

PRESIDENT OF INDIA ATTENDS CIVIC RECEPTION AT RAIRANGPUR

Bhubaneswar: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu attended the civic reception hosted in her honour by the Rairangpur Municipality at Rairangpur, Odisha today (May 4, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that she came to Mayurbhanj for the first time after assuming the office of the President but she often thinks of her village. Although she could not be there due to official responsibilities but her family members, neighbours and villagers, all are always in her heart. Recalling her journey, the President said that right from her



childhood, she had the urge to learn a lot. Though her father was not affluent but he wanted her to pursue higher studies. There were no resources at home, but there was will-power and when there is will-power, the way is automatically paved. She

paid respects to her teachers, neighbours and seniors who have always loved and supported her during her journey. The President said that after joining as an honorary teacher at Sri Aurobindo Integral School and Research Centre at Rairangpur, she

learnt a lot about Sri Aurobindo and he became a source of inspiration for her. She fondly remembered Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and referred to his famous poem in which he beseeched the God that he would not like to attain so much height



that he could not embrace his own people. Recalling her close bond with Rairangpur, the President said that whatever she is today it is because of Rairangpur. She may or may not bring repute to the place but she will never bring disrepute to Rairangpur.

The President said that as the Vice Chairperson of Rairangpur Municipality, she was given the responsibility to look after the cleanliness of Rairangpur. She said that although there was no Swachh Bharat Abhiyan then, she

worked for the cleanliness of Rairangpur. She expressed happiness that the people are contributing to the success of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Earlier in the day, the President inaugurated a 100 feet Flag Mast

hoisting the National Flag near Badabandha, Rairangpur. She also paid floral tributes before the statues of Shri Sunaram Soren, Pt. Raghunath Murmu, Shri Biju Patnaik and Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das at various places.

Odisha CM Sanctions Rs 10 Crore For Development Of Pandit Raghunath Murmu Memorial

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today sanctioned Rs 10 crore for development of Ol Chiki script inventor Guru Gomke Pandit Raghunath Murmu memorial. The Chief Minister approved the plan given by the district administration for the development of Pandit Raghunath Murmu memorial following 5T Secretary VK Pandian's recent visit to Mayurbhanj district. Accordingly, Rs 75 lakh will be spent for the development of Pandit Raghunath Murmu's Samadhi Peeth located at Dandbose - Kapi-Buru in Mayurbhanj district. Similarly, a meditation centre will also be set up there at a cost of Rs 75 lakh, a press release from Chief Minister's Office (CMO) stated today. Besides, there is a plan to spend Rs 3 crore for the development of boundary wall and connecting roads at Kapi-Buru, while Rs 2 crore will be spent for an auditorium and research centre. The district administration will spend Rs 1 crore on dormitory and other facilities for the convenience of tourists coming from there. Rs 70 lakh will be spent for the beautification and reception of Kapi-Buru. Rs 1 crore will be spent



on development of Dandbose, Bidu Chandan outdoor area and Marang-Ahara pond. Apart from this, it has been decided that Rs 80 lakh will be spent for drinking water and electrification. All the work will be completed by the Public Works Department under 5T programme. The Chief Minister has directed the administration to complete the work as soon as possible. On the instructions of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, 5T Secretary VK Pandian had recently visited Mayurbhanj district for two days on March 2. During his two-day programme, he had visited Pandit Raghunath Murmu memorial at Dandbose and also made his visit to the litterateur's residence in Baripada. During the meeting with people belonging to Santali community, he had promised that the State Government will take steps for development of memorial of Pandit Raghunath Murmu. He

advised the district administration to prepare a comprehensive plan accordingly. The contribution of Guru Gomke Pandit Raghunath Murmu to Santali society, its language and literature is well known. He had strengthened the cultural identity of Santali community by inventing Ol Chiki script. The Santali script is also recognized as a scientific literature. Pandit Murmu has created many timeless literature in Santali language using Ol Chiki script. He is remembered not only in Santali community but in Indian literature for his timeless literary works. His great contribution to Santali society has always made him revered. In memory of Pandit Raghunath Murmu, Odisha Government has named Baripada Medical College after him. In honor of Pandit Murmu's contribution to the Santali community, the state government has also declared Budhha Purnima, his birth anniversary, as a public holiday.

Probable Cyclone 'Mocha' May Head Towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coast: IMD-GFS Model

Bhubaneswar: While a cyclonic storm is likely to form over southeast Bay of Bengal around May 9, the IMD-GFS weather model indicated that the system may move towards Bangladesh-Myanmar coast, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its Tropical Weather Outlook issued today. The outlook further said that all models are indicating intensification of the system up to a very severe category storm. IMD GFS is indicating a Low Pressure Area (LPA) over southeast Bay of Bengal (BoB) around 7th May,



depression around 8th May and cyclonic storm around 9th May. It is indicating north-northwestwards movement till 10th May and northeastwards recurvature thereafter towards southeast Bangladesh and adjoining Myanmar coasts. Intensification up to very severe cyclonic

storm category is indicated, the outlook mentioned. ECMWF model is indicating an LPA over southeast BoB around 7th May, depression over southeast BoB and adjoining south Andaman Sea around 9th May with gradual north-northwestwards and

intensification into cyclonic storm around 10th May. It is indicating north-northeastwards recurvature from 11th May onwards towards Myanmar coast, the outlook said. All models are indicating intensification into a very severe category storm. However, there is large variation among various models today, with respect to track, the outlook added. Hence to conclude, a cyclonic circulation is likely to develop over southeast Bay of Bengal around 6th May. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over the same

region around 7th May. It is likely to concentrate into a depression over the same region on 8th May. Thereafter, there is a good possibility of its intensification into a cyclonic storm while moving nearly northwards towards central BoB, the outlook concluded. The system is under constant watch and being monitored regularly. The details of its path and intensification will be provided after the formation of low pressure area, said the IMD. The system will be named as Cyclone 'Mocha' if it becomes a cyclonic storm.

Amid Violence, Manipur Appoints Ex Paramilitary Head As Security Advisor

New Delhi: The Manipur government on Thursday appointed retired IPS officer and former CRPF chief Kuldiep Singh as its security advisor in view of the spiralling violence between tribals and the majority Meitei community in the state, sources said. They said Kuldiep Singh has reached Imphal. The Indian Police Service officer of the 1986 batch retired from service in September last year. He also



headed the National Investigation Agency (NIA), in an additional capacity, as its director

general. Clashes broke out in the state on Wednesday and they intensified

overnight with counter-attacks being mounted by rival communities in retaliation to earlier

attacks, after Naga and Kuki tribals organised a 'Tribal Solidarity March' to protest moves to give scheduled tribe status to the majority Meitei community. The state government on Thursday issued a 'shoot at sight' order in "extreme cases" to contain spiralling violence in the state between tribals and the majority Meitei community which has displaced over 9,000 people from their villages.

Two West Bengal tourists drown in Puri sea

New Delhi: In yet another mishap at the same Sector 13 near Swargadwar in Puri, two West Bengal tourists drowned while taking a bath in the sea on Thursday. While one of the deceased has

been identified as Arindam Das, the identity of another deceased is yet to be ascertained. Both were residents of the Hooghly area in West Bengal. According to a source, Das along with some

other tourists from his area was taking a bath in the sea at Sector 13 near Swargadwar when he and another person were swept away by a huge wave. The lifeguards immediately launched a rescue operation. Later,



they fished out their bodies. Earlier yesterday, two West Bengal tourists drowned while bathing in the sea at the same Sector 13, near Swargadwar. The deceased were Ranjan Das and his son, residents of the Howrah

area. Ranjan, his son, and three others were enjoying their bath in the sea when a huge tide came and swept three of them away. While the lifeguards managed to rescue one of them, the father-son duo went

missing. Later, their bodies washed ashore. They were immediately rescued and rushed to Puri district headquarters hospital (DHH) where the doctors declared them received dead.

President of India lays foundation stone for L&T Skill Training Hub in Odisha's Mayurbhanj

Mumbai: The Honorable President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, today laid the foundation stone for L&T Skill Training Hub at her hometown Pahadpur in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district. The event was attended by Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Honorable Governor of Odisha, Mrs Meena Subrahmanyam, President of Prayas Trust, an L&T-funded non-profit organisation, along with senior officials

of L&T and the Odisha-based non-profit SLS Trust. L&T has partnered with SLS Trust to establish the Skill Training Hub on five acres land for providing underprivileged youth from the region training in construction skills, and in turn, make them self-reliant. The Skill Training Hub will encompass an administrative-cum-institute building, multipurpose hall, e-learning hall, digital

training room, separate hostels of 120 each for boys and girls, dining halls, four practice yards for masonry, bar bending, plumbing and scaffolding trades, and a dedicated workshop for practicing pipe welding. As per the provisions of an MoU signed with SLS Trust, L&T will establish and run the Skill Training Hub for five years, and after this it will be taken over by SLS Trust. The handing

over process will start in the fourth year. Commenting on the initiative, Mrs Meena Subrahmanyam, President of Prayas Trust, an L&T-funded non-profit organisation said: "I am honoured to be present on this momentous occasion with the Honourable President of India. The Skill Training Hub is a great initiative towards skilling the youth of this remote region and we are confident that it will have a

positive impact on their lives. We thank the Honourable President and all the government officials for their support in setting off this noble project." Complementing her comment, Mrs Mabel Abraham, Joint General Manager - Corporate Social Initiatives, L&T, said: "We are committed to skilling the youth of India, and the Skill Training Hub at Pahadpur is a testament to that commitment. With L&T's expertise in

skilling, we are confident that the Hub will serve as a centre of excellence for learning, providing quality education and placement opportunities to the youth of this region." Training programmes at the Skill Training Hub will focus on masonry, bar bending, scaffolding, plumbing, pipe welding, and digital skills. Funded by L&T under its CSR initiatives, the project will cost around Rs 15 crore, which includes the operational expenses for four years.

