

No firecrackers in Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Twin City after 10 pm on Diwali

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Commissionerate Police has put restrictions on the bursting of firecrackers in the twin cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar during the Diwali celebration on Sunday. Police Commissioner Saumendra Priyadarshi on Friday said that denizens of the Twin City will be allowed to burst permissible varieties of crackers only up to 10 pm on the day of the grand festival.



As per Priyadarshi, action will be taken against the persons bursting crackers with noise levels of more than 125 decibels. Moreover, he appealed to denizens to use green

firecrackers in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. "As per the guidelines, denizens can burst firecrackers up to 10 pm on Diwali. They can't create noise by bursting crackers beyond the time limit. I request all the people of the Twin City to celebrate Green Diwali by using green crackers. Please help the administration to control air and noise pollution," said Priyadarshi.

However,

denizens and firecracker vendors are still confused about the

guidelines issued by the Commissionerate Police on Diwali and the use of green crackers. "There is not much demand for sound-producing firecrackers. People are mostly buying fancy firecrackers. We were not sure about the licenses to obtain from the administration for selling firecrackers this year. However, we got permission at the last moment. We are hopeful of good business," said a firecracker vendor.

'Miscreants loot' Rs 1.5 crore from ATM van in Cuttack



Cuttack(KCN): Masked miscreants allegedly looted cash over Rs 1.5 crore from an ATM cash van on Godijharia Nua Sadak Road near Kalim Bagicha Rice Mill under Tigiria Police limits of Cuttack district. According to sources, over eight masked miscreants carrying firearms chased an ATM van in an SUV and motorcycles. They waylaid the van at a secluded place near Kalim Bagicha Rice Mill. As per reports, pointing a pistol, miscreants asked the driver to stop the van. Thereafter, the miscreants fled from the spot with a trunk loaded with cash from the van.

The trunk reportedly had cash of over Rs 1.5 crore. On being informed, Athagarh Police launched a probe and manhunt for the miscreants. "The money was withdrawn from the Athagarh SBI. Then we went to GIMSAR, Swapneswar, market and then to Godijharia. When we were returning after loading cash in an ATM machine at Godijharia, an SUV stopped in front of us. We were four in the van. Seven to eight masked miscreants got down from the SUV and came to us, all carrying pistols and sharp weapons. They first snatched the rifle from me and then

terrified others in the van with sharp weapons. Thereafter, they took the cash trunk and sped away from the spot," said Ranjan Kumar Dehury, a security guard accompanying the cash in the van.

Recalling the incident, loader boy, Sanjay Swain said, "Like any other day, we withdrew money from the SBI ATM. After loading cash in ATM machines at Madhapur, Athagarh Bazar, and Godijharia, we were returning when a stone hit our van near the rice mill. As the driver slowed the vehicle, miscreants in an SUV and a bike stopped us and took the cash trunk at gunpoint. We suspect the trunk had cash of over Rs 1.5 crore. We have formed three teams to investigate the case. They are on the job. Blockings have been put up at different locations. We are in touch with the police in the neighbouring districts." When asked about the involvement of the staff, Panda said, "It can't be ruled out. We are investigating the matter from all possible angles."

Two Killed In Road Accident In Jajpur

Jajpur(KCN): Two persons were killed and one seriously injured when their motorcycle collided head-on with an oil tanker in Odisha's Jajpur district, police said on Friday. Three persons were travelling in the motorcycle which collided with an oil tanker near Baruhan Square on National Highway 20 on Thursday night, they said. The deceased have been identified as Sudarshan Behera and an elderly woman (yet to be identified), while the injured is Purnima Behera, a pregnant woman, all of them belong to Sana Biruahan Hata Sahi village in the district.

While the elderly woman died on the spot, locals rescued the seriously injured Sudarshan and Purnima and rushed them to the Jajpur District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) for treatment. While undergoing treatment, Sudarshan died.

Stampede Outside Puri Jagannath Temple Injures Many



Puri(KCN): Several devotees sustained injuries in a stampede in the Puri Jagannath Temple after the 'Mangala Aalati' on Friday morning. All the injured were taken to the Puri Sadar Hospital. Reportedly, the devotees

included a number of habisiyalas (widows). The stampede situation in Puri Jagannath Temple occurred when the devotees tried to push their way into the temple during the Mangala Arati. It is worth mentioning

here that all the injured have been admitted to the Puri Headquarter Hospital (DHH) for treatment. Many of the devotees felt asphyxiated due to the heat and the huge crowd, said reliable reports.

IYDP From 15NOV



Minister Sri Nayak told that 687 numbers of Higher Education Institution including all Government, Government Aided Colleges and Universities are covered under the scheme. Institutions will organise competitions among the students in the field of Sports, Culture and Social Work related activities from 15 November to 31 December.

For successful implementation of the scheme, Sports and Youth Services Department has placed funds and implementation guidelines. Promotion of Sports, Cultural activities and Social Activities in the Higher Education institutes is the main objective of the scheme. These activities will provide a platform to the youth to develop their leadership, team spirit and individual talents and it will connect the youth with the larger community, Minister Sri Nayak told.

The meeting held in the Conference Hall of OSCB in Virtual mode was attended by Higher Education, Special Secretary Promod Kumar Mishra, Director High Education Bhabani sankar Chayani, Principals, lectures, students and other departmental Officers were present.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): To encourage participation of youth in the field of sports, culture, social work and make them active partners in the development of State, Government has launched a new scheme under "Integrated Youth Development Programme" (IYDP). The new scheme envisages to conduct competition and activities among the students at the Institutional level. Later, Youth Festivals will be organised under the scheme at the District and State level. Today there was a high level meeting on this Chaired by Atanu sabyasachi Nayak Minister Higher Education. Secretary Higher Education Aravind Agrawal graced the occasion.

After the meeting briefing media

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the new centre of Synopsys Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the new centre of Synopsys, a Global Leader in Semiconductor tool & IP at Bhubaneswar by putting a new milestone in Semiconductor journey of the State. This Bhubaneswar Centre will be Synopsys's First Design and R&D unit in Eastern India at Bhubaneswar.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Chairman 5T Initiatives & Nabin Odisha Shri VK Pandian, Minister of State, Electronics & IT, Sports & Youth Services & Home, Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Principal Secretary, Electronics and IT Department, Shri Manoj Kumar Mishra, Special Secretary, Electronics and IT Department, Shri Manas Panda, Vice President, Synopsys Shri Amit Sanhgani, SVP (HAT) Synopsys Dr Shivananda Koteswar, Group Director (R&D), Synopsys India Shri Rashmi Ranjan Mohapatra and Other Senior Officers from State & Central Government leaders & Professionals of Synopsys.

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Chief Minister said, "Odisha has emerged as a 'Destination of the Future' with growing scale of investment, talent pool and ambition. Government of Odisha has taken a range of bold and pioneering initiatives to lay a strong foundation of a future where the State will emerge as a key player in the Semiconductor landscape.

