

President of India Graces State Foundation Day Celebrations of Uttarakhand

New Delhi (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced Uttarakhand State Foundation Day celebrations at Dehradun today (November 9, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President greeted the people of Uttarakhand on the State Foundation Day. She said that it is a matter of happiness that with the new identity, the hardworking people of Uttarakhand are scaling new heights of development and progress. The President noted that



the physical and digital connectivity of Uttarakhand is continuously increasing. Infrastructure development is taking place at a rapid pace. The government is also giving special attention to disaster management. She stated that the multi-

dimensional progress in Uttarakhand is leading to increased enthusiasm among investors. She was happy to note that during the road-shows for the upcoming Global Investors' Summit at Dehradun, MoUs of more than 81,500 crore were signed till last week. She expressed confidence that these efforts will increase employment opportunities for the youth of Uttarakhand. The President was happy to note that the government is emphasizing on both the ecology and the economy in the Uttarakhand's development. She appreciated the state government's initiative to estimate Gross Environment Product (GEP). She stated that focusing on state GDP as well as state GEP, in a state full of natural

resources, will strengthen sustainable development. The President said that the land of Uttarakhand has been the land of braves. The youth of this state feel proud in joining the Indian Armed Forces and protecting the mother India. She stated that this feeling of passion towards national security is exemplary for every citizen. She highlighted that two Regiments of the Indian Army - Kumaon Regiment and Garhwal Regiment - are named after the regions of Uttarakhand.

Congress Holds Sankitran Satyagrah

Bhubaneswar (KCN): For fulfillment of its demand to reopen all four gates of Puri Srimandir and its Ratna Bhandar, Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) today staged 'Sankirtan Satyagrah' before Congress Bhawan here and Jagannath temples across the State. The Congress leaders and workers have staged such innovative protests at all the Municipalities and NACs across Odisha.

While the party members held the Satyagrah in front of the Congress Bhawan in Bhubaneswar by putting the idols of the Holy Trinity, the Puri unit of the party sat in front of the Singhadwara of Srimandir and performed Sankirtan as a mark of protest.

Offering Diya, playing cymbals and mridangam, the OPCC leaders including its president



Sarat Pattnayak staged protests over various demands including the opening of four gates of the Jagannath Temple in Puri for devotees during the auspicious Kartik month. Besides, they are also demanding reopening of Ratna Bhandar for repair & inventory and the return of land belonging to common people acquired by the Vedanta for a project in Puri. In Puri and several other

places, the Sankirtan Satyagraha also witnessed participation of the Lord's devotees. The idols of the sibling deities - Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra and Lord Jagannath, were also placed near the agitation site.

"A large number of devotees, mostly elderly ones, are standing in queues for hours to enter the Jagannath temple in Puri as only one gate is opened," said Pattnayak.

In Odisha Government is standing

as a wall in between the Lord Jagannath and lakhs of devotees. If the Government will not reopen the temple gates soon, we will further intensify our agitation and again hit the street," warned the Congress president.

Earlier, the Government had stated that the three gates of the temple were closed for the ongoing Puri Heritage Corridor Project.

On October 16, the Congress had demonstrated in Puri for the opening of four gates of Srimandir. The party had handed over a memorandum to the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) in this regard giving Oct 28 as an ultimatum to meet its demands. The party staged protests today in a unique way as the Government did not fulfil its demand before Kartik.

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The minimum temperatures (night temperatures) observed an appreciable fall at many places over the districts of south coastal Odisha and at one or two places over the districts of south interior Odisha. The highest maximum temperature of 33.6°C was recorded at Paralakhemundi and the lowest minimum

temperature of 11.5°C was recorded at Koraput and Semiliguda in the plains of Odisha.

The mercury dropped by 10°C in Kandhamal, while seven cities in Odisha recorded minimum temperature of below 15°C on Wednesday - Koraput (11.5°C), Semiliguda (11.5°C), Phulbani (12°C), Daringbadi (12.5°C), Kirei (13.2°C), Keonjhar (14.8°C), and Bhavaniapatna (15°C). The mercury dropped to below 20°C in the Twin Cities of Bhubaneswar (18.5°C) and Cuttack (19°C).

Odisha CM Inaugurates International Convention On Millets In Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday inaugurated the first-ever two-day International Convention on Millets (ICM) 2023 at the Janta Maidan in Bhubaneswar. National and International representatives along with senior administrators were present on the occasion. The ICM, the theme of which is "Millets - Ancient Grains for Modern Challenges", features farmer engagement activities, displaying emerging technologies and farm machineries, experience centres, technical sessions, policy roundtables, B2B meetings, international food festival, Quiz competitions, cooking competitions and many more. As per the State government statement, the ICM will focus on the

tribal heritage of millets and showcase success stories of millet entrepreneurship of Mission Shakti groups. The objective of the ICM is to revisit the efforts and strategies of different stakeholders to develop a commensurate roadmap for millets in the future, along with showcasing the tribal culture and heritage of Odisha. In addition, the ICM will hold deliberations on policy reforms and investment opportunities in the millet ecosystem.

The CM said, "My government will put all the efforts to make Odisha become a centre for excellence and contribute to economic growth, wellbeing, and health of the people of Odisha."

Welcoming the national and international guests, the CM said that Millets are traditional grains,



climate resilient and a power house of nutrition. Millets can play an important role to achieve nutritional security. Humble millets are emerging as hope for our future.

Saying that the United Nations has declared 2023 as International Year of Millets, he stressed that Odisha is the first state to organize such an International Convention involving all the stakeholders.

Focusing on state's initiatives, he said that

Odisha government always prioritized the welfare of every segment of society. We launched Odisha Millets Mission in 2017 with a focus to revive the millets. For us, promotion of millets is about justice and equity to rain-fed farmers of Odisha. To encourage millet cultivation, he continued, we have increased the direct benefit incentives for millets and laid out assured procurement of ragi. The state government is investing

over Rs. 2500 Crore for providing income and livelihood support to farmers.

He called upon all to spread word about the millet mission so every eligible farmer can become part of this journey. Praising the role of Mission Shakti Women Self Help Groups in the millet value chain, he said that under the brand of "Millet Shakti", Mission Shakti Groups have showed the world how millet-based

enterprises can play an important role in appealing to taste buds of consumers and improve livelihoods.

Speaking on the occasion, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Minister Shri Ranendra Pratap Swain said that that CM's vision has led to setting up of Odisha Millets Mission. Now millets are cultivated in 177 blocks of all district.

