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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.

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.

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.

PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The National Pension System (NPS) has been implemented for all Government Employees (except armed forces) entering the Central Government workforce on or after January 1, 2004. Most of the State/UT Governments have also adopted the NPS for their new employees. Since May 1, 2009, NPS has been available to every Indian Citizen on a voluntary basis, including corporates. Notably, the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched on June 1, 2015, providing a significant boost to social security schemes. As on 11.11.2023, the subscribers of NPS and APY surpass 6.85 crore, with a total Asset Under Management (AUM) of 10,40,831.51 crores. As many as 14,247 corporates have adopted NPS, registering 18.62 lakh employees under this system. To promote awareness about the NPS among corporate entities, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) organizes 'NPS Awareness Programme for Corporate' nationwide. Recently,

in collaboration with the Indian Chamber of Commerce, PFRDA conducted an event on November 17, 2023, at Hotel Pal Heights, Bhubaneswar. The keynote speaker at the event was Shri A G Das, Executive Director at PFRDA. Mr. Das emphasized the growing concerns related to an aging society and increasing life expectancy, underscoring the necessity for adequate pension coverage. He elaborated on the efficiency, scale, and returns that NPS has delivered and urged corporates to adopt NPS for the benefit of their employees. Other notable speakers included Mr. Ritobrata Sarkar, FIAI Head of Retirement – India and Managing Partner, and Shri Sumit Kumar, Chief General Manager, alongside Mr. Satyabatra Das, General Manager of the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO). The speakers addressed critical topics such as Retirement Benefits Planning, NPS as a Retirement Benefit Scheme, and NPS Onboarding and Implementation for Corporates. The conference attended by over 100 delegates from 50 corporates, Chartered Accountants, and Points of Presence.

ABAJ OF INDIA Celebrates National Press Day: Calls for Recognition as the Fourth Pillar of Democracy



Bhubaneswar,(KCN): In a significant event held at Hotel Shailgiri, Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh, the Apex Body of Working Journalists Association of India (ABAJ/AWAJ OF INDIA) observed National Press Day on November 16, 2023. The celebration, presided over by Senior Journalist Sunil Kumar Mishra, featured Sadhaka Pandit Bipin Bihari Dash as the Guest of Honor and Journalist Mustak Mohamad as the Speaker. During the occasion, Chairperson Sunil Kumar Mishra highlighted the aims and objectives of AWAJ OF INDIA, emphasizing the need for unity among Indian journalists to address issues related to their development, protection, and safety. Mishra urged the government to officially recognize journalists as the Fourth Pillars of the Constitution through a formal notification before the 2024 General Election. Mishra expressed concern that without such recognition, journalists may consider mobilizing citizens to boycott elections, underlining the citizens' inherent perception of journalists as integral to the constitutional fabric. He argued that journalists, often serving as the voice for those denied justice by the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary play a crucial role in exposing systemic issues and ensuring justice prevails. Asserting that journalists are the real fighters and nation builders, Mishra suggested that their role transcends that of the Fourth Pillars, indicating that they sometimes stand above the Judiciary in delivering justice and results to those failed by the legal system. He concluded by urging the government to acknowledge the indispensable role of journalists and officially designate them as the Fourth Pillars of the Constitution. The celebration of National Press Day at Ambikapur was deemed a grand success with the event resonating with the broader mission of securing recognition for journalists as integral pillars of India's democratic framework.

NATIONAL PRESS DAY CELEBRATION AT GANIA

GANIA (KCN): NATIONAL PRESS DAY CELEBRATED AT RAM MANDIR CAMPUS GANIA, NAYAGARH BY JOURNALISTS OF REGIONAL PRESS CLUB OF GANIA. DASPALLA MLA RAMESH BEHERA GRACED THE OCCASION BY LIGHTNING THE LAMP AND INAGURATED THE LOGO OF THE PRESS CLUB ALONG WITH THE TEAM OF PRESS CLUB AND INVITED GUESTS. OUWJ PRESIDENT SANJAY DAS JOINED AS CHIEF SPEAKER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF IMCAS SPECIAL GUEST, SR. CITIZEN'S PRESIDENT GANIA, TASHILDAR, MS PRITIBALA RANA, IIC GANIA WITH OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS APPRECIATED THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF PRESS CLUB MEMBERS. MR. SANJAY DAS, TOLD THE AUGUST GATHERING ABOUT THE ROLE OF MEDIA PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF OUWJ FOR THE RURAL WORKING JOURNALISTS IN