Holding to her chest

Dwit David Philip

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A mum holding her kid to her chest
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Lord can you be my mother
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Odisha: SCB MCH doctors reattach severed forearm on woman

CUTTACK: Doctors of SCB Medical College and Hospital achieved a milestone by successfully re-implanting a chopped off forearm of a 48-year-old woman suffering from comorbidity. A team of seven doctors including plastic surgeons, anaesthesiologists and micro-vascular surgeons headed by Prof Arun Choudhury re-implanted the forearm through a complicated surgery which lasted at least eight hours at the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery department. The right forearm of Sukanti Mohanty of Guhalidhia within Tangi police limits in Cuttack district was chopped off by her nephew and others following a family feud on March 4, 2023 at 4 pm. She was rushed to SCB with the severed forearm and admitted to Plastic and Reconstructive



Surgery department the same day at around 5.20pm. "Sukanti is a heart and lung patient. The point of amputation bore 20 tendons and three important nerves. The team of doctors took up the challenge and successfully re-implanted the chopped off forearm by conjoining blood

vessels, nerves and tendons the same day," said Prof. Choudhury. While around five litre water, accumulated in her chest, was removed under the guidance of Prof MR Patnaik, Prof SN Routray provided necessary treatment for her heart ailment before the re-implantation.

As many as nine bottles of blood of AB+ve group were transfused to the patient to make up for loss of blood, informed Prof Choudhury. A sum of `10 lakh would have been spent if the re-implantation of the chopped off forearm was conducted at any private hospital and Sukanti, who availed the surgery at SCB free of cost, could not have borne the financial burden. She was kept under close observation after the surgery. After ensuring proper blood flow and sensation in the re-implanted forearm, she was discharged in the presence of SCB MCH superintendent Prof Sudhansu Mishra, administrative officer Abinash Rout, Dr B Mishra and Dr Asish Patnaik on Wednesday.

Ganapati Sishu Vidya Mandir Bamburi observed the 10th Annual function



Cuttack Sadar, (KCN) : Ganapati Sishu Vidya Mandir Bamburi belongs to Kandarpur GP Cuttack Sadar observed 10th Annual Day ceremony as inauguration by honorable secretary Shiksha Vikash Samiti Odisha Mr. Jogendra Natha Bastia. In this program chief guest Bigyani Guru Sri Santha, chief speaker Vidya Vikash Samiti Odisha president Dr. Ramesh

Chandra Das, guest of honour Sikhyabir Pravat Tripathy, Zilla Parishad No. 5 member social worker Pradipta Mhali, Sarpancha Kandarpur GP Subhasini Rout, Vidya Vikash Samiti Odisha vice president Suresh Chandra Panda, Sai Jyoti Gyan Mandir secretary Manas Kar were joined with delivered there valuable speech. The respected judges Sarbashree

Niranjan Praida, Abhaya K u m a r a Mohapatra, Trilochan Bhyan, Durga Prasad Parida, Bhikari Chran Behera joined with select best student in variety events respectively. Vidya Mandir principal Sahitika Umakanta Bhyan presided the meeting where Pradhan Guru Maa address to the invited guests & Guru Maa Bagdevi Sahoo read the

barshika bibirani. Ceremony conducted by Guruji Bijaya Bhusan Parida, Sonali Priada, Madhusmita Behera, Neha Naz, Masrat Nisha, Sunita Rout, Purnima Behera, Bhagaban Muduli, Rabindra Behera, Arakhita Bhoi, Kanchan Mallick and team. In the end of meeting Guru Maa Supriya Beura offering thanksgiving to all for their presence and make the program grand success.

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Bandaa: Manoj Bajpayee's Courtroom Drama's Motion Poster Unveiled, Trailer To be Out On May 8

Actor Manoj Bajpayee on Wednesday unveiled the motion poster of his upcoming courtroom drama film 'Bandaa'. Taking to Instagram, Manoj shared the poster which he captioned, "Get ready for the battle between Man vs Godman. Trailer coming out on 8th May. Stay tuned!" In the film, the actor plays the role of a lawyer in the movie who is obliged to bring the truth in front of the judge no matter hard are the conditions. Directed by Apoorv Singh Karki, the film is all set to stream on the OTT platform Zee5.



Talking about the film Suparn S Varma earlier said, "Bandaa tells a story of how a common man with honesty and integrity can take on the system when he has truth on his side. It's the story of how when the system works it works so well that justice cannot be denied, and it addresses a very important issue of faith. He also told how the movie will move people and make them think." Director Apoorv Singh Karki said, "Bandaa has everything in it - a hard-hitting story,

a calm and assertive actor like Manoj Bajpayee & a solid supporting cast." The movie featuring Manoj is based on a courtroom drama and is inspired by true events. 'Bandaa' is backed by Vinod Bhanushali's Bhanushali Studios Limited, Zee Studios and Suparn S Varma. Written by Deepak Kingrani 'Bandaa' is produced by Vinod Bhanushali, Kamlesh Bhanushali, Asif Sheikh and Vishal Gurnani and co-produced by Juhi Parekh Mehta. The release date for the movie is yet to be revealed.

Veteran Actor-Director Manobala Passes Away At 69; Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan Mourn Demise

Well-known Tamil actor-director Manobala died here on Wednesday following illness, film industry sources said. Condolences poured in for the senior actor from various quarters, with Chief Minister M K Stalin, AIADMK General Secretary K

Palaniswami and topstars Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan among others mourning his death. In a four-decade old cinema career, Manobala (69) started off as a director after working under the legendary filmmaker

Bharathirajaa, and went on to make movies with top stars including Rajinikanth, Vijayakanth and Sathyaraj. He had of late ventured into acting, largely confining himself to comic roles and featured in a number of movies with top

actors including Vijay and Dhanush. He has also produced a couple of films. In a statement, CM Stalin expressed shock and grief over Manobala's death and said he had entertained the masses with his humour and character roles.

'Naiyo Lagda Dil' Continues the Legacy of Hit Chartbusters of Salman Khan-Kamaal Khan Collabs

The highly anticipated song 'Naiyo Lagda' from the film Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan has been released and it takes us back to the feels of 90s music.

The soulful melody in the voice of Kamaal Khan, composed by Himesh Reshammiya, starring Salman Khan & Pooja Hegde in the lead is the perfect romantic tune for lovers to rejoice in valentine's week. The song was launched at the Bigg Boss grand finale yesterday and since then it has become one of the most-loved songs on the internet. While some might credit the success of this song to Salman Khan's magnificent screen presence, and his chemistry with Pooja Hegde, some are praising this collaboration of Khan with Himesh Reshammiya, and some with Kamaal Khan.

Salman Khan-Kamaal Khan partnerships for his movies have forever been one of the most hit pairings. Time and again,



both of them have delivered some chartbuster songs.

Here is a look back at all the songs that Salman Khan and Kamaal Khan have delivered.

'Oh Oh Jane Jaana' 'Oh, Oh Jane Jaana' from Pyaar Kiya Toh Darna Kya is one of the biggest hits from Salman Khan's career. "I love you all" is still one of the most played lines from this song in all the clubs. The song was out and out a chartbuster and the music

lover still hears it on a loop.

Seeti Maar 'Seeti Maar' from Radhe is, without a doubt, one of the most played party songs. This collaboration of Salman Khan with Kamaal Khan gave us one of the most fun, enthusiastic, and energetic songs in the film Radhe.

Munna Badnaam Hua Munna Badnaam Hua from Dabangg 3 is yet another hit song from Salman Khan as reunites

with Kamaal Khan. The energy level in this song is at its height and it was refreshing to hear Kamaal Khan's voice in this famous blockbuster.

Hello Brother 'Hello Brother' from the film 'Hello Brother' starring Salman Khan, sung by Kamaal Khan was one of the biggest hits in the 90s. All the clubs played this song on a loop and eventually became one of the biggest songs delivered by the Salman Khan and Kamaal Khan duo.

Pooja Hegde, Salman Khan Treat Fans with Electrifying Chemistry Ahead of Valentine's Day in 'Naiyo Ladga Dil'

Ahead of Valentine's Day Pan India star Pooja Hegde and superstar Salman Khan treat their fans with the beautiful romantic number Naiyo Ladga which is the first song from the much Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan.

Stealing the show with their incredible chemistry and on-screen charisma, this duo has created a frenzy amongst the fans. Naiyo



Ladga, sung by Kamaal Khan and Palak Muchhal. Shot in the exotic locations of Leh and Ladakh, 'Naiyo Ladga' has a beautiful 90s vibe to it with a melodious tone that shall stay with you once you hear it.

Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan directed by Farhad Samji will have a grand release on the occasion of Eid 21st April 2023 worldwide. The film also stars Shehnaaz Gill, Palak Tiwari, Abhimanyu Singh, Raghav Juyal, Siddharth Nigam, Jassie Gill, Venkatesh Daggubati, Jagapathi Babu, Bhumika Chawla and Vijender Singh.