Synopsys Bhubaneswar shall steadfast State's commitment for fostering Innovation, economic growth, creating job opportunities as well as realise State's vision and capability to transform into an ideal Semiconductor Hub and

technology-driven enterprises. Echoing similar sentiments and calling Synopsys as the anchor organization in the ESDM & Semiconductor space in Odisha, Hon'ble Minister Electronics & IT Department Shri Tusharkanti Behera added that, "Now with the seeding of the advanced technologies for chip design from Odisha, Synopsys has taken a leading role to

show case its deep-rooted belief in State's Potential and capabilities in Semiconductor sector. The new centre shall stand as a symbol of State's potential as an emerging hub for ESDM & Semiconductor with Technological excellence".

Recently during the visit of high level State delegation to USA, meeting was held with senior leadership team of Synopsys Inc to discuss on setting up of its centre in Bhubaneswar. With grounding of the Project and inauguration of Synopsys Bhubaneswar, the mission has been successful said Shri Manoj Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary, Electronics and IT Department.

It is pertinent to mention that, the Electronics and IT Department; Government of Odisha is making significant efforts continuously to

attract major investments into the state in IT/ITES & ESDM sector. Government has launched Odisha Semiconductor Fab Policy to leverage the potential and cost advantages enjoyed by the State in Semiconductor and Fab Manufacturing sector with fast mover advantages.

In another path-breaking initiative, under the visionary leadership & guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, State Government has launched most ambitious Odisha Semiconductor Fab and Fabless Innovation and Acceleration Program (O-Chip) with an aim to make Odisha the cradle of semiconductor innovation in India. The O-Chip Program shall cultivate an ecosystem where startups, researchers, and students can thrive with provision of tools, funding, and mentorship they need.

Furthermore, recently during launching of Odisha 4 Silicon program, Government of Odisha has signed a MoU with Synopsys for building a collaborative supporting ecosystem, Semiconductor and VLSI focused talent-transformation and providing Semiconductor-focused research support.

With inauguration of Synopsys, Bhubaneswar, the new centre shall contribute immensely for building a larger ESDM ecosystem, creation of employment opportunities for youths and act as a catalyst for overall growth of the ESDM & Semiconductor Industry as well as economy of Odisha.



Sri Sri University Celebrates 10th Convocation ceremony with Padma Vibhushan Poojya Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Sri Sri University, a distinguished academic institution, marked a momentous milestone with the celebration of its 10th Convocation Ceremony. 600+ students from various courses were presented with their respective degrees. The event was graced by the Founder and Lifetime President of Sri Sri University, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji. The proceedings were led by President of Sri Sri University, Prof (Mrs) Rajita Kulkarni and Vice Chancellor, Prof B R Sharma.

Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, the Honourable Minister of the Department of Higher Education, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Cooperation, Government of Odisha, served as the Chief Guest, underscoring the government's

commitment to education.

Mr. Jo

Leinen, a former member of the European Parliament and the Guest of Honour at the Convocation, applauded the remarkable achievements of Sri Sri University.

A notable highlight of

the ceremony was the conferring of honorary degrees, "honoris causa," upon three distinguished individuals. The esteemed recipients of this recognition were

Padma

Bhusan, Vaidya Devendra Triguna, Padma

Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik,

the internationally renowned sand artist and Arjuna Awardee Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey, President of Hockey India, all lauded for their exceptional contributions to society.

Sri Sri University

proudly conferred degrees upon 5 Ph.D.



awardees: Dr. Guruprasad Dash, Dr. Nivedita Roy, Dr. Sipra Ram, Dr. Gopikrishna Panda, and Dr. Monalisa Patel, exemplifying the institution's commitment to academic excellence. Awards were also given to 28 gold medallists across various programs and specializations for their outstanding

academic achievements. The students were awarded gold medals in recognition of their exemplary performance in their respective disciplines. SSU boasts a diverse array of 45+ programs, encompassing both pivotal and distinctive courses delivered through cutting-edge academic offerings. The university's pioneering

efforts in integrated and the Faculty of health sciences, Contemplative and encompassing Behavioural Sciences, Osteopathy, Ayurveda, Yoga, Sports positive impact on Physiology, Nursing, and

education.

Sri Sri University, in its decennial year, earned the prestigious NAAC 'A' grade accreditation, reaffirming its unwavering commitment to educational excellence. The university's remarkable achievements were further underscored as it was ranked as the 8th Best Private University in India by Outlook-ICARE and secured a global ranking among the top 200 universities according to THE Impact Rankings 2022. Of particular note, the Government of Odisha has taken a significant stride in establishing a regulatory framework for Osteopathy education, positioning Sri Sri University as a pioneer in this field in India. The Osteopaths trained by the university have provided non-invasive, drug-free, manual treatment to over 20,000 patients in 12 Government hospitals in the state, bringing hope and healing to many. Sri Sri University remains steadfast in its dedication to academic excellence, innovative programs, and its overarching mission to create a positive societal impact, continually shaping the future of education and healthcare in India.

BSKY Care In 765 Hospitals



Bhubaneswar (KCN): Biju Swasthya Kalan Yojana (BSKY), 765 super speciality and world-class hospitals from private sector partnered with State Government (as of now) for delivering clinical treatment services under the scheme. This was known from one recent review taken by Secretary Health & Family Welfare and Chairman SHAS, Shalini Pandit.

Looking into the progress made in extension of cashless treatment to Odia people in private hospitals both inside and outside the State, Smt Pandit directed senior officers of State Health Assurance Society (SHAS) to keep oversight on the services and facilities available to the patients in the empanelled hospitals. She also directed the Nodal Officers to scrutinize on daily basis the claims raised against the treatment provided by the hospitals for their payment within the scheduled timeline.

Review showed that as of now 155 super speciality hospitals from 16 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Telangana, Karnataka, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu,

Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand partnered with State for implementation of BSKY. Similarly, 610 hospitals from different districts of Odisha came under its fold.

Major empanelled hospitals in other States included the Christian medical college, Vellore; Sri Shankara cancer foundation, Bengaluru; Tata medical centre, Kolkata; Homi Bhabha (HB) cancer hospital, Vizag and Sangur; Dr Bhubaneswar Borooh cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati; H.B. cancer hospital, Varanasi; Mahanana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya cancer centre, Varanasi; Advanced centre for treatment, research and education in cancer, Mumbai; and, Tata Memorial, Mumbai.

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Raipur, Life worth super speciality hospital, SMC heart institute, Medishine Health care, Kanha Children's hospital, Sanjeevani cancer hospital, OM hospital, Shree Narayan Hospital, Sagar multi-specialty hospital, Vardaan hospital, JMJ Morning Star hospital, Mittal institute of medical science, Petals new-born and children hospital, Suyash institute of medical science, Agrawal hospital, Goodwill's medical science, Shri Krishna hospital, Raipur institute of medical science, Sri Ananta Sai hospital, Balgopal children hospital, and Kalda burn & plastic surgery were brought under BSKY fold.