Mission Shakti women are leading millets cultivation and processing, he said.

Govt of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Secretary Shri Manoj Ahuja said that Odisha Millets Mission is not just a success in Odisha and India, it has also created buzz across the globe.

ICAR DG Shri Himansu Pathak said that ICAR will provide all support for growth of millets. ICAR has developed 125 varieties of 9 millets in last 5 years, he added. D e v e l o p m e n t Commissioner Smt Anu

Garg said that Odisha Millets are an intrinsic part of tribals' food culture in Odisha. We will encourage farmers to take up millet farming in a big way. Food and Agriculture Organization Representative in India Mr Takayuki Hagiwara said that India and Odisha are champions of millets. It can transform the agricultural landscape of India, he added. Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Principal Secretary Shri Arabinda Padhee delivered the welcome address and director Agriculture and Food Production Shro Prem Chandra Choudhary proposed the vote of thanks. International music composer, grammy award winner Mr Rickey Kej, and celebrity chef Mr Vikash Khanna also joined the programme as brand ambassadors.

5T Chairman VK Pandian Reviews

Transformation Works Of Samaleswari Temple



Sambalpur (KCN): VK Pandian, Chairman 5T (Transformational Initiatives) and Nabin Odisha, today reviewed the progress of the transformation works of Maa Samaleswari Temple in Sambalpur. While the development works of the temple have reached the final stage, the state government aims to complete them next month.

The 5T Chairman reached the spot early morning at 6 AM and reviewed the progress of the works with senior officers of the district administration. He also interacted with the servitors and officials of the executing agencies. He reviewed the construction of the new temple entrance gate, parking area development, podium, queue management system, cloak room and

beautification of the temple area.

The works related to vending zone, information center, pilgrim facility center, temple facilitation center are in progress. While more than 70 percent of the development work has been complete, the 5T Chairman instructed the officials to expedite the work as a considerable part is yet to be completed. During this visit, Manoj Mishra, Principal Secretary IT, Vir Vikram Yadav, Works Secretary, Collector Ananya Das, Trust Board Chairman Sanjay Babu and other senior officials were present.

Night Temperature Dips Below 15°C In 7 Odisha Places



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Elderly devotee in Odisha donates home to Lord Jagannath

Puri,(KCN): It was the deep love and devotion for Lord Jagannath that inspired an elderly woman in Mayurbhanj district to donate her only property - a homestead land- to a Sankirtan Mandali of the locality.

For 65-year-old Banabasini Behera, mundane assets were nothing against her profound devotion to the Lord.

"If I love anyone in this world the most, it is none other than Lord Jagannath. He is everything to me," she said.

Banabasini is a resident of Sripadganj Sahi in Baripada. All she owns is a house. In fact, she had earlier wished to have a



darshan of Lord Jagannath in Puri. But unfortunately, she was affected by paralysis at that time. She recovered after treatment and wanted to visit Puri.

Her daughters fulfilled her wish by taking her to the holy town and after having the

darshan of the deities, she claimed to have seen Lord Jagannath in her dreams.

"After coming from Puri, I had Lord Kalia Thakura in my dreams. I felt He woke me up. Since then I thought about why He woke me up from sleep. I remembered that I

have nothing to donate to the Lord. The only thing I have is the homestead land, which should be donated," Banabasini said.

Daughter Mitarani Behera said, "My mother was always dreaming about the Lord and wanted to donate something to

Him. We told her to donate her homestead land, her only asset. She was happy to donate it to a Sankirtan Mandali that performs Kirtan in the praise of the Lord. The Sankirtan Mandali used to face difficulties without a proper place. We all are happy now."

Gaurahari Nayak, a member of the Sankirtan Mandali, said: She has nothing except her dwelling residence. She is staying with her younger daughter. She donated the house to Sankirtan. We are happy for her deep devotion to the Lord. Even people having a lot of wealth do not think of the Lord. She gave a good message to people."

Two dead, pregnant woman critical in road mishap in Odisha's Jajpur



Jaipur,(KCN): From the AADHAR cards found at the accident spot, it was learned that they were residents of the Sana Biruahan Hata Sahi area. In a tragic road mishap, two persons died and a pregnant woman sustained critical injuries after the bike they were travelling on collided with an oil tanker near Baruhan Square on National Highway 20 in Jajpur district on Thursday.

The deceased have been identified as Sudarshan Behera and an elderly woman, while the injured is Purnima Behera. From the AADHAR cards found at the accident spot, it was learned that they were residents of the Sana Biruahan Hata Sahi

area. According to sources, the trio including a pregnant woman was going somewhere from the Jajpur side on a bike. As they were nearing Baruhan, their bike collided with a tanker. Under the impact of the collision, they were thrown off the bike. While an elderly woman died on the spot, locals rushed Sudarshan and Purnima to Jajpur District Headquarters Hospital (DHH). While undergoing treatment, the former breathed his last and the latter is undergoing treatment.

On being informed, police reached the spot, recovered the bodies for post-mortem, and launched a probe to ascertain the reason behind the mishap.

Ropeway facility in Bhubaneswar Nandankanan Zoo likely to restart soon



Bhubaneswar,(KCN): The long wait for the visitors coming to the Nandankanan zoo is likely to end soon with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) carrying out a mock drill of the ropeway facility on Thursday.

With the tourist season setting in, the authorities of the

Nandankanan Zoo are contemplating starting the aerial ropeway facility soon.

In view of the same, a joint mock drill involving an NDRF team comprising 15 to 20 jawans and zoo staff was conducted. The exercise lasted for one and a half hours. In this mock drill, the jawans demonstrated how

tourists will be rescued safely if they are stranded in the middle. All the safety measures in place were inspected.

Such a mock drill was carried out in May this year as well. Given the present mock drill, it is somehow certain that the tourists will enjoy the facility by New Year. However,

the zoo authorities haven't made any announcement in this regard as yet.

During the months of December and January, the zoo witnesses record turnout of visitors. So it is expected that the zoo authorities are likely to start the facility well ahead of time.

INDIAN RAILWAYS SPEARHEADS EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): The Indian Railways is a significant employer in the country. During the years 2014-2023, in the last nine years, Ministry of Railways has undertaken several initiatives to improve and expand the railway's infrastructure all over the country. These efforts involved significant investments in new projects, technology adoption, and up gradation to the existing facilities. With these efforts not only the transportation services has improved and enhanced in the country, but also generated lakhs of direct and in-direct employment opportunities.

