

development of sustainable jet fuels is one of the much-needed steps to decarbonize the economy but it is hardest to achieve because traditional fuels are of very high density. Finding non-fossil sustainable resources which could replace these traditional fuels should be the priority objective because we are approaching a climate tipping point. To reduce our carbon footprint, we need to rapidly adopt new propulsion technologies at a large scale, such as electric, hydrogen, and hybrid. She expressed confidence this Conference would provide valuable solutions to many of the challenges.

remote tribal areas of Rayagada district. It has been started in an experimental basis. Hopefully, it will be continued in the future on a more serious note to provide essential medicines to the patients at various hospitals of the district,” said Minister Jagannath Saraka.

Notably, medicines are already being delivered through drones in some districts of states like Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya in the country.

MOTIVATIONAL ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO.414 OF BOBBY CHAKRABORTY AT M.C.KEJRIWAL VIDYAPEETH

Kolkata,(KCN):It has been a lifelong mission for renowned actor/ activist/teacher of method acting, Bobby Chakraborty, to raise awareness against all sorts of addiction(smoking, alcoholism, smart phone)and harmful social trends(abusive language,obsenity online, online gambling,ragging,bullying) among the youth, globally, since the demise of his uncle at the age of 29,due to addiction. His free of cost, award winning awareness program, 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND' has won

hearts and opened the eyes of millions of young boys and girls globally. Nov 17th, 2023,was an opportunity for the 7th and 8th graders of M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth, Howrah, one of the leading schools in West Bengal, to experience the adrenaline rush ,of being included as soldiers,in the army of their beloved 'BobbyDada'. It's not only the responsibility of one individual like Bobby to fight against these evils in the society. It is our collective responsibility. That's exactly the vibe we got



from the extremely effective way ...the Chairman of MCKV- Kishan Kumar Kejriwal , the Director- Neelkantha Gupta, The Principal – Mallika

Mukherjee. The Headmaster – Biswajit Majumdar and their able team of coordinators, comprising of Amrita Ma'am, Sanghamitra

Ma'am, Debjani Ma'am and others, organised this motivational adda session of Bobby, in their school, for the benefit of their students.

The official photographer of this powerful session was Kanishk Kumar Dokania, an extremely well mannered, obedient and hardworking student of the 8th grade, who was assisted by Vedang Damani of the same class. The enthusiasm, participation and interaction from the students poured over, as Bobby took stage and addressed these pertinent issues of addiction and harmful trends,those are destroying the generation. The noteworthy among them

were Sanskar, Sattyaki, Saptarshi, Aarav, Pratyush, Anubhav, Nikunj, Pradyum, Soham, Vedang and Akshat among many others. The extremely important ceremonial titles of 'the 1st soldier' and 'the trendsetter' went to Vedang and Tanmay respectively. The surprise contest at the end had Akshat, Dhruvv and Ujjwal as the winners, who,along with Kanishk, were given special prizes,customised HCF(health-career-family) t-shirts and Community Service Certificates by their

'BobbyDada'. To summarise the session , the soldiers learnt to keep the 'HCF' formula and the mantra 'I am the king of my mind',as a lifelong priority.The session ended...with a warm and motivational vote of thanks by the dynamic Director, Neelkantha Gupta, who was all in praise for the selfless efforts of Bobby, to build a better society...after which the little soldiers thronged around and mobbed their BobbyDada,with a lot of love and affection, for a selfie , autograph, shake of hands and a warm hug.

"Mother Teresa Chair for Peace" to be introduce at St. Xavier's University Kolkata in 2024

Kolkata(PARTHA ROY):Government of West Bengal will introduce & fund " Mother Teresa Chair for Peace" at St. Xavier's University Kolkata from 2024. Chief Minister of West Bengal Smt. Mamata Banerjee had earlier announced in this regard during 4th Convocation of the St. Xavier's University Kolkata on 6th February 2023.



Shri P. Chidambaram, MP (Rajya Sabha) will deliver a lecture on "The Future of Democracy" at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata on November 25, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. . On the occasion , Shri P. Chidambaram will also release a book titled "Development, Decentralisation and Democracy " authored by Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ, Vice Chancellor of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata and Prof. Prabhat Kumar Datta, adjunct Professor St. Xavier's University, Kolkata . St. Xavier's university will be hosting a Christmas get-together

exclusively for the Vice Chancellors of the Universities, Principals of Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools in Kolkata. The best minds will have an open house discussion on the exodus of students from Bengal to different states and countries as well as ways and means of attracting students from other states and countries to Bengal and on the various aspects of National Education Policy (NEP). St. Xavier's University, Kolkata will organise the Annual Christmas Lecture on Jesuit Legacy and Education at The

Centre for Research & Social Outreach, Parasmoni, Santiniketan on December 16, 2023, at 11 am which will be delivered by Rev. Dr. John Felix Raj, SJ. The 5th Convocation of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata will be held on February 10, 2024. Mr. Kande Yumkella, Former United Nations Under Secretary General, Chair of United Nations Energy and a celebrated economist from Sierra Leone will deliver the convocation address in person. Rev.Father Ignacimuthu,

renowned scientist, former Vice Chancellor of Madras University and former Principal of Loyola College will be honoured with Honoris Causa-Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) and renowned Attorney at Law, Shri R.N.Jhunjhunwala will be honoured with Honoris Causa, Doctor of Law (D.Sc.). The University is working on expansion and drawn a vision statement "St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Vision 2030" . Rev. Felix Raj reiterates his commitment of evolving a world-class education for the humanity . St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (SXUK) has embarked on a mission of forming men and women for others by imparting quality education. The vision of the university is rooted in and inspired by the Ignatian charism. As a Centre of Excellence, St. Xavier's University strives to promote a society based on love, freedom, liberty, justice, equality and fraternity.

Live Demonstration of Spreading of Pesticides through Drone at Jamboni Block of Jhargram & Kalchini Block



Kolkata,(KCN): The national programme Vikasit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) started on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (November 15, 2023) gained momentum in West Bengal as the poor, downtrodden people are witnessed thronging the IEC vans moving in the interior villages to make people of the area and the vicinity aware of the

beneficial schemes of the Centre. A number of beneficiaries also were approaching the representatives of the several Central departments, like vans and oil companies present there and enquiring about new details regarding bank loans and Pradhanmantri Ujjwala Yojana. At Jhargram district of

West Bengal, the IEC vans have reached the Gidhni and Ergeda villages of Jamboni block of the district. There initiatives were taken to provide services of the several Government schemes as well as make them aware of the benefits of such schemes to the beneficiaries with the help of NABARD,

Krishi Vikash Kendra, Gas Company, National Fertiliser Company Limited, Jhargram Krishak Producer Company Limited and Central Bureau of Communication. Besides, there was a live demonstration of the spreading of pesticides through drones. Similar programme is also continuing in Alipurduar district of North Bengal. The IEC van is stationed today in the Malangi Gram Panchayat area under Kalchini block of Alipurduar. Several beneficiaries thronged VBSY site and the representatives of various Government departments were seen talking to them to make them aware of the beneficial schemes of the Centre. Here also, there was a live demonstration programme of the spreading of pesticides through drones.

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Kareena Kapoor Khan Wants To Work With Yash, Calls Herself A KGF Girl

Over the years Yash has become a formidable force, captivating audiences not only in India but across the globe. His journey from regional acclaim to pan India superstardom is a reflection of his extraordinary talent and unique charisma that resonates universally. During the latest episode of the renowned talk show, Koffee With Karan, the spotlight turned to Yash's global appeal. During the rapid fire round when Kareena

Kapoor Khan was asked, "Which south actor would you like to be paired up with? Prabhas, Ram Charan, Vijay Deverakonda, Allu Arjun and Yash" she expressed her desire to collaborate with the southern sensation and she promptly responded with "Yash," proudly declaring herself a 'KGF girl.' Yash's presence on the international stage has transcended geographical boundaries, making him a sought-after figure in the film



industry. His meteoric rise, coupled with endorsements from industry peers like Kareena Kapoor Khan, reinforces his status as a true global icon.