KD Nupur Hospital, and Nilakantha hospital, in Surat; Great Eastern Medical School & hospital, Medicover hospital, and KIMS SAI Seshadri Hopstl in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Raipur, Kolkata, and Jamshedpur also accepted BSKY for implementation. Other empanelled super speciality hospitals in

Visakhapatnam included A.N. hospital, Queens NRI Hospitl, Sagar Durga Hospital, Vijetha Hospital, MB Muti-specialty hospital, KIMS ICON hospital, GJ hospital and trauma centre, Giggles and OMNI Women and Children hospital, GITAM institute of Medical science, OMNI hospital, Ayush hospital, and Medicover hospital.

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Available data showed, 54 District Coordinators were engaged at district levels both inside and outside the State for visiting the empanelled hospitals regularly, and keeping watch over the patient-centric services there. At hospital level, 773 Swasthya Mitras were engaged to provide necessary assistance to the patients in matters of connecting to doctors, admission in hospital, and processing of their documents for discharge after treatment. Around 140 qualified and experienced doctors were looking into the treatment provided to the patients on daily basis, and were scrutinizing the claims raised by the private sector hospitals. Additional Secretary and Joint Chief Executive Officer SHAS along with senior officers of the Society presented required data for the review.

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Green Diwali Ideas For Celebrating An Eco-Friendly Diwali



global warming threat to the environment and lets us have celebrations that are actually synonymous with joy, peace, love, and gratitude rather than noise, firecrackers, and pollution.

Importance Of Having A Green Diwali

There is a need for significant measures to be taken during Diwali, as if not done, carelessness can cost us our health due to the harmful effects that accompany air pollution. It's high time that we recognize the need for eco-friendly celebrations and have a happy & healthy Diwali each year. Let's have a go green Diwali.

During Diwali, pollution peaks with firecrackers holding major responsibility. Not only should the use of pollution-causing firecrackers be discouraged but the other pollution-causing factors shall also be replaced with eco-friendly alternatives during the Diwali celebration.

10 green Diwali ideas to switch to eco-friendly ways of celebration.

1. Use Earthen Diyas For Lighting During Diwali

Use Earthen Diyas For Lighting During Diwali. We are a society that has turned to plastic for convenience & cost so much that there are plastic diyas easily available for use in the market. However, the old-school way of lighting rows of earthen diyas remains the coolest as it does the environment a favor by not causing any trouble.

2. Use Eco-Friendly Fire-Crackers

We can't eliminate the firecrackers from Diwali celebrations no matter how hard we try as they make an integral part that excites kids and adults alike. However, using green crackers that cause no pollution is an option that keeps the Earth happy and so do the kids.

3. No Plastic Gift Packaging

No Plastic Gift Packaging. Take your gift-wrapping game on Diwali a notch up. Wrap the present you got for your family members in paper or cloth wrap which looks gorgeous and can be reused, causing no harm like plastic does to the



environment.

4. Make Rangolis with Organic Colours

Make Rangolis with Organic Colours. On Diwali, pretty Rangolis welcomes the guests at every doorstep, inviting positive energy and warding off the negative. Make sure that your Rangoli is good for the environment too by choosing natural and organic colors rather than non-organic, non-biodegradable ones which harm the environment.

5. Use Solar Lights To Conserve Electricity

Diwali is the day in the year when every corner of your home is illuminated, all the lights switched on, and every railing decorated with string lights, all of which consume a lot of energy. Thus, to save electricity consumption

during Diwali, you can turn to solar lights which are much more eco-friendly, and opt for energy-efficient LED lights for your Diwali decorations. They use less electricity and last longer.

6. Celebrate With Seed Crackers

Seed crackers are seed bombs that when thrown on Earth, seedlings grow into plants. These are the nature-friendly and habitat-rejuvenating replicas of real crackers. All you do is soak these crackers for 1-2 hours, then sow the seeds in wet mud. Soon, these crackers hatch into beautiful plants.

7. Donate Your Old Possessions

Donate Your Old Possessions. Diwali calls for clearing the clutter and shopping for new stuff which

leaves one with a lot of old things to dispose of. Since we know that disposal is a major challenge posed by the world, what one can do is give away the old stuff to someone who can make use of it.

8. Give Eco-Friendly Gifts

Let the gifts you so thoughtfully choose for your loved ones be the ones that are handmade, and plant-based while being of interest so that you do your bit for the environment in small ways that make a huge difference in the long-term.

9. Celebrate With Home-Made Delicacies

Celebrate With Home-Made Delicacies. On Diwali, people tend to buy eatables, sweets, and more from the market but if you pay attention, you will see that these are packed in plastic packaging which is not good for the environment. Cooking at home is not only good for the environment this way but also good for

waste from Diwali celebrations will reduce landfill waste and will be better for your environment.

14. Community Celebrations

Participate in community-based celebrations that promote eco-friendly practices. Additionally, you can also spread awareness about celebrating a green Diwali by educating your friends and family about its importance and encouraging them to do the same.

15. Go Digital

Send e-greetings and messages to reduce the use of paper cards. You can find a lot of vibrant Diwali card templates available online that you can customise as per your liking. It would be a quick send and its best benefit is that it is completely free of cost.

Final Words

Let the smiles on Diwali spread throughout your year by choosing an eco-friendly way of celebrating the festival. Make health-conscious and environment-friendly choices to celebrate green Diwali this year.

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prevalent which causes a lot of noise pollution which isn't good for animals, people with heart conditions, and anxiety issues. So, celebrate with a medium volume that's pleasing to the ears of all and doesn't trouble anyone.

11. DIY Decor

Brighten up your home this Diwali by creating your own decorations from recycled materials or natural items like leaves, flowers, and clay as an eco-friendly alternative to the plastic decorations that you get in the market.

12. Local Shopping

If you don't have time on your hands to make decorations at home, what you can do is purchase handmade and locally crafted Diwali items and in this way, you will be going green while supporting local artisans and businesses whose livelihoods are primarily dependent on the festive season.

13. Compost Organic Waste

A surprising amount of Diwali waste can be composted which frees up the space in your waste bin while creating good manure for your garden. Properly composting food and other biodegradable

Eco friendly landscaping



edging).

Eco landscaping is the practice of designing and maintaining outdoor spaces in a way that minimizes negative impacts on the environment while promoting ecological health. While ecological garden is certainly one component of this, green landscaping and eco-friendly practices behind it aren't limited to the garden, but rather seek to improve the sustainability of one's entire yard and property. The goal in creating an eco landscape is to create a beautiful and functional outdoor space that simultaneously supports the local ecosystem, conserves resources, and reduces the carbon footprint of landscaping practices. Conserve Water. Conserving water is a top priority in eco irrigation and landscaping, considering an estimated 50% of water is wasted outdoors. Eco-friendly water conservation strives to select low-maintenance plants that require less water.

Increase Biodiversity & Protect Native Habitat. Green landscaping plants—such as native plants and diverse species—seek to revive and restore natural ecosystems, often through dedicated rehabilitation areas of wild, unmaintained growth. Ecological Landscaping is a method of designing, building, and maintaining landscapes that considers the ecology of a site and creates gardens that enhance the surrounding environment for the benefit of humans and all other life in the ecosystem. Aquaponics- Is used to grow nutritious vegetables in a full-circle system. In landscaping, water can be cycled out and into an adjoining bed to feed

and water plants. If using an eco-irrigation system, energy-efficient options attached to your garden hose are available to conserve water.

