

OFFICERS OF INDIAN ORDNANCE FACTORIES SERVICE AND PROBATIONERS OF INDIAN DEFENCE ACCOUNTS SERVICE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

New Delhi, (KCN): Officers of Indian Ordnance Factories Service and Probationers of Indian Defence Accounts Service called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (November 17, 2023).

Addressing the officers, the President said that they have joined their services at a time when the country is undergoing extensive transformation at local as well as global level. With emergence of new technologies and with latest techniques and information spreading at a fast pace in every part of the world, their role in the making of a developed nation and making India



globally competitive, will become even more important. She stated that young officers' thoughts, decisions and actions will contribute in a big way in shaping the future of defence systems and the country. Addressing the Indian Ordnance Factories Service officers, the President said that India has embarked on the journey to achieve the goal of an inclusive and developed nation. She

added that the indigenous industries have a huge role in making a self-reliant, competitive and a robust economy. The government has taken several policy initiatives in the past few years and brought in reforms to encourage indigenous design, development, and manufacturing of defence equipment. She stressed that IOFS officers will be the movers and facilitators

of indigenization in defence systems and they would be expected to work towards enhancing India's defence production capabilities. The President said that India's defence exports have risen from Rs. 686 crore in FY 2013-14 to nearly Rs. 16,000 crore in FY 2022-23. She expressed confidence that with their professional integrity and based on their robust training modules, IDAS officers will be able to promote financial prudence in defence forces and contribute significantly in nation building. She urged them to adopt latest techniques and methods for auditing and accounting for bringing in greater transparency and accountability in the functioning of defence systems.

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Former chief secretary and chairperson Odisha Electricity Regulatory commission Shri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra IAS (Retd), is appointed as the New chief Advisor chief minister office. Upon his request, he is allowed to relinquish from the post of Chairperson, Odisha

Electricity, Regulatory commission w.e.f 17.11.2023 AN.

Shri R.Balakrishnan IAS (Retd) at present Chief Advisor, Special Initiatives in the rank of Chief Secretary will continue as such and he is relieved from his additional charge of Chief Advisor, Chief Minister's Office.

Shri Asit Tripathy IAS (Retd), Chairman, Western Odisha Development Council upon his request is allowed to relinquish all his additional charges of Principal Advisor.

Odisha CM Approves 5 Smart Vending Zones In Khurda Town

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Bhubaneswar (KCN): In the 5T transformation programme, the state's administrative approach has given utmost importance to the views of local people. Today, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved five Smart Vending Zones in Khurda town. On the instructions of the Chief Minister, 5T Chairman V.K. Pandian visited different areas of Khurda district and met common people to gather opinions. In addition to many proposals, there was also a proposal for a market complex in Khurda town. 5T Chairman had said

that this project was under the consideration of the Chief Minister in the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' programme and an immediate decision will be taken on it. The proposal was approved on November 10. According to the decision, 5 Smart Vending Zones will be constructed at five locations within the town limits of Khurda. A total of 266 kiosks will be constructed and Rs 8.79 crore has been sanctioned for the project. According to this decision, the vending zone will be developed in five patches. 90 kiosks will be constructed in Patch-1, 30 in Patch-2, 90 in Patch-3, 28 in Patch-4 and 28 in Patch-5. It is expected that this will solve the long-standing problem in Khurda town, the CMO said.

Odia BSF jawan martyred in Tripura



Bhubaneswar (KCN): A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan from Odisha posted at Tripura border was reportedly martyred on Thursday night. The martyred jawan has been identified as Ishwar Chandra Dora from Belakhandi village under Kalahandi's Kesinga block. The office of the BSF Commandant at Tripura reportedly informed about the death of the jawan to family members of Dora. However, the exact reason for his death is yet to be ascertained. Dora joined BSF in 2009 and was posted at Tripura for some months.

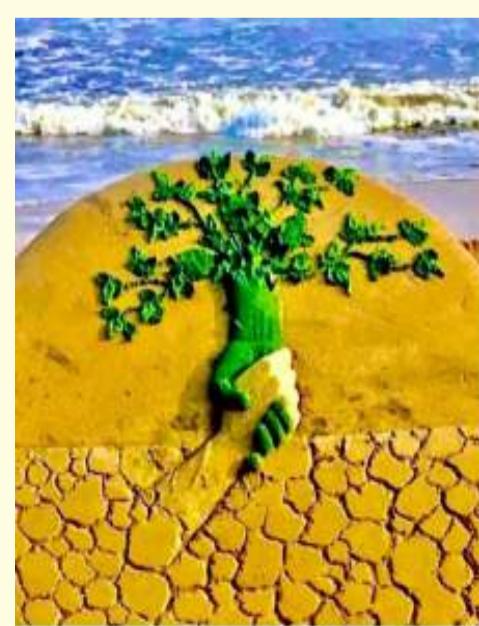
New Delhi, (KCN): The Accredited Journalists Association, in collaboration with the Press Club of India, orchestrated a thought-provoking seminar on "Media Freedom in India." Distinguished figures such as Siddharth Varadarajan (Founder Editor of "The Wire"), Ananth Nath (President of the Editors Guild of India), Gautam Lahiri (President of the Press Club of India), and Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi (President of the Accredited Journalists Association) graced the occasion. During this event, three eminent journalists – Vivek Shukla, Lalit Vats, Ira Jha – along with a accomplished photojournalist Kamaljeet Singh, were bestowed with the Excellence Award. Their unwavering commitment to journalistic integrity and insightful reporting garnered well-deserved

recognition. Siddharth Varadarajan expressed concern over the prevailing climate of fear faced by journalists, emphasizing the need to address challenges to media freedom. He cited instances of senior journalists facing unwarranted charges, urging a united stand against oppression, transcending ideological differences. Vivek Shukla, Lalit Vats, and Ira Jha each with a rich history in media, were acknowledged for their invaluable contributions. Shukla's extensive experience, Vats' fearless crime reporting, and Jha's trailblazing role as the first woman Hindi journalist to lead desks at two national newspapers were lauded. Kamaljeet Singh, a renowned photojournalist, was commended for his exceptional contributions to visual storytelling within the Times of India group.

