

effective means of physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual progress. After extensive research and testing, our ancient sages established that the discipline of yoga is helpful in attaining liberation. She stated that

medical examination. The family members in Odisha are eagerly waiting for their safe return home. On Wednesday, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami visited the hospital, spoke to the workers and gave them aid of Rs 1 lakh each. The State Government has sent a team and the family members of the trapped Odia laborers to the rescue site of the Silkyara Tunnel. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has thanked the Uttarakhand Government, NDRF and the Defence Team for the successful rescue operation and said that it

Puducherry as the Chief Guest. Director AIIMS, Hyderabad, Chairman, CACP, Director, ICAR-NAARM, Former CEO, NRAA and other eminent guests also attend the event. Odisha Millets Mission (OMM) was presented with the award for “Global Model on Millet Promotion” and was represented by Dr. Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers’ Empowerment and Kalpana Pradhan, Scheme Officer along with Mission Shakti

WSHG representatives from Swayam Shradha Mahila Mahasangha at the INCC 5.0. Dr. Padhee thanked IIMR, NutriHub, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and the jury members for recognizing Odisha Millets Mission as "Global model on millets". He expressed his gratitude towards Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha for his vision and impeccable commitment which made this mission a success. He dedicated the award to real heroes of Odisha Millets Mission, farmers, women self-help groups, custodian seed savers, FPOs, NGOs, his colleagues, and officers in the Department. He emphasized the participatory approach of OMM which paved the way for its successful implementation and recognized as replicable and scalable model for revival of millets. In

addition to valedictory address, Dr. Padhee co-chaired a session on a way forward for Mainstreaming millets through State Millet Missions for food and nutritional security. The recognition of Odisha Millets Mission for Poshak Anaaj Awards at INCC 5.0 is befitting due to its pro-people farm to plate approach which brings multiple stakeholders under a single platform to address the issues of food security, nutrition, climate change, women empowerment and entrepreneurship opportunities. From providing seed to promoting improved agronomic practice, conserving traditional landraces, ensuring assured market through minimum support price (MSP), and creating an enabling environment to develop entrepreneurship with a special focus on empowering farmers and women's collective.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A cyclonic storm is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal around December 2 while several parts of Odisha may experience light to moderate rainfall from December 3, the Regional Meteorological Centre here forecasted. "The Low Pressure Area over south Andaman Sea & adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal moved west-northwestwards and lay as a Well Marked Low Pressure Area over Southeast Bay of Bengal & adjoining south Andaman Sea today. It is

likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a Depression over southeast Bay of Bengal on 30th November. Thereafter, it is likely to move northwestwards and intensify gradually into a Cyclonic Storm

over Southwest & adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal around 2nd December,” the Meteorological Centre said in its middayUnder the influence of the system, the following districts of Odisha are likely to receive rainfall.

for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose," Mr Thakur said.

The women SHGs will be identified from the total 89 lakh SHGs formed under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, he said.

In various states, appropriate clusters where usage of drones is economically feasible will be identified and progressive 15,000 women SHGs will be selected for providing drones, the government said in a release.

A central financial assistance at 80 per cent of the cost of drone and accessories/ancillary charges of up to ₹ 8,00,000 will be



provided to women SHGs for purchase of drones. The Cluster Level Federation (CLFs) of SHGs may raise the balance amount (total cost of procurement

minus subsidy) as loan under the National Agriculture Infra Financing Facility (AIF). Interest subvention of 3 per cent on the AIF loan will be provided. "Around 500 drones will

be provided by fertiliser companies. The rest 14,500 drones will be made available through the central assistance in the next two years," Mr Thakur said. The total expense of a

drone and its accessories is about ₹ 10 lakh. About 80 per cent of the cost or up to ₹ 8 lakh, will be provided by the Centre, he said.

The minister said the drone pilot will get an honorarium of ₹ 15,000 and a co-pilot about ₹ 10,000, he said.

For use of drones, a cluster of 10-15 villages will be formed and about 1,000 hectare land will be available for drone operation. The importance will be given for commercial crops, he added.

According to the statement, one of the members of women SHGs who is well qualified, 18 and above years of age will be

elected for a 15-day training, comprising five-day mandatory drone pilot training and additional 10-day training for agriculture purpose of nutrient and pesticide application. The other member / family member of the SHG with inclination to take up repairs of electrical goods, fitting and mechanical works will be selected for training as drone technician/assistant. These training will be provided as a package along with the supply of drones. Considering the difficulties which SHGs may face in procuring the drones, and their repair and maintenance,

the lead fertiliser companies (LFCs) will act as a bridge between drone supplier companies and SHGs. LFCs will also promote use of nano-fertilizers by drones among SHGs. SHGs will rent out the drone services to farmers for nano-fertilizers and also for pesticide applications, the statement added.

PM Modi had announced empowering SHGs with drone technology from the Red Fort in his Independence Day speech on August 15, while pitching for leveraging the potential of science and technology in rural development.

Dakshina Meru The Brihadeswara Temple

India's diverse culture, history and exceptional architecture are reflected on the temple walls that have been preserved through the centuries. With the rise of Hinduism, India witnessed the establishment of numerous temples dedicated to various deities of the Hindu pantheon. With temples scattered throughout the country, each of them unique in their own way, attempts were made to classify them on the basis of their region, architectural style and complexity.

According to the Shilpashastra the temples of India can be classified into three types:

Nagara Style (North Indian style), were the temples belonging to the land between the Himalayas and the Vindhya

Dravidian Style (South Indian style) were the temples belonging to the land between the rivers Krishna and Kaveri

Vesara Style (a hybrid of northern and southern style) were the temples belonging to the land between the Vindhya and the River Krishna.

Certain features that distinguish a Darvidian style of architecture from the other two styles are:

Vimana - The Vimana is the tall structure surmounting the sanctum sanctorum (garbhagriha). A pyramidal structure and square in plan, the vimana has several tiers placed one above the other in a decreasing order.

Stupika - Stupika is the large stone that tops the last tier of the vimana. The stupika is topped with the finial adding to the height of the vimana.

Gopurams - Gopurams are tall gateways peculiar to the South Indian style of temple architecture. The gopurams evolved with time and became the focal points in the later temples of South India. The later temples have taller gopurams, often taller than the vimana itself.

Some of the best examples of Dravidian style temples are in the Southern region of Tamil Nadu. Out of these, the Brihadeswara Temple at Tanjavur built by the mighty ruler, Rajaraja I of the Chola Empire, is known for its grandeur and exceptional architectural features.

Tanjavur had been a prominent Royal city from the time of Muttaraiyars who founded and made it their capital. There are different versions of the origin of the name Tanjavur. One version says it is derived from the name of an asura, Tanjan. It is believed that Tanjan created chaos in the neighbouring areas as a result of which Sri Anandavalli Aman and Sri Nilameghapperumal (Vishnu) had to destroy him but before doing so Lord Vishnu granted Tanjan his last wish of naming the city after him. Others believe that it is derived from the word Tanjam which means refuge/asylum in Tamil. Hence Tanjavur means, the 'City of Refuge'.

Tanjavur witnessed a series of rulers come and go, from the Cholas to the Nayakas, the Marathas and finally the British. Amongst them all, the dynasty responsible for making Tanjavur what it is today, were the Cholas.



The Cholas predominantly ruled over the southern region of Tamil Nadu. Though they seem to have been in power since the Sangam age, they rose to prominence in the ninth century and continued to rule upto the thirteenth century. Vijayalaya, one of the greatest rulers of the Chola empire founded a small kingdom in Tanjavur and made it his capital. Tanjavur served as the capital of the Cholas until the reign of Rajarajendra who shifted the capital to Gangaikonda Cholapuram. The Chola Kings, Rajaraja I (985 CE - 1012 CE) and his son Rajarajendra are known for their naval and military strength and for expanding their empire beyond the boundaries of South India.