Once you've planned out your sustainable yard ideas, you'll need to populate your plans with plants. There are two main categories of plants to consider. Perennials are a landscaper's dream, as they offer the "one-and-done" approach. Planting an immature perennial like clematis and watching it return yearly, climbing and crawling on the lattice to provide shade and privacy. Annuals used in landscaping can provide a vibrant pop of color while attracting beneficial insects, and aid erosion control. Consider adding these flowering beauties to your green landscape design: petunias, sunflowers, and zinnias. Low-water requirement plants like cacti and succulents are excellent in supporting zones to limit water usage and deciduous trees shoot deep roots that require little supplemental watering once properly established. If landscaping doubles as a food forest for your family, using edible plants and shrubs like blueberry, raspberry, and blackberry, produces yearly and provides a makeshift border or fence. Eco-friendly herbs like echinacea, lemon balm, and mint are considered "good bug blooms" that can be dried for tea while beautifying your landscape. Wildflowers and native plants smell wonderful, while benefiting the environment and your garden beds. Planting

native plants, trees, and shrubs, attracts beneficial insects that would otherwise fly over artificial grass.

The key benefits associated with lawn care and landscaping include: Reduces chemical usage, Minimizes environmental impacts on land, water, habitat, and wildlife by reducing forest fires, soil erosion, runoff and, pollution, Reduces worker hazard, Leads to safer sites, decreases hazard exposure, and reduces fire danger, Reduces service disruptions, Lowers vegetation management costs, Increases worker productivity, Decreases utility customers' costs. Risks associated with lawn care and landscaping include: High Pesticide Concentrations in Urban Areas. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) water quality monitoring data indicate higher concentrations of pesticides in urban and suburban areas when compared to agricultural areas.

While landscaping can negatively impact the environment by replacing natural ecosystems and displacing wildlife, there are responsible ways to alter the land around us. Opting for more sustainable landscaping might seem insignificant. But if everyone makes these small changes, we could see a huge difference in our environment in the near future.

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DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHT,Light the flame of love

Uma Shankar Prasad



of Diwali also denote a time for destroying all our negative ambitions and thoughts and for a deeper more introspective illumination. It is also symbolises the rebirth of the soul. When Almighty was overwhelmed with his own love, his love overflowed and became the basis of world's existence. That is why he

Chaitanya and more. The Sufi Baha-ud-Din was once asked, "How did you achieve God?" He said "By illuminating the heart and not by darkening it. Learning the scriptures by rote only leads to a darkening of the heart; I did not darken my heart. On the path of Truth , I stayed away from words and illuminated my heart". Illumined with what? He

answered 'with love'. "leave every thing ; enough of verse and dogma. Now illumine your heart with the glow of love's fire. You too burn in the fire of divine love. But know that this fire cannot be sourced from outside. You have to kindle it within and 'you' yourself have to burn in this fire-nobody else can do it for you. Another bright example is the love of Gopa people and Gopangana for which Krishna lifting of the Giri Goverdhan Hill to shield villagers from the rainstorm caused by Lord Indra. This was the true love of God and attachment with their lovers. So let us come and lighting the love of light on our inner darkness. This year Eco-friendly Diwali known as 'Green Diwali' whose aims to preserve the environment, reduce air and noise pollution and promote love in every heart.

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Festival that signifies the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. But if actually we consider then light the flame in your heart, be a lover like the moth, whose attraction for the flame drives him mad and despite knowing the consequences it gets closer and closer to be destroyed eventually.

Diwali is a time to reflect on one's life and previous deeds and make the necessary changes for the upcoming year in addition to the lights, gambling and fun-filled surprises and gifts. This festive most essentially shines a light in your inner selves. The lights



Capacity development of fish farmers of Nawada District, Bihar: ICAR-CIFRI initiative



Kolkata, (KCN): ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute organized 7 days capacity building programme on "Inland Fisheries management" for the fish farmers of Nawada District, Bihar during 03-09 November 2023. A total of 30 fish farmers and Fisheries Development officer participated in the training programme. Dr. B.K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI interacted with the farmers and encouraged them to develop their knowledge for securing a sustainable livelihood. He urged fishers to use their available resources to maximize outputs and productivity.

The trainees were

sensitized with some basic knowledge on water quality management, nursery and rearing of pond culture, enclosure culture for livelihood improvement, and induced breeding and hatchery management. The participants were taught on various aspects of fish feed management and Fish disease management. A general overview on climate change and its impact on inland fisheries were covered during the training sessions. The fish farmers were also introduced to the Institute's Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS), ornamental hatchery units, and fish

feed mill. The programme has been oriented to strengthen the practical skills of farmers for fish production enhancement in open waters including ponds and tanks and also through field exposure visits. The field trip was organized to visit Halisahar fish farm, East Kolkata wetland, ornamental fish market and ICAR-CIFA, Kalyani Research Centre. The week-long programme was concluded on 09 November 2023 with certificate distribution to all the participants. The trainees were expressed their high level of satisfaction from the capacity building programme.

Diwali-Mela held at Rajdhani College to celebrate the advent of Deepawali the festival of light

New Delhi, (KCN): "Sanskriti" the Cultural Committee of Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, organized "JUGMUG" a 2-day Diwali Mela on 7 and 8 November 2023 in the College premises. The Diwali Mela was organized not only to celebrate the advent of the festival of light, but also to showcase the significance of the celebration of Deepawali. On the first day of the Diwali Mela some Inter-College Competitions, like, Semi-classical Solo Singing, Poster Making and Diya Decoration were held. Participants from various constituent colleges of the University of Delhi enthusiastically participated. The students creatively depicted the several Kaands of Ramayana, like the Bal Kaand, Ayodhya Kaand, Aranya Kaand, Kishkindha Kaand, Sundara Kaand, Lanka Kaand and Uttara Kaand, with an intent to highlight the significance of Deepawali. On the second and penultimate day of the Diwali mela cultural performances, food and craft stalls were the main attraction. Prof. Rajesh Giri, the Principal of the college along with Prof. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, the Chairman

of the Governing Body, Prof. H.C. Rathore, former Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of South Bihar (Gaya) and Prof. Ranjan Tripathi, Joint Dean, University of Delhi, were present in the ceremonial lamp-lighting ceremony where Saraswati Vandana was rendered by the students of "Rubaiyat" – the music Society of the college. Prof. Rajesh Giri in his welcome speech highlighted the importance and significance of the celebration of the festival of light. Prof. Giri pointed out the importance of the life of Shri Ram and urged the younger generation to

take inspiration from the life of Shri Ram. Students presented the myriad colours of Indian art and culture through regional and folk dance and musical performances. The Students of "Rubaiyat" – the Music Society started the cultural extravaganza with a soulful medley of songs. The girl cadets of the National Cadet Corps of Rajdhani College, presented a fusion of Bengali and Gujarati dance forms. "Nrityangana" the dance society of Sri Venkateswara College performed the unique and mesmerizing "Bhavai" dance of the state of Rajasthan. Another student group

from Sri Venkateswara College presented the rituals of the "Chhath Puja" through a dance performance educating the audience about the ceremonial rituals related with the people of Bihar. The north-east students group of Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College performed the "Mask dance" of the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The student group of Sri Guru Gobind Singh College performed the "Giddha" which energized the crowd with the vibrancy of the people of Punjab and North India. Students of the Deobhoomi community showcased the culture and tradition of the state of Uttarakhand through

their hill dance and musical performances. The students of "Panache" – the Fashion Society of Rajdhani College presented a Fashion Show which showcased the rich and colourful ethnic attires of India blending a fusion of tradition and modernity. The day-long event concluded with a musical performance by Monty Sherawat and team singing Haryanvi songs that entertained the audience and made them ecstatic. The convener of the Cultural Committee Mr. Shafiqul Alam presented the Vote of thanks to mark the conclusion of the successful completion of the Diwali Mela.