Pooja Hegde will soon begin shooting for her next SSMB 28 with Mahesh Babu and a few announced projects.

Rubina Dilaik on taking any advise from husband Abhinav Shukla

Rubina Dilaik, who is one of the confirmed contestants of the upcoming season of Khatron Ke Khiladi 12, spoke to ETimes TV exclusively about the reality show. Rubina shared that more than excited she is nervous and had never imagined that she would voluntarily agree to do the show. She refused to talk about her fears, but revealed that husband Abhinav Shukla, who was part KKK 11, told her that no tips or mantra would help her on the stunt-based reality show. Rubina also expressed her happiness about doing the stunts especially designed by India's top most filmmaker and host, Rohit Shetty. "More than excited, I am actually nervous. I am very nervous because this show is one of its kind, I had never imagined that I would voluntarily go and say let's challenge our fears. There's a lot of nervousness," she said. When asked if she has taken any tips from husband Abhinav Shukla, who was one of the contestants last season, she said, "Abhinav told me that I can do the show. He said that any kind of tip on mantra would really not work because everyone has their own fears, strengths and experiences. Kab Kaun sa fear aap ko rok de Aur Kaun si strength aap ko push kar de aage, nobody knows and it's quite subjective." Rubina feels she is mentally and physically, both strong and through KKK 12, she's looking forward to meeting new people, "I feel I am 50-50 mentally and physically strong. But it really depends on the situation. We have done stunts on sets. Harness se Idhar bhi latakke hain sets par, now we will go there and wahan shayad khule mein latkenge harness par... but I am looking forward to being in a country, with a new set of people, share the experiences and get to learn a lot things."

I'm terrified & waiting for my mother to come & stay with me: Devoleena Bhattacharjee

Actress Devoleena Bhattacharjee, who lives in Goregoan East in a high rise building, is terrified after a recent incident in her complex. A domestic help in an adjacent building was killed by a man from the building's housekeeping team. The body was then dumped by him on the railway tracks. Devoleena says, "I am terrified after this incident and staying at home alone with my pet has suddenly become a bit scary. The incident happened in the same premises where I live.

After what has happened, I salute the cops for taking action so fast but I also feel that gated societies and all residential buildings should have good safety measures and checks on the kind of staff they are hiring."

Devoleena adds, "Mumbai is a safe city and I live alone here. There has never been any reason to feel unsafe. But, sometimes, you do feel unsafe when you go for a walk around your building and because you are an actress, people keep looking at

you and make you feel uncomfortable. Now after this, I would not like to let any new person come into my apartment. It is quite scary. However, at the end of the day, I would like to say that Mumbai is a safe city for women."

Currently Devoleena lives alone but she is hoping that her mother will soon relocate to Mumbai with her. She says, "My brother is getting married soon and so till then my mother will continue living in Assam but after the wedding is over, I would like her to move in with me. It will make me feel good and I will no longer be living just with my pet in Mumbai."

On the work front, Devoleena has a few projects lined up. She says, "I will be part of a short film with Renuka Shahane and there are few more projects, too. I am hoping to land some interesting roles in TV, films or the web."



The Powerful message of Buddha for a peaceful world

- Lalit Garg -



Gautama Buddha is an illuminator, his birth anniversary is celebrated as Buddha Purnima, his attainment of knowledge was fulfilled on the full moon night and his Nirvana Day' was also accomplished on the full moon day. That's why Buddha has lightened up the human race. It was the day when Buddha was born, got knowledge, sacrificed the body and attained salvation. Buddha is also called 'Tathagata', which means to attain the ultimate truth through the practice of enlightenment. Two and a half thousand years ago, the knowledge which he imbibed, the preaching of that knowledge which he shared among his followers, the relevance of that message still has significance in today's time. For this, he gave the mantra of 'Appo Deepo Bhava', that is, to become light yourself, one cannot reach the destination through the other's

support. Self realization is important. Buddha Purnima is an important day not only for the followers of Buddhism but also for the entire human race. Buddha became the most popular Indian spiritual saint, social-reformer, spiritual teacher with his high values and knowledge. He touched the hearts of not only many effective personalities but also the common people and brought positive changes in their lives. We can also call him the person and ideologue along with the spiritual revolution. His ideologies are not only a reflection of his revolutionary personality, but also an inspiration of intense sarcasm and change on religious, social distortions and blind people, which changed the life direction of innumerable human beings. He preached about 'sorrow prevention' and said that this world is full of sorrows, but the end of sorrows is possible; which he called Nirvana. Siddhartha was the prince of Kapilavastu before becoming a monk. In search of peace, he left home at the age of 27, leaving the royal life. While traveling, Siddharth reached Sarnath near Kashi,

where he converted into a monk. Here he meditated hard under the Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya. After rigorous penance, Siddhartha attained enlightenment, and he came to be known as the great monk Gautama Buddha. With his knowledge he lit up the whole world. When Buddha saw the people of his era engulfed in ignorance about religious-social, spiritual and other sacrificial rituals, found ordinary people in ignorance in the name of religion, saw women being humiliated, and atrocities against Shudras, he felt pity. He himself took the fast for the attainment of the first knowledge and, after wandering in the forests for years, did penance and enlightened the soul with knowledge. The enlightenment and light with which he has lived each moment of his life is an important chapter in the history of the Indian sage tradition. He himself received the light of truth, lived an inspiring life and then raised the voice against the evils in the public. The efforts he made to elevate folk life are amazing and surprising. Expressing the essence of his knowledge, he said that there is a reason for every grief. The most



important reason for the Human problem being so widespread on the world stage is human ignorance, indulgent lifestyle, indiscipline and perverted food. Buddha says that in the core of the things in which people seek happiness, sorrow ultimately comes out of grief. Presently, even in the transition phase of the crisis, the person who finds himself drowned in pleasures, convenience and narcotics in search of happiness, the end of it is sure to be more sad and painful. Therefore, it is important for a person to make his lifestyle eco-friendly and intoxicated. In this way, by becoming a monk, Gautam Buddha paid more attention to social welfare than to get himself trapped in the fruitless disputes of the

soul and the divine. His teachings became the means of liberating human beings from sorrow and suffering, as well as inspiring the solution of social and worldly problems, which have their own special place in making life beautiful and transmitting honorable values in public opinion. This is the reason that his words started coming into the understanding of the people easily. While Mahatma Buddha propagated the ten pupils with non-violence while adopting the middle Way, people found them easily connected to his words. He believed that if a man conquers his desires, he can attain nirvana. Thus he attacked the priesthood and established the importance of the person.

Gautama Buddha practiced Buddhism and very efficiently organized Buddhist monks and developed a sense of unity among them in a democratic form. Its doctrine of non-violence and compassion was so intriguing that after two thousand years, Emperor Ashoka, influenced by it, accepted Buddhism and stopped the wars. In this way, Buddhism crossed the boundaries of the country and spread its light to every corner of the world. Even today, the humanistic, intellectual and populist hypotheses of this religion cannot be denied and through them a strong system of discrimination can be attacked. This Buddhism is able to provide peace and well-being to the grievd, afflicted and restless humanity. It is developing religious unity in the mind of the people by attacking high, low, discrimination, casteism. It has an important role in paving the way for the development of art, literature and culture by creating an environment of world peace and mutual brotherhood. Mahatma Buddha was the pinnacle of the social revolution. His philosophy is not only a philosophy of

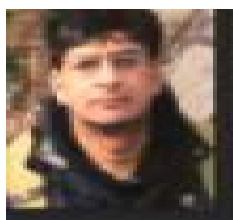
non-violence and compassion, but a philosophy of revolution. Not only did he enforce the pilgrimage culture but he also created new values and standards for an advanced and healthy society. He not only gave the right direction to progressive ideas, but he broke the stagnation in them and heralded a new revolution. Buddha said - hurry up and do great deeds as soon as possible, otherwise sins overlap the good deeds. It is a great expectation of the present era to highlight his contribution in the context of social revolution. Only by doing this will we be able to build a healthy society. The Buddha preached an egalitarian society. Asymmetry arises where there is attachment and malice. A person wanders in the corridors of inequality to nurture his selfishness, display ego, degrade others, and grab power and property. The Buddha made himself alone, empty, before coming among the people, before sharing his life experiences, before performing rigorous penance and knowing the truth of life. Then he said, do not let anything inside you pollute the inner world. Look neither bad, nor listen bad, nor say bad. This is the message of emptiness, the path to

happiness, peace and good health. He spoke of 'Appo Deepo Bhava' - becoming your own lamp. Because, surrounded by day-night resolutions-choices, happiness-sorrow, joy and sorrow, scorching in the anxiety of tomorrow, carrying the load of stress, how can the mind be empty in such a situation? How can it be balanced? How can it be grasped? The practice of living in the present is necessary to cope with these conditions. Neither the memory of the past nor the worry of the future. One, who learns to live today, must understand that he has attained the meaning of human life and only a society made of such human beings can be balanced, healthy and equitable. It's a need of time to establish Buddhism qualities among the masses. Do not limit Buddha in only preaching, but make Buddha a part of life, shape your life with Buddhism culture.

