

## Odisha CM Launches 'LAccMI'; Scheme To Provide Bus Services In Rural Areas

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today launched the Location Accessible Multimodal Initiative (LAccMI) scheme in Malkangiri district. In the first phase, the scheme will provide bus service in rural areas of six districts—Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Kalahandi, and Gajapati.

Under the LAccMI scheme, the State Government will operate 1000 buses in the rural areas across the state with allocated budget of Rs 3,178 crore. The buses will run from panchayats to block headquarters and from block headquarters to district headquarters.

## Day Temperature To Rise Across Odisha

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the day temperatures across Odisha are likely to remain 3°C to 4°C above normal during the next five days. While there has been no rainfall in most areas across the



state during the last few days, the heat has become unbearable. The presence of high moisture in the atmosphere has also caused high levels of humidity. Dry weather is likely to prevail across Odisha and there is no possibility of rain in the state for the next 10 days. In the last 24 hours, 19 cities in the state have recorded temperatures of 35 degrees or more. On the other hand, the Regional Meteorological Center has informed that the weather will be favorable for the complete departure of southwest monsoon air from Odisha within the next 2 days.

## Odisha Weavers, Handloom Artisans Can Avail Rs

### 1 Lakh Interest-Free Loan Under BALIA Scheme

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha Government has enhanced the interest-free loan assistance for the weavers and handloom artisans to Rs 1 lakh under the BALIA (Bunakar Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation) scheme. The loan assistance amount has been increased from the existing Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh under the BALIA Scheme.

As per Handloom



Census 2019-20, as of 1st April 2021, there are 66,141 weavers' households having 1,24,084 workforce with 56,569 looms.

According to the guidelines of the scheme,



## Delhi-Guwahati Train Derails In Bihar's Buxer; 4 Dead, Over 40 Injured

**Bihar(KCN):** At least four passengers died, and over 40 were reportedly injured so far as 12 coaches of a North-East Superfast train derailed and two to three AC coaches overturned and fell on the track at Raghunathpur railway station in Bihar's Buxar district on Wednesday.

The official said the mishap occurred around 9.35 p.m. The train was on its way to Kamakhya near Guwahati in Assam. The railway has issued Helpline numbers

PNBE – 9771449971, DNR – 8905697493, ARA – 8306182542, COML CNL – 7759070004. “..Bihar government is actively engaged in rescue, relief, and treatment of the

victims and injured, “tweeted Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav. Due to the accident, movement on both up and down tracks has been disrupted, diverting several passenger and goods

trains. Senior railway officials have reached the accident site and are probing the cause of the derailment while efforts are to put the derailed coaches to the tracks. It takes effort to remove bogies, but it will take some time until the tracks are cleared. The attempts have started, according to East Central Railway CPRO Birendra Kumar, who also noted that Railways has not yet calculated the loss brought on by the incident. Restoring train movement to both sides is the primary goal.

## Odisha Govt Announces Fare Structure For LAccMI Buses

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The state government has announced fare structure for buses rolled out under the Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative (LAccMI) in Odisha.

The Commerce and Transport department has issued an order in this regard to the State Transport Authority and Regional Transport Authorities in Odisha.

“The fares of buses operating under the LAccMI scheme shall be fixed as specified in a schedule issued by the Transport department,” read the order. As per the schedule, the buses (Non AC) rolled out to boost block connectivity under LAccMI will charge fares ranging from Rs 5 to Rs 30 depending upon travel distance within 80 km.

Similarly, buses (AC) rolled out to boost district connectivity under LAccMI will charge fares ranging from Rs 10 to Rs 80 for travel distance up to 80 km.

However, the Transport department has announced concession in fares for women, students and physically disabled passengers of buses plying under LAccMI scheme.

The women, students and physically disabled passengers would be charged a flat fare of Rs 5 for block connectivity bus services and Rs 10 for district connectivity bus services irrespective of the distance travelled by them.

The concession in bus fare for students shall be applicable in both block connectivity and district connectivity bus services under LAccMI scheme on production of valid school/college ID cards or authenticated proof from competent authority.

Notably, the state government had announced LAccMI in this year's Budget to provide bus services from panchayats to block headquarters, block headquarters to district headquarters and district headquarters to capital city.

The government had planned to operate 1,000 buses under the scheme with budgetary allocation of Rs 3,178 crore.

In the first phase, the scheme was launched in six southern districts—Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Kalahandi and Gajapati—to provide bus services in rural areas.



## PM Modi Arrives In Uttarakhand, Offers Prayers At Parvati Kund

**Uttarakhand(KCN):** In a daylong visit to Uttarakhand on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi went for a darshan of the Adi Kailash peak, an abode of Lord Shiva, and offered a puja at Parvati Kund.

Accompanied by local priests Virendra Kutiyal and Gopal Singh, the Prime Minister performed an ‘aarti’ and blew the conch shell at the Shiva-Parvati temple situated along the banks of Parvati Kund



in Jolingkong. He also sat in meditation with folded hands before the

Adi Kailash peak.

Later, Modi, along with Chief Minister Pushkar

Singh Dhami, visited the border village of Gunji and interacted with

locals and security personnel, followed by a visit to an exhibition of local products and artifacts.

As per the schedule, the Prime Minister will leave for Jageshwar Dham for a Puja, where he will have a lunch of Kumaoni cuisines.

Afterward, he will return to Pithoragarh, where he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for infra projects worth Rs 4,200 crore before addressing a public meeting at the S S Walid Sports Stadium.

## Doctors At KIMS Meet Emphasize Importance of Sleep, Exercise & Reduced Screen Time For Arthritis Patients

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** Arthritis patients should modify their lifestyle with adequate sleep and exercise to stay healthy, apart from having nutritional food and remaining stress-free, said noted physician in the field Prof Prasanta Padhan. Speaking at an event to commemorate, organised by the Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Dr Padhan stressed the need to minimize

the use of Social Media, and TV, especially serials with stressful storylines. He emphasised yoga and nurturing spiritualism to reinvent a new self. Medication should not be stopped as arthritis, as a systemic disease, stays till the end of one's life, he said.

Advisor to the Founder (KIMS) Dr R N Samanta, speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, said, “We started the Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Dr Padhan stressed the need to minimize

Rheumatology at KIMS more than a decade ago and it has truly lived up to its expectations and has set a benchmark for its patient-care and research.” Assistant Prof Debashis Maikap advised patients to abstain from alcohol and smoking for better recovery and result. With the theme of the day being “Living With Arthritis”, Associate Professor of the Department Dr Sakir Ahmed advised



the participants to disclose everything to the doctor for better treatment and never go by the influence of online knowledge sharing. “We are here to treat you and discuss with us and do not seek online advice,” he said.

Dr Padhan, in his address, also advised arthritis patients not to identify themselves with the disease. He said that one should move out of the shadow of the mindset of a chronic illness and move forward with better lifestyle modifications and re-engineering self. Earlier, during the inaugural session

Shubhransu Patro, Facility Director (Super Speciality and KIMS Cancer Centre) Dr S h a k t i m a y a Mohapatra spoke on the importance of World Arthritis Day and how KIMS has started providing a 360-degree holistic approach in diagnostics and treatment in a broad spectrum of all the ailments on its campus under a single roof.