Mines Secretary Visits HCL Corporate Office

Kolkata, (KCN): Shri V L Kantha Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India, visited the Corporate Office of Hindustan Copper Limited in Kolkata on Wednesday. Shri Rao was warmly welcomed by Shri Ghanshyam Sharma,

CMD, HCL, along with S/Shri Sanjay Panjwani, D(Op), Sanjiv Kumar Singh, D(M), Upendra Kumar Pandey, CVO, and other senior officials, on his maiden visit to Tamra Bhavan, HCL Corporate Office. In a detailed

presentation, the Secretary, Mines, was apprised of the overall activities of the Company along with its ongoing projects. During the meeting, Shri V L Kantha Rao, interacted at length with the senior executives of HCL.

Lauding the unique position of the Company as the only Copper miner in India, he advised all to focus on enhancing the production of Copper ore and Metal-in-Concentrate. He further stated that the Ministry of Mines

will extend all possible support, cooperation and help in the administrative and policy matters. Shri Rao encouraged the HCL personnel to put their best foot forward in order to build a glorious future for the Company.

Walkathon, Fun Runs Mark Vigilance Awareness Week Observation by SMPK, Kolkata



Kolkata, (KCN): Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) organised multiple events in connection with Vigilance Awareness Week – 2023, in compliance with awareness campaigns and outreach activities recommended by the Central Vigilance Commission. The three-month long celebration of VAW-2023 was concluded on November 8, 2023 at Haldia in a befitting manner.

The day began with a Walkathon and Fun Runs in the morning, which was attended by more than 500 participants from SMPK, CISF, Coast Guard, Port Users and students of DAV Public School & Vivekananda Mission School. The Fun Runs were flagged off by Shri Rathendra

Raman, Chairperson, SMPK, who then led the Walkathon along with Shri A. K. Mehera, Dy. Chairperson, HDC and Dr. Preeti Mahto, Chief Vigilance Officer, SMPK, in presence of DIG, Coast Guard and Sr. Commandant, CISF.

In his keynote address, Shri Raman highlighted the importance of maintaining probity in public life by every Indian citizen, thereby achieving a corruption free society, which is essential to transform our great nation into a developed economy. Shri Raman also highlighted the digital initiatives taken by the Port to enhance transparency in its systems & processes towards ease of doing business, and the pivotal role played by the vigilance functionaries of the



The Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah at the 62nd Raising Day Parade ceremony of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at Dehradun, in Uttarakhand

ICAR-CIFRI ORGANISED SHORT TERM TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “RECENT ADVANCES IN RIVER ECOLOGY AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT”

Kolkata, (KCN): Indian rivers have been the lifeline for millions, supporting diverse ecosystems and providing livelihoods. However, these water bodies have faced various threats, including pollution, habitat degradation, and overexploitation of fisheries resources. Both anthropocene and climate change have been the responsible factors for many dead rivers. In such a context, the need for effective and science-based approaches to river conservation and fisheries management becomes more evident than ever. Realizing the

importance ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore organized a short-term training programme on “Recent advances in River ecology and fisheries management” from 07th to 13th November 2023. The main objective of the training programme is on capacity building for teaching and research faculties, and students on the recent technological interventions towards sustainable river ecosystem and fisheries. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. B.K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI in the presence of all Heads of Divisions, research

faculties and trainees. At the outset, Dr. A.K. Sahoo, Coordinator of the programme welcomed all the delegates and briefed about the programme objectives. He said a total of 15 participants including teaching and research faculties and students from various Universities representing from Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh have participated. He highlighted the advance course contents of the Training programme includes Drone based river habitat mapping, Use of IoT in river

ecosystem monitoring, Environmental flows towards sustainable fisheries, Advances in fish passes, Application



of GIS and Remote sensing in Inland water resource mapping, Microplastic pollution, Bioremediation and Practical use of Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) in river

discharge estimation. Dr. B.K. Das, Director welcomed all the participants and said the programme should be more of interactive and practical. He advised for developing the group dynamics and developing conceptual models for the river basin management. Furthermore, he highlighted the concept of river ranching and conservation of river germplasm through advanced tools. He said ICAR-CIFRI under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) programme has ranched more than 90 lakh fingerlings of Indian Major Carps (IMC) and 85000 adult hilsa in river Ganga towards restoration of the species and livelihood improvement. He said the river ranching has been a success programme in the river Ganga. Realizing the current stressors in river ecosystem, Dr. Das appreciated that the present training programme would help in transfer of scientific knowledge that ICAR-CIFRI has generated since 1947. Dr. Das congratulated and wishes for the successful completion of the programme.

INDIAN ARMY QUIZ-2023 QUARTER FINAL ON 09 NOV 23

Srinagar, : To celebrate the 25 years of glorious Kargil Victory in 2024, Indian Army is undertaking many adventurous, cultural and educational activities. One such initiative undertaken by Army Welfare Education Society under Adjutant General Branch of Indian Army was to organize India's biggest school quiz competition named Indian Army Quiz 2023. Famous as “Battle of Mind”, the quiz made headlines when 32,441 schools across the country registered for Round-1 in online mode and as many as 3600 schools advanced into Round-2. After two online Rounds, only 216 schools in the country made it to Quarter Final Round, of which 19



schools were from Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh. A houseful Chinar Auditorium in Badami Bagh Cantonment witnessed, these 19 schools compete in gripping and fiercely fought Quarter Finals with four Rounds of 05 question each and a Rapid Fire round of 10 Questions. 200 school students and teachers

from various schools from Srinagar town, NCC students, Army officers, gallantry awardees and prominent sports person witnessed the exciting quarter finals. GOC, 31 Sub Area was Chief Guest on the occasion. A total of 06 Teams qualified for the Semi Finals which are scheduled tomorrow. All participants and their mentors were awarded Certificates and Cash Prizes by the Chief Guest. The students got the opportunity to witness a motivating movie on Indian Army, weapons display and photo gallery showcasing the achievements of Indian Army. During the interaction with students, the GOC, 31 Sub Area motivated the students to join Indian Army and contribute towards nation building.