The speakers emphasized the importance of journalists standing united against challenges to press freedom. Siddharth Varadarajan provided insights into governmental obstacles, advocating for a collaborative effort to counteract infringements on media rights. The event, under the leadership of Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi and Kodwolle Channappa, proved a resounding success, bringing together a diverse gathering of journalists – both seasoned and emerging – to celebrate the spirit of journalistic excellence and address the pressing issues facing the media fraternity.

Awareness workshop for students on beach plastic pollution

Bhubaneswar (KCN): In a proactive move against the global crisis of plastic pollution, an impactful awareness workshop is set to unfold on the pristine shores of Puri, Odisha. According to UN data, a staggering 19-23 million tonnes of plastic waste infiltrate aquatic ecosystems yearly, threatening marine life and ecosystems worldwide. A alarming projections suggest this could double or triple by 2040, while recycling rates languish below 10 percent. Addressing this pressing issue, the workshop, led by



Padma Shri awardee Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik, renowned for his mesmerizing sand art, aims to convey the urgent need for reducing daily plastic consumption. Students from Puri



district schools will actively participate, crafting intricate sand art using plastic waste collected from the very beach that has witnessed its detrimental impact in recent weeks. The workshop not only

accentuates the severity of plastic pollution but also provides a unique learning opportunity for young students. As the future custodians of our planet's aquatic ecosystems, these



Consul General Babara Voss



With this workshop, we aim to inspire our future generation to lead the process of change. This collaborative effort between a celebrated sand artist and the German Consulate marks a significant step towards fostering environmental consciousness and mobilizing the younger generation for a sustainable future.

pollution. "I am happy to join the drive and contribute to the cause which needs a global and bigger push. I look forward to witnessing great sand art combined with plastic leftovers on the blue flag beach in Puri," said Voss. "Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik echoed the sentiment, stating, "I am excited to be part of this social awareness program initiated by the German Consulate General.

Knowledge and Knowing

Dr. Arundhati Devi



and listening. Therefore, a Buddha is far more valuable to the humanity than billions of others with acquired knowledge. The mere presence of a Buddha is enough to dispel ignorance, which a person with knowledge from all the books on the planet, cannot.

Knowledge binds you whereas knowing liberates you. Knowledge is of no value when it comes to seeking. Rather, it's a

outside. Knowing arises from within. Knowledge is memory that is of the mind, but knowing is existential, which is of the 'being'. Knowing is the very nature of this existence; it is the core of human existence. It arises when you are in touch with your 'being'.

Knowledge binds you whereas knowing liberates you. Knowledge is of no value when it comes to seeking. Rather, it's a hindrance because knowledge gives you



hindrance because knowledge gives you a false sense of knowing. For example, knowledge that 'I'm a soul' is binding, because it's just a belief, but the realisation that 'I'm a soul' is liberating. Knowledge is bondage and knowing is freedom. Spirituality is a journey from knowledge to knowing. Knowledge and knowing are two different things. Knowledge is that which we gather from

within, and in that moment what you perceive is 'knowing'. Knowing is samyak darshan, perception, seeing things as they are and not as they appear to be. That's why knowing is subjective and arises in rare ones; it is opposed to knowledge, which is objective and can easily be acquired by one and all, like any other object, by means of education, reading and listening. Therefore, a Buddha is far more valuable to

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BOI's name is now a household and synonymous with growth and development



Kudos to Bank of India for posting a net profit of ₹1,458 crore in the second quarter of fiscal year 2023-24 (Q2FY24), which is higher by 52 percent as against ₹960 crore recorded in the year-ago period. BOI's net interest income (NII) stood at ₹5,740 crore in Q2FY24, improving by 13 percent as against ₹5,083 crore

reported in the same quarter of the previous fiscal. The non-interest income increased by 19 percent on-year to ₹1,688 crore from ₹1,417 crore in Q2FY23.

The bank's management expects to see strong credit growth in the second half of the year. Bank of India's name is now a household name and synonymous with growth, development and efficiency. The bank has the best of technology and best of capabilities. Customers acquisition and introduction of new projects, campaigns

has a strong loan pipeline and it has already sanctioned loans worth ₹17,000 crore which will be disbursed in the next two quarters.

It is today stronger, bigger, more vibrant and confident bank. Digitisation of products and process is another important area the Bank is giving added thrust. BOI expects most of their customers to use digital platform for most of the banking services. Our vision is to be a leading

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and products as well as services have given a new impetus to BOI. BOI is strengthening on quarter to quarter. Bank is on a continuous drive towards pursuing Technology Up gradation and Digitization measures. Digitisation of products and process is another important area the Bank is giving added thrust. BOI expects most of their customers to use digital platform for most of the banking services. Our vision is to be a leading

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Alekh Chandra Samal, OFS-I (S.B.)



peel from Vidura's wife, according to the Mahabharata. These incidents echo a similar theme of God being an easy-to-please personality who likes accepting our gifts. Maybe God simply looks for the devotional feel that accompanies our gifts when we offer

the great saints of bhakti literature are full of such moving accounts of trials borne and endured through love of God. Mirabai, for instance, was subject to much harassment from the new Rana of Chittore after her husband's death. He once sent her a

Bhakti, according to the Gita, is the love for God and love reinforced by a true knowledge of the glory of God. It surpasses the love a



them to him.