The Cholas were great devotees of Shiva. One of the earliest temples created by the Cholas was the Nataraja Temple at Chidambaram. Rajaraja I, who ascended the throne in 985 CE made large donations and gave gifts to the temple at Chidambaram in the year 1004 CE. In gratitude, the temple authorities gave him the titles of 'Sri Rajaraja' and 'Sivapadasekhara'. It is believed by some that it was at this time that he felt the need of a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva at his capital, Tanjavur. Others are of the opinion that after Rajaraja expanded his empire, he came to be known as the 'Lion among the Emperors'. He built this grand temple dedicated to Lord Shiva in order to commemorate this achievement.

Rajaraja I, started the construction of the Brihadeswara Temple in the nineteenth year of his reign. A major source of information related to its building and construction has been the inscriptions that run throughout the temple's plinth. One inscription reads, "The King, on the two hundred and seventy fifth day of the twenty fifth year of reign (A.D. 1010), presented a gold covered finial to be planted on the top of the vimana of the temple". This means that it took a mere six years for this architectural brilliance to be completed.

Rajaraja named the temple after himself and called it, Rajarajeswaram. The King installed a massive Shivalinga in the sanctum sanctorum and according to the inscriptions the linga was called by the names Adavallan, Dakshina Meru Vitankan and Rajarajaesvaram Udayar. For the longest time, even during the rule of the Pandys who built the Amman shrine in the temple complex, the temple was known by the name given by its builder. It is said that years later, the deity came to be associated with the name Thiru Peruvudaiyar (the 'Great Lord' in Tamil) and Brihat-Ishvar was its Sanskrit translation. Amman was given the Sanskrit name, Brihat Nayaki or Brihan Nayaki (the 'Great Lady'). This might have been the origin of the name 'Brihadeswara given to the temple, though none of the inscriptions or hymns of the time talk about the switch from Rajarajesvaram to Brihadeswara. Situated near the banks of Kaveri, the Brihadeswara Temple dominates the then capital of the Cholas, Tanjavur. Standing on the highest point in the area, this architectural marvel was built without the use of mortar or any other adhesive. The inscriptions record that the chief architect who executed the plan envisaged by the ruler was Raja Raja Perunthachan (perum meaning big and thachan meaning carpenter). He is said to have built some of the greatest temples of the time which shows that Rajaraja employed the best architects, artisans and sculptors to create this great temple.

Unto Darkness

Rabi Satpathy

Darkness is my
dearest
My bosom friend
I love darkness
Inside and outside



The way I walked
was full of darkness
I have lived with darkness
throughout my life

Who will light a lamp
seeing my darkness ?
I miss my path in light
and live in gloom.

Translated by Manas Ranjan Mahapatra
from the original Odia poem 'Andhara'...

Rabi Satpathy (1966) is a leading young voice in Indian poetry today. He has been honoured by various organisations for poetry. Now, he teaches Odia Literature and Language in Nandapur College in Koraput district of Odisha.

Quotation of the Day

Don't waste your time
in anger, regrets,
worries, and grudges.
Life is too short
to be unhappy.

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Always Young in Spirit

Prof.MANAS RANJAN MAHAPATRA



I am fortunate to have worked with both Sarat Kumar Kar and Rajat Kumar Kar in many ways. We lost Sarat Kumar Kar one and half years ago and now, lost Rajat Kumar Kar too to eternity. In my NCERT days, I was transferred from Lucknow to Bhubaneswar in 1989 thanks to intervention of the then Director, SCERT Rajat Kumar Kar. It is difficult for me to forget his help and blessing.

Very painful to bear this pain. My last award was received by my wife in my absence from Rajat Kumar Kar last year at Puri. I feel it impulsive now to write on my association with him. I knew Rajat Kumar Kar for many reasons.

He was a friend of my uncle. I received my first prize in Essay Writing from him in 1976 in Bhanja Jayanti Railway Colony, Cuttack. Later, I met him on many occasions at Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Puri. He used to do the running commentary of Car Festival for many years. Those days radio was the only medium. Later TV came up. Rajat Kumar Kar was a Techno Savvy person.

I have written separately on my long association with Sarat Kumar Kar, Minister and Speaker, Odisha Assembly. Both the

brothers were great researchers of Indian Culture.

I was in Odisha Education Service, School Branch for some years. Rajat Kumar Kar was Joint Director, Education those days. Later, I joined NCERT as a

Kimara Kar as Director there.

I was overjoyed. But, there was a fear that he may have forgotten me as many years had passed in between. I gathered courage and asked his PA. He took my slip.

After a few seconds,

then a clerk and possibly, was promoted as Section Officer.

- 'Sir, Mr Mahapatra doesn't respect his seniors and never sticks to the rules of punctuality. We should not accept him here,' Panigrahi



Media Researcher in 1987 and was posted at Lucknow. My daughter was born in 1985 and was very small. The then Joint

Director, CIET (NCERT) Dr Manmohan Choudhury understood my plight and agreed for my transfer to Bhubaneswar. He wrote a letter to Director, SCERT, Odisha for providing me working space in his office at SIET, Bhubaneswar. But, no reply came for a few months. I reached SCERT to persuade the matter. To my utter surprise, I found the nameplate of Rajat

call came. I entered inside and introduced me. He asked me to sit. - So, What is your problem? He asked me.

I narrated him my story. He asked his PA to check from the Section Officer if any such letter was received. After some time PA confirmed that the letter was received and is with the Section Officer. Immediately the Section Officer was called.

I found Panigrahi there as Section Officer. He was a corrupt official and once I thrashed him while in State Education Service at Bhubaneswar. He was

said. His words were not in good taste.

- 'We have been offered free services of an Officer from NCERT and not to write his confidential report', Rajat Kumar Kar observed with disgust and ordered the Section Officer to put up the draft reply to NCERT immediately. He asked me to wait for an hour to collect the letter personally from the office and carry it to NCERT.

I was offered a cup of tea and asked to narrate if Panigrahi was correct. I narrated him the whole episode - how

Panigrahi wanted bribe and I thrashed him. I got the letter in an hour and next is History.

Many years after I was going to receive an award at the temple of Goddess Sarala in the honour of poet Sarala Das. Poet Ramakanta Rath was the Chief Guest and Rajat

Kumar Kar was the Chief Speaker. I was by that time heading National Centre for Children's Literature in NBT.

- 'You are the same young man', he said with a smile.

- 'No, he has become a child now', Ramakanta Rath said and we all laughed...

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Vicky Kaushal Finally Opens Up On Sam Bahadur's Clash With Ranbir Kapoor's Animal, Says 'Audience Will Decide'

The biggest clash of the year between Ranbir Kapoor's Animal and Vicky Kaushal's Sam Bahadur is here! Both the films are set to hit the theatres on December 1st and fans are eagerly waiting for them.

Animal, Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga is a film comprising a stellar star cast including Rashmika Mandanna, Anil Kapoor and Bobby Deol among others. Sam Bahadur on the other hand, stars Sanya Malhotra and Fatima Sana Shaikh in the Meghna Gulzar's film. Animal is one of the most talked about films of the year, thanks to its gripping storyline and intense music. However, it is set to clash with Vicky Kaushal's Sam Bahadur at the box office. In a conversation with



News portal The Indian Express, Vicky expressed his thoughts on the clash. He said, "When two opening batsmen come to the crease, playing for the same team, you won't say that the two batsmen are clashing with each other; they are playing for a single team, so we are playing for Hindi

cinema." When asked about which film will score this big hit, Vicky said, "The audience will decide." Meanwhile, the advance bookings for Animal opened on Saturday, November 25 and according to Sacnilk, the film sold a total of 2,09,986 tickets across 6,036 shows, earning an impressive revenue of Rs 6.42 crore.

SRK's wife Gauri Khan in legal trouble as FIR registered against her over property issue



Gauri Khan, a well-known interior designer and Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's wife, has found herself in legal trouble as an FIR has been registered against her, here.

The FIR, which has been registered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 409 (criminal breach of trust), was

registered at the Sushant Golf City police station in Lucknow.

The managing director of Tulsyani Construction and Development Limited, Anil Kumar Tulsyani, the director, Mahesh Tulsyani, and the brand ambassador, Gauri Khan, have all been named in the FIR.

They have been accused of not delivering a flat to a buyer even after receiving payment of approximately Rs 86 lakhs.