BJD in Turmoil: Leader Defies Party Protocol, Sparks Ticket Controversy



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In a surprising turn of events, the ruling party BJD finds itself embroiled in controversy as Odisha Tourism Development Corporation Chairman and BJD spokesperson, Mr. Lenin Mohanty, declared Kakatpur MLA and State Home Minister Tushar Kanti Behera as the chosen candidate for the upcoming assembly election during a training camp in Konark Yatri Niwas. The announcement, made in defiance of the BJD's ticket distribution authority and party

supremo Mr. Naveen Pattnaik, has stirred internal gossip and criticism among Kakatpur BJD workers and constituency voters. Mr. Mohanty's statement, asserting that no one can prevent Mr. Behera from receiving the BJD ticket, has raised eyebrows and sparked concerns about adherence to party rules. This deviation from party protocol contrasts with the recent warning issued by BJD Secretary Mr. Pranav Prakash Dash in a meeting at Nimapara.

Dash emphasized the need for hard work and cautioned party workers that only the ticket for BJD supremo Mr. Naveen Pattnaik is confirmed. He stressed that nobody else can guarantee their tickets, urging everyone to focus on party efforts. The controversy has the potential to create disturbances within the party organization, with political intellectuals expressing concern about the implications of Mr. Mohanty's announcement. The move may impact the morale of other BJD

ticket aspirants who have been diligently working for the party, raising questions about the internal cohesion of the party in Kakatpur constituency. As the BJD grapples with internal dissent following Mr. Lenin Mohanty's unorthodox declaration, the party faces a critical juncture in maintaining unity and adhering to established party procedures. The fallout from this controversy could have wider implications as the party prepares for the forthcoming assembly election.

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'UnserHaus' by BSH Home Appliances - Kolkata's new luxury address

Bhubaneswar: BSH Home Appliances Group, one of the world's leading home appliances companies today launched its first 'UnserHaus' in Kolkata. This is BSH's only experience center in India to house all its three brands - Bosch, Siemens and Gaggenau under one roof. Located at Salt Lake city's Adventz Infinity @ 5, this new experience center is all set to welcome customers as well as Kolkata's strong architecture & design community. The company already has two other stores in Kolkata - a multi-channel Bosch & Siemens Brand Store in Dhakuria and a Bosch Studio in Shakespeare Sarani. UnserHaus is the German name for "Our House". It is a place where comfort, convenience, inspiration,

and memories reside in every corner. The philosophy and core ethos of BSH's UnserHaus are focused on building long-lasting trust with all customers & business partners. Keeping this in mind, the space is designed to ensure that all visitors feel at home when they visit, helping them experience the products as if they were in their own house.

Commenting on the launch of UnserHaus, Kolkata, Neeraj Bahl, MD & CEO, BSH Home Appliances (India & SAARC) said, "Kolkata is one of our high performing markets and we're thrilled to further expand our presence here by opening doors to our 101st retail space*. The new-age Indian consumer continues to look for offline experiences especially in

Mahagram offers door to door banking services through Kirana stores

Bhubaneswar: Mahagram is a social enterprise focusing on Financial Inclusion that has enabled banking from the mom-and-pop store around the corner through fintech solutions. The company's mission is to enable rural women to save money at the local Kirana (or grocery) stores, instead of traveling miles to the nearest bank branch.

Recently, Mahagram has tied up with a public sector bank - the Bank of Maharashtra to roll out the 'Bank Sakhi' project in Odisha. The fintech

would provide financial technology and infrastructure support to augment rural financial inclusion. As part of the tie-up, the company has onboarded more than 11,000 bank sakhis (women) on the Bharat ATM platform to help the rural citizens avail themselves of basic banking services at their doorstep or the next door Kirana stores.

Mahagram aims to increase the ratio and habit of household savings in rural India. "At Mahagram, we are indulged in offering basic banking services

Amazon.in launches 'Back to School' store

Bhubaneswar: With the opening of schools and resuming of offline classes, Amazon.in announced the launch of 'Back to school' store - a one stop destination to simplify the shopping needs of children. The specially curated store offers deals on a wide range of products across study essentials like stationery, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, PCs, headsets & speakers, printers, Amazon devices, home furnishing among others

to help parents, teachers and students with school supplies and to create an effective learning and productive environment. The offers and deals will be available till 12th June 2022. Here are some popular products customers can choose from the 'Back to school' store on Amazon.in. All offers & deals are from participating sellers. HONOR MagicBook X 15, Intel Core i3 Anti-Glare Thin and Light Laptop - It has stylish

appearance with premium aluminum metal body with 16.9MM thickness, 5.3 MM narrow bezels and the weight of the laptop is only 1.56kg, which allows you to carry it easily, making it very convenient for school, travel, and work. It is available for starting INR 37,990 on Amazon.in.

Lenovo Tab M10 FHD Plus Tablet, Platinum Grey - Make way for the stylish 8.1 mm Tab M10 FHD Plus.

OSL Group founder bags 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for reshaping Shipping & Logistics scenario in Eastern India

The OSL Group founder received the honour at a glittering event organized by the TIMES Group at the Central Hall, Maitri Convention here in the state capital city. Notably, the TIMES Group organizes such a glorious event in a bid to celebrate and honour outstanding business houses and business leaders who have made significant contributions to their respective fields and communities as decided by a renowned research agency.

(Mahima) Mishra was conferred with the coveted 'Lifetime Achievement Award' for reshaping the shipping and logistics scenario in eastern India.



Bhubaneswar (KCN): On the August occasion of the 4th Edition of prestigious Times Business Awards Odisha 2023, Orissa Stevedores Limited (OSL) founder Sri Mahimananda

Rise of non-communicable diseases in India

Bhubaneswar: India has a high burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and dyslipidaemia, a cross-sectional and population-based survey of 33,537 people aged over 20 in urban and 79,506 in rural areas across 31 states and Union Territories has found. This study also demonstrates that although all metabolic NCDs are more common in urban regions, rural areas have significantly greater prevalence rates than previously reported. However, experts agree that NCDs are largely preventable and controllable by adopting healthier lifestyles, engaging in regular

physical activity and improving dietary habits. In the battle against NCDs, the significance of a well-balanced diet cannot be overstated. Even taking small yet mindful steps to improve your diet can prove to be beneficial in the long-term. Incorporating nutritious and natural foods instead of HFSS (High Fat, Salt, and Sugar) foods can be an excellent way to boost your health. Almonds are one such food that holds immense potential for promoting overall health. Almonds are a natural source of 15 essential nutrients such as healthy fats, dietary fibre, protein, vitamin E, zinc, copper, magnesium, calcium, and

phosphorus, amongst others. Multiple research studies have indicated that incorporating almonds into a well-balanced diet can positively affect cardiovascular health, cholesterol reduction, blood sugar, and weight management. Additionally, almonds have satiating properties that promote feelings of fullness, which may help to manage hunger between meals and keep cravings for unhealthy food away.

Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head - Dietetics, Max Healthcare, Delhi, said, "I believe that prevention is key to reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases. This makes it very important to be mindful of our lifestyle habits. Hence, I would urge everyone to make a commitment to prioritize their health and well-being by making healthier choices such as including

Godrej Appliances offers wide range of home appliances and enhanced shopping experience to consumers

Bhubaneswar: Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group announced that its business Godrej Appliances plans to strengthen its presence and expand its network of exclusive brand outlets further, inaugurating its first store in Chandol, Kendrapara district in the state of Odisha, India. This will be the brand's 26th exclusive outlet in Odisha under Bhubaneswar branch.

Towards strengthening the supply chain and creating a next-level experience for customers in Kendrapara, Godrej Appliances has launched its exclusive brand outlet - called Godrej

customers and most importantly give them a much wider display to choose from thus enhancing their purchase experience. The brand currently has 120+ exclusive outlets across the country and aims to have 140+ EBOs by this financial year.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch, Sanjeev Jain, National Sales Head - Godrej Appliances said, "We have always endeavored to be as close to our customers as possible. We believe our Exclusive Brand Outlets will give even greater value to our loyal customers. With our exclusive showroom, we have the opportunity to

showcase our entire range of best-in-class appliances at a single location. Odisha is an important market for us and we look forward to delighting our customers with the best shopping experience."

Adding further, Sanjay Kumar Behera, Owner of Jagannath Electronics said, "We are extremely delighted to have partnered with Godrej Appliances, which is a highly respected and trusted brand. We are sure that our outlet will prove to be a great destination for the discerning customers of Chandol through its unique offerings from Godrej Appliances."

The exclusive brand outlet will display the

Raj Petro Specialities strengthens its leadership team with Prasad Vaze's appointment

Regensburg: Vitesco Technologies, a leading international developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge drive systems for sustainable mobility, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today. The AGM was held virtually due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In separate votes, the shareholders formally approved the actions of all the Executive Board members during their term of office in the 2021 financial year. The actions of all members of the Supervisory Board in office in 2021 were also approved for their respective terms. "We are delighted to have received this vote of confidence from the Annual General

Meeting. We regard this outcome as a clear mandate to continue the successful collaboration and positioning of Vitesco Technologies as a supplier of sustainable drive solutions with a clear goal," said CEO Andreas Wolf.

All current members of the Supervisory Board representing the shareholders who were up for election were re-elected to office.

The members of the Supervisory Board who represent the employees will be elected separately. A complete list of all Supervisory Board members and the results of the voting at the AGM are available on the Vitesco Technologies website under 'Annual General Meeting'.

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tulsi Chandra Campus in Bhubaneswar organized a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk on 8th May 2022. This walk is part of the 'Whitathon' event organized by LV Prasad Eye Institute across its campuses in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, and Visakhapatnam and

Vijayawada. Celebrity actor, Mr Sabyasachi Mishra, will be flagging off the walk.

Whitathon is L V Prasad Eye Institute's annual cause-related event focusing on raising awareness and funds for early diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma - a life and vision-threatening Eye Cancer in Children. One of the most common

symptoms of Retinoblastoma is White Reflex (white glow) in a child's eye. Through this walk, LVPEI aims to raise awareness among the public that if they spot a 'White Reflex' in a child's eye, it could be a sign of eye cancer that needs immediate medical intervention. Hence, the event is named 'Whitathon'.

Dr Deviyoti Tripathy,

natural and nutritious foods like almonds in their diets. Almonds are a nutrient-dense food that can help to reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and other health issues. They are rich in several nutrients like vitamin E, protein, calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus required for the growth and development of the body. In fact, a review by a panel of Indian nutrition and cardiovascular experts, published in the journal Nutrients, suggests that daily inclusion of almonds as part of a healthy diet may help reduce dyslipidemia, one of the most important risk factors for cardiovascular disease among Indians."

entire range of Godrej appliances including refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, dishwashers, air coolers, deep freezers, microwave ovens, thermoelectric technology-powered Godrej Qube and UV-C technology-based Godrej Viroshield. To top it, there are assured gifts on purchase of select models for customers. Consumers will also be able to avail one-year extended warranty on select models and one year of product insurance, exclusively, at every Godrej Appliances' exclusive brand outlet. The brand also provides priority after-sales service to every Godrej exclusive store customer.

taking on the important hat of managing Raj Petro's Lubricants Business, and we wish him all the best for his journey! With his knowledge and extensive experience, we are confident that Prasad will assist Raj Petro in reaching new heights."

On his appointment Mr. Prasad Vaze said, "I am very thrilled to take on this new role. My vision is to create a world class experience for our consumers and channel partners. Our aim is to leverage Kyros, Onwo and Zoomol brands, explore humongous potential that India and international markets offer and grow the Lubricant business profitability."

Ms. Archana Gharte - Head HR said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Prasad Vaze, our newest member to the LT team. He will be

the Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk and spreading awareness about Retinoblastoma. We also acknowledge the support received from Aroh - Giving Hope, an NGO working for children with Cancer and their families."

Dr Tripathy further added that it is time to make detailed eye check-ups a part of mandatory paediatric examinations.



Bhubaneswar : Mr. Prasad Vaze has been appointed as the Senior Director - Lubricants

Commenting on the appointment of a new member in the leadership team, Mr. Mehl Nanavati, Managing Director, Raj Petro Specialities Pvt. Ltd. stated, "We are thrilled to have a seasoned industry leader join our team. With Prasad onboard, we are confident that he will accelerate the growth momentum. His unique domain expertise will further help strengthen Raj Petro's market position and expand footprint across markets."

Mr. Prasad Vaze is a result-oriented business leader with more than 25 years of extensive experience in customer-centric roles. Mr. Vaze has served in numerous senior leadership roles, including leading retail operations, profit centre management, developing business strategy and channel

Ocular Oncologist, Mithu Tulsi Chandra Campus, Bhubaneswar, L V Prasad Eye Institute said, "Our aim is to raise awareness about early detection and treatment of retinoblastoma eye cancer in children. No child should die of eye cancer because of lack of awareness and treatment. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Sabyasachi Mishra for joining us for

We have to dissect this - Silverwood on Sri Lanka's 'inconsistent' campaign

New Delhi: And with them, also sank the hopes of their Asian counterparts - Afghanistan and Pakistan, unintentionally invoking the spirit of Gulbadin Naib 2019. "Hum to doobe hai sanam, tum ko bhi lekar doobenge" (If I'm going down, I'll take you with me).

On Thursday, their challenge wasn't blown away the way it was against India in the Asia Cup final. Not by an inspired bowling spell by the opposition in helpful conditions, but by a more uninspired batting performance of their own. There were patches of dominance when Kusal Perera took the attack to the New Zealanders early on. There were patches of fight with both bat and ball, but too late to repair much of the early damage. But the momentum - on a pitch that was much slower and vastly different from

the one offered in the previous game at the same venue - never swung their way.