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Environmental Journalism From the Lens of Conservation Biology

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Bee-keeping was introduced in Sundarbans around 20 to 30 years back. Today, there are almost 2000 bee-keepers in Sundarbans who supply raw honey to intermediaries who, in turn, sell them to big companies. Even though the market value of raw honey is very high, bee-keepers in Sundarbans do not earn well mainly due to strong price controls asserted by middlemen, lack of value-addition to the raw honey, and artificial lowering of prices of raw honey through adulteration. It was found that bee-keepers in Sundarbans occupied the lowest rung in the social structure which made them vulnerable in more ways than one. It is therefore important to undertake a comprehensive sociological study of the bee-keepers of Sundarbans in order to understand the identity of economic factors associated with the production of golden liquid-honey or the internationally famous 'mangrove honey' or 'Mangal honey', often referred to 'liquid gold' for the bright golden colour of the honey and its high price produced

by the native honeybees Apis dorsata Hill Type. Environmental Journalism is the gathering, cross checking, production, distribution and exhibition of data and information about current events, trends and issues associated with the Environment. This Chapter has tried to explain the significance of news story or coverage regarding beekeeping in Sundarban area from the standpoint of Environmental Journalism. What the important issues or factors an Environmental Journalist should remember while covering this type of news story is the area of this Study. This Chapter has followed the Qualitative Method and the Analytical Approach in this Study. The data was consulted from the published report in Newspaper and Academic Publications. Beekeeping (or Apiculture) is the maintenance of bee colonies, commonly in man-made hives, by human beings. Agriculture is the major occupation of the Sundarban area, besides which a large number of people are also engaged in collection of honey from the forest. Due to insufficient and gradual decrease in income from the major occupation, residents of this area prefer to



involve in seasonal livelihood options for secondary source of income. Honey collection is such a secondary profession, as this is confined for only few months in a year. Increased interest in beekeeping through apiary installation has found in the few years within Sundarban. Beekeeping process is always a very eco-friendly practice in Sundarban. In comparison to other business, production cost is low and demands remain always high. It is very safe compared to the traditional honey collection, entering into forest and facing the attack of man-eater Royal Bengal Tiger. With all scope, still this is not a popular livelihood option for the local community due to several constraints. A higher initial investment is always a challenge for

economically backward people of Sundarban. Lack of technical knowledge on scientific beekeeping procedure and inability to combat bee diseases may decrease production and reduce profit. Unable to avoid the intermediate agents the beekeepers are not getting lucrative price for their production in the commercial market and are compelled to sell product on lower prices with minimal profit, which reduces enthusiasm towards this particular business. Availability of adequate equipment for bee cultivation in local area is also one of the major constraints, which increases expenditure for initial setups. A significant environmental news story on beekeeping or apiculture needs a closer cooperation between Indian

Journalists with government and non-governmental organizations, communities as well as concerned citizens. A greater awareness among audiences will emerge only after environmental journalists give the issues its due weight and importance they deserve. An Environmental Journalist will be able to address the objectivity in his/her news coverage by incorporating the best aspects of traditional journalism i.e. meticulous research, precise language and fair reporting. News coverage about environmental issue in India requires a new direction. This direction can be conducted by Environmental Journalism. We all need to be part of the solution of various environmental

problems and constraints and journalism cannot be left out. The process of providing awareness and educating communities about the significance of Beekeeping in Sundarban area through Environmental Journalism can be a fruitful exercise. Let me cite another example of Environmental Journalism. It has been heard warming to find that a tree was saved while constructing the police canteen on the vast campus of the famous Bhavani Bhavan, Belvedere Road, Alipore Police Line, Alipore, Kolkata West Bengal (India). Such initiatives must be commended; as such small yet monumental efforts are necessary to conserve our immediate local environment and

ecosystem. Furthermore, when such an effort comes from the city administration like the Police force, it appreciated even more. Since such sincere efforts to protect our environment by city administration stands out as outstanding example, inspiring others to follow similar path and be sensitive towards protecting our ecosystem and environment. Police can also play an important role towards environmental education and awareness in addition to maintaining the law and order situation of the city or town they are responsible for taking care. A tree is not just a living entity; but a living ecosystem in itself that provides food and shelter to hundreds of species of animals including different species

microbes, insects, mollusks, nematodes, worms, reptiles, birds and small mammals. The tree serve as a host for helping to complete the life cycles of a large number of species. A tree in fact is a biodiversity hotspot in its own way. Hence, saving and protecting the trees are an important step toward our ecosystem restoration and conservation. Hats off to the Kolkata Police force for such a nice ecological and environmental gesture. Such important news related to our ecology and environment needs to be highlighted regularly on our mainstream media both online and off-line versions, only then can we execute the role of a real Environmental Journalism.

Kolkata, West Bengal India



Hon'ble Union Commerce & Industry Minister, Mr Piyush Goyal presents FIEO's Niryat Shree and Niryat Bandhu Awards; says collective efforts with a sense of duty and responsibility will help in making India a developed economy by 2047

New Delhi: The Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Mr Piyush Goyal, gave away the 17th Set of Niryat Shree and Niryat Bandhu Awards to the outstanding exporters and service providers based on their excellent export performance and incremental growth in exports. Presenting the awards to the award winners, Mr Piyush Goyal said that despite all global challenges, we were still able to achieve overall exports of over US\$ 773 billion with services exports touching US\$ 325 billion. Praising the exporting community, the CIM said that they have shown exemplary performance and has not only created a niche for Indian brands as Brand Ambassadors, but has set a benchmark for them to grow in the global markets. Mr Piyush Goyal also said that the

Ministry is working hand-in-hand with the trade and industry to achieve US\$ 2 trillion exports by 2030. The Minister reiterated that India should engage with quality produced goods and services and also show to the world the path of growth and rising India. We should focus more on export procedures, internationalisation of currency, world class infrastructure and last mile connectivity, said the Minister. Expansion of 5G in the country is the first in the world. We must collectively put our efforts with a sense of duty and responsibility to help in making India a developed economy by 2047. He also added that times ahead are going to be very challenging and tough with Russia-Ukraine crisis further getting intensified. This is the time, we should look at trading in new markets and exploring newer ones, as these are going to be the drivers of



growth. The world recognises India for its reliable and quality products. We should all work for future, India's defining moments for inclusive, equitable, sustainable and shared growth for all as envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, said the Commerce and Industry Minister. Mr Santosh Kr Sarangi, DGFT, GoI, while

addressing the function said that despite global challenges, we still have been able to achieve the highest-ever exports of over US\$ 770 billion. The DGFT added that the Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister has always pushed for achieving newer heights. Mr Sarangi further reiterated that with this type of export growth, we are definitely on track to achieve US\$ 2 trillion

exports by 2030. FIEO President, Dr A Sakthivel in his welcome address, congratulated the awardees for their remarkable efforts shown during the turbulent period in global trade. He said that they have made the country proud through sheer dint of their hard work amid meticulous planning. Dr Sakthivel expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister

and said that the exports sectors saw a remarkable growth of over 55% in 2 years, taking aggregate exports to US\$ 770 billion in 2022-23 adding US\$ 218 billion in the last two financial years, equivalent to Rs 17 lakh 44 thousand crores. FIEO Chief praised the constant review and monitoring done by the CIM himself, supported by the Commerce Secretary, DGFT and

other officers of the Ministry of Commerce & DGFT. Dr Sakthivel added that he is confident of achieving the milestone of US\$ 2 trillion exports much before 2030. He also urged that the focus should be on supporting overseas marketing initiatives besides setting up of state-of-the-art exposition centers in important business centers abroad.

Dr Ajay Sahai, Director General & CEO, FIEO, while proposing the vote of thanks during the function said that India is not an export driven economy. The share of exports in the country's GDP is around 22%, yet exports are playing a transformational role in the economy. Exports were major contributors to India's additional GDP in the previous two financial years. In 2021-22, out of overall incremental GDP in the financial year, over 50% was contributed by exports alone. In 2022-23, despite global headwinds, exports accounted for over 40% of the incremental GDP. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has rightly said that exports are key to the transition of the country from a developing to a developed economy, which we are endeavouring to achieve before the 100th year of our glorious independence.

Rajdhani College, University of Delhi Organise Seminar on "Perceptions and Misperceptions in Emerging Sino-Indian Strategic Equation"



New Delhi (KCN): On May 3, Extension Lecture Series, Rajdhani College organised a seminar on "Perceptions and Misperceptions in Emerging Sino-Indian Strategic Equation." It began with the felicitation of esteemed speaker of the session Prof. Rajesh Rajagopalan (CIPOD, School of International Studies, JNU) by Prof. Rajesh Giri (Principal Rajdhani College) and Prof. Sushil Dutt (Convenor "Extension Lecture Series"). Seminar was also graced with the presence of Prof. Suman Kumar, Dr. Naval Kishore, Dr. G. P. Bairwa, Dr. Rajbir Singh and all the faculty members of different departments of Rajdhani College. In the beginning Ms. Mhadeno Jungi (Faculty member of

Political Science Department and Host of the event) introduced the topic and welcomed all the dignitaries to the seminar and firstly invited Prof. Rajesh Giri (Principal Rajdhani College) for his welcoming address, while enlightening everyone present in the seminar-emphasised on economy of the countries and considered it as the main ingredient in foreign policy instead of weapons and war, he also concentrated on Sino-Indo relations, Cold war dynamics, Emergence of super powers, Employment of youth and while giving his closing remarks stated that "We must think about how can we utilise our human resource for trade market and production, Let us

empower our youth and enter in the manufacturing sector to compete with our neighbouring countries". Then Prof. Sushil Dutt (Convenor "Extension Lecture Series") graced the session with his enlightening words on post independence relations of India and China by presenting historical perspective, official talks and treaties between two countries, he stated that "we can not develop friendly relations with China but can emphasis on working relations with it", he also discussed "Tibet issue" between the two countries and shed light on 1962 war and emphasised on how can we develop our software and other sectors to compete China instead of manufacturing sector. Moving forward esteemed speaker of

the seminar Prof. Rajesh Rajagopalan presented his words of wisdom, He covered various dimensions of Sino-Indo relations and emphasized on strategic equation by dividing the topic into four different themes, and focused on rapidly changing international conditions. He further said, "we are at point of power transition where China can dominate world but we are not sure about it and transition is always time taking as in cold war era too, situation changed time to time but the fundamental remained same." Then seminar was followed by questions answer round in which enlightening questions were asked by teachers and students of different departments. At the end Ms. Mhadeno Jungi and Dr. Sasmita Mohanty delivered Vote of Thanks and concluded the seminar.