Kirat Jaswant Shah, a resident of Mumbai, has filed the complaint, claiming that he had paid the entire amount for the flat, but had not been handed over possession.

Sara Ali Khan In Delhi To Shoot For 'Murder Mubarak', To Share Screen With Karisma Kapoor

Actress Sara Ali Khan is currently in Delhi for the shoot of her film 'Murder Mubarak'. Taking to Instagram, Sara dropped a video from the sets. In the video, she is seen giving a close-up of the sunset. We can also see a woman holding the film's clapperboard. "All my favourite things... Delhi-Heart of India," she simply captioned the post. Homi Adajania is directing the film. Sara will be seen sharing screen space with Karisma Kapoor in the film.

A few days ago, Karisma shared the clapperboard from the movie set on her Instagram feed. The film is directed by 'Cocktail' fame Homi Adajania. She has not divulged much details about the movie.



Besides 'Murder Mubarak', fans will see Karisma in the upcoming drama series Brown, directed by Abhinay Deo. Backed by Zee Studios, the noir show is based on the book The City of Death by Abheek Barua. Brown revolves around Rita Brown, an alcoholic cop, who

forms an unlikely alliance with a widower with survivor's guilt to solve the murder of a young girl. Brown also features Helen, Soni Razdan, Surya Sharma, and K K Raina, among others. Speaking of Sara's other projects, she will be seen in director Laxman Utekar's next untitled

Orry Calls Isha Malviya A 'Bunny Rabbit With Villainous Twist'

In a surprising turn of events, popular social media sensation Orry shared his unfiltered thoughts on Bigg Boss 17 contestant Isha Malviya. Known for her sweet demeanor, Isha has often been hailed as the "bunny rabbit" of the Bigg Boss house, but according to Orry, there's more to her than meets the eye. Orry, renowned for his witty commentary and humorous take on reality show contestants, labeled Isha as a bunny rabbit. "She's like this bunny rabbit, and you want to pull her cheeks!" Orry exclaimed. However, he quickly added a twist to his characterization, stating, "But you soon realize she's the villain. She's just like the character she played in the Udariyaan serial, Jasmine."

This comparison to her



on-screen persona in Udariyaan, where Isha played the character Jasmine, known for her cunning and manipulative traits, raises eyebrows and adds a layer of complexity to Isha's personality in the Bigg Boss house.

Isha Malviya's journey in the Bigg Boss house has not been without controversy. Previously labeled as manipulative, she has faced criticism for playing with the emotions of co-contestant Abhishek Kumar, despite having a boyfriend, Samarth Jurel, inside the Bigg Boss house. Fans have expressed

disappointment, questioning the authenticity of Isha's actions and relationships within the confines of the reality show.

Orry's candid remarks have stirred conversations among social media users, prompting discussions about the authenticity of personalities within the Bigg Boss house. As viewers eagerly await the unfolding drama, Orry's insights have added a new dimension to the narrative surrounding Isha Malviya, turning the spotlight on the complexities of her character beyond her sweet exterior.

Kantara Star Rishab Shetty Calls Out OTT Platforms, Says 'They are Not Open To Kannada Film Industry'



Rishab Shetty is making headlines again with the announcement of 'Kantara Chapter 1.' He is one of the top actors in the Kannada film industry and made fans go gaga over his performance in Kantara. Now, the actor has criticised OTT platforms for not taking Kannada films forward.

During a press conference at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) on Tuesday, Rishab said that the OTT platforms 'are not open to the Kannada film industry.' "OTT platforms are not open to the Kannada film industry. That is a very bad sign. They say there are no subscribers here, they are looking into the matter and thinking. Two production houses were actively working during Corona, Rakshit Shetty's Paramvah Studios and my Rishab Shetty films, and apart from that, some production houses were also making films, and we are actively doing film festivals, but they are not taking the films" he said. Further, he added, "So I wanted to make a request to IFFI and its sponsors to give recognition to our films ... films which have less exposure in theatres should also get some recognition and they should be taken to OTT platforms."

From Salman Khan To Vicky Kaushal: Bollywood Stars Attend Sunny Deol-Starrer 'Gadar 2' Success Party

Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel-starrer 'Gadar 2' has registered staggering success at the Box Office. No wonder, this grand victory called for a massive success party too! To celebrate this success, the Deol family graced the success party on Saturday. The party was also attended by several B-Town stars including Salman Khan, Vicky Kaushal, Ajay Devgn, Kajol among many others. 'Gadar 2' maintains its triumphant run, the movie has contributed to a total of Rs. 460.65 crore net earnings. Additionally, the film has surpassed a remarkable milestone of over 3 crore footfalls in India. Helmed by Director-Producer Anil Sharma, and produced by Zee Studios, Gadar 2 became the highest Independence Day Bollywood grosser as it collected Rs 55.40 crore. It is running with houseful boards on single screens across mass centres in India, and has been creating history at the box office with each passing day despite facing a clash with Akshay Kumar's 'OMG 2'. Apart from Sunny and Ameesha, the film also stars Utkarsh Sharma who revived his role of Charanjeet Singh from the OG 2001 release. The sequel continues with the story of Tara Singh and Sakina post-Independence. During the 'Crush India' campaign in 1971, their son gets imprisoned in Pakistan, leaving no choice for Tara Singh to travel to the neighbouring country and rescue his son.



Why is the Music of Life Getting Lost?



Lalit Garg

Life has no significance, unless the person living it chooses meaning for it. The value of human life increases only when you understand life, and you have a positive attitude towards life. Clearwater also said that every moment in your life you are re-born. Every moment can be a new beginning. This is a choice – your own choice. World history is full of many such examples. We just need to open the door of understanding. If you learn to live wisely, you can feel freshness, stress-free and happiness in every aspect of life. The stream of positivity towards life will automatically start flowing. The river of happiness will start flowing. Every moment of life will

give a new perspective. You should recognize the secret of living life and by being sincerely self-helpful, fill every breath with a sense of meaning. Fill every particle with courage and by working patiently, fulfil every unfulfilled dream of yours. Olga Ilyin has given a new turn to life by giving the gift of happiness. He has said that when you say to life very humbly and firmly, 'I believe in you, do only what you feel is right.' Life answers you in a supernatural way. Those who live a meaningful and useful life have always made their present joyful. Those who make good use of power have made the present strong, and the future brilliant. But the sad thing is that the one who misuses power and time can neither live happily in the present, nor can make his future bright. A very valuable formula for success in life is – Ram in the mouth, work in the hand. Such a person will never let any bad thing come to his mind

and will never leave his hands idle. Someone has rightly said – an empty mind is the devil's workshop. The principle of karma is very simple. Whatever you do, you will get the same result. Its calculation is done in this birth itself. A person who does good work always remains light and blooming like a flower. We also believe that when a man unties the knots of attachment and hatred, and does not allow new knots to be tied, then he gets a chance to meet heaven on this earth itself. But doing so is not that simple. For this, it is necessary to make life fragrant with the fragrance of virtues. Whenever I go to a garden and the fragrance of flowers reaches me, I feel thrilled. I wonder, what is the relation of this fragrance with flowers? The answer is that it is the same relationship that qualities have with humans. Just as fragrance is the dignity of flowers, similarly virtue is the dignity of man. It is only because of his qualities that a

man gets respect. Virtue is related to the human being, since the time he stepped out of the era of barbarism and into the era of civilization. This relationship has become increasingly used to bow their heads at the feet of saints seated on the throne of humanity and they used to receive the saint's guidance. Its examples are found even in the present era. Gandhi, Vinoba, Acharya Tulsi, Acharya Mahapragya and many religious men are living examples of this kind. Such noble people are those who give utmost importance to values in life. These qualities become worth worshipping, when there is coordination between thoughts and conduct in a person's life. For this, one has

to practice hard. In fact, following a path mechanically is not spiritual practice. The people who blindly run after money, power and enjoyment are not less, their race cannot be called spiritual practice. Sadhana is always done for the achievement of higher ideals. Mahavir had done sadhana, Buddha had done sadhana. He gave up the attachment to the kingdom, abandoned his family and rejected all the glory, and tried to achieve the ultimate goal, after achieving which nothing else remains to be achieved. In the