## Three Day Training Programme on Primers of Kuwi & Desia Languages concluded at CUO

**Koraput, (KCN):** A three-day training program on the fundamentals of Kuwi and Desia languages, aimed at empowering primary school teachers, concluded successfully at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput campus on October 11, 2023. The training initiative, a collaborative effort between the Central University of Odisha, Sunabeda, and the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), NCERT Bhubaneswar, proved to be a significant milestone in promoting linguistic diversity and enriching the educational experience for Kuwi and Desia-speaking students in the Koraput district. The distinguished guests at the program included Professor Chakradhar Tripathi, the Hon'ble

Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha, Professor P.C. Agarwal, Principal of RIE, NCERT Bhubaneswar, Professor N.C. Panda, Dean of the School of Languages and Registrar I/c of the Central University of Odisha, Koraput. Also present were Lt. Dr. Rasmirekha Sethy, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Kuwi and Desia Language Training Program at RIE, NCERT, Bhubaneswar; Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Associate Professor and local Coordinator of the Kuwi and Desia Language Training Program at CUO, Koraput; and Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Associate Professor & Co-Coordinator of the training program, alongside nine External Resource Persons (ERPs). Prof. Tripathi delivered an inspiring address, emphasizing the significance of introducing Kuwi and Desia languages as a medium of instruction at the primary level in the Koraput district. He highlighted the challenges faced by children in this tribal region, where there was previously no educational system using their mother tongue. This initiative is crucial to empowering these children with better education, enabling them to express their thoughts and creativity effectively. It also grants them the freedom of expression, aligning with the principles of our constitution and the



National Education Policy. The Vice Chancellor thanked hon'ble Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan for this visionary step for entrusting NCERT and Central University

of Odisha with the responsibility of preparing primers for Kuwi and Desia languages. Professor P.C. Agarwal, in his address, shed light on the evolving perspectives of education and its role in sustainable national development. He stressed the importance of preserving native languages, as outlined in the National Education Policy 2020, in a message to the program's participants. A total of 58 primary school teachers from various blocks in Koraput, including Kendriya Vidyalaya Koraput, DIET Koraput, Saraswati Sisu Vidya Mandira, DAV-CTE, and Government College Koraput actively participated in the training program. Over the three days, they immersed themselves in learning Kuwi and Desia languages, praising the program for its focus on vowels, consonants, sound, pronunciation, and various techniques, such as songs, drama, storytelling, folklore, and dance. These approaches are expected to enhance the teacher-student relationship when using native languages like Kuwi and Desia as a medium of instruction. This training program symbolizes a significant stride towards embracing linguistic diversity and nurturing the educational journey of Kuwi and Desia-speaking students in the region.

# District Level World Sight Day Celebrated



**SUBARNAPUR, (KCN):** World Sight Day has been celebrated under the chairmanship of Additional District Public Health Officer ( DC )Mr. Ramesh Chandra Swain. Senior Consultant Ophthalmology Dr. Dr. Sanjib Kumar Kar, Meedi, said.

Superintendent, Mahanadi Eye Hospital. Devendra Kumar Sahu, Administrator Bibhu Prasad Baliarsingh, Public Relations Officer G. Gopal, and Additional District Public Health Communication Officer Brundaban Sahu were the keynote speakers. The guests thoroughly discussed the purpose of World Sight Day and how through awareness, eye care can contribute to building a healthy society by highlighting the importance of eye care and eradicating blindness. This year's slogan is "Take care of eyes at work". The

meeting was attended by senior staff members of Mahanadi Eye Hospital, Health Officers and Journalists. The meeting was attended by 10 meritorious students and a rally was conducted around the town . At the end, Health Visitor Pramod Kumar Sahu gave a vote of thanks

# District Road Safety Committee meeting held



**SUBARNAPUR**  
**,(KCN):** The monthly meeting of the District Road Safety Committee was held today at Thursday in the conference hall of Collectorate Subarnapur. Chairmanship of Collector and District Magistrate Mr. Bimalendu Ray. Additional District Magistrate Mr. Surya Narayan Das, Additional Supdt. Of

Police Mr. Hemant Kumar Padhi and Regional Transport Officer Mr. Akshaya Kumar Jena were present in the meeting and other district officers and committee members were present. Collector and District Magistrate Mr. Ray directed all the officials to act vigilantly to reduce the accident related death rate in the district and also directed the National Highways Executive Engineer Balangir to immediately repair the heavily potholed road on both sides of GhatKaintra pole on NH 57. Approved the constituted district level committee to shift the main gate connecting the main road of all the schools and colleges of the

district. The forest department has directed the officials to put up information boards in the district so that the destinations of the elephants remain safe and visible to the public. Finally, he directed the officials of the transport department and the police department to take strict action against drunk driving.

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## From Bajirao To Murad, Ranveer Singh's 3 Most Unforgettable Romantic Roles

Known for his charisma, infectious energy and versatility, Ranveer Singh has stolen hearts in various romantic avatars on the silver screen. From passionate lovers to silent admirers, Ranveer has effortlessly portrayed different shades of romance, making each character memorable. Let's dive into the diverse array of lovers he has portrayed and how he has aced each role. In this historical epic, Ranveer becomes the fearless Peshwa Bajirao, whose love for the enchanting singer and dancer Mastani knows no bounds. He defies societal norms and brings her into his life, showcasing the



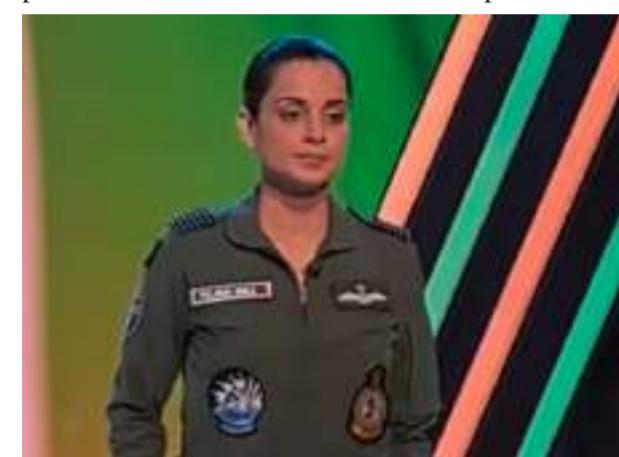
depth of his love, transcending his status as a king. In 'Lootera,' Ranveer embodies the silent lover, expressing his affection through subtle gestures. His character remains quiet and understated love

speaks volumes, proving that love doesn't always need loud declarations. Ranveer steps into the shoes of a passionate lover Rocky, a role that seems tailor-made for his charismatic persona. It was a love

## Tejas: Kangana Ranaut Watches The India vs Afghanistan Pre-Match LIVE In Air Force Uniform

Spreading the spirit of the nation's pride, Kangana Ranaut visited Cricket Live Mumbai for the India vs Afghanistan pre-match in Air Force uniform for Tejas promotion!

The recently released trailer of Kangana Ranaut starrer Tejas gave a glimpse of its grand action-packed world while igniting the spirit of the nation's pride. While this has piqued the excitement for the film a notch higher, the leading lady Kangana Ranaut is leaving no stone unturned to spread the magic of the film across the nation. While the actress recently met the first and only woman Rafale fighter pilot Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh, now she reached Cricket Live Mumbai for the India vs Afghanistan pre-match in the Air Force uniform for promotion.



## Prime Video Releases Post-Credits Teaser for Citadel: Diana, Starring Matilda De Angelis

Today, Prime Video has released the post-credits teaser for the next series of the 'Citadel Spyverse', 'Citadel: Diana', starring Matilda De Angelis (The Undoing) as the central character in the forthcoming series. 'Citadel: Diana' was locally created, produced, and filmed in Italy, with production wrapping earlier this year. Citadel: Diana will be available exclusively on Prime Video in over 240 countries and territories worldwide in 2024.