During the period of 2004-2014, a total 4,11,000 jobs were created. However, in the span of only 9 years, between 2014-2023, about 5,00,000 people

were employed in Indian Railways. These people were appointed as Asst. Loco Pilot, Station Master, Train Managers, Junior Engineers, Technicians, Commercial Clerks, Track Maintainer, Pointsman, Assistants in various railway departments. More than 1.5 lakhs aspirants were employed during the last year only. This encouraging figure was possible despite of the 2 years long terrible period of Covid-19 and its aftermath.

During Dec-2020 to July-2021, Railways have successfully undertaken the mammoth exercise of conducting world's largest computer based/online recruitment exam.

A total 2.37 crore candidates appeared in these exams. It is noteworthy that the whole exam process was

fully transparent and corruption free. During the last five years lakhs of indirect jobs were also created through the industries which are serving with steel, ballast, cement, bricks, etc. for the railway's infrastructure works.

Employment generation with track laying works: On an average for construction of 1 km track around 33,000 man days of employment is generated annually. Hence, the Man days generated per day was 90.41.

On Indian Railways, about 5600 kms track was constructed in last one year. Hence, total man days generated per day was 5,06,301 (more than 5 lakhs).

Besides this Indian Railways is working on infrastructure works at vast scale like OHE, Signaling, PUs and PSUs, Station

redevelopment works are involved for generation of employment. This has generated around 10 lakh indirect jobs in one year. On an average for infrastructure work in Railways, there is 3.5 times effect on the economy. Hence, these 10 lakh indirect jobs further creates 35 lakh indirect jobs in different sector.

Capital Expenditure: Highest ever Capital allocation of 2.6 Lakh Cr has been made for infrastructure development during FY 2023-24 by Indian Railways.

The expenditure up to Sep' 23 is Rs. 150444 Cr (58% of the Budget Grant) against Rs. 102881 (43% of Budget Grant) up to Sep' 22 i.e., an increase of 46% over last year. This has helped in generating employment on Indian Railway.

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12th Fail Continues To Woo Audience, Mumbai School Makes It Mandatory For Students To Watch



Vikrant Massey-starrer '12th Fail' has only been unstoppable at the box office. Going further, it is now making waves in the world of education. The film has not just won the hearts of moviegoers but has also found its way into the curriculum of a school in Mumbai during the Diwali break. Recently, a school in Mumbai decided to include watching the film mandatory it as a part of their Diwali break homework. Taking to social media, makers share "A heartfelt thank you to Ryan International School Kandivali, Mumbai, for embracing the spirit of #RESTART with #12thFail! @ryan.group HAPPY DIWALI"

'12th Fail' has been a sensation in the world of Indian cinema, with audiences across the nation falling in love

with its heart touching storyline and entertaining performances, eventually accumulating 24.16 Cr at box office, which is clearly a big score for a mid size film. The film's success at the box office is a testament to its popularity, with both critics and viewers praising it for the message it conveys.

The move to include '12th Fail' as part of the school's Diwali break homework has been

met with enthusiasm by both students and parents.

'12th Fail', based on a true story, draws from the struggles of the millions of students who attempt the UPSC entrance exam. But at the same time, it goes beyond that one exam and encourages people to not lose heart in the face of failure and to restart. The film, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra, is now released in cinemas in Hindi. All set to release in Tamil and Telugu tomorrow.

Animal: Ranbir Kapoor Looks Dapper In BTS Pic With Sandeep Reddy Vanga

Highly-anticipated Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna-starrer 'Animal' is getting massive attention. Audience just cannot stop gushing over the pre-teaser and teaser from the film that has created a huge buzz. Before the trailer, the Sandeep Reddy Vanga directorial has become Ranbir's biggest-ever release globally. Fanning this excitement further, Sandeep now treated us to a picture with Ranbir from the sets of Animal.

In this BTS moment, Ranbir and Sandeep seem to be engrossed in an intense discussion. And it is Ranbir's deadly look with the long hairdo that is leaving us all very excited. This one surely seems to be another masterpiece coming from Ranbir. The 'Brahmastra' actor is seen donning a black



jacket, paired with black pants and in his long-hair look. Vanga, on the other hand, is seen in a dark blue shirt paired with blue denims. 'Animal' also stars Anil Kapoor in an important role and Bobby Deol as an antagonist. Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar's T-Series, Murad Khetani's Cine1 Studios and Pranay Reddy Vanga's Bhadrakali Pictures have backed Animal. The Sandeep Reddy Vanga-directed film is in the crime drama genre and promises to take viewers on a thrilling ride on 1st December 2023.

Tiger Shroff Is NOT Working With Sanjay Dutt In 'Master Blaster,' Actor Confirms



On Friday morning, an official announcement was made that actors Tiger Shroff and Sanjay Dutt will be seen collaborating for an upcoming comedy film titled 'Master Blaster'. However, a few hours later, Tiger Shroff took to Instagram and denied working on the particular film. He shared a picture of the film's announcement and wrote, "It will be my honour to work with such senior stalwarts in our industry someday soon but as of now this news is not true."

Surprisingly, he deleted the post within a few minutes. Later, Tiger took to X (formerly known as Twitter) and wrote, "Been hearing rumours and seeing some tweets and posts of me being roped in for a film. It will be my honour to work with such senior stalwarts in our industry someday soon but as of now this news is not true."

As per the press note issued earlier this

morning, the film was touted to be an action comedy that will extensively be shot in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China.

Trade analyst Taran Adarsh also announced the project on his X account. Meanwhile, Tiger is gearing up for the release of 'Ganapath'. The film will hit the theatres on October 20. Actor Kriti Sanon is also

a part of it.

Apart from this, Tiger also has 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' alongside Akshay Kumar which is all set to release in April

on Eid 2024 in five languages. Directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, the film has been shot across unseen and exotic locales across Scotland, London, India, and UAE. On the other hand, Sanjay Dutt will be next

seen in a sci-fi horror comedy film 'The Virgin Tree,' which also features Sunny Singh, Mouni Roy, and Palak Tiwari in the lead roles.

He also has 'Welcome To The Jungle' alongside Akshay Kumar, Suniel Shetty, Paresh Rawal and Disha Patani in his kitty. 'Welcome To The Jungle' is all set to hit the theatres on December 20, 2024.

Saif Ali Khan Indulges Himself Into Intense Workout For Action-Thriller Devara



Saif Ali Khan, the versatile actor, is currently engrossed in the shooting of his highly anticipated project 'Devara'. The film features intense action sequences between Saif Ali Khan and the acclaimed Telugu actor NTR, which has necessitated a rigorous work regime and dedicated fitness schedule for Saif.