FACILITATING "SUBIDHA" HEALTH CARD IN COLLABORATION WITH YOUR HI-TECH M.C. AND HOSPITAL. MR. DAS ALSO REVELED AN ALL INDIA JOURNALIST LOGO, TO BE LAUNCHED RECENTLY AT NEW DELHI, BY THE INITIATION OF OUWJ, IN HIS SPEECH. CHIEF GUEST MLA RAMESH BEHERA LAUDED THE SINCERE EFFORTS OF OUWJ FOR RURAL WORKING JOURNALISTS IN HEALTH CARE SECTOR AND THE EFFORT OF IMC IN LAUNCHING JOURNALIST LOGO FOR HEALTHY IDENTIFICATION OF JOURNALIST COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY. SHRI BEHERA ALSO APPRECIATED THE PRESS CLUB MEMBER'S SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN ORGANISING HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP HELD TODAY ON THIS OCCASION. HE ALSO ASSURED TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THE MEDIA PEOPLE IN HIS INNAGURAL SPEECH. IN THE BEGINNING THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF GANIA PRESS CLUB, SRI DEHURY READ THE ANNUAL REPORT WITH DETAIL NARRATION OF PRESS CLUB. WHILE PRESIDENT, SRI PANIGRAHI INTRODUCED THE GUESTS ON THE DIAS. OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS GAVE THEIR VALUED EXPRESSION ON THE EVE OF NATIONAL PRESS DAY CELEBRATION. ABOUT TEN JOURNALISTS WERE FELICITATED BY THE GUESTS. THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED WITH VOTE OF THANKS BY VICE PRESIDENT OF PRESS CLUB, SRI TATHAGAT BISWAL.



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Knowledge and Knowing

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Knowledge and knowing are two different things. Knowledge is that which we gather from 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'.

When you are just 'being', not doing anything at the level of your body, mind and energy, you are in touch with the knower 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 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



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 asoul' 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

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The bhakta does not want to be God, he wants to be with God.

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One of the first anecdotes about God accepting very simple offerings of leaves and water from human beings appears in the Shiva Purana. Millenniums ago, a huntsman sitting on the branch of a tree unknowingly pushed some leaves and water on a Shivalinga that was situated near the base of the tree. This offering was sufficient to please Shiva, the Supreme Soul who transcends time. As a result of Shiva's grace, the huntsman developed compassion towards other beings and his spiritual transformation occurred.

More than an epoch later, when Krishna visited Earth, Krishna explained in the Bhagwad Gita that he always accepts whatever is offered with love. And he even demonstrated this acceptance in his divine plays by accepting a single grain of rice from Draupadi and by accepting a banana

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

God. It is a way by which every single morsel can be harnessed as a means of spiritual connectivity.

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

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



them to him.

Along these lines, we can habitually express our love for God by making simple food offerings to God in temples and homes. Once placed in front of an image of God, the food becomes prasadam. Offering food is a combined act of God remembrance, worship, service and developing a habit of surrendering to

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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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's MD & CEO Rajneesh Karnatak stated that bank has given a guidance of 11-12% credit growth for the current financial year and currently BOI is growing in double digits. He also added that bank

has a strong loan pipeline and it has already sanctioned loans worth Rs 17,000 crore which will be disbursed in the next two quarters. It is today stronger, bigger, more vibrant and confident bank. 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

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

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

next generation digital savvy bank with focus on inclusive, responsive and responsible banking, through customer centricity, employee empowerment and value creation for all stakeholders. Bank is aware of the risks associated with the digital channels and accordingly taken necessary security steps to provide secure technology platforms, keeping the malicious programs at bay. The Bank has been proactive in setting up of cyber security

framework to ensure that the banking security systems are top notch and free from any intrusion/malfunction. BOI is a bank that believes in nation building, ethics & integrity, value for customers, pride for its employees, profitable growth and contributing to society. Bank of India is in various stages of readiness, as and when it is ready to take up financial inclusion Bank has been aggressive in financing Govt. Sponsored schemes and achieving all the

targets allotted. It is today stronger, bigger, more vibrant and confident bank. In its 117-year long journey, the Bank has seen through many challenges to have a Pan-India network today and also having significant overseas presence. BOI has always been steadfast in its intent to serve the unbanked areas of the country. Its efforts to adopt technology into the banking system are also noteworthy. The very concept of nationalisation of banks was to enable

financial inclusion through expansion of branches in rural and unbanked centres. A structured approach to financial inclusion took shape with the advent of technology. Low cost banking was now financially viable by reaching the unreached. The bank's widespread network across India and the globe makes them the perfect banking partner for HNI customers.

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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.