Such was the enormity of the context of this one contest, that its eventual result eventually impacted the fortunes of four teams in the tournament. As it stands now, New Zealand are almost through to the semifinals, and Pakistan and Afghanistan are almost out. All this while Sri Lanka have their hopes of qualifying for the 2025 Champions Trophy in the hands of four other teams who will be competing over the next couple of days. There have been better days in Sri Lankan cricket, and there will be many more better days in the future. But Thursday wasn't one of those. It was, if anything, a disappointing culmination of a forgettable tournament that was far removed from the performances of the same team a couple



of months ago. At the moment, head coach Chris Silverwood isn't in a position to reflect on the team's performance at the World Cup. He was hesitant to even open up about the possible positive takeaways from it. "We have to let the emotions settle at the moment, we have to dissect this," Silverwood said following Sri Lanka's loss against New Zealand in their last

league game of the tournament. "We have to have a very good debrief and dig deep into what has worked and what hasn't worked and then try and plan that way forward obviously for the next cycle. "They're the positives that we need to take from this now, is how do we best prepare the boys and the generations that are coming through to actually compete in the next World Cup and

make sure that come that World Cup, we are competing and we're ready."

At the Asia Cup, in home conditions, they seemed to have had most of their bases covered despite the absence of a few key players. While injuries, the turmoil in the board, the captain leaving the team midway and the Timed Out controversy would've likely played a part in impacting the team in

India, their on-field performances left a lot wanting. Skills-wise, Sri Lanka are far from the team that turned up for the World Cup, as evidenced by their Asia Cup performance where they reached the final. Silverwood pinned the poor performance down to 'inconsistency'.

He further added, "We've played some good cricket along the way, and I think we'll look back on certain games and rue missed opportunities, to be honest. There have been certain games during this campaign that if we'd have taken the opportunities that were put our way, this could have looked a lot different. But the fact is that we have been inconsistent and it's something that we've been working on for a long time and something we need to continue working on. So, yeah, I think inconsistent is a

word we can use."

To begin with, their strength - the spin attack - was blunted, eventually ending the tournament with the worst returns among all teams. While Wanindu Hasaranga's injury would've played a part, Maheesh Theekshana, Dushan Hemantha and Dunith Wellalage - to go with the part-time options of Charith Asalanka and Dhananjaya de Silva - couldn't pose enough of a threat.

Theekshana, who had

fairly successful tournament, the team rarely clicked as a unit. The second opener's slot was never sealed, and their in-form batter Kusal Mendis fizzled after starting with a century and a fifty in. Angelo Mathews, who joined the team mid-way, couldn't give its batting a facelift. Silverwood admitted that there is a long-term issue to fix with respect to the collapse of the batters. "It's happened a couple of times now, a few times," he admitted. "And it's something that certainly during the debrief, when we get back and when we dissect what's happened in this tournament, it's something that we have to look at and we have to find some answers because clearly, we need to start putting runs on the board on good wickets and putting other teams under pressure. And we haven't done that."

World Cup qualification scenarios: New Zealand put Pakistan, Afghanistan on brink of elimination

New Delhi: New Zealand put themselves in the best position for a semifinal clash against India at the Wankhede stadium on November 15 after an NRR-boosting victory over Sri Lanka in Bengaluru on Thursday. The day began with the fourth spot still up for grabs and a three-way tussle between New Zealand, Pakistan and Afghanistan. New Zealand went into the game with the upper hand owing to a superior NRR and further enhanced it by dismissing Sri Lanka for just 171 and chasing it down in the 25th over. The day began with the fourth spot still up for grabs and a three-way tussle between New Zealand, Pakistan and Afghanistan. New Zealand went into the game with the upper hand owing to a superior NRR and further enhanced it by dismissing Sri Lanka for just 171 and chasing it down in the 25th over. A win for Pakistan over England in their last group stage game on Saturday (November 11) will take them on par with New Zealand on points but the task of



usurping their NRR looks nearly impossible. As it stands, New Zealand's NRR is +0.743 while Pakistan have +0.036.

For Pakistan to overcome that big a deficit, they need to:

- Limit England to 13 if they score 300 batting first.
- Limit England to 62 if they score 350.
- Limit England to 112 if they score 400.

Coincidentally, Pakistan

got to 8/0 in 1.5 overs. The requirement for Afghanistan is even worse. Hashmatullah Shahidi's side is sixth currently with a NRR of -0.338. Until two nights ago, they had their fate in their hands as two wins in their last two fixtures would have taken them past both New Zealand and Pakistan to fourth spot. They were on track during the game against Australia when they had them down to 91/7 in chase of 291/5, but Glenn Maxwell denied them with an incredible double-century. For them to still make it to fourth, Afghanistan need to beat South Africa on Friday by 439 runs (if they score 500 batting first) to surpass New Zealand's NRR.

find themselves in a very similar situation ahead of their last group stage game in this World Cup as they did in the 2019 edition. Back then too, they needed a win by an unimaginable margin - of 300-plus runs - to overtake fourth-placed New Zealand on NRR. They batted first and only got to 315 for 9, needing to limit Bangladesh to seven runs. The chasing side

packed up and left. The women's second division game apparently did not follow. Three days later, France Cricket rubber-stamped the match as having taken place and posted the results on their website. "France 24 said in a detailed report under the sub-head of Phantom matches. The report further said that the clubs fake scoresheets. "Most clubs cheat, they pretend to have a

report as baseless: "These are absolutely fake and baseless allegations from a British-origin journalist trying to get some attention, especially with myself being of Indian origin and at the helm for the past 10 years, they haven't been any part of the system for a while for cricket in France.

"As Cricket recently has been included in the Olympics, if you try and understand, the timing couldn't be better. Now, they are just trying to get some traction. We have already been in touch with ICC and our Lawyer is taking all the required measures," Prebou Balane, the president of France Cricket, told Cricbuzz on Thursday. France Cricket is an associate member of the ICC.

Donald to step down as Bangladesh fast bowling coach



New Delhi: Allian Donald, Bangladesh's pace bowling coach, is all set to quit from his position after their last game against Australia, scheduled on November 11. The legendary pace bowler disclosed his decision to his charges during a team meeting in Pune on Thursday.

A top BCB official confirmed the development to Cricbuzz on request of anonymity.

"Yes, he (Donald) informed us that he will not carry on with us after this World Cup during the team meeting," the official said on Thursday. This development marks the end of a brief yet significant tenure for Donald who took charge

in March 2022 with the T20 World Cup as the main target. However, with the impressive progress of the team's pace bowling stocks, his contract was extended by the BCB till the ongoing ICC World Cup. Cricbuzz had earlier reported that following the ongoing ICC World Cup there will be wholesale changes in the coaching panel of Bangladesh. BCB on November 8

announced that they will seek explanation from Donald for taking a swipe at skipper Shakib al Hasan after he appealed for the 'timed out' dismissal against Angelo Mathews during their game against Sri Lanka in Delhi on November 6. When Donald's attention was drawn in this regard, he looked hardly bothered. "That's all ok with me if they (BCB) seek an explanation. As far as I am concerned the explanation was in the news today!," Donald told Cricbuzz adding that he is not interested to carry on with the Bangladesh national cricket team after the ongoing ICC World Cup. "It's a pretty surreal feeling," Ravindra told Star Sports.



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