modern era, Swami Vivekananda, Acharya Tulsi did the same, who became non-entity willingly, and continued to walk on the path of spiritual practice with unwavering devotion and strength till the last moment of his life. Even today, remembering these spiritual pioneers, one bows one's head with reverence. Through his life he showed how values are established and how one's life is shaped. There is a mantra of Indian philosophy of life – 'Simple life, high thoughts'. It sounds very simple, but its practice is very difficult. Most of the evils in life happen due to disregard of this mantra. Simplicity and honesty go hand-in-hand. One who has the quality of simplicity can never be an evil person and such a person remains away from worldly attachments. Indian culture is a mother lode of qualities. Here, we have always emphasized that man should remain pure in every way. Live a balanced life. Brighten

up your life with penance and sadhana. Lord Mahavira has even said that through hard meditation the soul can become God. Virtuous people embrace the essence and leave the shadow. Only one who has no difference between his words and actions becomes worthy of respect in the society. Hence the Arsh Vachan is – 'Gunaah Sarvatra Pujyante'. Guna is worshipped everywhere. In today's era, special attention is needed towards this statement. Today human values have declined and material values have become prevalent everywhere. This is the only reason why humans, society and nation have been affected by various types of deformities. Man's favourite soulful music is breaking. He is cut off from himself, his own people and nature. He is losing his personal solitude and also his sociality.

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Cricket is Just a Game



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Cricket is a time killer, and it has many damaging impacts on productivity too. But it is popular because it is a glorious game of uncertainty. It has linkage with uncertainty and vicissitude, hope, aspirations and frustration of life. When life is uncertain, the man who wins, the man who thinks he can. Australia cricket team proved this again. As a gruelling night wore on, the Men in Blue found their World Cup dreams in tatters. India's dream run in the World Cup concluded in despair and despondency. India has to rest content with the World Cups won in 1983 and 2011. In the tournament, India won 10 games on the trot. India subjugated and beaten strong team New Zealand in the semifinal. Rohit's men had stepped in as the favourites to wrest the title. But Australia had other ideas. Australia overpowered host India in the final on November 19, 2023 to win the 6th World Cup at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. This was the first time India hosted the tournament entirely by itself. Australia lost their opening two

games at the start of World Cup 2023 and then won seven in a row to enter the semifinals. In the semifinal they beat South Africa to face India in final. The six-wicket triumph reiterated Australia's dexterity and ability especially temperament of its players to win in big matches. Australia has won more world cups because Australian cricketer are big match players and do not succumb to pressure. They easily adapt to different conditions better than others. Adaptability is the greatest quality of any individual or team. On a slow pitch, India mustered 240 in 50 overs. For India as captain Rohit Sharma hit a brisk 47 and Virat Kohli and K.L. Rahul scored half-centuries. However, the other batters struggled as the Australians bowled tight lines, fielded with alacrity and kept prising out wickets. Despite causing some initial bruises on the Aussies, found Pat Cummins and his men cantering home with 241 for four in 43 overs. . Opener Travis Head's excellent 137 (120b, 15x4, 4x6) proved to be the cornerstone of Australia's success after David Warner, Mitchell Marsh, and Steve Smith fell early. It was the game's tipping point but left-handed Head and Marnus Labuschagne

stitched a fabulous 192-run partnership for the fourth wicket to ensure Australia stayed ahead. Australians chose bowling instead of batting first because of the following reasons. First, they were beaten by India while batting first in league phase. Second, India had beaten Pakistan while batting second in that pitch. Third, it is difficult to assess what is a defendable score in this match. Fourth, by trying for big target, India may lose more wickets and ends in scoring less runs. Fifth, in the final of the world cup, India had beaten Sri Lanka by batting second; Sixth, if dew plays its role, then spinners will be ineffective and will be easy to chase targets. Further Australians had done homework and studied our weak points while we have become complacent. Our bowling weakness was exposed against New Zealand and Netherlands, but no effort was taken to overcome. Sometimes, we are carried out by success without addressing weakness. We know that Travis Head had batted well against India in test matches in the past and well against spin attacks of South Africa. We did not make any plan against Travis Head. The coach should have studied the weakness of opponents. However, mainly

different behaviour of pitch proved a curse for India. The great lesson is that when you are successful or archiving success, do not ignore weakness. Exactly, the same had happened in the world cup final between Pakistan and Australia in England in past. Pakistan had beaten

The Indian team got panicked easily. They do not have a habit of winning closely contested matches like the Australia team. Rohit Sharma should have used Mahammed Siraj before introducing spinners. He is the number one-day bowler in ICC ranking. If you do not



Australia in the league phase, but in the final, Pakistan opted batting first and got out in a paltry score due to moisture in pitch. We did not use a left-handed batsman who could have disturbed bowler. Ashwini might have been a better option ahead of Kuldeep Yadav against left-handed batsmen like Travis Head. Inclusion of Surya Kumar Yadav as he did not have much contribution nor deserve sixth position on batting line. Of course, he is a great 20-20 player.

have faith in him, why did you allow him to play? Youngsters like Shubham Gill, Sreyas Iyer must have learnt about the difference between IPL and such big tournaments. They should try to become big match players like that of Australians. I don't blame Rohit Sharma for getting out for playing a risky shot. But this was the way, he had dominated bowling of opponents. However, the success has many fathers, but failures is orphan. Many people have started blaming Indian players. But actually, the pitch proved a

villain. After winning 10 matches consecutively India lost because of pitch. India was playing well in sportive pitch and scoring well. But we have a habit of curbing transparency and tampering pitch. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is fully responsible for India's defeat. Why did it

that one on which Australia and South Africa semifinal match was played. In that pitch, there were vicious turns in second innings. At Ahmedabad, in the second innings, when Australia was batting, after 10 overs, there was no turn, no swings. India captured 3 wickets quickly but then after the struggle as pitch supported batsmen fully. Why did we prepare a pitch to the detriment of our strength. However, the fielding of the Australian team was superb and magnificent. Our Cricket Control Board is worried for earning money and least concerned for victory of team. Corporate behemoths are busy in popularising their products through advertisement. Celebrities and rich people are busy in enjoying life by watching games. Politicians especially those of ruling dispensation at the Centre are busy in diverting attention of people from problems like poverty, hunger, inequality, inflation, and unemployment through cricket. Cricket like others' games meant to be enjoyed. Of course, the games are played to enjoy and enhance good relationships, but unnecessary tensions and emotions were created like the past during cricket

matches. Cricket is a game like others. People should enjoy it instead of getting affected unnecessarily by tension and anxiety. But media was busy for TRP. Actually, the media did a great disservice by arousing emotions on cricket. The media was showing news in such a way that all our personal problems, national problems like poverty, hunger, unemployment and inequality will be solved through Cricket. Actually, the media put unnecessary pressure on players. Such things happen in the subcontinent only. What is reprehensible is that superstition was encouraged. Some Astrologers went on predicting India's victory. People were made fatalists, instead of inspiring them to become hard working, sincere and committed. Just confine the cricket to a game and enjoy. Do not make people serious or emotional. The nation cannot be swayed by the cricket issue only. Other games should not be given step motherly attitudes. Since, cricketers are earning huge money, they have got moral responsibility to contribute for upliftment of other games.

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United Kingdom to be focal theme country in 47th International Kolkata Book Fair 2024



Kolkata(PARTHA ROY): 47th International Kolkata Book Fair 2024 will be organised from 18 January to 31 January 2024 at Boi Mela Prangan, Salt Lake, Kolkata. The Book Fair is being organised by Publishers & Booksellers Guild. The focal theme country of the 47th International Kolkata Book Fair is the United Kingdom (UK), which has close historical, cultural and diplomatic relationship with India. The British

Council in India has been an integral part of the book fair since very long and is celebrating its 75 years of presence in India. The British Council played major role when Great Britain and Scotland were theme country earlier. Mr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, East and North East India, and Dr Debanjan Chakrabarti, Director of British Council, East and North East India also addressed the press conference.