Yash has etched his name as a formidable talent with global appeal. He is not just a superstar; he is an icon who has united audiences from diverse backgrounds and cultures, proving that talent and authenticity are universal languages that transcend boundaries and create lasting legacies.

'Fukrey 3' Box Office Collection: Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma's Comedy-Riot Mints Rs 28 Crore In 3 Days

The 'Fukrey' gang is back and with a bang! Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma, Manjot Singh and Richa Chadha's film has had a good start at the box office and fans are in love with the comedy-riot. The film is riding high at the ticket window and the box office numbers are proof. After having the right kick start on the film's first day, the movie has minted over Rs 28 crores on its third day.

Film critic and trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared the official news and wrote, "#Fukrey3, as expected, witnesses E X C E L L E N T GROWTH on Day 3, hits DOUBLE DIGITS to consolidate and cement its status... Double digits on Sun - Mon should ensure ? 50 cr *extended* weekend,



which would be a FANTASTIC SCORE... Thu 8.82 cr, Fri 7.81 cr, Sat 11.67 cr. Total: ? 28.30 cr. #India biz. #Boxoffice." Fukrey 3 is written by Vipul Vig and produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar for Excel Entertainment. The film was initially supposed to hit theatres on September

7 alongside Shah Rukh Khan's Jawan. However, earlier this month makers postponed the movie and shifted the release to September 28. Both 'Fukrey' and 'Fukrey Returns' had audiences in splits and emerged as hits at the box office in 2013 and 2017, respectively. There have been several

delays for 'Fukrey 3'. The movie's initial release date was September 7--was intended to conflict with Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan'. Actor Ali Fazal, who appeared in the first two instalments of the hit franchise, was only seen a short appearance role in the third instalment.

Pakistani actor Mahira Khan ties the knot for second time, groom Salim Karim gets emotional. Watch first wedding video

Pakistani actor Mahira Khan, known for her roles in Raees and Humsafar, has tied the knot for the second time. Several pictures and videos of the actor have emerged online. Mahira got married to businessman Salim Karim. Taking to Instagram, Mahira's manager Anushay Talha Khan shared a video as Mahira walked down the aisle towards Salim. The groom was seen wiping his tears in the clip. Salim also walked towards her and lifted her veil. An emotional Salim kissed Mahira's forehead and hugged her. The bride was also seen getting emotional as she wrapped her arms around Salim. For her special day, Mahira wore a pastel lehenga with a veil. She also opted for matching diamond jewellery. Salim was seen in a black sherwani and a blue turban. The duo got married in Murree, Pakistan, in an outdoor ceremony. Reacting to a video shared on Instagram, a fan wrote, "I love this so much. Mahira is normalizing



things that might look basic from a privileged background but I hope this gives hope to a woman rethinking marriage." "Awww congratulations to her. May Allah bless her with a beautiful married life with her husband," commented a fan. A person wrote, "That's just graceful. Hope they find comfort." "Awww the groom is crying. Such men still exist," said another fan. "Aww super cute mashAllah. Many congratulations to the happy couple," read another comment. "She's looking absolutely gorgeous," read a comment. As per Tribune.com,

Mahira had earlier confirmed dating Salim while speaking with Samina Peerzada. In 2022, when Mahira was asked if she was in love, she smiled and nodded her head. "Yeah, I think I am in love. I don't know, I am so shy about it," Mahira had said. She had also confirmed that he wasn't from the industry. Mahira will be seen with Fawad Khan and Sanam Saeed in the Netflix series Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo. The show, an official adaptation of Farhat Ishtiaq's bestselling 2013 Urdu-language novel, is the streamer's first Pakistan-themed

original, reported Variety. The story revolves around Sikandar, a Harvard law student who experiences a life-changing incident that makes him keep others at bay, and Liza, a talented artist who is bursting with life but has had a troubled past. Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo will also feature Ahad Raza Mir, Hamza Ali Abbasi, Bilal Ashraf, Maya Ali, Iqra Aziz, Hania Aamir, Khushaal Khan, Nadia Jamil, Omair Rana and Samina Ahmed. Momina Durrain serves as the showrunner of the series, which is being shot in Italy, the UK and Pakistan.

Why Adah Sharma won't comment on The Vaccine War: 'After The Kerala Story, I have learnt...'

Actor Adah Sharma and Jatin Sarna are coming together onscreen for the first time in their short film Kofuku, which will at premiere at JioCinema Film Festival. Kofuku is a 17-minute-long film, shot in Mussoorie. The title is derived from the Japanese word, which translates to happiness and fulfilment in life. In a chat with Hindustan Times, Adah and Jatin shared the essence of their film.

Adah Sharma shared about the film, "It's a film that you will resonate with, no matter where you are from and whatever age group you are. The topic is so universal."

Kofuku focuses on people and their perspective towards life. It is based around Adah Sharma's, Sadaf,



who comes to a remote hill station from an urban city and meets a visually impaired stranger in a Mussoorie cafe who shows her around. As she intended to permanently bid goodbye, the stranger changes her mind with an insight into his life and its philosophies.

Adah Sharma recalled her role and said, "Sadaf is someone I don't actually identify with a lot. I am someone who's a little more grateful (towards life) but it was interesting to play her because she is someone who can see but she is not looking in the right place for happiness. She is basically living her life with eyes shut." "Jatin is playing someone who is visually impaired but he can see so much more than someone with 6/6 vision. She goes to make a decision in her life but it's Jatin who stops her.

"Sometimes you meet people and realise there are so many ways in which you can be living your life differently. We all try to do different things to be happy. You think accumulating a lot of wealth will make you happy, someone might think having a lot of movies will make you happy, or starting a business will. Happiness is actually within you. Similarly, our film is very simple. It's conveying the same message." Jatin Sarna went on to weigh in, "The grass is always greener on the other side. The film also talks about focusing on what you have rather than looking at others' plates. We just want to achieve this and that in life. In that race, we forget to live life. Life is uncertain, especially after what we have seen during covid. After working on this film, my perspective towards life has changed. One should just make peace with life and enjoy, this is my take from the film." Adah and Jatin were clearly more invested in the film, not just professionally but also on a personal level. When asked about their shoot time together, Jatin had only great things to tell about his co-star and team.

"Our producer, Pradeep is such a sweetheart. He made sure we got everything on the sets that was needed for the shoot. He surprised us with an unexpected visit from Vishal Bhadraraj. Sir came to the sets to give us blessings.

The contrasting legacies of Oberoi and Roy

Vivek Shukla



In the span of couple of days, the country has lost two big time entrepreneurs. If PRS Oberoi, the grand old man of Indian Hotel Industry, has made an huge mark in his field with his unflinching commitment to put Indian hospitality industry at the top of the world, Subrata Roy, the founder and life and soul of Sahara empire, could not left a great legacy even though he had started very well. As the friends and employees of Subrata Roy mourns the death of their leader, the business world reflects on the legacy of a man who started with just Rs 2,000 and built an empire that, at its zenith, was second only to the Indian government in terms of employment.

“Saharashree was a very towering figure and an undisputed institution builder. He was a man with a heart of gold,” says eminent

author and astrologer Dr. JP Sharma ‘Triakha’, who knew Saharashree since long, adding “I was in tears while attending the funeral of my friend and well-wisher, Subrata Roy along with thousands of others in Lucknow. I vividly remember when I told him in late 90s that he has to take care of his health after reaching the age of 75. I had studied his J a n a m p a t r i (horoscope).”