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

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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: Water pollution endangers economic growth. The release of pollution upstream

acts as a headwind that lowers economic growth downstream. 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. Nitrogen in water shortens people and shortens their lives. Much of the nitrogen applied as fertilizer eventually enters rivers, lakes and oceans where it transforms into nitrates. Nitrates in water are responsible for fatally inflicting Blue Baby Syndrome, which starves infants' bodies of oxygen. This report finds that those who survive the consequences of early exposure to nitrates can be condemned to long-term damages throughout their lives – they grow up shorter and earn less than they

would have otherwise. Stunting is a red flag indicator for the risk of physical and cognitive deficits. While an additional kilogram of nitrogen fertilizer per hectare increases agricultural yields by as much as 5%, the accompanying run-off and releases into water can increase childhood stunting by as much as 19% and decrease adult earnings by as much as 2%. This suggests a stark trade-off between using nitrogen to boost agricultural output and reducing its use to protect children's health. Salinity diminishes agricultural productivity. Saline waters and soils are spreading throughout much of the world because of increasing rates of water extraction, droughts and rainfall shocks, sea-level rise, and poorly managed irrigation systems. This report shows that agricultural yields fall almost exactly in line with increased salt concentrations in water. That is to say – more salt in the water means less food for the world. This report also reveals that enough food is lost due to saline waters

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.

Economist, Bhubaneswar

Effectively Balancing the Preparation of The Board And Competitive Exams(NEET UG and JEE mains)

Vijay GarG



exams and future academic pursuits. Embrace the balance, stay committed, and students will emerge as successful well-rounded individuals. Following are the effective strategies for managing boards and competitive exam preparation in harmony. Understand the

sufficient time to cover the entire syllabus for each. Create a timetable that is realistic and flexible which allows adjustments as needed. Effective time management Maintaining efficient time management is critical for the students. They should divide their study sessions into

thorough coverage of the concepts. Simultaneous practice would help Integrate practice sessions for both examinations into your daily routine. For example, students can attempt practice related board exam questions after studying a particular topic and then

integrated coaching for both board exams and competitive exams can be beneficial. Experienced mentors can guide the students through the process and provide insights on how to balance both effectively. Talking to teachers and getting your doubts cleared helps improve your self-confidence. Well-being is essential Students should not neglect their physical and mental health. Taking adequate sleep, following a balanced diet, and regular exercise are essential for the students to keep their energy levels up and stress levels down. Incorporate relaxation techniques into your routine to manage exam-related anxiety.

Regular self-assessment Students need to periodically assess their progress while simultaneously preparing for both board and competitive exams. Identify areas where the students need to improve and adjust their study plan accordingly. Self-assessment ensures that students stay on track to achieve their goals. Students should visualise their goals and always stay motivated.

Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout, Punjab



overlapping syllabus The first step in an integrated approach is to recognise the overlapping between the syllabus of board and competitive exams. Identifying common topics in subjects like Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry will allow the students to streamline their study plan and avoid redundancy. Structured study plan Develop a well-structured study plan that allocates time for the preparation of both board and competitive exams. Students should ensure that they dedicate

smaller, focused intervals with breaks in between. Subjects should be prioritised based on their strengths and weaknesses. Reserve specific time slots for board exam-related studies and competitive exam-specific topics. Selecting Study Material Choose study materials and resources that cater to both exams. While NCERT textbooks are excellent for board exams, look for resources that align with the integrated approach. In addition to saving time, using the right study material ensures

shift to competitive exam questions on the same topic. This will reinforce the understanding levels of students. Mock tests and previous papers Students need to regularly take mock tests and solve previous years' papers for both board and competitive exams. This will help the students to get accustomed to the pattern of questions, improve time management, and builds confidence. Seek guidance and coaching Enrolling in a coaching institute that offers

Life, Suffering & Suicide

Dr. Samrat Kar



Suffering is the ancient law of love; there is no quest without pain; there is no lover who is not also a martyr, said Heinrich Suso. Practically speaking, in order to learn to love, we need a tool for transforming anger into compassion, resentment into sympathy. We need some kind of brake to apply when the mind shifts into high gear under the influence of anger and other negative emotions. The mind is so used to having its own way in just about everything that all it knows is how to race

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in adolescents within Canada. While several risk factors have been found to be associated with increased risk, appropriate decision-support tools are needed to identify children who are at highest risk for suicide and self-harm. The aim of the present study was to develop and validate a methodology for identifying children at heightened risk for self-harm and suicide. Ontario data based on the interRAI Child and Youth Mental Health Screener (ChYMHS) were analyzed to develop a

decision-support algorithm to identify young persons at risk for suicide or self-harm. The algorithm was validated with additional data from 59 agencies and found to be a strong predictor of suicidal ideation and self-harm. The RiSSK algorithm provides a psychometrically sound decision-support tool that may be used to identify children and youth who exhibit signs and symptoms noted to increase the likelihood of suicide and self-harm.