Union Minister Flags-off a Vessel for Operationalisation of Sittwe Port

Kolkata: At a ceremony held today, the Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Shantanu Thakur flagged off MV-ITT LION (V-273) from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata as an inaugural shipment to operationalise the Sittwe Port in Rakhine State of Myanmar. The Port has been built under the grant assistance from the Union Government as a part of Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTPP). The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), as a project Development Consultant for the implementation of Port and IWT components of the work, has successfully completed the work. MV-ITT LION (V-273) carrying 20,000



bags containing 1,000 metric tonnes of cement will reach Sittwe Port on May 9, 2023. Sittwe Port has been developed under a framework agreement between India and Myanmar for the construction and continuing operation of a Multimodal Transit Transport Facility on

Kaladan River connecting the Sittwe port in Myanmar with the State of Mizoram in India. The port connects to Paletwa in Myanmar through an inland waterway and from Paletwa to Zorinpui in Mizoram through a road component. Once fully operationalised,

KMTPP will provide alternate connectivity from the Eastern coast of India to the North-eastern States through the Sittwe port. The Port will open up new opportunities for trade and transit from and to Myanmar, particularly the Rakhine State and further enhance trade and commerce between the two countries and the wider region.

Supreme Court Cancels Plea Challenging DMK MP Kanimozhi's 2019 Election Win

New Delhi: The Supreme Court today dismissed a petition challenging the election of DMK MP Kanimozhi from Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi constituency in 2019. Kanimozhi had challenged a Madras High Court order which had refused to dismiss the petition against her. "The election petition is dismissed. Appeal is allowed," a bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Bela M Trivedi said. Kanimozhi's election was challenged by a voter, A Sanathana Kumar, on grounds that she failed to mention her husband's



Permanent Account Number (PAN) in her election affidavit disclosing family assets. The Madras High Court had earlier rejected the plea of Kanimozhi seeking dismissal of two election petitions filed by the voter and a BJP leader separately challenging her election to the Lok

Sabha. The election petition should necessarily be taken to its logical end, it had said. While dismissing Kanimozhi's plea, the high court had said that the election petitioner must be given a chance to marshal evidence to prove his claim of improper acceptance of nomination.

The DMK leader had said her husband was an NRI living in Singapore and he neither possessed a PAN card nor did he pay income tax in India. Kanimozhi had defeated her nearest rival Tamilisai Soundararajan (now Governor of Telangana) of the BJP. Another plea challenging the election of Kanimozhi was filed by Soundararajan, who withdrew the plea after becoming the Governor of Telangana. A Muthuramalingam, a local BJP leader, has substituted Soundararajan as a party in the high court.

Khan's 'evil spirit' drive made him a crorepati

CUTTACK: Cases are piling up against black magic practitioner Maulana Kaifi Khan whose business of 'driving evil spirits' from people's houses made him a fortune. With three more cases of cheating filed against him, the tally has now gone up to six and the amount duped by him, a staggering Rs 1.11 crore.

Fresh cases were filed at Mangalabag and Sadar police stations. The FIR filed by Devi Prasad Mohanty of Tirtol in Jagatsinghpur said Kaifi duped him of Rs 21.95 lakh on the pretext of driving away evil forces from his house. Mohanty, who stays at Patia in Bhubaneswar said a strange sound had been emanating from the roof of his house since 2018. After he came in contact with Khan, the latter told him of the presence of an evil spirit in the house and hidden treasures buried underneath.

Khan, as usual, performed rituals in front of Mohanty's

house and dug up the ground up to 30 feet adjacent to the boundary wall. The accused unearthed a big bowl, an idol of Radha Krishna, the feet of Goddess Lakshmi among other articles and handed them over to Mohanty. Khan said the articles were of pure gold and before they are used or sold, consecration using original 'kasturi' is needed. Khan convinced Mohanty to consecrate the unearthed articles in his house at Kesharpur and took away Rs 21.95 lakh for the purpose. The black magician then went incommunicado following which Mohanty filed the FIR.

The other FIR was filed by Sk Adil of Kesharpur within Mangalabag police limits. Adil has alleged Kaifi cheated him of Rs 5 lakh on the pretext of performing black magic for safe conception of her sister-in-law. "My sister-in-law's pregnancy was getting aborted frequently following which I contacted him (Khan) a few months back. He demanded Rs 5 lakh to

perform black magic for safe conception. It did not yield any result and when I asked him to return my money, Kaifi did not pay any heed," stated the FIR. A third FIR pertained to a woman from Bhanpur who alleged Khan cheated her of Rs 10 lakh on the pretext of removing evil spirit and unearthing hidden treasures from her house in 2019 by adopting the same modus operandi. After performing rituals and unearthing two tridents, Khand had demanded Rs 30 lakh but the woman managed to give him Rs 10 lakh by pledging her ornaments. Meanwhile, the Commissionerate Police has brought Khan on a four-day remand to question him in connection with the six cases. While Khan is accused of cheating Rs 1.11 crore so far in the six cases, a special police team too has been formed to interrogate him, informed a senior police officer.

Jindal Stainless sponsors Govt's year-long Nashamukta campaign in Odisha in association with Brahma Kumaris President Draupadi Murmu launches the campaign at Rairangpur

Bhubaneswar: The Honourable President of India, Smt Draupadi Murmu, launched a year-long campaign – Addiction Free Odisha (Nashamukta Odisha) today at Rairangpur, Odisha. The campaign will be helmed by the Brahma Kumaris in association with the Government of India (GoI). Jindal Stainless has joined this noble cause by becoming a primary sponsor of this initiative.

Appreciating the efforts of Brahma Kumaris and Jindal Stainless, the President of India, Smt Draupadi Murmu, said, "From the outset, man consumes substance, but eventually, substance consumes man. Grassroots awareness is crucial in fighting this menace. I commend this noble initiative to make Odisha, my home state, addiction-free. This is a significant step towards bringing reform not only



to individuals but also to the entire society. I congratulate all the partners involved and urge the citizens of Odisha to extend their cooperation towards this campaign." Applauding this government initiative, Chairperson, Jindal Stainless Foundation, Smt Deepika Jindal, said, "As a responsible corporate, Jindal

Stainless is happy to join hands with the Brahma Kumaris and the government in their aim to eliminate drug addiction from India. Through the Nashamukta campaign, we aim to protect our youth, who are the future leaders of the nation, from the vicious cycle of drug addiction. Given our long-standing association

with the Brahma Kumaris, we are confident that their intervention will not only ameliorate the drug addiction in youth, but also guide them to unleash their enormous potential." Through this campaign, the team will conduct programmes, roadside shows, seminars, and pledges across Odisha to create awareness

about the ill effects of addiction. The campaign is a part of the larger initiative of the Government of India, named 'Nasha Mukta Bharat' which is aimed at sensitizing the masses against substance abuse by undertaking various awareness activities. The Brahma Kumaris has partnered with the (GOI) to accomplish this aim.

Odisha government announces substantial hike in ex gratia for wildlife attack victims

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha government on Wednesday announced a substantial hike in ex gratia compensation for damage to life and property in wildlife attacks, in a decision that seeks to address growing man-animal conflict in the state.

Now, kin of people losing their lives in human-wildlife conflicts will be entitled to a compensation of Rs 6 lakh, up from Rs 4 lakh earlier. Similarly, existing compassionate grant of Rs 1 lakh, provided for permanent injury in wild animal attacks, stands hiked to Rs 2.5 lakh for suffering disability of more than 60 per cent and Rs 1.5 lakh for less than 60 per cent disability.