Both mentioned United Kingdom as focal theme country will promote pluralistic facets of UK literature. The fair will be inaugurated by Chief Minister of West Bengal Smt. Mamata Banerjee. Chief Minister of West Bengal gave recognition to publishing and accorded Industry status. USA, France, Italy, Spain, Thailand, Australia, Bangladesh, Peru, Argentina, Colombia & several other countries are

participating in the upcoming book fair. Germany will participate after 12 years. Publications of other states of India, such as Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam, Jharkhand, Odisha, and several other institutions of national importance are also participating in International Kolkata Book Fair 2024. There

will be Little Magazine Pavilion, Children's Pavilion and other attractions too. Nearly 1000 stalls of different publishing houses will be set up.

The three-day Kolkata Literature Festival, KLF, will be held from 26 to 28 January 2024 as a part International Book Fair. Shri Tridib Kumar Chatterjee, President, Publishers & Booksellers Guild, and Shri Sudhangshu Sekhar Dey, General Secretary, Publishers & Booksellers Guild addressed the press conference and spoke on various aspects of organising International Kolkata Book Fair; Raju Barman, Joint Secretary, Publishers & Booksellers Guild also attended press conference alongwith other officials of the guild.

The International Kolkata Book Fair has been preponed due to upcoming Board examination in the state. International Kolkata Book Fair in one of the largest Book Fair in the world which is expected to be visited by several million visitors.

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P u r i - P a t n a - P u r i S p e c i a l:08439/08440 **P u r i - P a t n a - P u r i S p e c i a l** leaving from Puri at 1455hrs on every Saturday and leaving from Patna at 1345hrs on every Sunday will now run up to 30th December, 2023.

Bhubaneswar-Dhanbad-Bhubaneswar Special:02832/02831 **Bhubaneswar-Dhanbad-**

Bhubaneswar Special leaving from Puri at 2025hrs and leaving from Patna at 1600hrs will now run up to 30th December, 2023.

P u r i - B h a n j a p u r - P u r i S p e c i a l:08011/08012 **Bhanjapur (Baripada)-Puri- Bhanjapur Special** leaving Bhanjapur on every Thursday & Saturday and leaving Puri on every Friday & Sunday has been extended to run up to 31st December 2023.

S a n t r a g a c h h i - P u r i - S a n t r a g a c h h i S p e c i a l:02837/02838 **Santragachhi-Puri-Santragachhi Special** leaving Santragachhi on every Friday and leaving Puri on every Saturday has been extended to run up to 30th December 2023.

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Reviewing the Passenger Profile Management, it is seen that, the trains of the above routes are running with additional passengers. In view of this, it has been decided to run more trains in important routes originating from ECoR jurisdiction.

Taliban Says Afghan Consulates Reopened In Mumbai, Hyderabad: Report

Kabul(KCN): The Taliban-appointed Deputy Political Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai said that the Afghan consulates in Mumbai and Hyderabad have been reopened and started functioning in the country. The Khaama Press reported on Wednesday.

It reported quoting the Minister, "Our consulates in Mumbai and Hyderabad are operational. I have spoken to them, and they have reopened the embassy."

The Afghanistan-based news agency reported that the minister, while speaking in an interview with the national television channel affiliated with the Taliban administration, said that the cessation of Afghanistan's embassy activities in India is not a reality.

He claimed that the Afghan embassy and



consulates in India are in contact with the ministry and said, "The claim made by someone named Naemi, who was a diplomat and stated that the embassy is closed and services are not provided, is false," The Khaama Press reported. On November 25, Afghan Embassy has said that there is no diplomat representing Afghanistan in India as of November 23.

"Neighbourhood first policy: We, the former Afghan diplomats want to set the record

straight: As of Nov 23, there is no Afghan diplomat representing the former Republic in India. Those with ties to the Taliban are aligning themselves with Taliban and also Delhi's interests," as per the Afghan Embassy in India's official handle on 'X'.

However, the Ministry of External Affairs has made no comments regarding the closure of the Afghanistan Embassy in India. India has not recognised the Taliban government -- which seized power in

Afghanistan in August 2021 -- and evacuated its own staff from Kabul two years ago. India no longer has a diplomatic presence there. India has said it will follow the lead of the United Nations in deciding whether to recognize the Taliban government. The Afghan Embassy in New Delhi was run by staff appointed by the previous government of ousted Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, with permission from Indian authorities.

The Afghanistan Embassy recently

announced its permanent closure in New Delhi.

Releasing an official statement on the closure of its diplomatic mission in New Delhi, the Afghan Embassy said, "Effective from November 23, 2023, owing to persistent challenges from the Indian government. The decision follows the Embassy's earlier cessation of operations on September 30, a move made in the hope that the Indian government stance will favourably change to let the mission operate normally."

The Embassy said it was 'cognisant' that some may attempt to characterise this move as an internal conflict, allegedly involving diplomats who switched allegiance to the Taliban, adding "that this decision is a result of broader changes in policy and interests".

Rahul Gandhi Says Being His Translator Can Be A "Dangerous Job", Shares Tale

K o z h i k o d e , K e r a l a (K C N) : After an intense campaign in Telangana to garner votes for his party in the Assembly polls, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi shared a humorous story today about how the translator of one of his speeches faced some challenges.

Rahul Gandhi made this remark at a book release event organised in Kozhikode, where IUMML MP Abdussamad Samadani, a well-known orator, was present to translate his speech. Rahul Gandhi jokingly stated that being his translator "can be a dangerous job."

Citing his recent speech at a poll rally in Telangana as an example, the Congress MP said that the translator "got into a lot of trouble."



"I was saying something and he (the translator) was saying something else. Then, after some time, I started counting my words, you know. He was speaking in Telugu. So, I thought if I say five words in Hindi, it would take five or seven words in Telugu. But he would speak 20, 25, 30 words. "Then sometimes I would say something quite boring and the crowd would jump, getting very excited. Then I would say something exciting and

the crowd would keep quiet. And at the same time, I cannot get angry. So, I have to smile all the time," Rahul Gandhi said. The Congress leader, however, said that he was sure his colleague - Samadani - would not have any such problems while translating his speech at the book release event.

The high-voltage campaign for Telangana assembly polls ended on Tuesday. The elections will take place on November 30.

"Trinamool MPs Have Tarnished Dignity Of Parliament": Amit Shah

Kolkata(KCN): Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in an apparent reference to Mahua Moitra's cash-for-query case, asserted on Wednesday that Trinamool Congress MPs have compromised the dignity of Parliament by accepting bribes and gifts.

While addressing a mega rally in Kolkata, Mr Shah called for the removal of the Trinamool Congress

(TMC) government in the 2026 assembly polls, setting the stage for this initiative in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. "Even TMC MPs have tarnished the dignity of Parliament. Can MPs who seek gifts and bribes in exchange for questions contribute positively to West Bengal? The TMC has stained West Bengal's reputation due to corruption," Mr Shah stated without explicitly naming anyone.

Mr Shah's comments come after West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee last week suggested that the BJP was planning to expel Ms Moitra from Parliament, contending that such an action would benefit the lawmaker from Krishnanagar ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey had last month submitted a complaint



against the TMC member, accusing her of accepting bribes for posing questions in the House at the behest of businessman Darshan Hiranandani to target the Adani Group and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Lok Sabha Ethics Committee, led by BJP MP Vinod Kumar Sonkar, submitted its report on the allegations against Ms Moitra to the Speaker's office earlier this month. The report,

endorsed by a majority in the Committee, recommended Ms Moitra's expulsion from the House, accusing her of accepting "illegal gratifications" to raise questions in Parliament at the businessman's behest. In response, Ms Moitra dismissed the decision as a "pre-fixed match by a kangaroo court" and deemed it a "death of parliamentary democracy".

Odisha mushroom growers demand agri tag for their products

Bhubaneswar(KCN):The Odisha Mushroom Growers' Federation (OMGF) has urged the state government to accord agriculture status to mushroom products.

The demand was raised during the 12th meeting of the Odisha Mushroom Growers' Federation held in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.