Along these lines, we can

for all things worldly. This love is constant and is centered in God and God alone, and cannot be shaken under any circumstances whether in prosperity or in adversity.

Ramakrishna said: "I don't want to be sugar. I want to taste sugar." The bhakta does not want to be God, he wants to be with God. The lives of

basketful of flowers hiding a snake inside. When Mira put in her hand, it changed into a Saligrama, a black, round stone worshipped as an emblem of Vishnu. Another time he sent her poison, which she drank, calling upon the name of her beloved Giridhar, and lo, it turned to nectar!

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'Staggering' 347 million children facing water scarcity in South Asia



According to recently published report of UNICEF, more children in South Asia are struggling due to severe water scarcity made worse by the effects of climate change than anywhere else worldwide. A staggering 347 million children under 18 are exposed to high or extremely high water scarcity in South Asia, the highest number among all regions in the world.

The eight-nation region, comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, is home to more than one-quarter of the world's children. Climate change is disrupting weather patterns and rainfall, leading to unpredictable water availability.

The report cites poor water quality, lack of water and mismanagement such as overpumping of aquifers, adding that

climate change decreases the amount of water replenishing them. When village wells go dry, homes, health centres and schools are all affected. With an increasingly unpredictable climate, water scarcity is expected to become worse for children in South Asia.

At the UN COP28 climate conference next month in Dubai, UNICEF said it will

call for leaders "to secure a livable planet". Safe water is a basic human right. Yet millions of children in South Asia don't have enough to drink in a region plagued by floods, droughts and other extreme weather events, triggered increasingly by climate change.

Last year, 45 million children lacked access to basic drinking water services in South Asia, more than any other region, but UNICEF said services were expanding rapidly, with that number slated to be halved by 2030. The world faces an invisible crisis of water quality. Its impacts are wider, deeper, and more uncertain than previously thought and require urgent attention. This report

While much attention has focused on water quantity – too much water, in the case of floods; too little water, in the case of droughts – water quality has attracted significantly less consideration. Recent World Bank Report shows that urgent attention must be given to the hidden dangers that lie beneath the water's surface.

Water quality challenges are not unique to developing countries but universal across rich and poor countries alike. High-income status does not confer immunity – challenges with pollutants grow alongside GDP. And as countries develop, the cocktail of chemicals and vectors they contend with change – from fecal bacteria to nitrogen to pharmaceuticals and plastics, for example.

What we think of as safe may be far from it. Water quality is complex and its impacts on health and other sectors are still largely uncertain. Worse, regulations guiding safety standards are often fragmented across countries and agencies, thus adding to this uncertainty. This report

shows that some pollutants in water have impacts that were previously unknown and occur at levels below established safe norms.

The forces driving these challenges are accelerating. Intensification of agriculture, land use changes, more variable rainfall patterns due to climate change and growing industrialization due to countries' development all continue to grow. This means increasing number of algal blooms in water which are deadly for humans and ecosystems alike.

Poor water quality threatens growth, harms public health and imperils food security. Using new data, this report demonstrates the importance of water quality across a range of sectors and how its impacts cut across nearly all of the SDGs. Poor water quality stalls economic progress, stymies human potential and reduces food production:

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When Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) – a measure of how much organic pollution is in water and a proxy measure of overall water quality – passes a certain threshold, GDP growth in downstream regions is lowered by a third. In middle-income countries – where BOD is a growing problem because of increased industrial activity – GDP growth downstream of highly polluted areas drops by half.

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each year to feed 170 million people every day – that's equivalent to a country the size of Bangladesh. Such a sizable loss of food production to saline waters means food security will continue to be jeopardized unless action is taken.

Even as these impacts are being felt, emerging pollutants are entering the world's waters – their impacts are still unknown but present a hazard that may further exacerbate existing problems. The outlook is stark – but change is possible. Increased awareness, strengthened prevention and smart investments using new technology are needed to turn back the tide of water pollution.

The challenge is daunting, but it is not insurmountable. Solutions exist for countries at all stages of development. The way forward requires a mix of approaches that focus on information, prevention and investment.

Information is both a resource and a rallying cry. The first step to tackling the water quality challenge is recognizing the scale of it. The world needs reliable, accurate and

comprehensive information so that new insights can be discovered, decision-making can be evidence-based and citizens can call for action. Encouraging and enabling this information and its sharing is critical to getting water pollution under control. Prevention is better than cure. While sunlight may be the best disinfectant, legislation, implementation and enforcement are also crucial to scrub the world's waterways of pollution. Information and transparency must be coupled with well-designed, effectively implemented and scrupulously enforced regulations for firms and individuals to adhere to water quality guidelines.

Invest in what works. Pollution that cannot be prevented must be treated. Wastewater treatment has a vital role to play – it is crucial for a country's health, food security and economy by helping remove pollution and debris. Investments in wastewater treatment are a down payment on a cleaner future.

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VBSY Programme at Different Districts Of the State Attract Beneficiaries from Economically Backward Section

Union Minister of State for Education Visits Chhatna Block, Bankura to be a Part of Vikasit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Programme

Kolkata, (KCN): As a part of the Vikasit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) programme of the union Government, The Union Minister of State for Education, Dr Subhas Sarkar visited the Teghari Gram Panchayat of Chhatna Block of Bankura today and urged people to avail maximum benefits from the several schemes drawn up by the Union Government for their economic uplift as well as to have transformation in their day-to-day lives.