In 'Devara', an action-packed thriller directed by acclaimed filmmaker Koratala Siva, Saif Ali Khan plays the role of a fearless and determined protagonist. To portray this character authentically, Khan has

taken on a rigorous fitness routine in Hyderabad, pushing his limits to achieve the desired physical transformation. Guided by a team of expert trainers and nutritionists,

Khan's dedication and hard work have been commendable.

Recognizing the importance of physicality in portraying a character convincingly, Saif Ali Khan has invested

'Devara'. Khan's determination to excel in every aspect of his performance is a testament to his professionalism and passion for his craft. Every character brings unique challenges and requires a certain level of dedication. For 'Devara', he wanted to not only understand the emotional depth of the character but also physically embody his strength and resilience.

It has been an exhilarating journey, and excited to bring this character to life on the silver screen. With 'Devara', Saif Ali Khan continues to push his boundaries as an actor, delving into the action genre with the same finesse that he brings to his diverse repertoire of roles. His collaboration with NTR has generated tremendous excitement among fans and industry insiders, who eagerly await the release of the film.

'Devara' promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience, combining edge-of-your-seat action sequences with an engaging storyline. With Saif Ali Khan's unwavering commitment to his role, the audience can expect an immersive and authentic performance that will leave a lasting impact.

Sai Pallavi Refutes Wedding Rumours With Rajkumar Periyasamy

Actor Sai Pallavi puts a full stop to secret wedding rumours with the director which sparked after the picture went viral on social media.

In the viral pictures, Sai and Rajkumar Periyasamy can be seen dressed in traditional outfits and wearing red garlands around their necks. The actor has finally clarified that the picture is actually from the mahurat pooja of her new film titled 'SK 21' and it's been intentionally cropped and circulated with paid bots and disgusting intentions.



On Friday, Sai Pallavi took to X (formerly Twitter) handle and wrote, "Honestly, I don't care for Rumours but when it involves friends who are family, I have to speak up. An image from my film's pooja ceremony was intentionally cropped and circulated with paid bots & disgusting intentions. When I have pleasant announcements to share on my work front, it's disheartening to have to explain for all these jobless doings. To cause discomfort like this is purely vile." Recently, on Sai Pallavi's birthday, Rajkumar shared a few pictures from the pooja ceremony and wrote, "Happy birthday dear @Sai_Pallavi92 You are the best and May God bless you with everything that's best as always! I feel blessed to have you too by my side in this! Thank you for being there." Meanwhile, Sai Pallavi will reportedly be seen in a film with Aamir Khan's son Junaid Khan.

As per a source, the two have been roped in for a love story. "The preparation of Junaid's untitled next has started. Sai Pallavi apparently will be the leading lady in the film. This will be Junaid's next project, after his YRF debut film. A Sunil Pandey directorial, the film is touted to be a love story," the source said in a statement.

Dhanteras Festival of Prosperity, Happiness and Joy



worship of Goddess Lakshmi i.e. abode of wealth and happiness and prosperity is done in this festival in the above three ways. When we meditate on wealth, we thank the universal soul for its abundance. We also pray for more so that we can become more prosperous. This prosperity is not only of gold and silver but also of knowledge, joy, confidence, peace and love. Gold silver is only an external symbol. Wealth is within us. There is a lot of love, peace and joy within. What more do you want than this? Knowledge is real wealth. Your character, your peace and self-confidence are your real wealth. When you move forward in union with God, there is no more wealth than this. This royal idea comes only when you are united with God and his infinity. When the wave remembers that it is associated with the sea and is part of the ocean, it gives immense power.

Dharma (Righteousness), Artha (Prosperity), Kama (Pleasure) and Moksha (liberation) have been the objectives of life in Indian culture. There have always been efforts to achieve them. Along with them religion has also been given equal importance and the need to coordinate between the two has also been expressed, but whenever their efforts to

coordinate are weakened, then there is an imbalance and chaos in the society. It has been said in the scriptures that the meaning of wealth is only when the life of a person is full of virtues. But in recent years, our society's mindset and standards regarding prosperity have changed. Today, prosperity has come to mean only financial prosperity. Human values and ideologies have been marginalized in the society and earning money and wishing money is becoming the biggest goal. Why did this happen? Are these the seeds of this trend in our traditions or is it a result of market pressures? Where will this kind of mentality take society? These are some important questions, which need to be churned on a holy festival like Dhanteras. Lakshmi's form is trident. She lives in body, mind and money. There are five types of happiness - body, mind, wealth, wife and children. There are eight forms of Lakshmi. Adya Lakshmi or Mahalakshmi (Virgo), Dhan Lakshmi (wealth, wealth, investment, economy), Dhanya Lakshmi (food), Gajalakshmi (animal and natural wealth), Sanatana Lakshmi (good fortune, health, age and prosperity), Veera Lakshmi (heroic) Lakshmi means

**-Lalit Garg-**

Defense, Security), Vijaya Lakshmi (Digdiganta Vijay), Vidya Lakshmi (Knowledge, Art Science), these eight forms combine to form the festival of Goddess Mahalakshmi. Diwali means Festival of Lights. Wherever there is light of these eight forms, the spirit of Diwali definitely exists. Lakshmi's abode is not restricted to a small unit. She resides everywhere. The richest of the rich and the poorest of the poor are entitled to the light and prosperity. This means that Lakshmi resides in mind. She is the confirmation of body, mind, wealth, family and children.

May this Dhanteras our prosperity be qualitative, but the new outlook that is flourishing in the name of prosperity is not only fatal but also a serious sign of danger to human existence. Capitalism riding on the back of

imperialism has increased the richness of the rich on one hand and on the other hand, poverty has also increased. The gap between richness and poverty is increasing rather than decreasing, as a result of which we can see the horrors of war, terrorism, communalism, which have the consequences of violence, hatred, malice in society, Greed, fierce competition, relationship cracks etc. Most impacts have emerged as environmental imbalances and pollution. Due to limited prosperity in a few hands, not only large and so-called affluent people, but a large section of the country has fallen victim to zero degeneration due to ill-humanism. Many evils came home without being called. Like world wars between Israel-Hamas and Russia and Ukraine. We Created terrorism. Man-to-man has become insecure.