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said, the compassionate grant provided for permanent injury, temporary injury,

loss of property and crop damage has also been increased significantly as a measure to check escalation of conflicts. The announcement comes days after The New Indian Express carried a report 'Man-Animal Conflict: Too much pain, too little relief' highlighting how poor compassionate grant is forcing people with permanent injuries to live in misery, making the crisis worse in the state. PCCF (Wildlife) SK Popli said with the fresh announcement, Odisha's compassionate grant has become highest among states in the east-central belt. "Our compassionate grant for those permanently injured is also one of the highest in the country," he said. As per the notification, people who suffer temporary injuries will be provided free treatment and a compensation of Rs

5,000, while those in need of treatment of more than a week will be provided free treatment and financial aid of Rs 10,000. The PCCF said compensation for loss of livestock in wild animal attack has also been raised to Rs 37,500 for cow and buffalo and Rs 32,000 for bullock against the existing assistance of Rs 5,000. The compassionate grant for crop damage has also been doubled. As per the notification, financial assistance provided to farmers for loss to paddy and cereal crops in wild animal attacks has been increased to Rs 20,000 from existing Rs 10,000 per acre. Similarly, compensation for cash crops has been hiked to Rs 25,000 from existing Rs 12,000 per acre. Moreover, financial assistance for partial

damage to house in wild animal attack, which was Rs 2,000 till now, has been increased to Rs 10,000, while assistance for complete damage of house, which was Rs 10,000 has been hiked to Rs 20,000. Provision of a house under Biju Pucca Ghar for permanent damage to property is still there. However, the government has decided an amount equivalent to the pucca ghar will be given where it is not possible to provide the victim with a concrete dwelling, forest officials said. Rs 6 lakh ex gratia for kin of people losing lives in man-animal conflict Rs 2.5 lakh for suffering disability of over 60 % Rs 1.5 lakh for suffering disability of less than 60 % Rs 10,000 and free treatment for those who suffer temporary injuries

Some farmers count blessings, many distressed over crop loss

BARGARH: While some farmers of Bargarh district are gearing up for the procurement of the rabi paddy which is scheduled to begin from May 6, several others who suffered crop loss due to hailstorm and pest attack are now in distress. The procurement of paddy for the rabi season in Attabira block of the district will begin from May 6 while in other blocks including Bargarh, Bheden, Barpali, Bhatli and Ambhabona, the process is slated to commence from May 12. Considering the summer heat, necessary arrangements like drinking water and tarpaulin sheds have been ensured for the farmers who will be participating in the procurement process. This season, paddy will be procured from as many

as 85,000 registered farmers in the district across 62 market yards and 100 Paddy Procurement Centres (PPC). Around 84 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) and Women SHGs will be engaged to ensure the process is completed smoothly. On the other hand, due to unforeseen calamities, hundreds of farmers who suffered complete loss of their standing paddy crops are in a bad state. Unseasonal heavy rainfall between the end of March and first week of April shattered their hopes of reaping a bounty. Subsequently, due to fluctuation in temperature, the paddy crops were infested with pests later identified as neck blast. To add to the woes, the recent hailstorm on April 22 ravaged crops over large

tracts of land. As per the eye estimation report, Bargarh has recorded crop damage of over 6050 hectares of land in 52 villages. This includes the maximum damage in Bargarh block at 2631 hectares, followed by 2314 hectares in Attabira, 885 hectares in Bheden and 220 hectares in Barpali. The farmers of Attabira and Bheden have already submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through Attabira MLA Snehangini Chhuria, demanding to take appropriate action towards compensation considering the hailstorm related damage. Farmer leader, Ramesh Nahapatra said, "While the eye estimation report was sent on April 26, several other land on

which crops were damaged due to hailstorm were identified much later. The actual figures could be ascertained only from the joint verification report." However, on the basis of field visit and observation, crops over at least 10,000 hectares of land has been damaged this season, he said. "Considering the massive damage, input subsidy and crop insurance compensation to the farmers should be disbursed at the earliest," he added. Paddy procurement centres will be opened in Koraput district from June 3 and about 12.42 lakh quintal paddy has been targeted to be lifted by Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation through 20 LAMPS, 15 SHGs and three pani panchayats.



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Dalmia Bharat Foundation Signs MoA with BSL to Enable Social Transformation in Bokaro

Bokaro, Jharkhand : Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF), the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Dalmia Bharat Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) with Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) to drive its community-centric initiatives in Jharkhand by upskilling 600 youth, annually. The aim of the MoA is to establish a skill training centre to impart short term, placement-based courses to local youth in the surrounding villages through DBF's DIKSHA (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing) centre. The MoA was signed by

Shri Chaudhary Ratnesh Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. General Manager (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant and Shri Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and Chief Executive Officer, Dalmia Bharat Foundation.

"Since our inception in 2009, we've witnessed our role gradually transform from being a resource provider to a key enabler for positive change in society. While we've created a legacy of development and change for the better, we continue to strive to ensure that we meet newer economic and environmental needs and close wider societal gaps as much as possible,"

said Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and CEO, DBF. "Through our leadership and dedication towards achieving social transformation, we will continue to work towards our vision of creating opportunities for people across the nation so that they can reach their full potential and give back to the community. We look forward to our partnership with BSL and also call upon our industry peers to join us as we make significant and sustainable differences and ensure social, economic, and environmental progress.

The skill development center at Bokaro Steel City, in association with

DBF, will help strengthen the social ecosystem in Jharkhand. While BSL will provide the necessary infrastructure support, DBF has been entrusted with managing day to day activities of the center including faculty and placement support.

"BSL and DBF share a common vision and value system for bringing about a transformative change in society by leveraging its demographic dividend through empowering the local youth through training that makes them market-ready," said Mr. Chaudhary Ratnesh Kumar Sudhanshu, Dy. GM (CSR & SAIL-Uday), SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant. "It is our firm belief that this combined expertise and experience

will ensure that the youth being educated at the DIKSHA facility will receive quality and need-based training for the purpose of gainful employment across industries."

To ensure viable and sustainable income generation, training will be imparted in trades for self-employment and trades such as Assistant Electrician, Solar PV Installer, General Duty Assistant (GDA) and Customer Relationship Management, to begin with. Subsequently, more courses will be added as per demand and future prospects. The center shall largely focus on the development of the youth residing in BSL's peripheral villages.

Navi Finserv Limited is planning to raise ₹600 crore through public issuance of Non-Convertible Debentures

Bengaluru: Navi Finserv Limited (NFS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Navi Technologies Limited (Navi), today announced the public issue of Secured, Rated, Listed & Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) amounting to ₹600 crore with a base issue of ₹300 crore and an option to retain over-subscription of another ₹300 crore. The issue will open on Monday 23rd May, 2022 and is scheduled to close on Friday, 10th June 10, 2022 with an option of early closure or extension.

The proposed NCDs have a rating of A (Stable) by India Ratings & Research Pvt Ltd. This rating is considered to have adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry low credit risk.

Investors get an opportunity to participate in secured NCDs under various series for tenure of 18 months and 27 months

with an effective yield of upto 9.80%* and a minimum application size of ₹10,000.

Speaking about the NCD issue, Ankit Agarwal, Managing Director of NFS said, "The upcoming NCD issue aims to raise funds for onward lending and financing purposes. This will further diversify our borrowing profile and add more retail investors to our portfolio to complement our wide base of Institutional partners. This is a secured instrument with A (stable) rating, a low application size and an effective yield of upto 9.80%*. Sachin Bansal, Chairman & CEO of NFS added: "At Navi, our mission is to provide financial products that are simple, affordable and accessible. I believe that our customer centric and technology first approach along with our robust underwriting and collections capabilities adds value to Navi Finserv's maiden public debt issue."

NFS offers personal

loans and home loans under the "Navi" brand and we have approved personal loans to customers across over 84% of all Indian pin codes. The Company's net worth stood at Rs 11,895.72 million as on December 31, 2021 and maintained a comfortable standalone debt to equity ratio of 2.1x as on December 31, 2021.

NFS has maintained a strong asset quality reflected by its Net NPA of 0.08% (as on December 31, 2021), which is supported by a collections efficiency of 96.63% (for personal loans disbursed subsequent to April 1, 2021 till December 31, 2021). Its outstanding borrowings on a standalone basis of ₹27,749.76 million as of March 31, 2022 was diversified across an array of instruments such as NCDs, sub-debt, term loans, market linked debentures, commercial papers and, securitisation instruments such as PTCs.

Flipkart's Shopsy Summer Store steers tremendous growth for sellers in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: As the summer starts rolling in, Shopsy - Flipkart's social commerce platform, recently launched the Summer Store, a unique curation to address customers' nuanced seasonal needs by offering a wide range of products across categories under one umbrella. As a testimony to this endeavor, sellers in Cuttack recorded nearly a 9X growth in sales and sellers in Puri recorded nearly a 16X growth in sales bolstered by the summer store initiative. Sellers in Sundergarh have garnered tremendous 34X growth in their sales over the past month. The summer store recorded increased traction from women buyers which indicates a positive women reseller growth

in Cuttack. Amongst several categories, Hygiene and Wellness, Fashion, Kitchenware and Home Decor emerged as top priorities for customers with demand for products such as deodorants, sunglasses, body washes, essential oils, sarees, table covers, bedsheets and kitchen tools topping the charts.

Shopsy Summer Store is a one-stop-shop for products ranging from electronics, personal care, baby care, food and beverages, apparel, swimwear and kitchenware including air conditioners, deodorants, baby sunscreen, aerated drinks, cotton clothes for men and women, swimsuits and juicer mixer grinders. Of this, deodorants have taken up

the major share of the demand pie clocking over 50% growth, followed by sunglasses which grew by close to 22%. Kitchen tools also contributed to a 6X growth over the past month in Cuttack. This was followed by categories such as kurta sets, cotton sarees, deodorants and body washes that witnessed a 3X jump over the past month in Puri.

Shopsy aims to continue its endeavor to offer a wide range of quality and engaging products for customers at affordable prices, while being a value-based and reliable platform. By providing a simplified social media interface, Shopsy is able to overcome user apprehension of trust and authenticity while shopping online.