The programme was graced by the MLA and Panchayat Pradhan of the locality.

The focus of the Yatra is to reach out to people and create awareness and provide benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities,



essential financial services, electricity connections, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc. Enrolment of potential beneficiaries will be

done through details ascertained during the Yatra. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the VBSY on Wednesday (November 15, 2023), a nationwide programme aimed at reaching out to citizens who are eligible for

Limited (BPCL) for availing financial as well as LPG benefits under Pradhanmantri Ujjawala Yojana from the respective companies.

Similar crowd had been witnessed in another VBSY programme at Satali Gram Panchayat under Kalchini block of Alipurduar district of North Bengal, where camp was organised for maximising the number of beneficiaries of the Pradhanmantri Ujjawala Yojana.

It is to be mentioned that VBSY will cover 2.7 lakh gram panchayats and around 15,000 urban locations throughout the country where ground-level activities will take place using these automated IEC vans.

KIIT-KISS Athletes Shine In National & International Meets



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In a resounding display of sporting prowess, athletes from KIIT and KISS have clinched several medals in national and international events this year including in the Asian Games.

Players from KIIT-KISS have won a staggering 24 medals at the National Games 2023, securing 8 Gold, 5 Silver, and 11 Bronze medals. Among the victors are 14 students from KIIT, who not only represented India at the Asian Games 2023 but also claimed

medals, further cementing the institution's global sporting footprint. A total of 52 athletes in 17 events were represented in the National Games from KIIT-KISS, Odisha, and 24 of them won medals.

Congratulating the athletes for their stellar performance Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said, KIIT and KISS has unmatched sports infrastructure among both public and private universities, have

emerged as beacons of change, extending support to athletes within and beyond the state's borders. The proactive approach of the organization to addressing athletes' concerns before government intervention has earned them praise and recognition. He also extended gratitude to the Odisha CM for his relentless efforts in bolstering sports in Odisha.

The holistic approach of KIIT-KISS, combining sports excellence with academic facilities, has enabled talented individuals to flourish in their respective fields, emphasizing the institutions' commitment to nurturing all-rounded individuals.

Cyclone Midhili Intensifies; Heavy Rain Likely In Bengal, Odisha

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal intensified into a cyclonic storm 'Midhili' on Friday morning, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The cyclonic storm will be moving past the Sunderbans before making landfall on the Bangladesh coast with a maximum wind speed of 80 kmph during Friday night or early hours of Saturday, it said.

"Deep Depression over NW Bay of Bengal intensified into a cyclonic storm 'Midhili' (pronounced as 'Midhili'). It lay centered at 0530 hrs IST of 17th Nov over Northwest BoB about 190 km east of Paradip (Odisha), 200 km south-southeast of Digha (West Bengal), and 220 km southwest of

Khepupara (Bangladesh)," the IMD wrote in its bulletin. It added, "The cyclonic storm is likely to continue to move north-northeastwards and cross Bangladesh coast close to Khepupara with wind speed of 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph during November 17 night or early hours of November 18."



The Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Labour & Employment, Shri Bhupender Yadav releases handbook on 'Convergence' at Shram Shakti Bhawan, in New Delhi

KIMS Doctors Successfully Treat Cancer Patient Using Uncommon Laparoscopic Procedure for Partial Kidney Removal

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Doctors at the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) here have cured a cancer patient by removing a portion of his affected kidney through an advanced laparoscopic surgery without causing any scar or cut in his body. The procedure is rare in Odisha and the patient was discharged within two days.

Assistant Professor and HoD, Dept of Urology Dr Sumanta Mishra, who performed the complex operation, said patients who are advised to go for partial nephrectomy by laparoscopic method (partial removal of the kidney) have to wait for months and visit other states. He said very few hospitals in Odisha perform this operation. The success of this surgery at KIMS Super Speciality Hospital brings newfound hope to all those individuals grappling with similar health concerns, offering a less painful and faster

recovery alternative. The surgery was performed on a 70-year-old male patient with diabetes, high blood pressure and chronic kidney disease. His left kidney was diagnosed with a tumour of the size of 4 cm x 4 cm. The patient was given the option of laparoscopic



partial nephrectomy as he had multiple comorbidities and chronic kidney disease. Removing the cancer-only part with intact kidney was best for him. Partial nephrectomy by laparoscopic method or keyhole surgery is very difficult and needs advanced skill of the surgeon to perform successfully, but Dr

Mishra and his team performed the complex procedure successfully. He said the patient has been completely cured of cancer and the remaining kidney was working well.

Kidney cancer is a very common cancer today requiring early diagnosis and treatment. Radical nephrectomy or removal of the whole kidney is the treatment of choice which makes the patient live the rest of his life with only one kidney. Partial nephrectomy or removal of the cancer only part is the other option but needs specialized center for surgery, something which has now been successfully demonstrated at KIMS. The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta congratulated the doctors for the pathbreaking surgery, emphasizing that providing advanced treatment with care and compassion has always been the aim of KIMS.

Fourth Evening of 34th PECUC Sisumela Child Artiste Saswati Narayani Acharya got "Pilanka Akshaya Samman-2023"



Bhubaneswar (17-Nov-2023): Tonight marked the 'Pilanka Akshaya' celebration during the 34th PECUC Sisumela. The reverberating melodies of the late legendary singer, lyricist, and music director, Akshaya Mohanty, filled the Amphitheatre of Ekamrahat, sung by the young voices of children. As the evening unfolded, it was a unique and touching tribute to these little ones on the 21st anniversary of the Icon of Odia Music, honoring his enduring legacy through their heartfelt performances.