Prohibitive rites such as violence, lies, theft, rape, collection have caught man. Not only the faces have lost their identity but also the character. The centers of policy and loyalty have begun to change. The foundations of faith have begun to weaken. The blind race of meaning connected the individual with collection, convenience, pleasure, luxury and selfishness. The problem that appeared was - the less the substance, the more the consumer. Individualistic attitude awakened. In the struggle for selfishness, injustice and exploitation started happening. Everyone feels alone. Surely there is an error in our worship of our wealth and the worship that is being done to achieve it. Our attitude towards money is dissonant. In this process, how is the true spirit of Diwali and Dhanteras celebrated? Because all the social

beliefs, human values, dignities are being considered as the standard of success, whatever the amount of money collected, politics, literature, art, religion are all being weighed on the scales of money. This trend is leading to very dangerous results.

Prosperity has been the dream of every era and has been included in the essentials of life. In a relative view, prosperity is substantive restraint, moderation along with enjoyment is also necessary.

The changing meaning of prosperity can become welfare only when character loyalty and morality are maintained along with prosperity. It is important to adopt pure means, so that the means obtained in the form of prosperity are used with the right goal in the right direction. Awaken the consciousness of immersion with the collection. Desire is substantive restraint, moderation along with enjoyment is also necessary.

The changing patterns of prosperity give rise to formations, give creativity to the ideological outlook, and stop the evils that flourish with modernity, move forward by building faith and humanity. Where have you been safe today - with the ideal of prosperity reaching man with faith? Who moderates their facilities? Who does the immersion of goodness? Who is able to give restraint to selfishness? Even if we do not have a car or other luxuries we must have the ability of character qualities because on the strength of this ability, we can make ourselves super powerful, only then our Dhanteras will be meaningful.

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Mastery Over The Mind

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with. Their purpose is not merely to ensure security and solace to themselves but, even more, to ensure the orderly working of the forces of nature for the benefit of all mankind, of all beings in all the worlds. That is the high ideal for which they have imposed on themselves all the toil and tribulation.

Our duty is to concentrate on the development of the Divinity latent in us; once we do that, all hate and all pride will disappear; we will become humble fellow-pilgrims with the Brahmins, to the same goal, though along parallel paths. Remember these things cannot be decided by the counting of votes or measuring popular support. We cannot judge fish as more precious than diamonds, merely because there are more crowds in the fish-market, and only a handful of customers in the shops selling diamonds.

The cottage and the castle are both built on the earth: so too, all faiths and religions, all disciplines have the Veda as the basis. The special feature of Indian culture is that here the dress and demeanour, the language and literature, the manner and mode of living, the

wherever they went, they saw only light, the darkness was nowhere to be found. They returned and reported. There was no such thing as Darkness upon the earth; we made the most rigorous search!

We can gain that victory only by rigorous Sadhana. Spiritual discipline is more arduous than physical discipline; imagine the tremendous amount of effort undergone by the lady who runs along a wire stretched across the ring, underneath the circus tent. After all, the gain is just a few rupees. The same steadfastness and systematic effort aimed at a higher reward can endow us with mental balance and we can maintain our equilibrium under the most adverse or the most

intoxicating circumstances. The Jnanendhriyas are more important for this type of sadhana than the Karmendhriyas, the intellect more important than all the rest of the inner instruments given to man. Make the intellect the Master of our mind and we will not fail; we will fail only when the senses establish mastery over the mind.

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such as the colon, lung or breast — and then spreads to the liver is called metastatic cancer rather than liver cancer. This type of cancer is named after the organ in which it began — such as metastatic colon cancer to describe cancer that begins in the colon and spreads to the liver.

Most people don't have signs and symptoms in the early stages of primary liver cancer. When signs and symptoms do appear, they may include: Losing weight without trying, Loss of appetite, Upper abdominal pain, Nausea and vomiting, General weakness and fatigue, Abdominal swelling, Yellow discoloration of your skin and the whites of your eyes, White, chalky stools.

Liver cancer is cancer that begins in the cells of your liver. Your liver is a football-sized organ that sits in the upper right portion of your abdomen, beneath your diaphragm and above your stomach. Several types of cancer can form in the liver. The most common type of liver cancer is hepatocellular carcinoma, which begins in the main type of liver cell (hepatocyte). Other types of liver cancer, such as intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma and hepatoblastoma, are much less common. Cancer that spreads to the liver is more common than cancer that begins in the liver cells.

Cancer that begins in another area of the body has metastasized, meaning it has spread to other parts of the body.

Liver cancer happens when liver cells develop changes (mutations) in their DNA. A cell's DNA is the material that provides instructions for every

can decide whether screening is right for you based on your risk. Screening typically involves a blood test and an abdominal ultrasound exam every six months.

Advanced liver cancer, including where it has spread to other areas of the body, has an extremely low survival rate. However, a cancer care team can take steps to treat the symptoms and slow the growth of the tumor.

Treatment options may vary, depending on the type of liver cancer. Ablative therapy: A surgeon can use radio waves, electromagnetic waves and heat, or alcohol directly on the tumor to shrink it or prevent its growth. Destroying a tumor by freezing, which is known as cryoablation, may also be possible. Radiation therapy: A cancer care team directs radiation at the tumor or tumors, killing a significant number of them. Side effects might include nausea, vomiting, and fatigue. Chemotherapy: A medical team injects drugs into the bloodstream or a main blood vessel in the liver to kill cancer cells. In chemoembolization, a doctor surgically or mechanically blocks the blood vessel in conjunction with administering anticancer drugs directly into the tumor.

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Glimpses of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant (WTP) as part of Jal Diwali –“Women for Water, Water for Women” Campaign, in Delhi

Khenpo Meets Dalai Lama



Dharamsala(KCN): Khenpo Pema Tenphell, Head Administration of the Tibetan Settlement Chandragiri took the Blessings of His Holiness Dalai Lama. He received the visionary guidance of His Holiness. And felt blessed.

Shri Khenpo is in Dharamsala to attend an official meeting of Central Tibet Administration. He attended the 15th Administrative Conference of the Tibetan Settlement Officers (TSOs) held at Gangchen Kyishong from 6-9 November. The Department of Home, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA)

organized the Conference, which deliberated on development agenda. Welfare of exiled Tibetans was discussed at length and Action Plan was chalked out, said sources.

Shri Khenpo who served Chairman of Local Tibetan Assembly Chandragiri & One of Main In-Charge of Padma Sambhava Maha Vihara, one of the most popular tourism center of Gajapati. He is maintaining excellent relationship with the District Administration Gajapati, State Administration and other stakeholders.

