streak in the league, which had seen Pep

Guardiola's team overhaul long-time leader Arsenal at the top and win a fifth title six years. With a third league championship already wrapped up, City had little to play for other than improving its points total. "The game we played, 48 hours after we drank all the alcohol in Manchester, 48 hours later we behaved and we showed why we were the champions against that team," Guardiola joked in

reference to City's title celebrations on Sunday. Having rested a number of his star players against Chelsea on Sunday, Guardiola recalled Erling Haaland and Kevin De Bruyne to his starting lineup, with John Stones, Rodri, Ilkay Gundogan and Bernardo Silva also back. Haaland twice had chances to open the scoring before turning provider for Foden to put City ahead in the 25th

minute. At the other end, Danny Welbeck had already hit the crossbar with a free-kick. The equalizer came from Enciso and it was a strike worthy sending his team to the heights of the Europa League as he launched a right-footed shot into the top corner in the 38th. Haaland thought he had scored his 53rd goal of the season with a late header, but it was ruled out by VAR after he was adjudged to have pulled Levi Colwill's shirt beforehand.