Walkathon organized by Shanti Memorial Hospital on the occasion of World hypertension day

Bhubaneswar: In observance of World Hypertension Day 2022 - commemorated every May 17th, to create awareness amongst people, a walkathon was organized by Shanti Memorial Hospital, Cuttack which covered some important roads of Cuttack city on the day. The walkathon was flagged off by Dr. Sreejoy Patnaik, Chairman & Managing Director and Prof. Dr. Rekha Das, Executive Director of the hospital after a briefing on the purpose of the observation day presented by Dr. Priyadarshi Tripathy, Cardiologist of the hospital. More than 150 employees joined the walkathon with plaque cards and banners carrying awareness message on hypertension prevention and treatment to communicate to the public the importance of hypertension and its serious medical complications, and to provide information on prevention, detection and treatment.

World Hypertension Day was first inaugurated in May 2005 ever since it has become an annual event. The main purpose behind the celebration of the World Hypertension Day is to promote public awareness of hypertension and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer, the modern epidemic. Later at Shanti Memorial Hospital, a free hypertension check-up camp was held in which around 100 persons checked their blood pressure and received free consultation.

Ecom Express announces 55,000 registrations for its Delivery Partner Program

Bhubaneswar / Gurugram: Ecom Express Limited, a new-age technology-driven end-to-end logistics solutions provider to the e-commerce industry, announced that it has crossed 55,000 gig workers registration on their dedicated app called 'EcomSanjeev' to onboard delivery partners since its launch in September 2021.

The company's delivery partner program aims to create part-time work opportunities for individuals with the option of flexible timings to maximize their earnings by delivering e-commerce shipments to customers. Delivery Partners working through Ecom Express' gig model can earn

anywhere between Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 60,000 per month.

Close to 60 per cent of registrations have been from Tier 4 cities and towns, indicating massive affinity for gig opportunities in those areas. The top 10 cities/towns with the highest registrations include from Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Lucknow, Gurugram and Patna.

In Odisha, over 4000 gig-workers have registered for part time engagement as delivery partners with Ecom Express. Most of the registrations have been from Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela, Berhampur and Sambalpur among other

cities.

Saurabh Deep Singla, Chief People Officer, Ecom Express said, "Since the launch of our ESP program last year, we have created opportunities for students, homemakers and individuals looking to supplement and maximize their income by delivering e-commerce shipments during their spare time. This flagship program, besides empowering gig workforce, also helped the company to scale their delivery capabilities in assuring speed, reliability, and effective logistics solutions to deliver online-ordered products at end-customers' doorstep safely."

The company has also

announced provision of accidental insurance of Rs. 2 lakhs to safeguard delivery partners from any mishaps, besides offering a host of other benefits, including attendance bonus depending on their work continuity. Referral programs are run from time to time to expand the delivery partner base while rewarding the existing partners. To create stronger affiliation with delivery partners, Ecom Express has further collaborated with leading brands to provide numerous enticing benefits.

Any individual, male or female, fresher or experienced, can earn extra income by applying for this part-time job online using the

app, Ecom Sanjeev, available on Google Playstore. They will have the flexibility to choose their preferred time slots and workdays.

To join as a Delivery Partner with Ecom Express, candidates must possess a valid Aadhaar card, preferably own a vehicle, and have a smartphone. Ecom Express also allows gig workers who don't have any owned vehicle to register themselves and work. All personal documents for enrollment can be uploaded through the Ecom Sanjeev app and the verification (PAN card, Bank account) is done online along with physical document verification at the nearest Ecom Express center.

JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' Offer

Bhubaneswar: Reliance Retail has launched a limited period Exchange to Upgrade offer for JioPhone Next. As per the offer, customers can exchange a functional 4G featurephone or smartphone for a brand new JioPhone Next for just Rs. 4,499.

The JioPhone Next 'Exchange to Upgrade' offer allows many more Indians to embrace a truly smart Digital Life. With this offer existing 4G feature phone and smartphone users will no longer be held back by their device constraints and be able to enjoy the true 4G Jio Digital Life to the fullest. Current users of 4G feature phones will now be able

to migrate much more easily to the large screen digital experience on the world's most affordable 4G smartphone. Similarly, the current 4G low-end smartphone users too can affordably upgrade to a seamless and enhanced digital life offer by JioPhone Next which runs on Pragati OS - the optimised version of Android that supports a rich suite of applications and usage without compromising on the user experience.

The offer is available through Reliance Retail's extensive network of JioMart Digital, Reliance Digital and other outlets in the remotest corners of the country, making it

geographically and economically accessible to many more Indians.

It is worth mentioning here that JioPhone Next, designed jointly by Jio and Google, is the world's most affordable 4G smartphone that comes with a 5.45" HD screen with Corning Gorilla Glass 3 and anti-fingerprint coating, 2GB RAM, 32 GB in-built storage (expandable up to 512GB), 13MP back camera, 8MP front selfie camera, 3500 mAh battery, and a range of other advanced features which include voice fast capabilities, read aloud, translate now, easy and smart camera, automatic feature update, easy media share, OTG support etc.

JK Lakshmi Cement Posted Net Profit up at Rs 161.26 Cr. in Jan-Mar.22

Bhubaneswar: JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd., one of the leading cement companies of India, recorded a turnover of Rs. 1497.64 crore in Jan-Mar.22 with an increase of 13% over Rs. 1321.99 crore in the corresponding quarter Jan-Mar.21. Despite unabated increase in Petcoke and Diesel prices which are hovering at all time high, JK Lakshmi Cement could achieve healthy profitability by continuous improvement in operational

efficiencies, energy cost, better product mix and higher volume. JK Lakshmi Cement's EBIDTA before Other Income moved up to Rs. 276.23 crore in Jan-Mar.22 from Rs. 267.88 crore in Jan-Mar.21. After providing for interest, depreciation & Exceptional Item, PBT stood at Rs. 197.93 crore in Jan-Mar.22 as against Rs. 186.53 crore in Jan-Mar.21. After Providing for Taxes and Other Comprehensive Income, JK Lakshmi Cement's Profit was up at Rs. 161.26

crore in Jan-Mar.22 against Rs. 138.27 crore logged in the corresponding quarter. During the Twelve months April 21 - March 22 Company's Sales increased by 15% to Rs. 5040.78 crore (Rs. 4384.71 crore) and EBIDTA was up at Rs. 868.52 crore (Rs. 864.22 crore). JK Lakshmi Cement's profit at PAT level during this period moved up by 14% to touch all time high at Rs. 417.56 crore against profit of Rs. 366.24 crore in the same period last year.

Ambuja Cements and ACC's Change The Story campaign wins Bronze at the ABBY Awards

Mumbai: The first sustainability campaign 'Change The Story' of Ambuja Cements and ACC, has won a Bronze Award at the recent ABBY Awards 2022, under the Green Award category. This category is awarded to outstanding communication that features planet conservation, sustainability etc. The

"Change The Story" campaign aimed to create awareness about sustainability and showcase technology-backed solutions that offer effective and measurable outcomes in this regard.

The #ChangeTheStory campaign highlights a non-invasive bubble barrier technology, which will remove around 2,400 tonnes of

plastic waste from Agra's Mantola canal, thereby preventing its entry into the Yamuna river. The crux of the campaign lay in reaching out to a wide audience across India and globally—and communicating the campaign's features. The campaign winning this honour at the ABBY Awards—often touted as the Oscars of Indian advertising—was

designed in collaboration with Alok Nanda and Company and serves as another reminder of the crucial role sustainability plays at Ambuja Cements and ACC.

#ChangeTheStory campaign was rolled out across multiple platforms, including print and digital, reaching out to an approximate 32 million people. One of its lead video films conveyed the

message, through the lens of a scientist, that it's time to change the story by taking out the plastic and freeing our rivers of their polluted past. The campaign further leveraged the power of music and created a rap song across owned platforms featuring the campaign mnemonic "Bubble Sharma". This was followed by a bouquet of informative posts and

videos on social media. ACC and Ambuja Cements collaborated with micro and nano influencers to drive engagement around the bubble barrier technology.

The two companies were the first to launch an augmented reality-based game in India, which created an immersive experience for users by illustrating the state of marine plastic pollution

and the basic functioning of the Bubble Barrier technology. This game convinces the user to play their role in driving change by encouraging players to "bubble pop" their way to cleaner oceans and safer habitats for marine organisms.

Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and Managing Director & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said that the

award served yet another reminder of the company's efforts towards sustainability. "We are elated and honoured that a campaign that's important to us has received the recognition that it deserved. Sustainability and business go hand in hand at Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd. This will encourage us to further step up our efforts in this direction."

Kohli-Gambhir feud: What is the fine and who pays it?

New Delhi: The Virat Kohli-Gautam Gambhir feud and the subsequent fines announced by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has led to a few obvious questions: how much is the fine in the context of a player's salary and who pays the money in reality?

The BCCI has said Kohli and Gambhir were guilty of Level 2 offence and imposed a fine of 100 percent match fee on each of them. Calculated on a pro-rata basis and factoring in Kohli's yearly salary of Rs 15 crore, his fee for a game would be around 1.07 crore and he should lose that much for the Lucknow fracas.

The figure was arrived at on the basis of 14 games for a season. If the Royal

Challengers Bangalore qualify for the play-offs and progress further, the value of a match fee would vary and would be dependent on the number matches played by the franchise in the season, and its division with his yearly fee.

By any calculation, Kohli is set to lose around Rs 1 crore - give or take - for the May 1 incident. Will he though? The answer is a resounding 'No'. The system varies from franchise to franchise but in the case of Kohli and RCB, Cricbuzz can confirm that he will not have to part from his IPL earnings. The franchise management will take the burden. "Players put their bodies on the line for the team and we respect that and as a



culture we don't cut the fine from their salaries," an RCB source told Cricbuzz.