Shri Khenpo known for his suave and humane

approach is serving as a major connect with Tibetan and Local community in Gajapati. He is handling the Administration Affairs in a smooth manner and is being appreciated by senior officers of the District Administration of Gajapati and State of Odisha.

During visit of 5T and Nabin Odisha Chief, V K Pandian to Chandragiri, Shri Khenpo briefed him about the requirements of exiled Tibetans residing in the Settlement. State Government is extending all out support for overall development of the Premier Tibetan Settlement in the Eastern India.

consent to it to probe cases within its territorial jurisdiction. Article 131 of the Constitution empowers a state to move the Supreme Court directly in case of dispute with the Centre or any other state.

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Delhi To Bear Entire Cost Of Artificial Rain, Seeks Centre's Support

New Delhi: The Delhi government has decided to bear the entire cost of artificial rain for combating hazardous air pollution in the city and directed the chief secretary to present the government's views before the Supreme Court on Friday, officials said.

If the Centre supports the decision, the Delhi government can arrange

for first artificial rain in

the city by November 20,

they said on Thursday.

"In a significant development, the Delhi government has decided

to bear the cost of artificial rain that could be made to happen by November 20 if the Centre extends its support to the Delhi government," said a senior government functionary.

The Kejriwal government has plans to induce artificial rain through cloud seeding to combat air pollution in Delhi, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said on Wednesday.

Mr Rai held a meeting with scientists from IIT-Kanpur who explained that cloud seeding can

only be attempted when there are clouds or moisture in the atmosphere.

"Experts anticipate that such conditions could develop around November 20-21. We have asked the scientists

to prepare a proposal by Thursday that will be submitted to the Supreme Court," the minister told reporters.

Mr Rai emphasised that obtaining the necessary clearances and permissions for using this technology from both the central and the state governments is a

time-sensitive matter. India Meteorological Department Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra told PTI that inducing artificial rain can only be attempted when there are clouds or moisture available.

Artificial rain through cloud seeding involves dispersing substances into the air to encourage condensation, resulting in precipitation. The most common substances used for cloud seeding include silver iodide, potassium iodide and dry ice (solid carbon dioxide). These

agents provide the nuclei around which water vapour can condense, ultimately leading to the formation of rain or snow. This weather modification technique has been utilised in various parts of the world, primarily in regions experiencing water scarcity or drought conditions. However, the effectiveness and environmental impact of cloud seeding remain subjects of ongoing research and discussion.

Supreme Court Relief To Randeep Surjewala In 23-Year-Old Case

New Delhi(KCN): The Supreme Court on Thursday granted five weeks' protection against Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) issued against Mr Surjewala shall not be executed for five weeks. The bench also granted four weeks to Mr Surjewala to move the application before the Varanasi court and seek cancellation of the NBW. "We permit the petitioner to move the trial court for cancellation of NBW

within four weeks and the warrant shall not be executed for the period ending after five weeks," the bench said.



A Special Judge (MP-MLA) in Varanasi issued NBW on November 7, 2023, ordering him to be produced before the court on November 21 in connection with the case. The court also wrote a letter to the Delhi Police Commissioner, directing him to ensure his appearance in the court on the prescribed date. During the hearing, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Mr Surjewala, told the bench that the case dates back to the year 2000 when an FIR was registered against him because of alleged political agitation he did as a youth Congress leader. Mr Singhvi told the Supreme Court that the incident occurred in 2000, and the summons against Mr Surjewala was issued 22 years later in August 2022.

CBI Is "Independent, Have No Control Over It": Centre To Supreme Court

New Delhi(KCN): The Centre Thursday urged the Supreme Court to dismiss the West Bengal government's petition accusing the CBI of registering FIRs and launching investigations without the state's consent, contending the probe agency is an "independent legal person" and the Union government has no "control" over it.

The West Bengal government has filed an original suit in the Supreme Court against the Centre under Article 131 of the Constitution, alleging that the central agency has been filing FIRs and proceeding with investigations despite the state having withdrawn the general

consent to it to probe cases within its territorial jurisdiction. Article 131 of the Constitution empowers a state to move the Supreme Court directly in case of dispute with the Centre or any other state.

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131. It is a remedy for deciding disputes between federal units of governance. No other party can be joined in a suit under Article 131. The Supreme Court Rules of 2013 say if there is no cause of action, then

suit is liable to be dismissed. There is no cause of action against the Union of India because CBI is an independent legal person and has a separate legal identity outside the Union of India. Government has no

control over it," Mehta said. The solicitor general said the suit is also liable to be dismissed due to the absence of cause of action against the respondent - Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). "Being autonomous in

"The CBI cannot be made a party to the present suit under Article 131 as the same can be only between one or more state governments and Union Government or one or more State Governments on one side and Government of India and any other State(s) on the other or two or more States," he said.

The bench then asked Mehta as to what the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has to do with the CBI. Mehta said the DoPT does not have any functional control over CBI and it only deals with transfer, appointment or repatriation of officials of the probe agency.

Referring to the prayers made in the suit, Mehta submitted that the first prayer seeks a declaration that registration of cases by the respondent after withdrawal of consent is unconstitutional. "The Union of India has not registered any case in the State of West Bengal, nor has it been investigating any case. Yet, as is evident from the prayers, each and every prayer in the present suit is directed either towards restraining the Union of India from investigating any case or towards quashing cases where the Union of India has allegedly registered FIRs," he said.

More Funds For Health Infra

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The State Government has given in-principle approval for three infrastructure projects worth Rs 62.75 crore for two government hospitals in South Odisha.

Health and Family Welfare Secretary Shalini Pandit has issued three different orders while giving Administrative Approvals for the projects.

The Health Department has accorded its nod for construction of an OPD and IPD mother and child care hospital complex (G+5) with an estimated cost of Rs 27.43 crore at Sub Divisional Hospital, Gunupur in Rayagada district.

Similalrly, Administrative Approval has been granted for construction of a 150



seated House Surgeon Hostel for gents and 100 seated House Surgeon Hostel for ladies at MKCG Medical College and Hospital at Berhampur. While Rs 25.48 crore has been granted for the gents hostel, Rs 9.84 crore granted for the ladies hostel. The Department has set certain conditions while approving the

projects. As per the orders, the projects are to be completed within the stipulated period to avoid cost and time overrun. The concerned authorities will have to follow all codal procedures and statutory instructions of the government, it said.

The Director of Medical Education and Training (DMET) has

been asked to ensure that the consultancy service includes preparation of DPR, architectural design and periodic supervision and preparation of detailed estimates prior to inviting tender for the work.