The members of the federation demanded that the Odisha government should open mushroom parlours in different cities of the state like Odisha State Co-



operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited (OMFED) and Odisha State Poultry Products Co-

operative Marketing Federation Ltd (OPOLFED).

"The mushroom farmers of Odisha are giving employment

to a huge number of people in the state. We demand that mushrooms to be accorded the status of a crop and included

in agriculture policy. The tag will empower the farmers to boost their business," said a member of the federation.

"We want more quality production in the state, for which mushroom parlours need to be established in various parts of the state. We want the production of instant mushroom powder, through which we can produce a variety of mushrooms across the country," Adwaita Patra chairman of Odisha Mushroom Growers' Federation.

Uttarakashi tunnel collapse: Families of Odia workers heave sigh of relief after rescue

Bhubaneswar(KCN):After remaining trapped inside the Uttarakashi tunnel for over 400 hours, all the 41 labourers were rescued. Among them are five workers from Odisha. Their families reportedly heaved a sigh of relief and erupted in joy after the trapped labourers were rescued in the evening. Dhiren Nayak, a resident of the Bangiriposi area of the Mayurbhanj district was one of the five Odia workers trapped inside the tunnel. After receiving the news of her son's rescue, Dhiren's mother, who had been crying and not taking food for the last 17 days, was on cloud



nine and distributed sweets to villagers. She has been praying for the last 17 days for the safety of her son.

After his rescue, Dhiren immediately talked to a family member and a local people's representative to confirm his safe return from the tunnel. It is learned that Dhiren's elder brother has left for Uttarakhand to accompany him back home.

Speaking to the media, Dhiren's mother thanked those involved in the rescue operation as well as the political leaders. "My son was safely rescued. I thank the ministers and leaders. Last Friday, I had gone to Lord Jagannath to pray for my son's safety. Again I will go to the Lord after my son comes back home," she added with tears of happiness in her eyes.

Odisha to observe zero road fatality week again in December

BHUBANESWAR(KCN):With road accident fatalities on the rise in the state, the state government has decided to observe zero fatality week once more from December 1 to 7.

Buoyed up by the encouraging results of the zero fatality week observed in April this year, the State

Commerce and Transport Department has taken the decision to observe the week again in December. After April's zero road fatality week, there has been a decrease of 28.6 percent in road accident fatalities, said sources. In a letter issued to the district Collectors, SPs, and RTOs, the

department informed that 48,000 people have lost their lives during the last ten years, suggesting about 5,000 people are losing their lives every year.

During the first nine months of 2023 from January to September, 4,178 road mishap fatalities were reported. The number of fatalities

during the corresponding period in 2022 was 3,983. In general, more fatalities occur during December due to climatic and social conditions. Keeping these things in mind, the government has decided to observe 'zero fatality week' in the first week of December.

Historic Milestone as Odisha Ships First-ever Cashew Nuts to Bangladesh



Bhubaneswar(KCN):In a landmark achievement, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India has successfully facilitated the first-ever shipment of cashew nuts from the state of Odisha to Bangladesh. The consignment, comprising 2 metric tons of premium quality cashew nuts, was exported by the West Bengal-based exporter M/s. Paaf Global Pvt Limited. This monumental step not only strengthens economic ties between the two nations but also opens up new avenues for the agricultural sector in Odisha.

The cashew nuts, sourced from the renowned company "Passion Gourmet," run by a dynamic women entrepreneur in Odisha signify a blend of quality and empowerment. This initiative holds particular significance as it aligns with the broader mission of promoting women-led businesses and developing economic growth in the region.

To mark this historic occasion and to celebrate the National Cashew Day on November 23, 2023, APEDA, in

collaboration with the Government of Odisha, has organized an Export-Oriented Capacity Development Program in the conference hall of IDCO, Bhubaneswar. This program is designed to sensitize Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), inspiring them to venture into the field of agriculture exports. By encouraging them to become exporters, the initiative aims to eliminate middlemen from the supply chain, thus maximizing farmer's income.

The shipment was virtually flagged off by Shri Abhishek Dev, IAS, Chairman-APEDA in the presence of senior officers of APEDA, Dr. Arabinda Padhee, IAS Principal Secretary - Dept. of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Govt. of Odisha, Shri Saswat Mishra, IAS Principal Secretary-Dept. of MSME, Govt. of Odisha, other senior officers of Govt. of Odisha, ECGC, NABARD, RPQS, CUSTOMS etc. Around 40 members of FPOs/ FPCs from cashew growing districts joined & witnessed the flag-off ceremony.

Mr. Abishek Dev, IAS, Chairman APEDA, in his virtual address expressed his immense pleasure on

National Cashew Day being observed in the entire nation with a positive wave and lauded the developments happening towards the growth of Cashew exports from India. He further congratulated the export taking place from Odisha.

Dr. Arabinda Padhee, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmer Empowerment, Government of Odisha spoke in detail about the various potentials and production strength of the State. He also expressed his delight on the State being surplus in sapling production and increased yield with enhanced quality. He congratulated the initiative which has led to export of the cashew consignment.

Mr. Saswat Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary, MSME Department, Government of Odisha in his address spoke about the vast opportunity available and potentials for growth of exports from Odisha. He highlighted the various facilities made available to the entrepreneurs through common facilitation centers at various locations in the State. He lauded the efforts being taken by APEDA and other facilitation agencies for the achievement.


Mr. Sukanata Panigrahi, Board Member, APEDA, congratulated the APEDA team for successful execution of exports from the State and also highlighted the importance and developments happening in cashew sector.

Mr. Subrata Ghosh, Managing Director of M/s. Paaf Global Pvt Limited, expressed his excitement about this remarkable achievement, stating, "This successful shipment not only represents a significant achievement for the cashew industry in Odisha but also reflects the potential for growth and collaboration in the agricultural sector between India and Bangladesh."

Subsequent shipments of cashewnut from Odisha are being planned for some other global destinations including Bahrain & Qatar, as committed by the exporter.

The program was coordinated by World Trade Center Bhubaneswar and Ananya.

This initiative not only holds promise for the economic prosperity of the region but also aligns with the broader vision of a self-reliant India, developing entrepreneurship and sustainable agricultural export.



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Vitesco Technologies aims to achieve 100% carbon neutral production by 2030

Pune : Vitesco Technologies a leading international manufacturer of modern drive technologies and electrification solutions recently celebrated the second anniversary of its Pune facility. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Braun, Senior Vice President of Operations at Vitesco Technologies, visited the facility to commemorate the occasion. The facility is spread across 20 acres and contains more than 17580 m² of manufacturing space, including over 900 employees.

The Pune plant, like all Vitesco Technologies facilities, serves its grid demand entirely through renewable energy sources. Furthermore, the site generates sustainable electricity. All new photovoltaic systems have been built

in the Talegaon facility, generating 03 GWh of electricity from solar energy. The installed capacity is currently 2.6 MW, with the company aiming to increase it to 3.6 MW by the end of the year. The facility is also strongly driving automation, digitization, and Industry 4.0, with over 25 cobots and robots installed on the production lines and shopfloor. During his tour of the facility, Dr. Hans-Jürgen Braun, Head of Operations at Vitesco Technologies said, "We have a clear vision of the key characteristics of the plant of the future, which are sustainable, smart, and predictive. And our plant in Pune already embodies these qualities with highly automated production lines, state-of-the-art Industry 4.0 solutions and a strong

focus on sustainability. But what is most important for me is the highly motivated team, because I genuinely believe that people, not only technology, will shape the plant of the future. I am very impressed with India's business competency and the employees' enthusiasm to support us on this journey.

Dr. Braun further highlighted that "The carbon footprint must be dramatically decreased to combat climate change, which is one of the major issues of our time. We must take on responsibility for our environment. As a result, the plant of the future must be climate-neutral in operation. That is why I am proud that the plant in Pune has truly established itself as a driver of sustainability.

Sensex Rises By 204.16 Points To Settle At 66,174.20; Nifty Gains 95 Points

New Delhi: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty snapped two days of losses to close higher on Tuesday on the back of flag-end buying in auto, power, and metal shares helped by fresh foreign fund inflows. The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 204.16 points or 0.31 percent to settle at 66,174.20 in a volatile trade.