Born in Bihar’s Araria in 1948, Roy began his journey as businessman in 1976 with Sahara Finance, a chit fund company. He took over and revamped the company’s financial model in 1978, drawing inspiration from the older Peerless Group. “Under his leadership, Sahara India Pariwar grew into one of India’s largest conglomerates, employing around 1.2 million people and claiming to have more than 9 crore investors, which is about 13% of all households in the country. That speaks volumes about his leadership qualities,” Dr JP Sharma ‘Triakha’

said. Roy’s Sahara group became a household name with ambitious projects like Aamby Valley City and acquisitions such as

to refund the money raised from nearly 30 million investors via bonds known as optionally fully convertible bonds

to grab the life time opportunity to design the luxury hotel. Those were the days when the capital had just three class hotels- Ashok

Civil Lines area in 1940s to 1960s. He even contested the first Delhi assembly poll from the Civil Lines seat as an independent



the iconic Grosvenor House Hotel in London and the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Meanwhile, Subrata Roy’s death brings into focus the slew of litigation surrounding the Sahara group, and in particular the Rs25,000 crore lying with the capital markets regulator for distribution to its investors. In 2011, regulator Sebi ordered two Sahara group firms—Sahara India Real Estate Corp. Ltd (SIREL) and Sahara Housing Investment Corp. Ltd (SHICL)—

(OFCDs).

And now talking about PRS. Oberoi, also called as ‘Biki’, he will be remembered for changing the face of Indian hospitality industry. The high point of Biki Oberoi’s tryst with hospitality industry was when he convinced his father Sardar Mohan Singh Oberoi (MS Oberoi) to assign architect and politician Piloo Mody to design Oberoi Intercontinental in capital. That was early 1960s and many acclaimed architects of the country were keen

and The Imperial and Oberoi Maidens Hotel. Then known as Wesley Road just at a shouting distance from Delhi Golf course, the Oberois got the land to build their hotel in a very deserted area there. Well, the Oberoi Maidens Hotel at Shamnath Marg in Delhi was good considering those days, but they wanted to build a bigger and better property in Delhi. Oberoi family was emotionally attached to Maidens Hotel too as MS Oberoi used to live in

candidate. Alas, he lost at the election though. PRS Oberoi was helping during the campaign.

Biki had a playboy like image. Rai Bahadur MS Oberoi very reluctantly inducted him in Oberoi management when he started planning to build a hotel in Delhi. After his father’s death, he diversified his group in a big way. Once Piloo Mody, the childhood friend of Pakistan PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, had designed Oberoi Intercontinental hotel,

the construction was started in a big way under the watchful eyes of Biki. And immediately after it started operations, O b e r o i Intercontinental became the last word in luxury and class. The Chinese, Skylark and Mughal restaurants’ of Oberoi became a rage. “Their service was class apart. I had seen Biki both in Delhi and in Trident in Mumbai talking to burly guards at the gates and telling them in chaste Punjabi how to say ‘Namaste’ to guests. He was truly a father-figure of Indian hotel industry,” says Rajan Dhawan, a noted Delhi based Tax consultant. Those who are lucky enough to stay in the Oberoi properties say they are ethereal and unmatched. They give you - an experience of a life time. Every corner has a story to tell. The architecture of their hotels or resorts are the most glorious. It is said that Biki’s mother Ishran Devi, laid the Oberoi Intercontinental foundation stone but before doing so, she placed five gold coins

in the pit for good luck. She was the life and soul of Oberoi clan. Biki often used to narrate the story of his childhood in Gujranwala (now in Pakistan). His father, MS Oberoi, and his mother Ishran Devi had to flee their native village Bhaun in early 1920s to safeguard their kids from the outbreak of deadly plague. They moved to cool climes of Muree, (a hill station near Rawalpindi), where MS Oberoi lived for some time doing odd jobs before moving to Shimla to work.

And luxury hotels and resorts apart, PRS Oberoi was a very devout and proud Sikh. He often visits Gurudwara Bangla sahib for prayers. Biki Oberoi lived a full life. He was an icon, no doubt and a role model for all those keen to make their presence felt in business world. Alas, same cannot be said for Subrata Roy. Had he devoted more time on his business rather than hosting lavish parties, Subrata Roy would have left a great institution and legacy.

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Are Men also Victims of Domestic Violence?

-Lalit Garg-



International Men's Day is a global awareness day for many issues faced by men, including parental alienation, wife neglect, abuse, homelessness, underemployment, suicide and violence, observed every year on 19 November. The purpose of this day is to celebrate the lives of boys and men, their achievements and their contribution in building family and society, especially in nation, union, society, community, family, marriage and child care. This day is not just a celebration, but an event which is necessary to promote achievements of men on social, economic, political and cultural fronts, as well as to convey their struggles to the general society. The day aims to focus on men's health and well-being. In light of this, the theme for 2023 is 'Zero Male Suicide'.

On the lines of Women's Day, International Men's Day is also being celebrated all over the world. This day started in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago. The United Nations has also recognized it and emphasized its need and has given strong appreciation and support. Today International Men's Day is being celebrated in more than 80 countries. According to other information, Men's Day is also said to be celebrated for the first time by Thomas Oster on 7 February 1992, but this Men's Day was celebrated only in Malta.

Now in the world, the need to make Men's Day as effective as Women's Day is being felt. Now men are also raising the issue of being exploited and harassed. There is also talk of more incidents of neglect, harassment and injustice being faced by men as compared to women. Today, in the rapidly changing world, definitions for every category are also being created and changing. On one hand, while women are becoming empowered, on the other hand the image of men is also changing in

the society. If we talk about a few years ago, there were many conservative views in the society regarding men, they were accused of exploiting women and giving them secondary status. In which rapid changes are taking place now. This day is also a day to discuss the physical and mental health of men, and the misconceptions related to them. In every country except China, the suicide rate among men is higher than that of women.

Man is a word without which one's life cannot be imagined. While woman gives completeness to life, man is its basis. Till now, ignoring all the characteristics of a man, he has been declared an exploiter, oppressor of women, cruel and tyrannical, but it is not so. Woman is the giver of birth and man is the creator of life. In childhood, when a child learns to walk, he first holds the finger of his father. The small child finds great solace in holding his finger and being in his arms. As soon as they speak, the children start insisting and the father fulfills all their requests. From providing them

chocolates and toys in childhood to providing bikes, cars, laptops and sending children abroad for higher education, they keep fulfilling all the demands of their children, that is, the role of men is in no way less

seeing his son's injury, so that he learns the lesson of fighting the problems of life, becomes tough and fearless and is able to face the problems of life. Woman is the ocean of love, but man is its

Party in UP had raised the demand that a constitutional institution like the National Men's Commission should be formed on the lines of the National Commission for Women. These MPs

him. Various types of laws have blurred its existence and identity. Whereas today, with changing times, men have now become more responsible and sensitive. Many young men are taking up big responsibilities for society building and are proving it with their ability and passion. Today's man moves forward not only with himself, but also with women. He is ensuring that they also get equal opportunities to move ahead and do not have to face any discrimination. This change is clearly visible today in all industries like media, hospitality, banking, industry, trade etc. where women are working in top positions. Not only this, men now do not feel hesitation in working under the leadership of women.

Like other countries of the world, India is also struggling with the problem of domestic violence. Strict laws have also been made to prevent violence against women, but men are also victims of domestic violence. There has been no government study or survey in India yet to find out the number of men who are

victims of domestic violence, but some non-government organizations are definitely working in this direction. A study by NGOs named 'Save Indian Family Foundation' and 'My Nation' has revealed that more than ninety percent of husbands in India have faced domestic violence at least once in a three-year relationship. It is a fact that now, like women, men are also victims of violence, harassment and neglect. They also want to raise their voice for the security and respect of their existence. It is a big truth that whenever the voice of creation will be raised in life, the torch of masculinity will be lit, the eyes of truth will be opened, then we, everything of ours with which we are connected, will all be a precious gift of man, only by making this realization alive, we will become men. Will we be able to find meaning in celebrating International Men's Day?