Life is worth living. All of us should learn one thing: plan purposefully, prepare prayerfully, proceed positively, pursue persistently, produce productively. First, we need to set our goals, and, second, we need to audit our effort. How we are going towards the goal and realise that more than working hard, we should work smart. When you are working smart, you will audit your life; you will also learn how to be flexible. Agility, mobility and stability are important dimensions in doing business. If we can learn to be flexible, to enjoy what we are doing, then, we teach ourselves that we are bigger than the result.

Success should not define us, failure should not define us; one should become bigger than the outcome. When we become bigger than success and failure, there is fulfilment. The Bhagwad Gita says fulfilment is what we need to see. If a person

can learn to love what they do and do what they love and if any failure happens in life, just learn from it. If we look at Siddhartha's life, his assets were more than his liabilities. He could have clearly solved his problem. Somewhere we have to train our mind to healthy options; better options and not bitter options. Let us all pray for Siddhartha, such a good soul and who did good work. Let us all be alert.

Man is not born in this world by way of accident, but in accordance with a divine plan. The Creator has endowed us with great qualities. It is required of every human being to unfold these qualities, unlock one's potential and play the role that is destined for him by providence.

According to this creation plan of the Creator, every person must live in hope. There is no reason or excuse for becoming pessimistic. The world is full of opportunities. If someone fails in doing something, he should take it as a temporary setback or an inordinate delay, and not as a final failure. In such a situation, committing suicide is not an option for any individual. One has to adopt the formula of wait and see, rather than killing oneself, for, by ending one's life, one leaves no other option open.

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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

various central schemes but have not benefited so far. At Narayangarh Bazar of Narayangarh Block, Paschim Medinipur, huge gathering was witnessed at the camps of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation

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, showcasing their prowess on a global platform.

The institutions have also seen the rise of 15 Olympians, 2 Para Olympians, and over 5,000 athletes excelling

from state to international levels.

Moreover, 18 students from various universities in Odisha, including 14 from KIIT, participated in the World University Games 2023 in Chengdu, China, where two KIIT students clinched bronze 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 governmental 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.

Bhubaneswar (17-Nov-2023): Tonight marked the 'Pilanka Akhaya' 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 by 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 Jhumi Jhumi Ase Akhi..., Paradesi Bandhu Tume..., Hey Mora Jiban..., Hey Faguna Tume..., Shikari Shikari..., Akashara Buku Chiri..., Fulei Rani Saja Fula..., Nadira Nama

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



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 Tanushree, Saswati Narayani, Akaankshya, Ambarish, Deeshna, Snehasis, Sidhishna, Dibyendu, Anshuman, Mahima Subhalaxmi, Aahana,

Aradhya, Debanshu, Saiprasad, and Rikshikha. They were assisted in musical instrument by Sarat Pani, M. Simadri, Pinku & Alok. 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. Eminent singer,

Laxmikant Palit, Bibhu Das, Bandita Das, were the guest of the evening. Other notable personalities like Chhabi Mahali, Member OSCPCR, Madhumita Das, Consultant WCD, Rotarian and CEO Chetna Dr. Narayan Pati, Rotarian Dibyanjan 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, Alpna 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 20 Assn Meet 5T Chief



Bhubaneswar(KCN): An 18-member delegation consisting of elected representatives, ULB officials and CMMU Expert headed by Mayor Kollam Prasanna Earnest 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.



Bhubaneswar(KCN): 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

Chairman of 5T Initiative and Nabin Odisha, they said that we are amazed by the kind of hard work and the pace at which he is working to realise the vision of the Chief Minister. 'We have absolute confidence in you and will support you in this endeavour', they added.

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. The arrested persons have been identified as Ankit Ghosh, Abtar Singh and Bikash Buda all are of Brajrajnagar in Jharsuguda.

Police have seized one country made Pistol along with one live ammunition and Rs 1450 in cash and two machetes, one Black colour Toyota Etios Car from the accused persons. In this Banharipali 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

nation-building and appreciated the Dep't of J & MC for celebrating National Press Day. An E-Book titled, National Press Day: Contemporary Issues, Premises & Challenges published by the DJMC & edited by Dr. Sourav Gupta was inaugurated on this occasion. The book is graced by a message of Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, Hon'ble Chairperson, Press Council of India, and contains chapters by DJMC Faculty & research scholars. Miss Jharana Kadaraka, DJMC Alumni, was felicitated on this occasion for getting nominated for her photography in a national

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.

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 Shikla 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.

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3, 53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May'22, Mr.Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsiding coupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May'21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

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



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

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, '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."