During the day, it hit a high of 66,256.20 and a low of 65,906.65. The Nifty gained 95 points or 0.48 percent to settle at 19,889.70. Among the Sensex firms, Tata Motors, Bajaj Finserv, UltraTech Cement, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance, NTPC, Titan,



and Axis Bank were the major gainers. ITC, Hindustan Unilever, ICICI Bank, and Power Grid were

among the laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul and Shanghai settled with gains while Tokyo and Hong Kong ended

lower. European markets were trading mostly lower. (Also Read: Planning A

Vacation Abroad? THESE Countries Allow Indians Without Visa) The US markets ended marginally down on Monday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.19 percent to USD 80.93 a barrel. Equity markets were closed on Monday for Guru Nanak Jayanti. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 2,625.21 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. The BSE benchmark declined 47.77 points or 0.07 percent to settle at 65,970.04 on Friday. The Nifty slipped 7.30 points or 0.04 percent to 19,794.70.

Spice Money nearly doubles its nanopreneur (Adhikari) network hitting 1 million milestone in FY22

New Delhi: Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech that is revolutionising the way Bharat banks, achieved the significant milestone of 1 million Adhikaris (nanopreneurs) in FY22, growing by nearly double over the last financial year. Spice Money's strategy, to provide the first-of-its-kind zero investment model, continues to yield results and growth in Adhikaris. This network is spread across rural India covering more than 95% rural pincodes, 700+ districts serving a base of over 100 million consumers, through the Spice Money app and web portal.

In FY23 Spice Money aims to expand into other digital and financial services. The company will consolidate its ATM, banking and payments

business, while scaling its enterprise Cash Management Services (CMS) business. The company, additionally, will be introducing a financial products & services marketplace which will offer solutions such as insurance, credit etc. Considering the crucial role agriculture plays in the rural economy, Spice Money will also venture into digital solutions for the industry. With the country emerging from the pandemic, Spice Money will expand its travel tech platform, Travel Union, to offer a first-of-its-kind solution for all travel agents in semi-urban and rural India. Through its phygital super app, the company will disseminate multiple digital services including education, ecommerce

and healthcare to the masses. On this occasion, Dilip Modi, Founder, Spice Money said "FY22 has witnessed commendable growth, with Spice Money showcasing consistent double-digit growth over the past eight quarters.

We continue to remain bullish about rapid adoption of digital services in rural India, as we aim to foray into new business segments in FY23. Spice Money's phygital super app will further help rural communities get essential services like basic banking, payment services, financial services, travel services and entrepreneur solutions along with healthcare and e-commerce at their doorstep, assisted by Spice Money's 1 million+ Adhikaris.

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Singapore: Airlines (SIA) today unveiled its all-new flagship SilverKris and KrisFlyer Gold lounges at Singapore Changi Airport Terminal 3, following a \$S50 million re-design, upgrade, and expansion project. This will further enhance the on-ground customer experience at the Airline's main hub, and comes as the demand for international air travel from and through Singapore takes off once again. The Private Room, the First Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, the Business Class section of the SilverKris Lounge, and the KrisFlyer Gold Lounge can collectively accommodate around 1,150 customers within their 6,100 square-metres, translating to 30% more seats and space. This also doubles the capacity that was available during the pandemic while the upgrading works were going on. The Airline has created a sanctuary that has been thoughtfully designed to enhance the comfort and convenience of diverse groups of travellers, and meet their evolving needs in the coming years. Customers will be able to enjoy world-class products and services, as well as enticing food and beverage options, around the clock at the lounges before their flight.

THE TRANSLATOR OF HOLY SCRIPTURE THE KORAN ABDUL KADAR KHAN PASSES AWAY



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The translator of Holy Scripture the Koran Janab Abdul Kadar Khan has passed away at the age of 85 on 25th October, 2023 in AIIMS Hospital, Bhubaneswar. Both Janab Abdul Kadar Khan and Prof. Dr. Anuarul Hawk were translated the whole Holy Scripture the Koran in Odia language. Not only he translated the Koran in Odia but also he translated various religious books in Odia language in his life time. Janab Khan was a retired under secretary of department of law, government of Odisha. After his retirement from the law department, Govt. of Odisha, he was engaged himself in various welfare works for the public as a renowned social activist. He was also the founder as well as president of Shree Vihar Association which is located at Chandrasekharpur for long years. He was done various welfare activities for the society as a president of Ahammadiya Jamat, Bhubaneswar. He was fond of study very much. Due to this reason, he was successfully passed his Masters Degree in Political Science from IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University) at the age of 74. He was left behind his wife and 5 sons along with daughter-in-laws. The Ahammadiya Jamat, Bhubaneswar and Manikagouda School as well as Shree Vihar Association jointly arranged a deep condolence meeting and group prayer for the departed soul in peace on his demise. Next Month the organizers both Ahammadiya Jamat and Mahammad Nuruddin Amin, Son of Abdul Kadar Khan decided to be published a "Smaranika" in the name of his father Janab Abdul Kadar Khan. In this purpose, the family of the Janab Abdul Kadar Khan and the organizers both Mahammad Nuruddin

Amin (Son) and Ahammadiya Jamat requested to well wishers to send write up about Janab Abdul Kadar Khan for the "Smaranika"

Sterlite Power wins orders worth INR 1600 crores

New Delhi: Sterlite Power, a leading power transmission developer and solutions provider, has secured multiple orders worth ~INR 1600 crores across its Solutions business in the domestic and international markets.

The company has secured orders from customers like Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), and West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (WBSETCL) in the MSI (Master System Integrator) segment. The orders are for the installation and supply of high-performance conductors and rectoring solutions for transmission projects. In the Products segment, Sterlite Power has acquired strategic maiden orders of EHV cables for state transmission utilities in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka and orders for overhead lines from large and reputed international

customers in North America and CIS regions.

Commenting on the order wins, Mr. Manish Agarwal, CEO – India Transmission Business, Sterlite Power, said, "We are happy to win these new orders across our Solutions business which significantly adds to our robust orderbook. Our integrated model provides us with a strategic advantage in delivering complex projects successfully while also diversifying our revenue base."

As part of its Solutions business unit, the company manufactures and sells a diversified portfolio of products, covering high performance conductors, OPGW and EHV power cables, to international customers, including central and state electricity transmission companies, transmission developers and engineering, procurement, and construction ("EPC")

contractors. Further, its MSI sub-unit is a provider of specialty contracting services, delivering bespoke solutions for the upgrade, uprate and fiberization of brownfield transmission infrastructure projects. In addition, the company also offers underground EHV turnkey services including cable laying and substation development.

Under its infrastructure business segment, where the company bids to develop transmission projects, it has recently won inter-state transmission system projects in J&K as well as north-east India which will play a pivotal role in connecting clean and green power to the national grid. The Kishtwar transmission project is based in Jammu & Kashmir and comprises a 400/132 kV GIS substation at Kishtwar and 400 kV Kishenpur - Dulhasti LILO (Line in Line out) transmission line.