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than that of women. To run the vehicle of society properly, it is very important that women become its allies, instead of its opponents. They should not face any discrimination. In human relationships, the biggest place in the world is given to women as a mother, but the contribution of a man as a father in making a child grow up and civilized cannot be underestimated. When a child gets scratched, a father also feels the same pain as a mother feels. The father remains strict after

shore. A house is built only by the woman, but the man is the support of the house. Heaven is from a woman, heaven is from a woman, all four abodes are from a woman, but the door to all these is a man. Men's Day is celebrated in the honor of those men. A few years ago, the All India Men's Association active in India made a special demand to the Government of India that a Ministry of Men's Development should also be formed like the Ministry of Women's Development. Similarly, some MPs of the Bharatiya Janata

had also written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding this demand. Harinarayan Rajbhar, an MP who wrote the letter, had claimed at that time that many men who abuse their wives are in jail, but due to the one-sided attitude of the law and fear of being laughed at in the society, they are not raising their voice against the domestic atrocities being committed on them. The question is, why are men feeling such expectations? It seems that the man now wants relief from the traumas and neglects

INDIAN POLICE SERVICE PROBATIONERS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

New Delhi, (KCN): A group of Indian Police Service probationers of 75 RR (2022 batch) called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (November 18, 2023). Addressing the probationers, the President said that the main responsibility of police administration and law & order rests with the state governments. But, IPS officers provide leadership to the police personnel appointed by

the state governments. In this way, the work of uniting the country's police system into an all India thread is done by the officers of the Indian Police Service. The President said that strengthening of law and order is an essential condition for economic and social development. Globally, nationally and locally, it has been seen that entrepreneurs do not want to invest where the law and order system is not strong. Thus, the police department plays



a central role in the multidimensional

development of any area. The President said

that the government aims to provide

opportunities for the development of talent

and potential of every citizen. It is our national priority that all citizens should become participants in the developmental journey. She stated that police officers will also play a decisive role in fulfilling the resolve of making the country a developed nation during the Amritkaal. The President said that police forces have made an invaluable contribution in maintaining law and order in the country and keeping the unity and

integrity of the country intact. She stated that police forces have many challenges like cyber ??crime, drug cartels, left wing extremism and terrorism. Circumstances change rapidly due to the influence of new technology and social media. Generative Artificial Intelligence is used by criminals and problems like deep-fake are coming to the fore. She said that police officers will always have to be updated in the field of technology and have an edge over criminals.

Guru Nanak Oneness Celebrations at Nexus Select City walk Mall

New Delhi (KCN): Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Saket supported by Nexus Select City Walk, WSCC and other stake holders will celebrate Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti & his message of Oneness on 21st & 22nd November, 2023 from 3:30pm to 9:00pm at Open Air Amphitheatre, Nexus Select City Walk, Saket, New Delhi. This two days event will be inaugurated by Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs Govt. of India as Chief Guest. Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura Chairman, National Commission for Minority Govt. of India shall preside over the function. The eminent personalities Shri Raman Sidhu, Chairman of European Business Group, Swami Brahmachitt- Art of Living, Sardar Tarlochan Singh, Former M.P, Rajya Sabha, Sd. Manjeev Singh Puri, Former Ambassador, Sh. Arjun Sharma, M.D. Nexus Select City Walk, Sh. Yograj Arora, Nexus Select City Walk, Gurjot Singh Narang, IRS (Retd.), Harcharan Singh Nag, President Guru Granth Sahib Vidya Kendra, Dr. Rajinder Singh Chadha,



Waves Group, Sh. Jagdeep Singh Chaddha, Sigma Group, S.S. Kohli, Former Chairman Punjab National Bank, Dr. Parmeet Singh Chadha, Global Chairman- World Sikh Chamber of Commerce, Shri Daljit Singh Pal, President, Gurudwara Saket, New Delhi will grace the event. Prof. Charanjit Singh Shah, General Secretary of Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha and the organiser of the event said that "this will be an exclusive event especially in today's concern on Global Warming, Territorial Wars, Blood Sheds, a time to appraise and rediscover the Guru Nanak Dev ji's Teaching of Oneness, Unity and Oneness of mankind for a better world of tomorrow". The event will showcase the

importance of Raga's, Music and Guru's power of Shabad, His versus / hymns. Which transforms the mindset of public at large through various globally acclaimed ustad's and Bhai ji's of ancient gharana like Bhai ji Baldeep Singh, Ustad Baljit Singh ji and Dr. Alankar Singh Ji. The various Skits, Audio Visuals, plays and videos will be projected showcasing the life & history and Guru Nanak Dev ji's world travel of 32000 kms. The formless form of Guru Nanak Dev ji, the Cosmic Energy and Universal Oneness of God, IK ONKAR shall be expressed looking not for segmented worship but of only one power of Cosmic Energy. Parmeet Singh Chadha, Global Chairman- WSCC, also associated with the Grand event

said "These Larger than Life Events must take place out of Gurdwara's, so that the new generation and youth can be motivated to know about their rich heritage and culture. Promotion of Oneness in these manners is much needed in present times". The event expresses three principals of Naam Japna, Kirat Karna & Wand Chakna will be shared in this oceanic & paranomic Open Air Amphitheatre Natural Environment and the importance of Divine Universal Aarti of Guru Nanak Dev ji being performed 24/7. Interfaith Dialogue / Sarab Dharam Sammelan with discourses from various heads from various faith shall highlight the connecting force of Guru Nanak's Oneness beyond the myths, r i t u a l i t y

fundamentalists though & segmented approach toward worshipping. It shall express the Oneness of Krishna & Rama, Nanak's, Kabir's, Farid's, Ravidass, Namdev's power of Oneness beyond the boundaries of sartorial religious barriers. The management of Gurudwara Saket remain thankful to the management of Nexus Select City Walk for supporting the event and all the global speakers and performing artists making the show an exclusive travel with my Guru Nanak. The skit & films as projected by the great visualizer, scholars, authors like Kuljit Singh, Amardeep Singh shall provide the exclusive unexposed agendas and expression of Nanak. Prof. Charanjit Singh Shah, Secretary remains ever thankful to Dr. Chadha, Bindiya Bedi, Ruchi Singh, Amardeep Singh, Gurjot Singh, D.S. Pal, Manjit Singh Narang, Manjit Kaur Khurana, Gaurav Deep Singh, Mandeep Singh, Ajay Arora and all our esteemed advisors to create this awareness of Guru Nanak at global platforms.

Pre-Christmas celebrations at NIT Warangal



Warangal (KCN): The NITMAS23- Pre Christmas Celebrations were organized last night in the auditorium, NIT Warangal. This festive gathering brought together students, staff and faculty members of NIT Warangal to

commemorate the spirit of Christmas. The chief guest of the event Mr. Edward William shared an inspiring lecture on "the purpose of life". His insightful talk widely inspired the audience. Students performed live music and skits that were

highly appreciated by the audience. Later in the evening, cake was cut by Dean of Student Welfare Prof. D. Srinivasacharya in the presence of faculty members. The celebrations signified unity and shared joy among the participants.

Man Who Attacked Ex-Lover With Acid Arrested After Encounter: UP Cops

Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh: A man was shot at by police and arrested along with his aide in connection with an acid attack on a 23-year-old bride-to-be in Dharaula village here, an officer said on Saturday. A d d i t i o n a l Superintendent of Police of Maharajganj Atish Kumar Singh said the encounter took place between 1 am and 1.30 am late Friday night. "The main accused, Anil

Verma, sustained a bullet wound, while the other accused, Ram Bachan, got injured as he was trying to flee," Mr Singh told news agency PTI. He said that Anil Verma, an ex-lover of the victim, had planned the attack 4-5 days ago. According to the ASP, the victim, Suman Yadav, and Verma were known to each, and the attack was triggered by her getting engaged to another man around three months ago, which Verma took as

a snub to him. Police have recovered the scooter used in the attack with acid marks on it. Revealing more details on Saturday, the Maharajganj Police in a statement said that Ms Yadav was in a relationship with Verma, a medicine trader, for the past few years. Suman Yadav's marriage was scheduled for December 11, 2023, but Anil Verma did not want Suman to go ahead with the marriage.