Singer of the young generation Saswati Narayani Acharya honoured with prestigious Pilanka Akshaya Samman 2023. Ekamrahat reverberate with songs like Jhumu Jhumu Ase Akhi.., Paradesi Bandhu Tume.., Hey Mora Jibana.., Hey Faguna Tume.., Shikari Shikari.., Akashara Buku Chiri.., Fulei Rani Saja Fula.., Nadira Nama

Alasa Kanya.., Kene Gheni jauchha.., Pua Mohar Kala Thakura.., Bali Ghar Bhangi.., Kahan e phula kahana.., Chandramalli Hase.., Chithi Mora Tiki Chadhei.., Hrudayar ei Sunyata.. etc. The singers were Tanusree, Saswati Narayani, Akaankshya, Ambarish, Deesha, Snehasis, Sidhishna, Dibyendu, Anshuman, Mahima Subhalaxmi, Aahana, Radhya, Debanshu, Saiprasad, and Rikshikha. They were assisted in musical instrument by Sarat Panigrahi, M. Simadri, Pinku & Aloka. The prizes were given to the winners of song and Rhymes competition. Today's programme was organized by PECUC in joint collaboration with Rotary Club, Bhubaneswar.

Laxmikant Palit, Bibhu Das, Bandita Das, were the guest of the evening. Other notable personalities like Chhabani Mahali, Member OSCPCR, Madhumita Das, Consultant WCD, Rotarian and CEO Chetna Dr. Narayan Pati, Rotarian Dibyaranjan Das, Subrat Pati, Secretary, Community Radio Association, Odisha, were also present on this occasion. Dr. Minakshi Panda, Chairman, PECUC, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Secretary PECUC, Mrs. Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, PECUC, also spoke on the occasion. Ratna Dash, Alpana Das, Panu Behera, Binod Kumar Das etc. of PECUC facilitated the programme. The special programme was anchored by Diya Kiran and Saumya Priyadarshi.

Kerala Delegation Makes Exposure Visit To Odisha



Bhubaneswar(KCN):

An 18-member delegation consisting of elected representatives, ULB officials and CMMU Expert headed by Mayor Kollam Prasanna Ernest are on a three-day exposure

visit to Odisha. The delegates comprise the Chairman Standing Committee on Development, Welfare, Health, Works, Town Planning, Tax Appeal Committee, Educational, Councillors, Executive

Engineer and Clean Manager. They will visit to the best practice sites of Septage and Sewerage projects in Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Puri.

Odisha is one of the States that have proven

successful in the implementation of STPs, FSTPs, 24x7 water supply system, Drink from Tap and City beautification under AMRUT. Heritage conservation is also a highlight of the

State. They are supported by the State Mission Management Unit, AMRUT, Government of Kerala.

The exposure visit is being conducted by the Centre for Environment & Development (CED). On arrival of the team, there was a welcome ceremony in the Conference Hall of CED Bhubaneswar.

Sulochana Das, Mayor, of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation joined as Chief Guest and addressed the delegates. She spoke on the transformations taking place in urban Odisha under the visionary leadership of the Chief Minister in accordance with the 5T mantra of governance.

She highlighted various activities undertaken in the smart city of Bhubaneswar.

20 Assn Meet 5T Chief



Bhubaneswar(KCN):

Chairman of 5T Various service associations, about 20, public and private organisations of the State today met 5T, Nabin Odisha Chairman VK Pandian at Naveen Niwas and wished him for the elevation to cabinet rank.

Expressing happiness over his new responsibilities as

Thanking the organisation members, the 5T Chairman said that Odisha, under the leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, is making remarkable progress in various fields. He said that we will work together to serve the people of Odisha and realise the vision of the Chief Minister.

CITIIS 2.0 Challenge Open



New Delhi(KCN):

"CITIIS 2.0 will complement the Smart Cities Mission and converge with the Swachh Bharat Mission to enable innovation throughout the value chain of waste management in our cities", said Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of

Housing & Urban Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas. Speaking at the launch of CITIIS 2.0 Challenge, he noted that the programme also aims to tie up with the Gobar Dhan mission to generate bio-fuels from organic waste.

He urged all 100 Smart

Cities under the Smart Cities Mission to apply for the challenge and assured them of the full support and guidance of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. CITIIS 2.0 was approved by the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 31 May 2023. The

CITIIS 2.0 Challenge was launched by Union Minister Shri Puri here on 16 November 2023. Hervé Delphin, Ambassador of the European Union to India, and Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) also attended the event. The Minister thanked the international partners who have supported the CITIIS programme and the Smart Cities Mission. The total funding for CITIIS 2.0 includes a loan of Rs. 1,760 crores, or EUR 200 million, from AFD and KfW (EUR 100 million each). The programme will also receive a technical assistance grant of Rs. 106 crores (EUR 12 million) from the EU.

Three Of Dacoity Gang Held In Odisha's Jharsuguda



Jharsuguda(KCN):

Police have arrested a notorious criminal and two of his associates from a cashew forest near Rampela bridge in Jharsuguda but two others of the gang managed to give a slip to the cops.