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As suspense continues, BCCI readies SA visas for both Dravid and Laxman

New Delhi: There has been total silence from Rahul Dravid, compounding the suspense over his continuation with the Indian team as head coach. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), though, is not staying quiet. It is carrying on with its work as if it's business as usual. Travel papers for Dravid, as well as for all the members of his support staff, have been prepared for the upcoming tour of South Africa. However, the completion of travel papers is not necessarily an indication that Dravid will continue, as visas for VVS Laxman's coaching team have also been

readied. While the BCCI is still awaiting word from Dravid, the board managers are preparing for every eventuality. The Twenty20 team is scheduled to leave for South Africa on December 6, playing three T20Is in South Africa on December 10, 12, and 14. The team selection is expected in the next two days. The BCCI has not provided any indication of whether Rahul or Laxman's coaching staff will travel to South Africa. However, there are suggestions that the current coaching staff will handle the Twenty20 series in South Africa to allow continuity and provide the BCCI with more time to make the

final decision on Dravid. Following the T20Is, India will play three ODIs and two Tests in South Africa, the final game ending in Cape Town on January 7. An India A side is also expected to travel to South Africa in December, and there is a need for a second coaching staff to look after that. Meanwhile, England Lions will be visiting India for three matches ahead of the arrival of the Ben Stokes-led side for the five-Test series in February-March. The England Lions are scheduled to arrive in January, and the dates and venues for the three games have not yet been finalised. It won't be



surprising if Mumbai is allotted those games. Mumbai will be hosting England A women from Wednesday. The

English women will play three one-dayers at the Wankhede on November 29, December 1 and 3. The



A series will be followed by three T w e n t y 2 0 Internationals between India women and

England women on December 6, 9, and December 19 at the same venue, followed by a women's Test at the DY

Patil Stadium from December 14 to 17. The Wankhede will then host a Test between India women and Australia women from December 21 to 24, followed by three ODIs on December 28, 30, and January 2. The DY Patil Stadium will host three women's T20Is between India and Australia on December 5, 7, and 9. "MCA president Amol Kale and Apex Council unanimously passed a resolution to encourage support for women's cricket. Unlocking the gates to free entry not only fills the stadium but also opens the door to a world of empowerment through women's T20 cricket," said Ajinkya Naik, Mumbai Cricket Association secretary.

Mahmudul rues missing out on a big hundred

Dhaka: Bangladesh opener Mahmudul Hasan expressed disappointment about not being able to turn a promising knock into a big score on the opening day of the Sylhet Test against New Zealand. Mahmudul scored a fine 86 but New Zealand hit back to keep the hosts to 310/9 with Glenn Phillips taking 4 for 53. Incidentally, Mahmudul was also set for a hundred in his last Test, against Afghanistan, before departing for 76. "I don't get the chance to get set every day and I missed two innings [to make it big] and in the coming days will try to do better," Mahmudul told reporters after the opening day's play. "C e r t a i n l y [disappointing] because you see I had the chance to play a big innings but unfortunately missed it because as an opener you won't get the chance to get set and score big but



today it came and unfortunately I missed it. "Everyone got set but no one could build up the innings and that is something that we regret. We planned that it would be good if we could score 350 or 380 runs but unfortunately it didn't happen," he said. Among the batters that couldn't make the most after getting in was Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain, who hit Phillips for three sixes and then fell attempting

an encore. Mahmudul backed the skipper's decision to take on the part-time offspinner. "Look he [Phillips] was an occasional bowler and if we don't charge him and he starts bowling well, in that case main bowlers could have put pressure on us and so we planned to take on the occasional bowlers but unfortunately we got out playing bad shots. I won't say that [it was judgmental errors] rather the bowler was lucky that

he got wickets with bad deliveries," he said. "Shanto [Najmul] bhai usually bats in this manner and he was playing according to his plan. Look a batsman does not get the chance to get set all the time and we got out scoring 30 or 40 runs everyone will be disappointed. Naturally he was disappointed but that happened against a full-toss ball and it was unfortunate, but that will not happen every day." Mahmudul said that the

pitch wasn't an easy one to bat on given the consistent turn on offer from the first session. However, there was still value for a batter trusting his defence. "The wicket is not that easy as it looks because the ball turns at time," he said. "If you can trust on your defense it is easy but everyone has different planning, like Shanto bhai was playing his natural game, I am playing my natural game while Sohan bhai was playing his natural game. So everyone has different game plans. "We have 300 runs in the scoreboard and we are in a good position. Now we will try to restrict the opponent within the runs we scored and with the quality spinners that we have... we can bowl them out for low scores. The wicket is slow and we are giving priority to our spinners and if the spinners bowl we can get them out cheaply," he said.

Namibia seal qualification for 2024 T20 World Cup



New Delhi: Namibia have qualified for a T20 World Cup edition for the third time in a row as they became the first side to make it through from the African Qualifiers for the 2024 World Cup. A 58-run win over Tanzania on Tuesday (November 28) made it five wins in a row for tournament hosts Namibia who are the only unbeaten side in the tournament. After posting a competitive total of 157 thanks to a collective batting effort, Namibia's

bowlers then made short work of Tanzania's chase which never got going. In the end, it was only about batting out the allotted overs for Tanzania as Namibia got across the line with ease. Apart from the Kenya game where the chase had a slight stutter, Namibia have had a cruise through these Qualifiers. Gerhard Erasmus's men made an impressive debut during the 2021 World Cup that was held in the UAE and while the 2022 edition in Australia was a

dampener, Namibia will fancy their chances of putting on a better show in 2024 on pitches that should suit their style of play. Uganda and Kenya, both on six points from four games thus far, are the teams who will be battling it out for the remaining slot. Zimbabwe, the only full-member team in this tournament, also have an outside chance of making the cut but find themselves in a hole of sorts with just four points from four games.

Maxwell's record-equalling ton headlines another chasing masterclass

New Delhi: Three weeks after he produced a performance for the ages en route Australia's sixth World Cup win, Glenn Maxwell put on another scintillating show to power Australia to their second highest successful run-chase in T20Is. Here are all the major numbers from the third T20I between India and Australia, played in Guwahati on Tuesday (November 28): 3 consecutive T20Is in which India registered scores of 200 or more, the joint most by a team in the format alongside Nepal, who'd got as many in April 2021. India successfully chased down 209 in the first T20I in Visakhapatnam, before registering first innings scores of 235/4 and 222/3 in Thiruvananthapuram and Guwahati

respectively. 223 is the second highest target successfully chased down by Australia in T20Is, after their 244 run-chase against New Zealand in Auckland in 2018. It was also the highest ever successful chase against India in T20Is, bettering 212 by South Africa in Delhi last year. This was the highest chase completed on the last ball of a T20I, bettering Australia's 205 against South Africa in Johannesburg in 2016. 21 runs gunned down by Australia (23 including the winning shot) is the highest target successfully chased down in the last over of a T20I. The previous record was 19, jointly held by West Indies against England in the 2016 T20 World Cup final in Kolkata, and Sri Lanka against Australia

in Palkekele last year. 4 successful run-chases of 200 or more achieved by Australia in Men's T20Is, the joint second most in the format alongside South Africa. Only India have done so more often (five times), the most recent of which came in Visakhapatnam last week. 4 hundreds by Glenn Maxwell is the joint record in T20Is, alongside Rohit Sharma, followed by Babar Azam, Sabawoon Davizi, Colin Munro and Suryakumar Yadav, who have three each. Three of Maxwell's four T20I tons came from No.3 or below, the joint most alongside Suryakumar Yadav. Maxwell's three T20I tons in chases is also a record, with Babar Azam, Muhammad Waseem and KL Rahul having registered two each.



2 hundreds scored by Maxwell against India is the joint most for anyone against an opponent in T20Is, alongside Leslie Dunbar (Serbia) against Bulgaria, Evin Lewis (West Indies) against India and Muhammad Waseem (UAE) against

Ireland. 47 balls taken by Maxwell to complete his hundred, making it the joint-fastest for Australia in T20Is. It is also the joint second fastest against India in the format (alongside Josh Inglis' ton in

Visakhapatnam last week), only behind David Miller, who'd got it off 46 balls at the same venue last year. Earlier this season, Maxwell had smashed the fastest World Cup hundred, also the fastest for Australia in ODIs, against

Netherlands in Delhi. 37 sixes hit by Glenn Maxwell against India in T20Is, the third most by a player against a team in the format, after 42 by Leslie Dunbar (Serbia) against Bulgaria and 39 by Rohit Sharma against the West Indies. 554 runs aggregated by Glenn Maxwell in T20Is against India, only Nicholas Pooran (592) has scored more. Maxwell became the third Australian to aggregate 500 runs or more against a team in T20Is after David Warner (653 vs Sri Lanka) and Aaron Finch (619 against England and 500 against India). 123* by Ruturaj Gaikwad is the second highest individual score for India in T20Is, only behind Shubman Gill's 126* against New Zealand in Ahmedabad earlier this year. Gaikwad's 123* is also the second highest score in a losing cause in T20Is,

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