The Season One finale of 'Citadel', starring Richard Madden and Priyanka Chopra Jonas, dropped Friday, May 26 on Prime Video. After a season full of cinematic action, high stakes, and surprises episode-to-episode, the finale episode turned the dial up further by delivering huge twists with nail-biting reveals, as the agents of 'Citadel' discovered the identity of the mole who brought down the agency at the hands of rival syndicate Manticore. Betrayals were uncovered and questions were answered, and the

consequences that unfolded in the finale episode created ripple effects that will be felt throughout the Spyverse. After the finale episode, an explosive post-credits teaser of 'Citadel: Diana' was revealed, offering an exciting look at what's to come as the 'Citadel Spyverse' expands with a new series. 'Citadel: Diana' comes from Cattleya (ZeroZeroZero)—part of ITV Studios—and showrunner and executive producer Gina Gardini, with Riccardo Tozzi, Marco Chimenz, and Giovanni Stabilini also serving as executive producers and Emanuele Savoini as co-executive producer. AGBO's Anthony Russo, Joe Russo, Mike Larocca, Angela Russo-Ostot, Scott Nemes, and David Weil (Hunters) executive produce on Citadel: Diana and all series within the global Citadel universe. Midnight Radio executive produces 'Citadel: Diana' and all series within the global Citadel universe. Citadel: Diana is directed by Arnaldo Catinari and developed by Alessandro Fabbri, who is also the

head writer, and wrote the series with Ilaria Bernardini, Laura Colella, Gianluca Bernardini, and Giordana Mari. As previously announced, other cast members alongside Matilda De Angelis include Lorenzo Cervasio, Maurizio Lombardi, Julia Piaton, Thekla Reuten, Giordana Faggiano, Daniele Paoloni, Bernhard Schütz, and Filippo Nigro. All episodes of the first season of the landmark series 'Citadel' are now streaming. Season Two of 'Citadel', starring Richard Madden and Priyanka Chopra Jonas, will begin production this year, with Joe Russo serving as

director. Eight years ago, Citadel fell. The independent global spy agency—tasked to uphold the safety and security of all people—was destroyed by operatives of Manticore, a powerful syndicate manipulating the world from the shadows. With Citadel's fall, elite agents Mason Kane (Richard Madden) and Nadia Sinh (Priyanka Chopra Jonas) had their memories wiped as they narrowly escaped with their lives. They've remained hidden ever since, building new lives under new identities, unaware of their pasts. Until one night, when Mason is tracked down by his former Citadel

colleague, Bernard Orlick (Stanley Tucci), who desperately needs his help to prevent Manticore from establishing a new world order. Mason seeks out his former partner, Nadia, and the two spies embark on a mission that takes them around the world in an effort to stop Manticore, all while contending with a relationship built on secrets, lies, and a dangerous-yet-undying love. From Amazon Studios and the Russo Brothers' AGBO, Citadel is executive produced by Anthony Russo, Joe Russo, Mike Larocca, Angela Russo-Ostot, and Scott Nemes for AGBO,

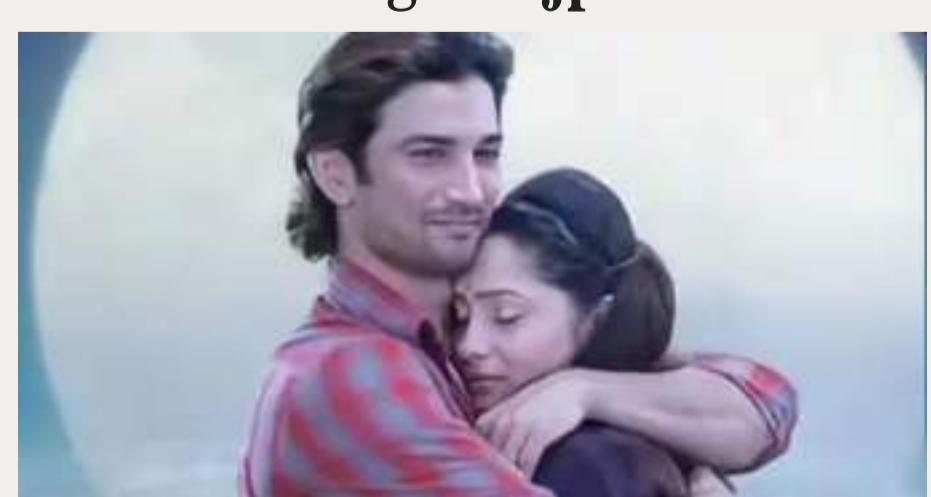


## Ankita Lokhande Shares Throwback Video On 14 yrs of 'Pavitra Rishta', Fans Remember Sushant Singh Rajput

On the fourteenth anniversary of the iconic television serial 'Pavitra Rishta' on Wednesday, actress Ankita Lokhande, who played the memorable Archana in the show, said that she still feels connected with her "first baby." Pavitra Rishta aired from June 2009 to October 2014. It is an adaptation of the Tamil television series Thirumathi Selvam. Along with Ankita, the show starred late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, who played the endearing Manav.

In late 2018, and later in

2020 after the death of Sushant Singh Rajput, the series was rebroadcast. A web series titled 'Pavitra Rishta - Its Never too Late' aired on from September 2021 starring Ankita Lokhande reprising her role as Archana and Shaheer Sheikh as Manav. Ankita took to Instagram, where she shared a clip of all her looks from the show and wrote: "14 years of Pavitra rishta and still feels so fresh and connected with my first ever baby.. Thanku God for everything!!" She added: "And thank



you so much @ektarkapoor for always having that faith in me that I could be your archu

and Thank u for giving me the new identity as Archana because the people who loved me

during the show when they see or meet me now also, the first name which comes in there mind is

archu and I love it so much.."

"Thank u so much everyone around who has loved and watched this beautiful show called pavitra rishta with all there heart and soul .. I'm grateful forever."

Fans took to the comment section and shared how much they miss Sushant Singh Rajput, who ventured into acting with the show. One wrote: "Sushant u r missed every minute." Another wrote: "Sushant Singh Rajput is missing your video plz one pic SSR."

# Trustworthiness, the morale of India Post



The entire world celebrates the World Post Day on 9th October every year to mark the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874 (9th October, 1874) with a purpose to bring awareness to the Post's role in the everyday lives of people and businesses as well as its contribution to global social and economic development. The World Post Day 2023 is being celebrated under the theme "Together for Trust: Collaborating for a Safe and Connected Future" which resonates with the unity and strength of global postal network. A trustworthy and impactful postal system can be possible when the countless post offices worldwide will function with creativity, wisdom

and unity. In a world where connections are paramount, the shared progress by embracing collaboration and unity can strengthen the bonds of trust. At this moment, India Post celebrates National Postal Week starting from 9th October every year by organizing its own national activities from the introduction or promotion of new postal products and services to the organization of open days at post offices, mail centres and postal museums.

So far as the trustworthiness of India Post is concerned, I have a memorable experience to share on this World Post Day. While working as a Postmaster, one day I witnessed a man attended my post office with a complaint regarding non-payment of one eMO remitted to his village. After thorough checking in the system, I assured that the eMO had already been received by the paying office and would be paid

soon which could not be possible. Though I registered a complaint in the WebCCC it was not fruitful. I registered a ticket in the Service desk with request for immediate solution. The reply of the service desk also served no purpose. I tried to connect the telephone number of the concerned post office and received the auto-generated voice, "This telephone number is temporarily out of order".

Being worried, I tried to repeat raising of frequent tickets, expediting reply in WebCCC, told the man to contact his village Post Office and somehow or other, the eMO was paid after undue delay of 3 months which was sent by him for Rs.2000/- when her wife was in dire need of money for medical treatment. Still the man was coming to the Post Office regularly and remitting Rs.1000/- or Rs.2000/- every month to his wife in addition to sending of letters and parcels to his kith and kin. In spite of regular

complaints of delayed payment and delivery, he was a regular customer to my Post Office. Out of curiosity, one day I asked him, "Every month you are complaining about delayed payment. Nevertheless, you are

Narsingh Sharma and now I am 60. Forty years back, I left my village Amwanakchhed in Bihar at the age of 20 and came to Bhubaneswar in search of work. By birth, I am a carpenter and started carpentry work

confidence that the Post office will never breach my trust and till date I trust the India Post the most". I asked, "Have you a Post Office Savings Bank Pass Book in your name and in the name of your family members?" "No. But I

the money. My wife feels as if I give him. The letters I send to my wife not only carry my messages only but my love and emotions for her Sir. Will the Bank do it Sir? Is there any human touch in other mode of service except Dak?"