Kolkata to Host FITEXPO INDIA 2023; a Grand Celebration of Fitness, Sports, and Wellness

Kolkata, (ADVAITA SETH): The fitness and sports enthusiasts of India are gearing up for a spectacular event as FITEXPO INDIA 2023, in collaboration with S P O R T E X P O , announces the hosting of the country's largest Sports, Fitness, and Wellness Trade Expo cum Festival. Scheduled to take place from 1-3 December at the Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan (Milan Mela) in Kolkata, this three-day mega Expo is set to attract over 5000 fitness experts and sports personalities from all corners of India. Covering an expansive area of 3 lac sq feet, both indoors and outdoors, the FITEXPO INDIA 2023 is more than just an exhibition; it's an immersive experience into the world of fitness, sports, yoga, and

wellness. The event is expected to draw a staggering 1.25 lac footfalls, making it a hub for business-to-consumer (B2C) and business-to-business (B2B) interactions. This marks the fourth edition of the Expo, held biennially and continuously growing in scale and popularity. Mr. Gagan Sachdev, founder-director of THE FITEXPO INDIA and Vice-President of Calcutta Sports Dealers Association (CSDA), expressed his excitement, stating, "This will not only be a 3-Day Exposition of Sports, Fitness, and Wellness Sports Products and Services with all the networking, product launches, and displays, but also a festival featuring an entire gamut of activities



by the fraternity. With Live Shows, Demonstrations, and Competitions on Fitness, Sports & Wellness, happening on an unprecedented scale, you will find yourself immersed in a next-level of excitement." The FITEXPO 2023

promises a diverse range of sports and fitness products from top brands, turning the event into a melting pot for innovation and industry collaborations. It's not just an exhibition; it's a festival with live shows, demonstrations, and competitions on an

unprecedented scale. Mr. Rajesh Bhatia, President CSDA and Chief Convenor of S P O R T E X P O , highlighted the significance of a special platform called SPORTEXPO, curated solely for the sports industry. It focuses on the

promotion of sports goods, sportswear, sports infrastructure development, and technology, presenting a great opportunity for the sports market in the Eastern region. The FITEXPO INDIA 2023 is set to be a turning point for sports bodies

and participating brands, with dedicated zones for various sports such as cricket, basketball, table tennis, futsal, badminton, hockey, archery, etc., providing an excellent promotional opportunity. The event enjoys the patronage of the Fit India Movement and Khelo India, with additional support from institutions and government bodies. Mr. Narendra Kapadia, Chairman Expo, emphasized the multi-fold objectives of the event, including raising awareness about health and fitness, inducing innovation and investments in the sector, and creating opportunities for the monetization of sports and fitness activities. With a Corporate Business Lounge facilitating B2B

activities and FitPitch, the theme-based flagship fundraising and trade exchange event, encouraging growth, collaboration, and investment for start-ups and innovators, THE FITEXPO INDIA 2023 promises a long-term economic impact. The FITEXPO INDIA 2023 is not just an exhibition; it's a celebration of fitness, sports, and wellness, providing a comprehensive platform for industry players, enthusiasts, and the general public to come together and experience the latest trends, products, and innovations in the world of health and well-being. This mega Expo is poised to leave a lasting impact on the landscape of fitness and sports in India.

102 Assistant Professors Join Govt Medical Colleges

Bhubaneswar(KCN): As many as 102 Assistant Professors today joined the state government in Odisha Medical Education Service. They will join the state government medical colleges in different districts. An orientation for the new recruits was organised at the convention centre in Lok Seva Bhawan. Joining the programme, Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik asked the young professors to have a human touch while treating patients. He said, "You are in a profession that demands absolute commitment to the job. You need to create confidence among the patients and their relatives. Along with your professional skills, a human touch in your approach can do wonder."

The CM further said that our vision of happiness for our people is "Sustha Odisha, Sukhi Odisha." For us, "Every Life is Precious", he emphasized. Highlighting the state's initiatives in healthcare, he said that his Government is committed to provide universal access to quality health care and bring down expenses of the people. Under the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, the Government bears the entire cost of health services for all at State Government Hospitals. It is our responsibility to see that our patients get the best quality of care at our Government Medical College Hospitals, he underscored. He further continued that we are building new, modern health infrastructure for



providing quality healthcare in public health facilities. A new Hospital for transformation of public health facilities, opening up of New Medical Colleges and Hospitals are some of our major active initiatives, he added. Focusing on state's transformative initiative,

he said that our transformative ST initiative has paved the way for a new, empowered Odisha. Components of Transparency, Technology, Team work, Time are leading to Transformation. He expected the young professors all of you will follow this principle in

your career. Sharing the happiness of young recruits, the CM said, "I share your happiness along with your parents and other family members for your success." He wished all of you a bright future ahead. It may be mentioned here that the State Government has laid

much emphasis on creation and expansion of medical colleges in the State. In the past 6 years, the State has established 8 new medical colleges at Koraput, Baripada, Balasore, Bolangir, Puri, Keonjhar, Sundergarh and Kalahandi, and 2 new Post Graduate Institutes (AHPGIC, Cuttack and PGIMER & Capital

Hospital, Bhubaneswar). In 2024-25, it is planned to make the Jajati Keshari Medical College and Hospital at Jajpur functional, followed by Government Medical Colleges at Phulbani and Talcher.

Following the vision of the Chief Minister to strengthen medical education, the State is moving towards self-sufficiency in meeting our need for doctors and specialists. While Odisha was producing only 321 MBBS doctors and 254 specialists per year in the year 2000, we now produce 2525 MBBS doctors and 856 specialists annually, and these numbers are increasing each year.

Speaking on the occasion, Health & Family Welfare Minister Shri Niranjan Pujari said that more than 300

Assistant Professors have been appointed in recent years. Following the vision of the Chief Minister the state is making rapid progress in providing quality healthcare to people completely free of cost.

Three newly recruited Assistant professors, Dr Bhagyashree Panda, Dr Ruchit Mohanty and Dr Prachi Praticchi Das, sharing their experience, said that we will follow the CM's guideline in health services that 'Every life is precious'. We are indebted to the CM for opening up new medical colleges for which we got the opportunity to serve in Odisha, they added. Secretary Health Smt Salini Pandit delivered the welcome address; Director Medical Education Dr Sachidananda Mohanty proposed the vote of thanks.

Odisha minister takes U-turn; says decision on transfer of tribal lands wasn't passed in Cabinet, it was only a discussion

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Revenue Minister, Sudam Marndi, who was all praises for the Cabinet nod to amend the law allowing the scheduled tribes (ST) to transfer their land to non-tribals, took a U-turn just 48 hours later and withheld the decision. When asked about the change in decision, Marndi said that it was not a decision but rather a discussion in the Cabinet meeting held on November 14. Marndi on Friday took to X, earlier known as Twitter, and wrote, "The proposed Amendment to Regulation-2 of 1956 discussed in the Cabinet meeting held on 14th November 2023, regarding the transfer of Tribal lands, has been withheld." By this, Marndi effectively withheld the November 14 Odisha Cabinet decision to



amend the law allowing the tribals to transfer their land to non-tribals in scheduled areas with written permission from the sub-collector. It was decided in the cabinet meeting that STs can gift, exchange for public purposes or obtain a loan by mortgaging a plot of land in a public financial institution for agriculture, construction of a residential house, higher studies of children, self-employment, business or establishment of small-scale industries; or transfer it in favour of a person not belonging to

the ST community for these purposes. As per the official note, the educated youth belonging to ST communities were facing many difficulties. Realising this problem and based on the recommendations of the Scheduled Tribes Advisory Council, the amendments were made. Marndi said, "Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik always takes decisions in view of the interests of the people. However, this was not a decision. It was only a discussion." It is pertinent to mention

here that Sudam Marndi was particularly happy after the Cabinet decision was announced on November 14. On November 15, Marndi said, "The decision taken in the Cabinet yesterday was a good one. This will help tribal entrepreneurship and tribal education. Poor tribals will definitely get help from the amendment." His U-turn sent rumour mills abuzz that he withheld the decision after protests by several social organisations and the Opposition, which alleged that the social security of the STs would be jeopardised by this amendment. "The tribals will lose their lands if the new law will be implemented. Hence it should be withheld. It will affect their life and livelihoods. The lands of the tribals should be safe and secure."