On the intervening night of 14 and 15 November, SI Ganesh Prasad Kalet of Kumarbandh Out Post, along with staff were

performing night patrolling duty when they received credible information regarding assembly of a veteran criminal, Ankit Ghosh along with his associates of Brajrajnagar inside the forest and commit armed dacoity. Acting on the input, the police team rushed to the spot and found five persons were sitting in a close proximity and

doing chit chat among them by parking a one four wheeler near them. They were immediately rounded up, but on seeing the police team two of them managed to escape in the darkness and the hilly terrains of the jungle. In this Banharpali PS case No. 206 dt. 16.11.2023 U/s- 399/402 IPC r/w Sec- 25/35 Arms Act has been registered and investigated into.



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DJMC, Central University of Odisha organizes National Seminar and Book Release on National Press Day

Koraput, (KCN): The Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, Central University of Odisha, Koraput, celebrated National Press Day by organizing an online national-level seminar and publishing a book. Dr. P.K. Rath, Assistant Professor, DJMC, started the proceedings by welcoming the guests. The seminar, themed on Journalism in the era of Artificial Intelligence, began with Dr. Sourav Gupta, Head (i/c), DJMC giving the thematic address where he explained the background of National Press Day and the various perspectives of the emergence of Artificial Intelligence in Journalism. Prof Arun

Kumar Bhagat, Member of Bihar Public Service Commission and former Dean, School of Media Studies, MGCU, Motihari, explained that AI has the capability to print a huge number of newspapers in very less time, it can read minds, and multi-language content can be produced accordingly. However, he cautioned that reporters may lose their jobs due to AI. Shri Harsh Vardhan Tripathi, eminent journalist and media educator from New Delhi, opined that there is nothing artificial about journalism and AI can't replace the human brain. He stressed that AI can personalize content and can enhance accuracy. It has made journalism easier, but

critical thinking and brainstorming give better results in journalism. Shri Ashok Kumar Pradhan, Bureau Chief, The Times of India, Bhubaneswar,

emphasized that AI is a tool, not a replacement for journalists. AI tools based on various algorithms can make

work easier but cannot replace originality & creativity. Future journalists will be empowered by AI.

Prof Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUO, said in his message that the press is a vital weapon of



NTPC Bongaigaon Concludes Vigilance Awareness Week and PIDPI Campaign



Bongaigaon, Assam (KCN): NTPC Bongaigaon concluded its Vigilance Awareness Week and the three-month Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) Campaign on November 15, 2023, with an aim to spread awareness and transparency on these important topics.

The power station displayed publicity materials across departments, office buildings, and the township to inculcate the message of good governance. Additionally, a video on PIDPI was made available on the Site intranet.

Earlier, during the concluding ceremony of Vigilance Awareness

Week, various audio-visual presentations were made for employees and stakeholders. These presentations covered various terminologies such as ethics, morals, integrity, and corruption. Shri Karunakar Das, Business Unit Head of NTPC Bongaigaon, emphasized the importance of these topics and underlined that a vigilant society is essential for the nation's development.

He appreciated the efforts of the Vigilance wing of NTPC Bongaigaon in involving employees, family members, and CISF personnel through various activities and competitions.

As part of the vigilance awareness campaign, focus was also placed on

frauds happening through UPI to raise awareness among the residents of NTPC Bongaigaon and the surrounding areas. More than 200 employees participated in the vigilance awareness competition, including a quiz held during the closing ceremony.

The concluding ceremony was attended by Shri K C Muraleedharan, GM (O&M), Shri A Biswas, GM (Operation), Shri Induri S Reddy, GM (Maintenance), Shri Ujjwal Sarkar, DGM (Vigilance), along with senior officials of the station, members of the Bardwi Shikha Ladies Club, representatives of the union and association, and a large number of employees of the power station.

NTPC Bongaigaon is a

750 MW coal-fired power plant located in Bongaigaon, Assam, India. The power station is operated by NTPC, a state-owned power generation company.

Aditya Birla Group formally launches TMRW – a Digital First 'House of Brands' venture in the Fashion & Lifestyle space

Mumbai: Aditya Birla Group today announced the formal launch of its new 'House of Brands' entity – TMRW. This move is in line with the group's strategy to launch and back new-age digital ventures, TMRW, an Aditya Birla Group venture, will create India's largest portfolio of disruptor brands in the fashion & lifestyle space and enable the next phase of direct to consumer (D2C) growth in India, which is poised to be a \$100bn market by 2025. Over the next 3 years, TMRW will acquire as well as incubate 30+ innovative, customer-obsessed brands. The venture will also enable multiple founders to operate within a synergistic 'house of brands' platform that share a common vision and shared capabilities.

Aditya Birla Group has appointed ex Facebook

& Bain executive, Prashanth Aluru, as the CEO & Co-Founder to lead the build out of this new venture. Prashanth will set-up a nimble and agile founding team with the right skill sets and capabilities. Prashanth comes with extensive experience in Digital & Technology across strategy, growth and investing. He also brings to the fore rich entrepreneurial experience in helping build and scale new age ventures in Digital & E-Commerce.

Ashish Dikshit, MD of ABFRL said, "The formal launch of our D2C business, TMRW, is a key milestone for the company. This venture has the potential to become a significant growth engine by tapping into the new wave of entrepreneurial energy in India. Our aspiration is to build a portfolio of 30+ brands

in the next 3 years. With the launch of this venture, we intend to double down on our ongoing program of strategically attracting new pools of capital that are seeking investment in high-growth businesses. We are confident that this foray will successfully meet the aspirations of digitally native consumers and also create long-term value for investors and other stakeholders."