I told him, "The world is changing and so also India Post. We are also giving ATM cards which are linked with all banks. Will you prefer to open a Post Office Savings Bank Account in my office and take the ATM Card through which your wife can withdraw money from the local Postal ATM there? He suddenly said, "Yes". I asked, "When you are not interested for Bank ATM, why do you prefer Postal ATM?" Without any second thought, he simply replied, "I have every faith on my local Dakbaba and Dak Khana. They are serving my family for last 40 years since I am in Bhubaneswar. Their trustworthiness is enough for me, Sir".

I became thoughtful for a while looking at his face having no sign of

discontentment. When I witness arguments and counter arguments of many people for silly matters during the business hours regularly, customers of this category remind us the importance of Posts. Even if people are suffering for the time being due to the transitional period of India Post when going from manual to digital, people still have confidence on its reliability, trustworthiness and service to the entire mankind with a human touch which makes India Post different from all others to remain relevant and reliable.

(Based on a fact happened with this writer while working as a Postmaster)

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The birds eggs have been valuable foodstuffs since prehistory in both hunting societies, and more recent cultures where birds were domesticated. The chicken probably was domesticated for its eggs (from jungle fowl native to tropical and subtropical Southeast Asia and Indian subcontinent) before 7500 BCE. Where as the wild Asian fowl from which domesticated chickens are descended typically lay about a dozen eggs each year during the breeding season, several millennia of selective breeding have produced domesticated hens capable of laying more than three hundred eggs each annually, and to lay eggs year round.

The most commonly used eggs are those from the chicken, duck, and goose. Smaller eggs, such as quail eggs, are used occasionally as a gourmet ingredient in Western countries. Eggs are a common everyday food in many parts of Asia, such as India, China and Thailand. The Egg production in Bharat has grown from 78.48 billion in 2014-15 to 129.60 billion in 2021-22, showing a compound annual growth rate of 7.4 per cent. Bharat stands third in the world in egg production. Eggs offer a moderate calorie source (about 150 kcal/100 g), a protein of excellent quality, great culinary

versatility and low economic cost, which make eggs within reach to most of the population. The egg is the most complete food available in nature. It is the most widely used natural ingredient for food processing. Egg protein is of such high quality that it is used as the standard by which other proteins are compared. Eggs have a biological value (efficacy with which protein is used for growth) of 93.7%. Comparable values are 84.5% for milk, 76% for fish, and 74.3% for beef. Eggs are of particular interest from a functionality point of view and considered as a superfood. Functional foods are characterized by containing nutraceuticals or compounds that are known to protect against chronic disease. Based on this definition, eggs are a natural functional food because they contain highly bioavailable carotenoids, lutein and zeaxanthin, and they are a good source of choline. Lutein and zeaxanthin are potent antioxidants that have been shown to decrease systemic inflammation, fatty liver disease and atherosclerosis in animal studies. Choline has been reported to protect against hepatic steatosis. Further, choline has a role as a neurotransmitter and has been shown to increase memory and protect against Alzheimer's disease. In addition, eggs are an excellent source of amino acids, which has been demonstrated to preserve muscle strength and decrease appetite. Eggs are the best protein money can buy, and they have many other



**Friday, 13 October, 2023, World Egg Day, This year's theme 'Eggs for a healthy future' highlights the power of the egg in improving nutritional, societal and environmentally sustainable outcomes, leading to healthier futures for all.**

of older infants reduced stunting and underweight considerably. Since eggs are consumed regularly by a majority of the worldwide population, they can make an important contribution to meeting the requirements of fat-soluble nutrients. Yet, implementing strategies of increasing the consumption of eggs as sources of valuable essential nutrients requires both knowledge of the efficiency and technological implementation of nutrient fortification and consideration of economic and cultural factors. Particularly in areas where malnutrition is part of everyday life and availability and affordability of eggs is severely limited.

For technological as well as safety reasons, dried egg in all its variants, whole egg powder, egg yolk powder, egg white powder is increasingly used in the food industry. In contrast to dried eggs, shell eggs are not only fragile, they also require

far more storage space, are more susceptible to microbial spoilage and carry a higher risk of salmonella. For food technology use, shell eggs are therefore often homogenized and pasteurized, which reduces the risk of salmonella transmission. Subsequent drying of the eggs also provides the advantage of reducing the water content to a minimum, thereby achieving a longer shelf life. Another benefit is that dried eggs offer a more convenient utilization. Above all, drying reduces both weight and volume, resulting in a concentration of nutrients, suggesting a significant potential as nutritional supplement to effectively prevent malnutrition in vulnerable populations.

Egg powder is a dried egg product with a similar texture to milk powder. Dried eggs are the complete eggs, the egg white or the yolk, dried to a powder. It still retains its nutritious elements such as

proteins, minerals, and calcium, and has added advantage of improving food consistency, chewiness, and thickening. Egg powder is quite stable and you can store and transport in low temperatures. This makes it a feasible and profitable product to market even to the remotest part of the country. Powdered eggs will help to preserve the surplus eggs to avoid spoilage.

The commonly used variety of egg powder is chicken, duck and quail egg powder. They are available in the market in three types as per its composition. The Whole egg powder, It consists of both egg white and yolk. Whole egg powder is suitable for cooking your omelettes, scrambled eggs, pancakes, and custards. You also can directly mix this product with milk, cream, sugar, and alcoholic spirits and consume it. Second one being, powdered egg white. It contains only egg albumen, and is used mostly in baking meringue or royal icing for making cakes. Third one being powdered egg yolk. Though its use is very limited because it shows enormous impairment in important functional properties. It can be used as a substitute for fresh egg yolk, you can use the powder to obtain colour, emulsion capacity and texture. Moreover, you may use it in your mayonnaise, dressings, croissants and sauces. Dried eggs contribute desirable characteristics and physical functions to many of the modern gourmet foods. Here it is used for thickening, emulsification, foaming and moisturizing properties. You can also use egg powder in other fancy food preparations such as cakes, ice creams, cookies, doughnut, etc. Nowadays, foods are not intended to only satisfy hunger and to provide necessary nutrients for humans, but also to prevent nutrition-related diseases and improve physical and mental wellbeing of consumers. However, human nutrition in developed and developing countries is characterized by an excessive intake of protein, cholesterol, saturated fatty acids (SFA), n-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), calories or sodium, whereas consumption is deficient in n-3 PUFA, fiber and antioxidants. These imbalances are partly responsible for the high incidence of both obesity and the onset of chronic or degenerative non-transmissible diseases, from which cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are the leading cause of mortality and morbidity globally. In order to improve public health, nutritional experts and related organizations,

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# Mamata Banerjee directed district authorities to implement its grievance redress project more effective across the state

**Kolkata (Ambar Mukherjee):** West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has directed all district authorities to implement a slew of initiatives to make its flagship grievance redress platform—Sarasari Mukhyamantri (Direct to CM)—more effective and accessible for people across the state.

A few days ago, the state secretariat, Nabanna, sent an order to district magistrates across the state to promote the social media pages of Sarasari Mukhyamantri in their areas so that maximum number of

people can reach to the state government on virtual platforms. In the instructions to the district magistrates the order said "It is suggested that Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (currently X) pages of the Sarasari Mukhyamantri may be liked and followed by your offices and other state government offices in your districts. The contents which are being posted regularly may be shared by your offices down the line."