Technical sanction of the competent authority should be ensured before the

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, Barrgarh has recorded crop damage of over 6050 hectares of land in 52 villages. This includes the maximum damage in Barrgarh 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.

Naveen Popularity On Rise; AU

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Veteran BJD leader and former Minister Ananga Udaya Singh Deo today predicted that his party Biju Janata Dal (BJD) will break the all-time record of former Chief Minister and Legendary Leader Biju Patnaik in the next 2024 Assembly elections.

Meanwhile, the department has approved creation of 138 posts including the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar in Odisha University of Health Sciences (OUHS), which started functioning in March this year in a temporary accommodation here. The State has 11 government and private medical colleges while another three government medical colleges are coming up in the next couple of years. Besides, it has around 200 nursing, AYUSH and pharmacy institutions. All are now governed by the University.



President said the people of the State are very happy for the developmental works undertaken under the leadership of the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

Particularly, in Western Odisha, the people are happy and have a lot of affection for the BJD Government, he said.

"If the BJP thinks that they have a strong hold in Western Odisha, we will break it in the next election," the BJD Veteran said.

On a question of whether CM will contest from a seat in Western Odisha, Shri Singh Deo replies,



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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,"

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 a 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 these, deodorants have taken up

LVPEI Receives 'Project of the Year Award' from PMI South Asia for Rural ROP Care Initiative

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) has received the Project Management Institute South Asia (PMI South Asia) award in the NGO category for its outstanding project in rural Odisha, aimed at managing Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), a vision-threatening eye condition in preterm babies. The award-winning project, titled 'Screening and Treatment of ROP in Pre-term Babies in 8 Odisha Districts,' has been funded by the Cognizant Foundation. It was implemented by LVPEI's Mithu Tulsiai Chanrai campus in Bhubaneswar in collaboration with National Health Mission and Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram. Dr Tapas Ranjan Padhi, the project



lead, along with other team members, accepted the award on behalf of LVPEI. Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) is an emerging 21st-century epidemic and the leading cause of irreversible vision loss in preterm born

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.

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.

timely retinal treatment within 30 days of birth. Approximately 1000 premature babies are susceptible to go blind every year in Odisha due to ROP. Increased awareness, early detection and appropriate treatment and follow-up are essential for preventing ROP blindness.

LVPEI campus at Bhubaneswar is the only centre in Odisha offering a protocol-based comprehensive ROP care including neonatal retinal imaging, laser, intravitreal injections, mini neonatal intensive care facility, advanced paediatric retinal microsurgeries, low vision, and amblyopia services under one roof.

babies and/or babies born with a birth weight less than 2.0 kgs, especially babies who were managed in incubators. The efforts by Ministries of Health over the last two decades to reduce neonatal mortality

have improved the survival of preterm babies. About 30% of the children in NICUs/SCNUs are expected to be affected by ROP and close to 18% of them can go completely blind if they don't receive

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Bhubaneswar : In today's world, demand for visual brilliance and digital content creation is skyrocketing. This is paving the way for more advanced technologies that support the production and consumption of rich content. For consumers, students, and professionals, fast, reliable tools are a must-have to keep their imaginations flowing. Building upon its award-winning SSD portfolio, Western Digital released the WD Blue™ SN580 NVMe™ solid state drive (SSD). The new, NVMe PCIe® Gen 4.0 internal flash drive is purpose-built for the creative enthusiast community and professionals to use when upgrading current PCs or elevating a custom build.

Khalid Wani, Senior Director- Sales, India, Western Digital, said, "Today content creators work with resource-intensive applications and large multimedia files such as 4K videos, and they often encounter challenges such as lengthy loading times. Western Digital addresses such concerns with its latest offering - the WD Blue SN580 NVMe SSD. It is designed to boost productivity and enable creative professionals to create more, without the inconvenience of prolonged file transfers or slow program loading."

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.

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 EBITDA 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 EBITDA 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 ChangeTheStory 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."

Meg Lanning announces international retirement

New Delhi: In a shocking decision, Meg Lanning announced her retirement from international cricket at the age of 31. Lanning led Australia in 182 international matches in her career spanning 241 matches and 13 years. Currently captaining Melbourne Stars in the WBBL, Lanning announced her retirement effective immediately calling it "the right time" to step away.

"The decision to step away from international cricket was a difficult one to make, but I feel now is the right time for me. I've been incredibly fortunate to enjoy a 13-year international career, but I know now is the right time for me to move on to something new. Team success is why you play the game, I'm proud

of what I have been able to achieve and will cherish the moments shared with teammates along the way," Lanning said in a statement. "I'd like to thank my family, my teammates, Cricket Victoria, Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers' Association for their support to allow me to play the game I love at the highest level," she said. "I also want to say a huge thank you to all the fans who have supported me throughout my international career." Lanning made her debut in 2010 as an 18-year old, starting with the T20I format first. She has played 132 T20Is and 103 ODIs and also represented Australia in six Test matches. Lanning, who first led Australia in 2014, has been one of the most

successful captains in women's cricket. Her record as captain includes 69 wins out of 78 ODIs, 76 wins in 100 T20Is and a Test victory as well in the four Tests that she captained Australia. She led her team to four T20 World Cup titles, one ODI World Cup and also the Commonwealth Games gold last year.

Since the Commonwealth Games, however, Lanning missed several series.

She wasn't part of the Australian setup for this year's tours of England, Ireland and also a home series against the West Indies. She had also missed Australia's tour of India in 2022, opting to take a six-month break. While Alyssa Healy was named the interim captain then, Australia will now look for

permanent new skipper as they embark on a multi-format tour to India next month. Among her several



records as a batter, Lanning is the youngest to score an international century (104* vs England in Perth in 2011, at age 18 and 288 days) and she also holds the record for the fastest century for Australia in Women's ODIs (45-ball 100 against

New Zealand in 2012 in Sydney).

Lanning also captained Delhi Capitals at the inaugural Women's Premier League earlier this year, finishing as runners-up. Brought by the franchise at INR 1.1 Crore, the 31-year-old was retained ahead of the auctions for the second edition, and is likely to continue playing franchise and domestic cricket.

Praising her contributions to Australian cricket, Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley said: "One of the finest cricketers Australia has produced, Meg's supreme achievements with the bat have been matched by her inspiring leadership. As one of the best players in the world over a long period of time, Meg has made an

immeasurable impact and led a generation which has helped revolutionise the game.