Prashanth Aluru, CEO and Co-Founder, TMRW said, "I am excited to embark on this journey to build TMRW - a long-term enduring platform that will be home to the leading disruptor brands that provide the new age digitally savvy consumer what she is looking for across Fashion & Lifestyle. With the backing of the Aditya Birla Group and the right profile of long-term investors we will bring

unmatched flexibility to consumers. Hence by offering fuel agnostic gensets, Kirloskar aims to empower businesses and industries to choose the most suitable fuel source based on their needs, location, and availability. This initiative reinforces the brand's commitment towards resource optimization, contributing to a

greener and more energy-diverse future. Kirloskar was the first company to launch IoT-enabled gensets with over 60,000 gensets deployed successfully in the field. The data shows that 90% of the gensets operate below the efficient load threshold for most of their running time. Kirloskar's new range of Optiprime gensets based on our patented

level competition. Dr. Talat Jahan Begum, Lecturer, DJMC, proposed the vote of thanks. The event concluded with the screening of a short film by students of DJMC. It was compered by Manoranjan Dash and Sukanya Adikari, students of DJMC. Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, Dr. Chakradhar Padhan, HOD, Hindi, Dr. B K Srinivas, HOD, Anthropology. Dr. Pradosh Swain, Dr. Alok Baral, Dr Ganesh Sahoo, Faculty of Odia Dep't were present, among others. The seminar was attended virtually by many academics and research scholars nationwide.

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/ Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the

Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the

Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI's commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

Kirloskar Oil Engines Launches Largest Range of CPCB IV+ Compliant Gensets, Flexi-Fuel, and Optiprime Range



Bhubaneswar (KCN): Kirloskar Oil Engines (KOEL), a leader in the power generation industry, is proud to announce the launch of its range of CPCB IV+ compliant gensets.

With a focus on delivering high-performance, fuel-efficient, and environmentally responsible solutions, the new gensets meet the latest emission norms set by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). These gensets demonstrate Kirloskar's commitment to sustainable power generation and environmental stewardship.

They are designed to cater to diverse power requirements across various sectors, ensuring businesses and communities have access to more reliable, cleaner and better power.

Kirloskar gensets are engineered to operate efficiently on multiple fuel options, including diesel, natural gas, biogas etc. providing

hybrid technology helps expand the range of efficient load, leading to significant savings for our customers by significantly lowering the consumption of fuel and other consumables. The Optiprime range of gensets provide increased flexibility, even lower emissions and increased savings for our customers. "During her address at

the launch event, Gauri Kirloskar, Managing Director, emphasized that Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited has been a leader in the power generation industry since its inception. Our unwavering position as a market leader in Diesel Generating sets is a testament to our journey of success. Our ability to swiftly adapt to change and deliver innovative solutions has established us as India's foremost manufacturer of reliable and fuel-efficient Gensets. We believe that our latest offering, the Optiprime version, will further solidify our leadership in the market. At the core of our operations lies our unwavering commitment to our customers. Backed by an unparalleled product service network of over 3,000 dedicated technicians available round the clock, we ensure the highest level of customer-centricity."

South Africa pass the baton to next generation

New Delhi: Nine of the 15 players in South Africa's men's World Cup squad are likely to end their international careers as they started them: without a trophy to show for all their talent, skill, experience and hard work. Rassie van der Dussen is the oldest man of the squad at 34, and David Miller and Reeza Hendricks are mere months younger. Temba Bavuma, Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi are 33. Heinrich Klaasen is 32, and Quinton de Kock and Lizaad Williams 30. None of those players are a good bet to be in contention for the squad when South Africa host the tournament in 2027. De Kock has already hung up his bat and pads. He announced before the tournament that he would retire from ODIs immediately. South Africa were no longer in the running at the World Cup. That happened on Thursday, when

Australia won the semifinal between the teams by three wickets with 16 balls to spare. This generation of South Africans are not unusual in that no senior team from their country have won a World Cup. But they set themselves apart from others on Thursday by losing to a team who played better than they did. They didn't implode inexplicably, as several other South Africa sides have done in similar situations.

But the squad also includes Gerald Coetzee and Marco Jansen, who are 23 and played in their first World Cup. Aiden Markram is 29, Kagiso Rabada 28, and Lungi Ngidi and Andile Phehlukwayo 27. How would Rob Walter, the father figure in the dressing room even though he is on the younger side for a coach at 48, ensure the positive aspects of Thursday's performance were successfully transferred from the senior to the

more junior members of the squad in what was - as he gave a press conference - an abjectly disappointed dressing room?

"Thank goodness I don't have to be Quinny's father figure anymore; that's a bonus," Walter joked. "If you think about what we've created and experienced here together, World Cups are where you spend a lot of time together. They're different to bilateral series, and I think if you ask everyone about their experiences I would hope that they say that this was a memorable one."

"The more memorable those moments are, the tighter we are as a unit, the more excited guys get about their cricket. We've seen guys play unbelievable cricket and probably surprise a lot of people in this room and around the world. That is what fuels them to come back and be better. "I'm excited. I think there's huge scope for us



to grow as a team and to play even better than we have. And the majority of the people who are going to be on their journey are still in that changing room."

Rabada, for instance, who despite being among the younger members of the squad has played 60 Tests, 101 ODIs and 56 T20Is, and is central to the attack. His importance to the cause was made clear by his partial omission on

Thursday - he was unable to bowl his last four overs because of a bruised heel.

"That's why we didn't see as much of him in the contest as we would have expected," Walter said. "In his comeback spell that he bowled, he just wasn't able to deliver at 100%. A fit and able KG has shown throughout this competition that he is one of our leading bowlers and has been for some time. So it was a

Maharaj rose to the top of the ODI bowling rankings during the tournament.

"It's gutting to lose a semifinal, but I'm incredibly proud of the fight shown by the lads. The first 12 overs of batting this afternoon was a serious challenge. And ultimately, I think that's what separated the teams."