A source in the state government said 2.12 lakh grievances had been filed with Sarasari

Mukhyamantri in the last three months, from the day it was launched. The telephone-based grievance redress platform was launched by Mamata Banerjee in June this year. A similar initiative to Didi Ke Bolo (Tell Sister) which was run by election consultant Prashant Kishor and his I-PAC team after the TMC's poor performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Sarasari Mukhyamantri platform is run by the state government while Didi Ke Bolo was a political outreach

drive. "Our target is to make the redress platform popular and reachable to people across the state as many as possible. The platform will act more prominently allowing people to vent their ire and get it sorted out," said a senior official of the state government. A source in the TMC said the attempts to make the government redress platform more effective were very important as the party was keen to identify the problem areas and address the issues before the 2024 Lok

Sabha polls. "We failed to gauge the people's resentment in the 2019 and as a result, we performed unimpressively in the last general elections. Didi Ke Bolo helped us as it worked as a window allowing people to vent out their disgruntlement. People are reaching out to the government through Sarasari Mukhyamantri window either to express their grievances or give suggestions which is also important to know people's opinion. We need to use the window as a more effective tool," said a senior TMC leader.

## The Heritage School, Kolkata, hosted CISCE National Yoga Competition

**Kolkata (KCN):** The Heritage School, Kolkata, hosted the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) Regional Games & Sports- National Yoga Competition on 12th and 13th October 2023.

The inaugural session of the event was graced by Dr. Abhijit Ghosh, Director, S-VYASA, Kolkata, as the Chief Guest. Mr. Amit Ghosh, Teacher, Classical Hatha Yoga addressed the inaugural session as the Guest of Honour.

Nearly 26 teams across 13 regions in India participated in this 2-day National Yoga Competition.

During the inaugural session, Dr. Abhijit Ghosh spoke about how Yoga plays an important role in leading a stress free life and contributes to overall mental well being. "India will lead the entire world through Yoga. Our Country will show the path towards a



stress free life through Yoga," said Dr. Ghosh during the inaugural ceremony. Mr. Amit Ghosh spoke about the way students are preparing themselves for the competition with enthusiasm and zeal. "I can feel the positive vibes in this auditorium before the onset of the National Yoga Competition," said Mr. Amit during the inaugural session. Students from various

schools in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, North India, Kerala, North East India, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and many more are participating in this 2-day National Event.

"Yoga is the way towards a positive life. This competition gives an opportunity to the students to give their best setting as an example in

the Country," said Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal, The Heritage School, Kolkata. "These two days will be a great challenge for the students who want to excel in the field of Yoga," said Dr. Sunil Singh, Head, Department of Sports & Physical Education, The Heritage School, Kolkata. The Heritage School Yoga Teachers Ms. Ila Khandelia and Mr. Sanatan Mahakud

## Young farmers from Gopalganj district, Bihar were trained at ICAR-CIFRI



**Kolkata:** Gopalganj district is blessed with freshwater resources of 997.8 ha. and is also rich in open water resources like Chaura and Mauns. Since 2016-17, ICAR-CIFRI has trained 132 farmers of Gopalganj District on inland fisheries management. This year, during 5-11 October, 2023 a Skill Development cum Capacity building programme was organized at CIFRI, Barrackpore and a total of 31 young farmers

from Gopalganj district participated in the training programme. Inaugurating the programme, Dr. B.K. Das, Director of the Institute emphasised on the skill development of the fishers on various aspects of inland fisheries management ensuring their sustainable livelihood security. He also urged the fishers to explore their available resources for optimum production and productivity by acquiring scientific

knowledge and applications. During the training, the farmers were exposed to both in-house theoretical and practical knowledge along with on-field demonstrations covering different aspects of inland fisheries management, including pond construction and management, soil and water quality management, feed and feeding protocol, ornamental fish farming, breeding aspects of fishes, nutritional

requirements, fish health management, enclosure culture, economic aspects of different fish culture activities, fish marketing, governance pattern, the impact of climate on fisheries etc. Besides, the trainees have been taken to field exposure visits which include ICAR-CIFA Kalyani Centre, East Kolkata Wetland (EKW) as well as the ornamental fish markets of Galib Street (Kolkata) etc. The trainees also

## Observation of Vigilance Awareness week by POWERGRID



**Kolkata, (KCN):** As per guidelines of the Central Vigilance Commission, Preventive Vigilance activities are being taken up by POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED as a three-month campaign (from August 16, 2023 to November 15, 2023). Various Preventive Vigilance activities have already commenced as a precursor to Vigilance Awareness Week 2023. The POWERGRID shall be observing VAW 2023 from October 30 to November 5, 2023. In this regard, Vigilance Executive Meet was organised by POWERGRID, Eastern Region-II at Siliguri, Region -II at Siliguri.

The meeting was chaired by Shri. Dharmendra Kumar Madan CVO, POWERGRID and other dignitaries like Shri. Anish Anand, Dy CVO CC Vigilance. Shri. Pappu Singh, CGM, Vigilance was also present.

At the onset of the inauguration Session Shri. A Barat, ED, ER-II and Shri. M K Verma Sr. DGM Vigilance, ER-II felicitated the Chief Guest and the dignitaries. The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Shri. Verma.

## Indian Coast Guard Conducts 21st National Maritime Research & Rescue Board Meeting



**Kolkata, (KCN):** The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the 21st National maritime safety issues and identifying areas of improvement of SAR services through policy framework and awareness programmes, technical presentations were also delivered by the subject experts from ICG, BSF, and other State agencies followed by brainstorming sessions and discussions on agenda points from the stakeholders. The CG Director general mentioned about the distress alert digital transmission facility developed by ISRO to augment the rescue and search operations in the sea. Besides, the threat of marine pollution as well as India's commitment to address the regional pollution threats were also discussed.

The Director General also emphasised on coordination with other stakeholders resource agencies for strengthening M-SAR services and chalked out a definite plan for the next year.

Apart from deliberations on various maritime safety issues and identifying areas of improvement of SAR services through policy framework and awareness programmes, technical presentations were also delivered by the subject experts from ICG, BSF, and other State agencies followed by brainstorming sessions and discussions on agenda points from the stakeholders. The CG Director general mentioned about the distress alert digital transmission facility developed by ISRO to augment the rescue and search operations in the sea. While speaking in a Press Meet today, the Director General spoke of procurement of nine advanced helicopters and eight Dornier aircrafts for the fleet to help in augmentation of the search and rescue operations in the sea. Besides, he also thanked the efforts of local fishermen who helped in the process of search operations. He also mentioned nine MoUs with Indian Ocean nations apart from Japan and South Korea to cope with the challenges at

# India's Banking System requires enhanced security: 'Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch' Calls for Depositor Protection

**Kolkata(-ABHIJIT SETH):** Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch, a civil society platform dedicated to the well-being of the general public and the safeguarding of the interests of bank stakeholders, has recently voiced apprehensions about the increasing occurrences of fraudulent activities within India's banking sector. The organization is concerned that the security of the banking industry is at risk due

to unscrupulous individuals exploiting the Aadhaar-enabled payment system (AEPS) to wrongfully access funds from customer accounts, creating a crisis of trust among everyday citizens who rely on banks to protect their hard-earned money. Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch is urgently calling for measures to address these concerns. The AEPS, managed by the Payment Corporation of India, has been identified as

a major facilitator of these fraudulent transactions. The organization emphasizes that the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has explicitly stated that linking Aadhaar numbers to bank accounts is optional, with other valid KYC documents being acceptable as proof of identity and address. However, it is alleged that many scheduled commercial banks are compelling their account holders to link their Aadhaar

information to their accounts, thereby exposing them to AEPS without their consent. Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch attributes the responsibility for this crisis primarily to the banks, which has resulted in thousands of innocent depositors losing their savings to fraudsters. The organization is deeply troubled by the imposition of individual branch-level targets that force account holders to link