Tata Steel Empowers Tulasi

Joda(KCN): In the mining-rich Joda region, the Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) has been actively fostering transformation and inclusive growth. The story of Tulasi Lohar, an 18-year-old from Guali village in Joda block, exemplifies this commitment. Tulasi, one of six siblings in a mining family, aspired to higher education and the prospect of a stable career. The family faced financial challenges, and skill education opportunities were scarce in their village, Guali. Undeterred, Tulasi convinced her father to enrol her in +2 Arts at Joda Women's College. An important moment arrived when Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) and NIIT launched a nearby skill development centre. Tulasi, recommended by the NIIT team, eagerly enrolled in English



foundation and Basic IT courses. Despite a daily long trek to attend classes, Tulasi displayed unwavering dedication, mastering computer skills, MS Office, internet usage, data entry, bill payments, online ordering, and job interview preparation. She also gained confidence in English communication. Tulasi's commitment extended to inspiring others through the Change Maker Life skill sessions, promoting the

importance of IT skills in surrounding communities. An opportunity arose when a job vacancy for Gramma Panchayat Community Member (GPCM) emerged at the Aspire Company, an NGO partner of TSF. Despite ongoing studies, Tulasi applied with guidance from the centre team and secured the position through her interview success. Tulasi, accompanied by her grateful father, visited the centre to express their

appreciation to the Tata Steel Foundation and the NIIT Skill Development Centre. Tulasi's words reflect her gratitude: "I am thankful to the Tata Steel Foundation (TSF), the NIIT Skill Development Centre, and the team. They made my life better and gave me the power to do more." Tata Steel Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to empower individuals like Tulasi, contributing to the growth and prosperity of Joda's communities.



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CMD NTPC visits Kaniha Power Plant

Kaniha,(KCN):Shri Gurdeep Singh, Chairman & Managing Director, NTPC paid a short visit to NTPC Kaniha on November 17.He was accompanied by Smt Kiran Singh, President, Sanyukta Mahila Samiti,Shri Ramesh Babu V, Director(Operations) , Smt Vani Ramesh Babu,Sr. Member Sanyukta Mahila Samiti and Shri K S Sundaram,ED to CMD and Director (Project) designate.

Shri Parth Majumdar,RED (ER II), Smt Mahua Majumdar, President ,Vasudha



Mahila Mandal, Shri Rajnish Rastogi,GM (HR),ER II,Bhubaneswar and Smt Sikha Rastogi,Sr Member , Vasudha Mahila Mandal were also present on the occasion. On arrival, they were given a warm welcome by Shri N S R a o , E D , T a l c h e r Kaniha,Shri A K Sehgal, GM(O&M) and Smt. Vijaya Rao, President,

Tanvi Sangam, Ladies Club, NTPC Kaniha. Addressing the Kaniha family at Deep Tarang Auditorium, Shri Gurdeep Singh,CMD NTPC complimented the Kaniha station for incident free operations during the past two years but added that there was no place for complacency in the matter of Safety. He praised the good station

performance of Kaniha and said that for NTPC to achieve good generation, it was important that units like Kaniha give their best output. He said that continuous demand in the grid was good indication of the rapid growth that the nation was witnessing. NTPC is fast growing into an integrated global energy major with sustained growth year on year, he added. Earlier Shri Singh and other dignitaries visited the historical shrine of Anantshahi Vishnu in the Plant premises. Thereafter Shri Singh visited the FGD site and inaugurated the

33 KV switch gear room and commencement of new work site. He visited the Stage II Unit control Room and interacted with the desk engineers. CMD reviewed the performance of NTPC Kaniha Power Station at a meeting with the heads of departments. He also met the representatives of unions and associations and had brief interaction with them.A colourful cultural programme was organised in the Township Auditorium in honour of the visiting CMD and other dignitaries, who were also felicitated by NTPC Kaniha.

JioFiber expands footprintto major cities and towns across Odisha, now available at Bargarh and Semiliguda

B h u b a n e s w a r : Continuing its rapid expansion across various key cities and towns in Odisha, JioFiber, the most popular high-speed broadband service in the country, has now commenced its services in key areas of major cities and towns across the state. Further consolidating its leadership in the high-speed broadband segment in the state, JioFiber broadband service has now become available in the towns of Bargarh and Semiliguda. With this, JioFiber service is now available in key localities of 29 cities and towns across Odisha including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Jatni, Angul, Sambalpur, Rourkela, Jharsuguda, Belpahar, Brajaraj Nagar, Sundargarh, Bolangir, K e o n j h a r , Bhawanipatna, Koraput, Rayagada, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Jajapur Road, Bhadrak, Talcher, Khordha, Berhampur, Balasore, Jeypore,

R a j g a n a g p u r , Dhenkanal, Semiliguda, Bargarh and fast expanding its services to other major cities and towns in the state. In Bargarh, JioFiber high speed broadband service is now available at Sibananda Nagar, K h a o j o o r T i k r a , BhatliChhak, Milan Vihar, George High School area and is in the process of fast expanding its services to other parts of the town. Similarly, in Semiliguda town of Koraput district, JioFiber is now available at Sastri Nagar, Indra Nagar, Aravinda Nagar, Satya Nagar, Saraswati Nagar, Kodigaon, Santoshi Maa Nagar, Gopabandhu Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Santi Nagar, Talasahi and nearby areas and expected to roll out fast in other areas of the city over the next few weeks. JioFiber has also fast expanded its service across the exiting cities and towns where JioFiber has already been available, covering new areas and city

outskirts. F a s t e x p a n d i n g footprints of JioFiber has helped thousands of students and teachers in pursuing education and benefiting from dependable and seamless high-speed broadband internet. Hundreds of professionals especially from IT and other service sectors could also continue working from home smoothly from their native places in the state. Several small enterprises and educational institutions in these cities have seamlessly switched to the digital mode in tune to the demand of their respective businesses and professions. It is worth mentioning here that JioFiber now offers zero entry cost for new post-paid plan users, wherein users get Internet Box (Gateway Router), Set Top Box and Installation valued at Rs 10,000 at zero cost when they opt for a JioFiber Post-paid connection.

‘DigiSaathi’- 24x7 Helpline for informationon Digital Paymentsnow enabled on additional channels

Mumbai : DigiSaathi- a 24x7 helplinefor Information on digital payment products and servicesis setup by NPCI on behalf of a consortium of payment system operators and participants (banks & non-banks).DigiSaathi will be accessible on WhatsApp for the customers to access all the information they need pertaining to digital payment products and services. DigiSaathi will assist the users with all their queries on digital payments via the chatbot facility on WhatsApp by simply messaging on +918928913333. The facility will soon also be available on other social media channels as well.

Launched recently by Governor, Reserve Bank of India(RBI), DigiSaathiis an automated response system that helps customers in addressing their queries related to multiple products and services under the payments system umbrella including Cards (Debit/Credit/Prepaid), UPI, NEFT, RTGS, IMPS, AePS, NETC, BBPS, USSD, PPI Wallets, ATM, QR (UPI/Bharat), NACH, TReDs, CTS, MTSS, Mobile and Net banking.The Consortium of Payment System Operators and Participants including ecosystem Partners, Banks, Card Networks,

PPIs, Fintechs, Payments Council of India (PCI), and Indian Banks’ Association (IBA) came together for implementing this to empower people to adopt digital payments with even more conviction. DigiSaathi is available in both English and Hindi for customers wherein they can access information about any of the digital payment products and services. It even guides them on how to avail or use any particular product or service. DigiSaathi also helps customers with their transaction-related queries, by guiding them and sharing the contact details of concerned banks/Institutions.

Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd announces results forQ42022 &FY

M u m b a i : K a n s a i Nerolac Paints Limited(KNPL), one of the leading Paint companies in India, today at the Board meeting announced its audited results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2022.

For the quarter, the company earned Net revenue from operations of Rs.1412.8 Crores, a growth of 4.2% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. For the year, the company earned Net Revenue from operations of Rs.

5948.9 Crores a growth of24.7% over the corresponding period of the previous year. EBIDTA was at Rs. 82.9 Crores, a de-growth of 59.9% over Q4 of 2020-21. PAT was at Rs. 24.5 Crore, a de-growth of 80.9% over Q4 of 2020-

21. For the year period EBITDA was at Rs. 647.3 Crores, a de-growth of23.3% over previous year. PAT for the year was Rs 374.3 Crores, a de-growth of29.5% over previous year. The Board has recommended a final

dividend of 100 % (1.00 ? per share). In addition, the Company had declared interim dividend of 125% (? 1.25 per share) paid on November 22, 2021. Accordingly, the total dividendis 225 % (? 2.25 per share) for the

financial year ended March 31, 2022, as compared to total dividend of 525% (? 5.25 per share) including Special Dividend of 200% declared last year. Commenting on the results, Mr. Anuj Jain, Managing Director,

Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd said, “The quarter witnessed impact in terms of demand for decorative on account of the steep price increase towards end of Q3 FY 21-22 . I n Automotive, Passenger Vehiclesdemand was good

though impacted because of supply side constraints. On raw material costs, the quarter continued to witness inflationary pressures along with volatility in crude and exchange rates on account of the tough geo-political situation globally.

Bengal Global Business Summit 2023: Education Symposium Marks a Vision for Sustainable Development

Kolkata,ABHIJIT SETH(KCN): The seventh edition of the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) has once again placed Bengal in the global spotlight. Under the theme "Bengal Means Business," the summit aims to showcase the state's potential for business opportunities, partnerships, and collaborations on a global scale. As a prelude to this grand event, the Education Symposium kicked off, emphasizing the critical role of education in BGBS 2023. The symposium's theme, "Higher Education & Realization of Sustainable Development: Paving the Way Forward," underlines Bengal's commitment to education and its contribution to a sustainable future. One notable aspect of the Education Symposium is its hybrid format, enabling participation from across the globe and underscoring Bengal's commitment to expanding educational horizons and fostering international partnerships. The Government of West Bengal has been at the forefront of comprehensive human development initiatives, particularly in the realm of education. These initiatives have aligned effectively with national and international development goals. The symposium aligns with the state's efforts to mobilize support for sustainable development objectives, leverage digital technology, and harness new-age technologies such as AI, big data, and cybersecurity. Moreover, it emphasizes the importance of value-based education that transcends the mere acquisition of technical skills, focusing on holistic personality development. The symposium's inaugural session featured distinguished speakers, including Sri Bratya Basu, the Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge of the School and Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal, along with academicians, consulate members, industry representatives, scholars, and various Chambers of Commerce. The event garnered more than 30,000 online participants ,

underscoring the global significance of Bengal's educational initiatives. During the symposium, a panel of renowned speakers shared their insights on education and sustainable development. Madan Mohanka highlighted the need for greater accessibility to higher education and advocated for subsidies to make education available to a broader section of society. He also stressed the importance of research, teaching, community engagement, and vocational education. The symposium's goal is to identify best practices for a prosperous, inclusive, and forward-looking India. Sri Bratya Basu, Minister, emphasized West Bengal's impressive progress in higher education since 2011, positioning the state as an emerging hub of public-private partnerships. He underscored the necessity of creating an education-friendly ecosystem with adaptable policies. Harshvardhan Neotia, noted industrialist underscored the pivotal role of government-private partnerships in delivering quality education that raises awareness about sustainability. He also highlighted the importance of capital investment and job creation to return the state to its former glory in the education sector. Prof. Sanjeev Khagram discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of West Bengal and Arizona State University. He emphasized the transformational potential of education and advocated for inclusivity. He also highlighted Arizona State University's innovative digital programs. Ms. Melinda Pavek, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General, Kolkata, stressed the role of education as a transformational agent in realizing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, emphasizing innovation, economic viability, and cultural diversity. Anshul Sonak highlighted the significant growth of digital GDP and the omnipresence of AI. He emphasized the need for up-skilling and

reinventing higher education to adapt to evolving societal needs. Dr. BVR Mohan Reddy emphasized that sustainable development is an ongoing process, underscoring the importance of investment in research and development and collaboration between government and industry. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal highlighted the high gender parity index in higher education in West Bengal and emphasized the role of institutions in creating awareness about sustainability. Prof. Dibyendu Chakrabarty offered a unique perspective as a space scientist, emphasizing the role of energy in sustainability and the unique atmospheres of Earth, Venus, and Mars, each presenting distinct sustainability challenges. The Education Symposium welcomed esteemed participants, including Swami Kamalasthananda and Pravrajika Vedarupaprana, principals of renowned institutions, Suranjan Bose, a distinguished educationist, and Mrinal Parekh, Dean of Sister Nivedita University. The symposium also saw the signing of four significant Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). These partnerships aim to enhance education in various domains, including data analytics, digital transformation, emerging technologies, and interdisciplinary collaborations. These MOUs are poised to bring innovation and progress to the education landscape in West Bengal. The Education Symposium of the Bengal Global Business Summit 2023 sets a visionary stage for the future of education and sustainable development in West Bengal. The symposium's emphasis on education's pivotal role in fostering inclusive growth, embracing new technologies, and promoting sustainable development goals aligns with the state's commitment to progress and innovation. With collaborative efforts and a focus on holistic education, Bengal is well on its way to achieving its mission of realizing a sustainable and prosperous future.

At curtain call, precision meets pedigree

New Delhi: Several players that stepped down the 80-odd stairs from the dressing rooms nestled high up beyond the sightscreen and onto the sprawling oval of the Narendra Modi Stadium took a few fleeting extra seconds to take in their surroundings before proceeding with their tune-up sessions. Perhaps, it was that inescapable passing thought about a World Cup final and how everything they've done till now - picking up a bat or a ball, that first boundary, that first appeal, the sweat, the tears and the sweet joy of that imaginary six hit to win the World Cup - will all be telescoped into these next few hours. Or maybe, all they were

looking at was the new paraphernalia that had sprung up at the mega structure readying itself for a glitzy curtain call. For neither side is stranger to this stage. Certainly not Australia, who are doing this for the eighth time. They have picked up World Cups like how some #wanderlusts collect souvenir fridge magnets on their journeys: in Kolkata, London, Johannesburg, Barbados and Melbourne. For so many teams, playing a World Cup final is an occasion. For Australia, it's a way of life. And still, their journey to this point was riddled with uncertainty. They lost their first two games, nearly lost after scoring 388, nearly lost

after being 91/7 in a chase of 291 and nearly lost after reducing their opponent to 24/4 inside the first hour of the semi final. Yet here they are, nearly champions. In a year that has already seen them retain the Ashes in England and win the World Test Championship, who can truly count against them to complete a three-year run of world titles in each format of the game? Even with such pedigree, Pat Cummins and Co. will concede that it is their opponents that perhaps start as favourites on Sunday, and not only because they are riding a blue wave at home. Even those who usually barrack against Indian teams will appreciate the



precision and panache with which this particular version has operated, much like those utterly dominant, unbeaten campaigns put together by Australia at the turn of the

millennium. And it is the thread of Rohit Sharma-Rahul Dravid here that is an interesting one to tug at. This captain-coach pair has made no attempts to hide just how important an attacking

brand of play is and marrying that with well-defined roles and outstanding individual talent has lent India an aura of invincibility. But Dravid and Rohit come from a show-and-

tell country. Chasing excellence may be preached in Bollywood movies, but success is still measured in certificates and silverware, unfortunate as it may sound. For posterity to look back on this team to have been the most dominant ODI side assembled by this country, for Rohit to be bracketed alongside Kapil Dev and MS Dhoni, scorecards and statistics alone may not cut it. Anecdotes won't either. Stories of the captain's remarkable take-down of New Zealand in the semifinal, Shami's first-ball strikes, Kohli's 100s, his almost 100s, and Bumrah's magic will be recalled more fondly around a fireplace if the trophy sits

on the mantelpiece. India certainly don't possess any divine right to success and the captain and coach will agree that they can only pave the path for change, which they have done and how. The best way of now scripting the perfect ending would be to play like there are no endings at all.