"Under Meg's leadership, the Australian women's cricket team has built a legacy of global dominance and has been at the forefront of growing the game and inspiring the next generation of cricketers all around the world. A seven-time World Cup winner

and Commonwealth Games gold medallist, Meg retires from international cricket having achieved everything there is to achieve and we thank her for the immense contribution she has made.

"We look forward to celebrating Meg's distinguished international career at an appropriate time."

Stokes, bowlers keep England's CT qualification hopes alive



Pune: A clinical bowling performance following Ben Stokes' maiden World Cup century gave England an emphatic 160-run win against Netherlands in Pune on Wednesday (November 8). Chasing a daunting target of 340, the Dutch never got going as they were derailed in the first Powerplay itself. Chris Woakes and David Willey bowled immaculate new-ball spells to virtually seal the deal in the first ten overs. Wesley Barresi, Scott Edwards and Teja Nidamuru provided resistance but the task had gotten out of hand very early in the chase. Adil Rashid and Moeen Ali ensured that the end was hastened with over 12 overs left. The result ensured that England were on track for qualification to the 2025 Champions Trophy.

Facing the new ball

under lights has been a task for chasing sides and the Dutch openers were at sea against the Woakes-Willey duo who probed away relentlessly and managed to extract some help off the surface. Max O'Dowd and Colin Ackermann were unable to cope with it as Netherlands slipped to 13/2 in the sixth over. The first Powerplay produced a mere 23 runs and this in the context of a run chase of 340 all but buried Netherlands'

chances of making a game out of it. Barresi and Engelbrecht did stitch a 55-run partnership to steady things but the rate of scoring was too slow and it only made the task harder for Netherlands. On expected lines, both batters succumbed to the mounting pressure and Bas de Leede also continued his woeful form with the bat as the innings started to fall apart. The only time in the innings when it

seemed like the intent and execution were on point was when Edwards and Nidamuru got together. Their 59-run stand came off just 50 balls as they managed to put some sort of pressure on England's bowlers. The Dutch skipper was his usual self against spin while Nidamuru also produced some cracking strokes. However, the pressure of a big asking rate eventually undid them too, with Rashid and Moeen then slicing through the rest of the batting line-up.

Eventually, it proved to be a very comfortable win for England whose strong total was set up by a Stokes masterclass. Despite the immensely favourable batting conditions on offer, England managed to get themselves into a hole at 192/6 after Dawid Malan's 74-ball 87 had given them the early impetus. The left-

Ireland to tour Zimbabwe again in 2023 for white-ball series

New Delhi: Ireland will be touring Zimbabwe to play a bilateral series for the second time in 2023 as Zimbabwe cricket confirmed the itinerary for the white-ball series in December. The two teams will first square off in a three-match T20I series, starting from December 7. Both teams will have new full-time captains leading their sides in the series in the form of Sikandar Raza and Paul Stirling. While Raza will be leading only in the T20Is, Stirling was recently named captain in both limited-overs formats.

The T20I series will then

be followed by three ODIs, scheduled to be played on December 13, 15 and 17. All six games will be played at the Harare Sports Club. Earlier this year, Zimbabwe won the T20I series 2-1 whereas the ODI series was drawn 1-1 after the final ODI got washed out. Ireland will be spending five days at a training camp in Spain from November 19-23 before heading to Zimbabwe for the series. Both the white-ball squads were announced by Cricket Ireland on Wednesday (November 8). T20I squad: Paul Stirling (C), Mark Adair, Ross Adair, Andrew Balbirnie, Curtis Campher, Gareth Delany, George Dockrell, Josh Little, Graham Hume, Barry McCarthy, Neil Rock, Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker, Theo van Woerkom, Craig Young. ODI squad: Paul Stirling (C), Mark Adair, Andrew Balbirnie, Curtis Campher, George Dockrell, Josh Little, Graham Hume, Andy

BCB to seek explanation from Donald



Dhaka: Bangladesh Cricket Board is all set to seek explanation from Allan Donald for pointing fingers at Shakib al Hasan as he appealed for timed out against Angelo Mathews during their game against Sri Lanka at Arun Jaitley Stadium on November 6.

Mathews became the first cricketer in the history of international cricket to get timed out. The incident took place during the 25th over of the Sri Lankan innings when he arrived at the crease after the dismissal of Sadeera Samarawickrama. Mathews joined his partner Charith Asalanka at the crease but before he could take guard, he found out that the strap of his helmet was broken. He signalled to his teammates at the

dugout to bring another helmet to him. While the substitute ran out with one, the umpires were busy in a discussion with Bangladesh skipper Shakib who had made an appeal for a 'timed out' dismissal. Mathews tried to explain the matter to Shakib as well as to the umpires but Bangladesh didn't overturn their appeal which made the umpires give the Sri Lankan out in this 'rare' fashion.

Shakib received severe criticism from different quarters for his action and Donald joined the bandwagon as he felt it was disappointing to see such things on the cricket field. "It was disappointing to see. I can understand Shakib taking his chance. His words were 'I was

doing everything to win'. You can sense in my voice that I don't like it," Donald said during an interview with CricBlog.Net conducted soon after the Bangladesh team returned to team hotel following their three wicket win over Sri Lanka.

"I don't like that sort of thing. It was really difficult to watch that unfold - one of Sri Lanka's all-time greats walking off the field without a ball bowled to him being given out for time. That's where I stand on that," he said. "You talk about the respect and the dignity for each other and for the game, the spirit of the game. I just don't want to see things like that. That's just me. I just don't want to see that sort of thing in our game where, okay, someone was sharp out there and said 'well, you can appeal'. I was like, 'really - this is not going to happen, this cannot be happening, this can't be happening,'" he said adding that rather than appealing Shakib should have reacted other way round after seeing Mathews helmet strap got out. "The most sensible

thing would have been to just to say, 'okay, no worries, mate, sort your helmet out quickly; you have time to replace it,'" Donald said. "My immediate reaction when that happened - and this is just [that] my instincts would have taken over - is I almost actually thought of going on

the bowler's end] say, 'please Angelo, you can now depart the ground'. And, seeing Angelo pick his helmet up and then walking off and throwing it against the advertising boards; it just was... I was surprised," he said adding that he saw anger in the eyes of the players while they did not shake hands.

"There was anger. The only word you can use, really, is anger. At the end of the day then, like I normally do, I'm almost out there on the park first shaking hands and I just knew that these guys were heading for one place and that's the dressing room. There was no eye contact at all, no conversations, nothing. I don't know, a lot of these cricketers today can call me old-fashioned but I just don't think there is any place for it. I just don't