Aadhaar, even for new accounts opened through the e-KYC system, which relies on biometric data. Unless these practices are discontinued, more customers will be involuntarily exposed to the risks associated with AEPS-related fraud. Efforts to raise awareness and initiatives such as using the mAadhaar app to lock biometrics are considered inadequate, given the magnitude of the issue. The organization has

proposed a series of steps to effectively address the problem. They include directing banks to stop coercing customers into submitting their Aadhaar cards when opening accounts, encouraging banks to actively assist customers who wish to unlink their Aadhaar numbers from their accounts, discontinuing the e-KYC system in favor of alternative KYC documents, ensuring AEPS for cash withdrawal is not

enabled by default, introducing separate flags for accounts opened at Customer Service Points (CSPs), and implementing checkpoints at locations vulnerable to fraudsters. Bank Bachao Desh Bachao Manch has appealed to the relevant authorities and have submitted deputations to the Governor of Reserve Bank of India, requesting prompt actions to safeguard the interests of ordinary depositors. The civic organization has

proposed a set of measures in their deputations to tackle this issue and protect the interests of depositors. The security and integrity of the banking system are of paramount importance, and these measures are essential for reinstating confidence in the financial sector. The recent surge in fraud cases involving the AEPS system has raised substantial concerns about the security of India's banking sector.

## SC refuses to entertain SLP on AHPGIC director

**CUTTACK(KCN):** The Supreme Court has refused to interfere in the Orissa High Court's August 31 order censuring continuation of Dr Lalitendu Sarangi as director-in-charge of Acharya Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer (AHPGIC), Cuttack after superannuation of service as director on March 17, 2022.

AHPGIC had filed a special leave petition (SLP) challenging the high court order. However, a division bench of Justice JK Maheswari and Justice KV Viswanathan on October 6 said, "We are not inclined to entertain this special leave petition. Accordingly, the special leave petition is dismissed."

In the meantime, while disposing of a contempt petition on September 29,



the high court ordered for compliance of the August 31 order within three months. The contempt petition was filed by city-based social activist Chittaranjan Mohanty, on whose PIL the high court had issued the August 31 order. The PIL had challenged the engagement of Dr Sarangi as director-in-charge after retirement by giving subsequent extensions. Advocate SK Nayak argued on behalf of the petitioner. The high court in its August 31 order said, "We are constrained to observe that

till the regular director is appointed by the Selection Committee."

"From the date of the said recommendation, the governing body will sit within seven days therefrom and engage the in-charge director till the regular director is appointed. Till then, Dr Lalitendu Sarangi shall be allowed to continue, but thereafter he shall not be allowed to continue as the in-charge director and his engagement, as referred, shall automatically come to an end, in view of our order," the order said.

## Puri International airport gets site clearance from MoCA



**BHUBANESWAR(KCN):** In a big boost to the state government's plans for establishment of Sri Jagannath International Airport at Puri, the ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted site clearance approval for the project. The clearance was obtained exactly a year after the government submitted all requisites to the ministry seeking clearance to set up the airport in accordance with the Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008.

While granting the clearance, sources said, the MoCA has asked the state government to proceed with preparation

of detailed project report (DPR) for grant of 'in-principle' approval. The state will have to submit its application along with the DPR for in-principle approval of the steering committee on greenfield airports within two years.

As per initial estimates, the airport will be built at a cost of around Rs 5,631 crore. The Puri district administration has already started the process for acquiring around 1,164 acre of land including 68 acre of forest and 221.48 acre private in Sipasarubali and Sandhupur under Brahmagiri tehsil. The private land required for the project include 153.37 acre in

Sipasarubali and 68.11 acre in Sandhupur. However, no rehabilitation and resettlement is required as the land parcels are free of human habitations.

"The project proposal was submitted after identification of land and favourable obstacle limitation surfaces (OLS) survey. Public hearing for acquisition of private land has been completed. The process is also on for conversion of some government land. The site clearance approval was awaited. Now, the other processes will be expedited," said an official associated with the project. For in-principle approval, the



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## TPSODL Joins hands with Odisha Millet Mission to Promote Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition

Berhampur, (KCN): TPSODL, a dedicated advocate for women and communities in Southern Odisha, is championing Income Generation Activities (IGAs) through its livelihood enhancement program. Collaborating with Mission Shakti, Odisha Livelihood Mission, and NGO partner, TPSODL is identifying and supporting potential Women Self-Help Groups (WSHG) and farmers through various initiatives.

One of the noteworthy



endeavours of TPSODL is its commitment to the promotion of millet cultivation. To this end, the organization has mobilized approximately 500 WSHGs and farmers, providing them with essential resources.

TPSODL offers capacity-building programs, training sessions, and input support including seeds and on-ground guidance. The goal is not only to empower these individuals but also to promote the numerous nutritional and health benefits of millet. Millet, known for its resilience in challenging environmental conditions with minimal water and fertilizer requirements, also aids in mitigating the effects of climate change due to its low carbon footprint. During the kharif season, more than 500 acres of land have been cultivated across 8 districts of TPSODL

operational areas. In total, 70 Gram panchayats were involved impacting a total of 500 farmers and WSHGs. Which includes 24 GPs of Ganjam, 8 GPs of Gajapati, 8 GPs of Koraput, 8 GPs of Nabarangpur, 8 GPs of Malkangiri, 9 GPs of Boudh, and 5 GPs of Kandhamal. Looking ahead to the upcoming Rabi season, coinciding with the International Year of Millets, TPSODL aims to extend its support to 1000 acres of land and farmers.

## Inaugural of 9th Conference on Transportation Systems Engineering and Management – Octo 12-14th 2023



Warangal (KCN): The inaugural of 9th Conference on Transportation Systems Engineering and Management (CTSEM 2023) was held today morning in Chandrasekhar Hall of Seminar Halls Complex. The programme is organised by the Transportation Division, Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Warangal, Telangana. Prof. C.S.R.K. Prasad, Chairman of the conference inaugurated the conference. The objective of this

conference is to bring together postgraduate students and researcher scholars to present their ongoing research works. Experts in the field of Transportation Engineering from academic institutions,

areas in Pavement Engineering, Traffic Engineering, and Transportation Planning. The keynote speeches will be delivered by the eminent personalities at national and international level. On day one, Prof. J. Murali Krishnan from IIT Madras and Prof. K. Sudhakar Reddy from IIT Kharagpur shared their experiences and the major research works that are being executed by them in Pavement Engineering. The programme is sponsored by LEA Associates South Asia

## Business icons confer with Utkal Tycoons Awards

**Bhubaneswar:** Noted business icons of Odisha conferred with Utkal Tycoons Award in an exotic platform organized by Utkal Updates and Addiction Fashion Management today at WelcomHotel by ITC Hotels, Bhubaneswar. As part of Epari Sadashiv Jewelry presents Odisha's unique award show and fashion fest 'Utkal Tycoons Awards' with Bhubaneswar Runway Week Season-6, numbers of well known and successful face of Odisha business fraternity got thumping applause for their wonderful contribution to the economy of Odisha.