This World Cup didn't quite get running until these two heavyweights made their bows in Chennai. It won't end until these two have had their final say. The feats of the one returning empty-handed from Motera will be tinged in disappointment. An 11-kilo mass of gold and silver plating will offer the ultimate reflection for those of the other.

Nothing more satisfying than hearing a big crowd go silent - Cummins

New Delhi: Just one step away from a second World title in 2023, Pat Cummins, the Australian captain, wore a calm, serene expression on the eve of a match that may well define his legacy as an Australian captain. And it wasn't a contrived expression, but an assured one. Australia have had to deal with more crises than India in the tournament, and have even tasted rockbottom, two games in. However, they have now won 8 matches on the trot, and India, ten. With all the hullabaloo over the pitch at the Wankhede, Cummins showed indifference when asked about the conditions in Ahmedabad.

"I'm not a great pitch reader, but it looked pretty firm. They've only just watered it, so yeah, give it



another 24 hours and have a look, but it looks like a pretty good wicket. I think it's been a bit more high scoring here (than Kolkata) throughout the tournament, so yeah, hard to say."

Cummins played down the talks of India avenging the 2003 World Cup final loss 20 years ago, arguing that none of the players from that team remain, but admitted that the pressure

of playing in front of over a hundred thousand Indian fans is likely to be an experience of a lifetime. "Yeah, I mean, neither player from both sides were there in 2003, so it feels like a long time ago, but we know it's going to be a packed house. There's going to be 130,000 fans here supporting India. So, it's going to be awesome." The Australian captain also admitted that India

have been a formidable side, but that Australia have played India in India regularly in the last few years, and it is unlikely to take them by surprise. "They've been playing really well, undefeated this tournament. But we know at our best we can give them a good shake. We've played them quite a lot over the last couple years with success so it's all building up for a nice final."

Cummins also lauded the opening bowlers Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, who haven't been at their best in the powerplay in the World Cup, but turned up with an incisive spell in the semi-final against South Africa on Thursday (November 16).

"The way he (Starc) bowled a couple of nights

ago in Kolkata was fantastic - bowled seven straight a couple of key wickets and could have easily had a couple of more," said Cummins, in appreciation of his opening bowlers. "The opening partnership between him and Josh Hazlewood's going to be a big one for us. Yeah, we saw what impact they can have in a game when they bowl like they did the other night. So, they're both big game players, played in a few ICC finals now, so they know what it takes." Recalling Australia's league game against India earlier in the World Cup, Cummins admitted that it wasn't their best batting performance, but also reminded the press that they were one catch away from being on the driver's seat.

Dhaka: Najmul Hossain Shanto will lead Bangladesh in the upcoming two-match Test series against New Zealand, the Bangladesh Cricket Board announced on Saturday (November 18). Najmul will become the 13th Test captain of Bangladesh when the first Test gets underway on November 28 in Sylhet. "Najmul Hossain will lead the side in the upcoming two-match Test series against New Zealand," BCB cricket operations chairman Jalal Yunus said. Cricbuzz had reported that Litton Das, the vice captain of the Test squad, wanted to skip the New Zealand series to be with his family. Regular Test skipper Shakib Al Hasan was

ruled out of the series after fracturing his finger during their game against Sri Lanka in the World Cup.

"He(Litton) wanted leave for leave for one months and didn't want to play two Tests as he wanted to give time to his family. We have granted it because we cannot push any player to play," said Yunus.

"We wanted him to play the second Test but he insisted that he wants to give time to his family for one month.

"He wanted to be with his new born baby and her mother and as he insisted for several times. We approved his plea," Yunus said, adding that they are not sure whether he will be available for the tour of New Zealand that will commence after the Test

series. Bangladesh will play three ODIs and as many T20Is during the tour.

"If some cricketer doesn't want to play, in that case you cannot put him in the national team because the professionalism need to come from the heart that 'I want to play for my country' and he must know whether he is available or not," he added.

Najmul will lead a 15-member squad in which left-arm spinner Hasan Morad has been picked for the first time. The 22-year-old has been rewarded his impressive performances in first-class cricket. Shahadat Hossain Dipu and pacer Hasan Mahmud are the other uncapped players picked in the squad.

Hathurusinghe laments the absence of key players

New Delhi: Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha admitted that they are missing the experience of two seasoned campaigners- Tamim Iqbal and Liton Kumar Das- at the top in the ongoing Asia Cup and stated that replacing them is a big challenge for any team.

Bangladesh's veteran left-handed opener Tamim missed the tournament due to back issues while Liton was replaced by Anamul Haque as he failed to recover from his fever in time.

The experience of the duo- Tamim (241 ODIs) and Liton (72 ODIs) was something the tourists missed badly in their opening game against Sri Lanka as the co-hosts humbled them by five wickets, courtesy a batting debacle for the

Tigers.

Bangladesh opted to open with young Mohammad Naim and uncapped Tanzid Tamim but they failed to fill the vacuum created at the top, making 16 and 0 respectively with the latter hardly looking comfortable during his brief stay at the wicket. However, Hathurusingha chose not to grumble at the current scenario and backed his young side to ride the challenges at hand.

"Losing that much of experience at the top of the order, it's a big challenge for any team," Hathurusingha told reporters ahead of their do-or-die game against Afghanistan.

"We can't do anything when both of them one is sick and the other is injured. We can't do anything about



it. But we back player we have over here. Certainly, they are talented, that's why they are picked," he said adding that if the wicket and condition are different they might go for different options that suggest changes might come at the top of the order if team management feels it that way.

"We haven't seen the

wicket yet. If the wicket condition is different, then we will think about different combination," he said.

Hathurusingha added that they are well aware that they will be challenged by the Afghan bowlers whom he considered one of the best in the business but added that his charges are well aware what to expect from

their opponent as they are familiar with them due to playing each other quite regularly.

"Afghanistan have one of the best bowling attacks in world cricket especially in limited over cricket. They have two really world class spinners and decent seamers," said Hathurusingha.

"So it's definitely a challenge, but we have

played them recently and our players had some success. It all depends on how you perform on the day. We are very much aware of the challenge," he said.

"We are well aware of their threat and we played them recently in ODI and T20I as well," he said adding that he is confident to make a comeback in their do-or-die game.

"This game (against Afghanistan) is very important because of what happened in the last game against Sri Lanka. We know that it is a must-win game. We certainly didn't play to our potential in the last game and we didn't represent ourselves well enough. But we are confident we will bring our 'A' game against Afghanistan," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan skipper Hasmatullah Shahidi urged the middle-order batters to come good in the Asia Cup as feels they are not delivering consistently and felt that it is hampering their progress as a batting unit.

"We have a very good batting lineup. In some of the recent series, our middle-order was not up to the mark like the way our team management, coach, me wanted. We talked about that in the team meetings and worked on that as well," said Shahidi.

"I don't think so (that bowling is our major strength). Our bowling is our strength but our batting has also improved. As I have mentioned before,

some of the youngsters that come to the team like Ibrahim, Gurbaz and Rahmat. So our batting is also strong," he said.

"But what happened in the last two series, we collapsed in two games and we have talked about it in the team meetings. We will try not to do it again," he said adding that familiar condition will help their cause in Lahore.

"I believe that our middle order will do well and also in Lahore it is more similar like Afghanistan pitches like we play domestic cricket in the same kind of pitches. So that will help us. This is also an extra advantage with our team," he concluded.