The remuneration that Gambhir draws is still not known, and Rs 25 lakh being his one-match

fee is a matter of speculation. Those who know the inner workings of Lucknow Super Giants say the commercials between the franchise and its mentor (Gambhir) have

not been disclosed as it is totally between Gambhir and owner Sanjiv Goenka. One can infer that even in the case of Gambhir, the match fee docked is unlikely to be from his earnings. The

franchise is set to pay. Similar system is prevalent in other franchises as well, if not all, and one of them has said that they avoid cutting the match fee of a player, even if the fine is for the slow over rate. But in other teams, the players will have to take the hit for indiscipline and the captain for the not finishing the overs in time. There was a suggestion from one particular team that for the late completion of a match, the entire team has to pay the fine collectively but it was shot down.

This is how the mechanism of fine payments work in IPL: At the end of each season, the BCCI sends

the invoice for all the fines imposed on a team and the franchise pays it; whether to deduct it from a particular player's salary or not is an internal matter of a team.

Meanwhile, with the franchise taking the burden in most cases there is a feeling that the fines are not acting as deterrents. Experts have commented on this that the player should be made accountable for his mistakes and acts of indiscipline, be it Kohli or Gambhir.

Meanwhile new facts that have emerged on the incident do not project Naveen-Ul-Haq as exactly innocent. The Afghan cricketer, who has a history of fights in other leagues, prominently in the PSL, is believed to

have hurled abuses at Kohli who, as is his wont, was throwing 'banter' at the opposition batsmen while LSG were chasing 127 for a victory. The flashpoint was the 17th over and Naveen's conduct at that point is being seriously debated in the IPL circles. It was the reason that Mohammed Siraj bowled a few fiery bouncers at him, one of which had to be declared a no-ball. The same acrimony carried forward to customary post-match handshakes when things got further escalated.

Naveen was fined 50 percent match fee and that could add up to around Rs 1.8 lakh, considering he earns Rs 50 lakh a season.

Shabnim Ismail calls time on legendary international career

New Delhi: South Africa fast bowler Shabnim Ismail has announced her retirement from international cricket with immediate effect. The 34-year-old, known for her searing pace and passion for fast bowling, rose to become one of the best fast bowlers of her times and had even earned the nickname of "demon" in age-group cricket.

Ismail finishes with 1 Test, 127 ODIs and 113 T20I, picking 317 wickets in a career that spanned nearly 16 years. She played in four 50-over World Cups and all eight T20 World Cups, and hung up her boots with the second-highest tally of ODI wickets (191) behind India's Jhulan Goswami. "After 16 years proudly representing my country, I have come to the difficult decision to retire from international cricket and move on to the next chapter of my life," Ismail said in a statement released by



Cricket South Africa. "As any athlete knows, training and competing at your best requires much sacrifice and dedication, and I now find myself wanting to spend more time with my family, particularly my siblings and parents as they get older. "They have always been my biggest support and I want to be able to be there for them in the way they have been there for me over the past 16 years. I really believe

that reducing the amount of cricket I play will enable me to do this, and playing in global leagues is the only way I see to be able to fit in both family and cricket. "As I look back on my international career, I am so grateful for all the opportunities and experiences I have had. I have loved being able to compete at the highest level and I am so proud of being able to be part of a wonderful group of players who have led the

way for women in cricket. The memories I have will stay with me forever." Ismail said she intends to play in the domestic T20 leagues around the world.

"As I step into this new stage of life, I am excited to explore new opportunities and spend more time with those I love. However, cricket will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will continue to be a proud ambassador for

the sport in South Africa," she said. "I look forward to continuing to perform at the highest level over the next few years across various T20 competitions across the globe." CSA Director of Cricket Enoch Nkwe said: "This is a poignant but celebratory moment for South African cricket and the global game as a whole, as we celebrate and honour an incredible cricketer in Shabnim Ismail. "Shabnim has transcended women's cricket as a fierce competitor with the ability of making any batter uncomfortable at the crease with her rapid pace that regularly surpassed 120kph throughout her career. "She will be sorely missed by the team and all South African cricket fans as she continues to inspire the next generation of cricketers during her remaining domestic career in all parts of the globe."

Erling Haaland Smashes Premier League Scoring Record As Manchester City Beat West Ham To Regain Top Spot

New Delhi: A new Premier League goals record for Erling Haaland and three more points for title-chasing Manchester City. The Norway striker has scored 35 times in his first season playing in English football's top division — surpassing the previous single-season record that was jointly held by Alan Shearer and Andy Cole. Haaland still has five more games to add to his remarkable total and left the field to a guard of honor from his teammates after the final whistle. "He's a unique person and he's so special," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "He deserved the guard of honor because it's an incredible milestone. Another day he might break his own record. He's scored a lot of goals."

While the Golden Boot for the country's leading scorer is certain to come Haaland's way, bigger prizes are also in sight, with City edging closer



to a third straight title after a 3-0 win against West Ham. Haaland's goal in the 70th-minute put City 2-0 up after Nathan Ake had opened the scoring in the 50th. Substitute Phil Foden added a third with a deflected effort in the 85th. The win moved City back to the top of the standings, a point above Arsenal, which had gone to the summit after a 3-1 win against Chelsea on Tuesday. Guardiola's defending champions also have a game in hand on their title rival. While the result suggested a routine win for City, West Ham proved to be frustrating opponents for the

opening 45 minutes, limiting the home team to just a few chances. On the rare occasions City did create clear openings, Jack Grealish and Rodri hit the post. After struggling in the first half, City took just five minutes after the restart to find the breakthrough. Riyad Mahrez's free kick was played to the far post, where Ake met it and headed down past Lukasz Fabianski. Haaland, who had been relatively quiet, put the game beyond doubt when he ran on to Grealish's through ball and lifted his shot over the goalkeeper and into the back of the net to make history.

Mumbai Indians shoot down another 200+ total

Mumbai: Mumbai Indians pulled off a scarcely believable chase against the Punjab Kings in Mohali, tracking down 215 in the nineteenth over. The onslaught by Jitesh Sharma and Liam Livingstone had gotten Punjab to a massive total, but Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav outdid their counterparts, and indeed, themselves, in the chase, easing home with seven balls to spare. It was MI's second successive 200+ chase, making them the first side to the feat in IPL. After Mumbai won the toss and opted to bowl first, Shikhar Dhawan and Prabhsimran Singh started off quietly, before the latter nicked behind Arshad Khan, dealing the Punjab Kings an

early blow. Dhawan and the new man, Matthew Short, started to cut loose around the end of the powerplay, and were in the process of putting Punjab in pole position. However, it was then that the chicanery of Piyush Chawla got rid of Dhawan, getting him to dance down the track again to a shortened length. Punjab were 78-2 after the ten-over mark and hadn't really capitalised on the conditions. Piyush Chawla had exhibited a masterclass: 4-0-29-2. However, they had only lost two wickets. Could this be the calm before the storm?

A ribcage full-toss from A Jofra Archer at Livingstone did the unthinkable at Mohali.



Jofra, known for his miserly spells and street-smart bowling, had one slip out of his hand that only hit the splice of Livingstone's bat. However, he was avenged by Jitesh Sharma, who smashed

three fours in the over that yielded 21 runs. There was no stopping the Kings after that, as they massacred the Mumbai bowling all round the park. Livingstone got his revenge, smashing Archer for three

successive sixes in the penultimate over, as the pair of them hammered 119 runs in 52 balls. Archer, who had earlier bowled one of the fastest balls of the IPL (153 kmph), ended with hapless figures of 4-0-56-

0. It's been a while since Rohit Sharma has struck form in white-ball cricket, particularly for the Mumbai Indians. Today was no different, as he fell to Rishi Dhawan in the powerplay, handing the Punjab Kings the early advantage. After a decent stand with Ishan Kishan, Cam Green fell off the final ball of the powerplay too, putting Mumbai in a spot of bother - a required rate of over eleven and two top batsmen gone.

And then, it happened. It was the Livingstone-Jitesh counterpart for the Mumbai Indians -- Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav -- who laid into the Punjab bowling and leathered the bowling, sparing no one. Even

Arshdeep Singh, Punjab's go-to man, had been dealt a hammering by the imperious Suryakumar and the back-in-form Ishan Kishan. It was pure, unadulterated violence in Mohali. By the time Suryakumar fell, Mumbai needed 45 off 30. And when Kishan finally fell, 37 off 24. Despite not staying unbeaten, they had turned an improbable chase into a quintessential cakewalk.

With the wickets of Suryakumar and Kishan, the hosts still had hopes of making a comeback. However, with the recent form of Tim David and Tilak Varma, it turned out that this was only a theoretical possibility. The pair crunched 38 off 16 balls to ease to a target that seemed

unsurmountable at the innings break. This earned the Mumbai Indians two crucial points and made the mid-table contest even more juicy.

The win meant that Mumbai Indians were now at the sixth position on the table, and PBKS, who had the golden chance to rise to the top half, were left reeling at the seventh position. It was the fourth successive defeat for PBKS in Mohali.

Brief Scores: Punjab Kings 214-3 in 20 overs (Liam Livingstone 82*, Jitesh Sharma 49*, Piyush Chawla 2-29) lost to Mumbai Indians 216-4 in 18.5 overs (Ishan Kishan 75, Suryakumar Yadav 66, Nathan Ellis 2-34) by 6 wickets