Their contributions were recognized and awarded. Program starts with lighting of lamp by organizer Sushree Sangeeta Sahu, John Ajay, Gaurav, Sridhar Epari and Sunil Murarka. Surya Narayan Patra, Speaker, Odisha Assembly attended as chief guest and Sulochana Das, Mayor, Bhubaneswar as guest of honour. Today, Utkal Tycoons Awards conferred to Rashmi Sahoo, Director, Frozit; Nirupama Biswal, Director, Gayatri Devi Group; Kabir Taneja, Director, Espirit Toyota; Ratnamala Swain, real estate player; Sukirti Pattnaik, MD, Indulge

the Saloon; Sreej Patnaik, MD, Mother's Public School; Harshavardhan Didwania, Co-founder and MD, EeVe Scooters; Pradeep Pansari, Director, Rajhans, Rajiv Swain, MD, Odisha Hotel; Punya Prakash Parida, MD, Embassy and Biraja Prasad Rout, founder, Biggies Burger. To uplift the fashion statement of Odisha to higher level Bhubaneswar Runway season-6 also organized where eminent fashion designers showcase their creativity and woo the audiences with their authentic design statements. 30 models participated in the event

to showcase designs. Ollywood celebrities like Elina Samantray and Bhoomika graced the occasion as guest designers and brands like Priya's (Priya Mohapatra), Tasa Wings (Sipra Das), TP Garments (Savitri Panigrahi), AJ Fashion Realm (Selina Dashon) and Reemly Design Studio (Reemly Studio) participated and showcase their designs. Priya's By Priya Mohapatra showcases handloom collection 'EKATRA' which is amalgamation of sambalpuri handloom fabric and pipli applique work. AJ Fashion Realm

by Selina Doson has showcased summer collection which is inspired by gorgeous butterfly hamadryas. Sipra Das's Tasa Wing has brought collection 'Fusion' which is inspired from 'the galaxy' fit for festive season, evening party and wedding season. Reemly's Design studio is showcasing the Bridal Collection 'Rooh' at Bhubaneswar Runway Week 2022 (season 6). TP Garments are here with some of our evening gowns collection, rich in colours, unique designs, patterns, and Using shades nude, grey, navy blue, teal blue.

## Bandhan Bank registers strong business growth in Q4FY



During the fourth quarter of the current financial year, the Bank's deposit book grew 24% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deposits now stand at Rs. 96,331 crore. In this period, the Bank's retail deposit book showed a substantial

growth and grew 21% year-on-year to Rs. 74,441 crore. The current account and savings account (CASA) book grew by 18% year-on-year, and the CASA ratio now stands at 41.6% of the overall deposit book. With respect to advances, the bank saw 16% growth over the

corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total advances are now at Rs. 99,338 crore.

Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), an indication of the stability of the Bank, is at 20.1, much higher than the regulatory requirement. To cater to its customers across the

country, Bandhan Bank is focussed on diversifying its presence across India and also growing its product portfolio in areas like SME Loans, Gold Loans, Personal Loans and Auto Loans.

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## Mahindra Promises, 'Get Highest Productivity Per Liter of Fuel'

**Pune :** Mahindra's Construction Equipment Division (MCE), a part of the Mahindra Group, today announced their unique and disruptive customer value proposition "Get Highest Productivity Per Liter of Fuel or Give Back".

be it mining, trenching, crushers, building construction or any other work in construction industry. Mahindra BS4 Backhoe Loader – EarthMaster, with this competitive advantage will provide them an edge, complete peace of mind and scale up their CE business, delivering higher prosperity.

Jalaj Gupta further added, "Our new BS4 machines have delivered higher fuel efficiency, which is the outcome of Mahindra's superior technological prowess rooted into a deep understanding of the Indian customer.

Additionally, MCE is offering Service guarantee to ensure higher uptime for our customers through guaranteed speedier turnaround of the machine. The state-of-the-art iMAXX Telematics technology is further helping lower the Cost of Ownership by providing a firm control to the owners over their machines, remotely."

## ICICI Lombard launches Professional Indemnity Insurance for Doctors

**Mumbai:** ICICI Lombard, one of the leading private general insurance companies has launched Professional Indemnity Insurance for doctors. This new offering covers all specializations, provides instant policy issuance, and comes equipped with transparent and competitive pricing, a hassle-free claim process, and legal counsel services support in case of claims.

As professionals, doctors are vulnerable to human errors where they can be held liable by the kin of the patients. As a solution to situations of such nature, this policy has been curated to provide support to medical practitioners against the scope of various human errors that can happen while rendering professional services to patients.

Speaking on the same, Mr. Sanjeev Mantri, Executive Director, ICICI Lombard said "Doctors and healthcare professionals are prone to uncertainties and risks while they are in the forefront to save lives. Error, omission, or

## RapiPay launches De Dhana Dhan Offer

**New Delhi/ Bhubaneswar:** RapiPay Fintech Private Ltd, one of the leading fintech companies in India, has announced the launch of RapiPay De Dhana Dhan offer pan India for its 5 Lakhs + agents, also known as, Direct Business Outlets (DBOs). The new scheme incentives thousands of lucky DBOs daily with prizes such as Smart TVs, Smartphones, mobile accessories and cashbacks.

To become eligible, DBOs need to do AEPS or Recharge transactions

advanced, class-leading products and set higher standards for the Indian CE industry. The Service Uptime Guarantee further reinforce our commitment to our customers and our confidence in our products and after-sales capabilities."

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and negligence.

It will also provide coverage against invalid claims where there is no fault of the practitioner by covering the legal fees and settlement compensation to be paid against the claims awarded by the court, or in cases of medical malpractices allegations and legal suit due to breach of confidentiality allegations.

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our DBOs, RapiPay's De Dhana Dhan Offer is a step towards that. An effective incentive scheme like this does not just improve customer experience and build your business, but also helps with DBOs retention. Moreover, as a category leader, we are committed to grow the Assisted Payments space and take the financial inclusion to the last mile. "RapiPay is one of top players in AEPS and Micro ATM services. It has witnessed 200% growth in AEPS and Micro ATM transactions from April 2021 to March 2022.

# Where does Pat Cummins the ODI bowler stand

**New Delhi:** Pat Cummins and Mitchell Starc have played together for Australia for over a decade now. But it's unlikely that they've had a longer chat during training than the one they had during Australia's final training session before their opening World Cup game in Chennai. It commenced after the pace-bowling duo had delivered a dozen or so deliveries each in the net to Mitchell Marsh and Steve Smith. And it was Cummins doing most of the talking to start with. It seemed to mainly centre around tactics and strategy with Australia's captain making some suggestions to Starc. That is before the senior fast bowler took charge of the discussion. And for the next 20 or so minutes, it was Starc who held court. In rather animated fashion too, waving his hands around while setting virtual fields. There also seemed to be various recommendations as to what lines and lengths he'd want the Aussies to target

at various stages of the opposition innings. The conversation then also drifted into Starc displaying different grips on the ball while possibly describing his bag of variations. Cummins did chip in with his own thoughts occasionally. For most parts though, he looked like an eager student soaking in all the information coming his way, especially after coach Andrew McDonald jumped in as well. Cummins bowled a short spell at training on Wednesday (October 11) in Lucknow a day before Australia take on South Africa in their second game of the tournament. It was mainly a dozen or so deliveries bowled off a short run on a side pitch to nobody, but assistant coach Daniel Vettori stood behind the stumps. And once done, he walked straight to Josh Hazlewood this time around. Hazlewood was sat on a chair, having had a short burst himself in the searing heat and humidity of Lucknow. This chat was a lot less animated,



considering Hazlewood stayed seated. And it wasn't the longest either, with Marcus Stoinis soon joining the two fast bowlers, resulting in the topic shifting more towards power-hitting. It's only understandable, however, if Cummins does feel the need to pick the brains of those who've played this format a lot more than he has, especially in recent years. Or that if he feels the need to get a refresher course on some of the finer and intricate aspects of 50-

over cricket. For, it's always felt like every time Cummins has come back to play ODI cricket, the format has changed on him. It's evolved. It's moved on. And it's created a new niche to how it used to be whenever he'd have last played it regularly. It's probably the reason why we've never really quite been able to ascertain just where the 30-year-old New South Welshman features in terms of the best to have played in this format. Cummins the Test bowler

is already on his way to be a hall of famer. Cummins the T20 bowler has had his moments and has also attracted some of the biggest IPL deals in recent years. But the jury is always out on Cummins the one-day bowler. If anything, there isn't enough sample size to really get the perfect reading on him in this format.