South Africa had won all five games in which they had batted first, and they did so again on Thursday after Temba Bavuma won the toss - only to run into Australia's crack new-ball pair, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, in seaming conditions.

They slipped to 18/2 in the powerplay, their lowest score in the first 10 overs of an ODI since 2008, and recovered to a total of 212 with Miller scoring 101 off 116. They reduced the Aussies to 137/5 and 193/7, but that wasn't enough to clinch the

Temba Bavuma Faces Major Backlash Following South Africa's Defeat Against Australia In Semis



New Delhi: Fans were not impressed with Temba Bavuma's captaincy and his performance in the 2023 World Cup campaign for South Africa. In the semifinal against Australia, a number of field calls were questioned by commentators and pundits given the

intensity of that game, it was a margin of very small errors and chances for both teams. South Africa were uncharacteristically poor in the field and the placement of the fielders was questionable when they got Australia in a corner in the middle over phase of their chase. While some questioned his captaincy decisions, other questioned his fitness and form to play the semifinal against Australia. Bavuma's availability was tentative for the important clash against Australia and his form in the World Cup was far away from even being called average. "Cannot put it into words, first of all

congratulations to Australia. Good luck to them in the final. They played really well today. Our character came through today. We showed a lot of resilience. The way we started with the bat and the ball was the telling point, that's where we lost the game. The conditions combined with the quality of their attack, they really put us under pressure. You're always going to struggle to put up a competitive total when you're 24/4. We were gaining some momentum when Miller and Klaasen were out there but unfortunately he (Klaasen) couldn't carry on a bit longer," said Temba Bavuma on the heartbreaking loss.

With India performing



staff - batting coach Vikram Rathour, bowling coach Paras Mhambrey, and fielding coach T Dilip-are likely to be offered extensions. Details are expected to emerge soon.

Meanwhile, it has been learned that coaches of the National Cricket Academy (NCA) under VVS Laxman will take charge of handling the Twenty20 series against Australia, commencing on November 23. This arrangement allows the BCCI some time to finalize decisions on the future of Dravid and his team. The BCCI has not yet confirmed a date for selecting the squad for the T20I series. It is anticipated that this will happen only on November 20, the day after the final. Two days later, the match will commence in Visakhapatnam.

Australia prevail in low-scoring game to reach eighth World Cup final

Kolkata: Australia made it to their eighth World Cup final with a hard-earned three-wicket win over South Africa in tricky conditions at the Eden Gardens. Pat Cummins' side will now take on hosts India in the title clash in Ahmedabad on Sunday. For Temba Bavuma and Co. though, it was again a case of being so near yet so far in a semi-final, the fifth in five attempts that South Africa failed to get past.

David Miller's sixth ODI hundred took Temba Bavuma's side to 212 after opting to bat, but defending a below-par total was always going to be a challenge. Australia's blazing start saw them gnaw away 60 runs out of the target in the first six overs, and it meant that the slowdown

and collapse against spin in the middle overs counted for little. The mature hands of captain Cummins and Mitchell Starc then nudged and nudged 22 quiet runs towards the end to get Australia over the line. Perhaps the difference between the sides was in how they batted in the first PowerPlay. While South Africa took 53 balls to hit their first boundary, Australia took only two balls to hit their first boundary. And it came off the bat of Travis Head, the Player of the Match, who finished with 62 off 48, an innings that arguably closed the chase long before it was done. That from Head after he picked the crucial wickets of Heinrich Klaasen and Marco Jansen in the space of two balls.

The quiet overs that Tabraiz Shamsi and Maharaj stitched together after Head's dismissal ultimately led to the wicket of Marnus Labuschagne, who missed an ill-advised reverse-sweep against the legspinner and was hit in front. Shamsi then went on to add the wicket of Glenn Maxwell,

leaving Australia at 137/5. It was always about bowling out Australia but the half-chances didn't stick for South Africa. Quinton de Kock failed to hold onto a couple of tough ones behind the stumps but the dropped catch of Head by Reeza Hendricks on 40 is what

was down to Miller's extraordinary innings. Batting under overcast skies was something even Pat Cummins admitted wanting to do, but it took only a few overs from Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood to hammer home the point that batting wasn't going to be easy against the new ball. Bavuma lasted all of five deliveries at the crease, edging behind a delivery from Starc on nought but it was Hazlewood at the other end who proved to be more of a menace.

Hazlewood's first spell read 6-1-12-2, the two wickets being that of de Kock (caught at mid-on after a string of dot balls) and Rassie van der Dussen (edged to second slip). Starc wasn't too far behind at the other end, bowling seven overs on the trot and picking 2 for 18 in his first

overs 21 and 30. Travis Head struck gold in his first over and returned two wickets off two balls. Bowling slow and accurate, Head beat Klaasen for length and bowled him by skidding one past his outside edge. Next ball, Marco Jansen was pinned in front by one that spun in from a long way outside off. That's how difficult and fickle the conditions were in Kolkata.

There was another 53-run rearguard between Miller and Heinrich Klaasen helped, both of whom laying into inconsistent lengths from Adam Zampa on the other side of a 45-minute rain break. Six of the eight sixes hit in the innings were off Zampa's bowling, with both the batters hitting two each. Just when SA looked a bit steady after having added 44 runs between



South Africa will look back on and rue. Gerald Coetzee, the bowler on that occasion, would come back and pick Steve Smith and Josh Inglis but having modest runs on the board hampered South Africa all along. But that they had as many as they did, especially from 24 for 4