Cummins has played 20 ODIs since the end of the last World Cup, including 4 in the last few weeks. Hazlewood and Starc have

played 31 and 27 matches respectively in that time. Cummins has 30 wickets at 31.90 in those 20 matches with a best of 4/35 against Sri Lanka in Pallekele last year. Purely as numbers stand, there's not much you can take away from them. He's done decently enough and has been the second most successful bowler in the death for Australia in between the two World Cups. But it's difficult to make out what they really do say about Cummins the ODI bowler if anything at all.

To his credit, Cummins himself feels like he's in "as good a place as ever" with ball in hand in this format. But did acknowledge that it's constantly a role that keeps changing.

"I'm really happy where it is. I feel like it's in as good a place as it ever has been. I think early in my career, I found it a hard balance between Test cricket and T20, like getting too funky. I always find with one day cricket; your roles can be very different. Being an opening bowler with a ball

that swings is very different to coming on first change, maybe bowling cross seamers where you're trying to almost defend and get your wickets through pressure. So, it's a different kind of challenge to the other formats, but yeah, I feel in a really good place, and I enjoy the challenge of having to almost be prepared for anything in terms of death bowling or just basics or trying to create a wicket out of nothing. So, yeah, pretty happy," he said.

Cummins is also the first to accept that the vagaries of the format also make it at times a more unique challenge than the other two, and perhaps even more taxing in the context of a day's play.

"I think the biggest challenge is you've got 10 overs. It's actually quite a physical format I find it probably the most physically taxing if you're playing two or three games in a week. We're doing 15kms in a 50-over match. I think in T20, if

## Virat Kohli Wins Hearts In Delhi, Urges Fans To Stop Trolling Naveen-ul-Haq During ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 Match



**New Delhi:** Former India captain Virat Kohli ended the feud with Afghanistan pacer Naveen-ul-Haq which began during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 season earlier this year. Kohli hugged it out with Naveen after India's eight-wicket win over Afghanistan in their second match of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Kohli and Naveen were involved in a brawl after Royal Challengers Bangalore's win over

Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL 2023 match in Lucknow. LSG mentor Gautam Gambhir had also got involved in the fight and as a result, Kohli and Gambhir were fined 100 per cent of their match fees and Naveen was fined 50 per cent of his match fees. Ever since that fight, crowds in India have been trolling the Afghanistan pacer with chants of 'Kohli, Kohli' wherever he played even after his return to the country for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023. On Wednesday, not only

did Kohli end the feud by hugging it out with Naveen but he also urged his home crowd at the Arun Jaitley Stadium to stop trolling him in a video which went viral on social media.

Afghanistan influencer Wazhma Ayoubi shared the viral video with the following message on social media platform 'X', "Delhi hai Dilwala ki. King @imV Kohli is asking his fans to stop the fan war on @imnaveenulhaq. Later, they shake hands and hug each other. To all those asking why the king is my favorite Indian player, what a gesture!" Meanwhile, Kohli completed his second successive fifty in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 and remained unbeaten on 55 off 56 balls as India completed an eight-wicket win with 15 overs to spare.

## Recovering Shubman Gill reaches Ahmedabad, as does Pakistan

**New Delhi:** Shubman Gill has reached Ahmedabad. Even as India were taking on Afghanistan at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi, the young opener, suffering from dengue fever, travelled to Ahmedabad from Chennai. He reached Gujarat city on Wednesday night.

It is still not clear if the 24-year-old opener will be able to play in the marquee game against Pakistan but indications are that he is improving. After spending a night at the Kaurvay Hospital in Chennai he returned to the hotel and today he took the flight to Ahmedabad.

Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) officials told Cricbuzz that the doctors from the hospital certified that



Gill is good enough to take flight. He could not fly to Delhi with his teammates because his platelet count was low and flight journey was not advisable.

The game against Pakistan is at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on

Saturday (October 14). Gill, down with the fever, is yet to take part in the ongoing World Cup.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Pakistan team arrived in Ahmedabad amid tight security. They flew to the city from Hyderabad, on

Cricket Association (GCA) member told this website.

The team will practise at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Thursday evening. The Indian team will reach on Thursday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Indian government has started issuing visas to the Pakistani media. However, there is no immediate information on whether fans will be able to cross the border for the World Cup. It has been learned that at least a couple of dozen media personnel from Pakistan will be able to travel to Ahmedabad before the high-voltage marquee game.

Approximately 60 journalists have applied for World Cup visas, and so far, about 25 have been granted permission to travel to India."

## The curious case of Rashid's PowerPlay absence



**New Delhi:** Rashid Khan was an active participant in Afghanistan's huddle as the team looked to see each other up for a defence of 272 against a formidable Indian line-up at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi. However, he wasn't party to the actual effort of making the target seem bigger than it was on a fairly benign surface. When he did eventually come on to bowl as the last of six bowling options used by captain Hashmatullah Shahidi, India were 125 for no-loss in 14 overs with Rohit Sharma batting on 88 off 52. In other

words, the game was as good as over. Afghanistan's bowling trump card conceded just 10 from his first two overs and ended the 156-run opening stand in his third with his staple googly. He dismissed Rohit too but not before the Indian captain had given a valedictory feel to the final parts of the game.

It was not a one-off move that backfired. Since the start of the year and before last night's game, only two of Rashid's overs had come in the PowerPlay. Afghanistan haven't needed him in that phase also because they've had Mujeeb Ur

Rahman and Fazalhaq Farooq, the latter behind only Mohammed Siraj and Matt Henry for wickets in the first 10 overs since 2022.

However, given both Farooqi and Mujeeb had proved to be expensive, there was reason to bring Rashid on quicker than they did, especially given his strong head-to-head record, albeit in T20 cricket, against Rohit (four dismissals in 34 balls).

Head coach Jonathan

Trott for one ceded that the team would reconsider the trend of holding back the ace spinner. "I didn't hold him back. I think, Yeah, I think it's just a case of - when Rash... I always

want to feel like, certainly in that instance, you want to get him into the game as soon as possible," Trott said after the defeat. "You know, the captain obviously had a feel or

a gut feel that he wanted to go with, and that's the case. I think that's a captain's prerogative. And I think there is a case maybe when the ball gets a little bit older for Rash to bowl with it,

and it gets a little bit more turn, it doesn't skid on as much. So, there's six of one half a dozen of the other. But certainly, you want a guy like Rash in the attack as soon as possible. So, it's

always something we'll look at." Despite the defeat in Delhi, Trott saw some progress from his team, particularly with the bat, after a forgettable effort in the opener against Bangladesh. The head coach did admit getting shot out for 156 in Dharamsala perhaps played a part in the team's slow beginning and ultimately under-par total of 272.

"Overs 20 to 30, 30 to 40, we got 60, 65. So we're going at over a run-a-ball in those 10. It's just in the beginning, I think after 20 overs we were sort of around 80, we're going at fours, and that's just not good

enough, especially when the ball's hard, you want to be going a lot quicker and scoring a few more runs," Trott said.

"But I think maybe it's a little bit of a hangover from the Bangladesh game, but I certainly hope now the confidence we'll have taken into the England game. There's some things that we did really well. There's some things we need to improve on. But that's the case for any side, especially developing side playing against the powerhouse of India and on the home patch in Delhi. So yeah, plenty to look forward to, but also lots to work on."