

PRESIDENT OF INDIA LAUNCHES THE FOURTH KRISHI ROAD MAP OF BIHAR

New Delhi (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu launched the fourth Krishi Road Map (2023-2028) of Bihar at Patna today (October 18, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that agriculture is an important part of the folk culture of Bihar. It is the basis of Bihar's economy. Agriculture and allied sectors not only employ almost half of the state's workforce but also contribute significantly to the state's GDP. Therefore, all round development of the agriculture sector is very important. She was happy to note that the Government of Bihar has been implementing the Agriculture Road Map since 2008. She noted that as a result of the implementation of the

last three agricultural road maps, the productivity of paddy, wheat and maize in the state has almost doubled. Bihar has also become a leading state in the production of mushroom, honey, makhana and fish. She said that the launch of the fourth Agriculture Road Map is an important step towards taking this effort forward.

The President said that the farmers of Bihar are known for striving and adopting new experiments in farming. This is the reason why a Nobel Prize winner economist called the farmers of Nalanda "greater than scientists". She was happy to note that despite adopting modern farming methods, the farmers of Bihar have preserved the traditional methods of

agriculture and varieties of grains. She described it as a good example of the harmony of tradition with modernity. The President urged farmers of Bihar to take advantage of the rising demand for organic products. She said that the

organic farming is helpful in reducing the cost of agriculture and environment conservation. It is also capable of increasing the farmers' income and providing nutritious food to the people. She was happy to note that the

Government of Bihar has created an organic corridor in the districts along the banks of Ganga to boost organic farming. The President said that global warming and climate change are a crisis for the existence of entire humanity. But

these affect the poor the most. She noted that Bihar has received very little rainfall in recent years. She said that Bihar has been considered a water-rich state, rivers and ponds have been the identity of this state. To maintain this identity, it is

very important to pay attention to water conservation. She stated that Climate Resilient Agriculture can play an important role in dealing with the challenge of climate change. By bringing changes in the current farming pattern, bio-diversity can be promoted, exploitation of water resources can be reduced, soil fertility can be conserved, and above all, balanced food can be delivered to the plates of people.

The President was happy to note that ethanol is being produced from maize, a major crop of Bihar. She said that it is an important step towards reducing dependence on fossil fuels, environmental protection and energy security of the country. The President said that

the contribution of Bihar is very important in fulfilling the dream of developed India. But to turn this dream into reality, we have to come out of man-made narrow-mindedness. There is no option other than holistic development to make Bihar a developed state. The policy-makers and people of Bihar have to set a road map for the progress of the state and follow it. She said that it is a matter of satisfaction that the agriculture road map is being implemented in Bihar. But, she would be more happy when Bihar is seen continuously moving on the path of progress by making a road map on every parameter of development - ??be it health, education, per capita income or Happiness Index.



CM Inaugurates OPTCL TECH Tower



Bhubaneswar (KCN): Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the OPTCL Tech Tower today at Saheed Nagar in Bhubaneswar. This Rs 55 Crore worth multi-storeyed building will function as Corporate Office of Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited. Secretary to CM (5T) Shri VK Pandian was

present.

The building has been constructed with modern architecture and technology to ensure the safety of the workspace and the building is an energy-efficient building.

It is worth mentioning here that Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited is engaged in providing uninterrupted and quality

electricity service to the people of Odisha and plays a major role in the progress of the power sector. The CM said that the role of OPTCL to the State's transmission infrastructure is significant.

In 2000, the state had 16 lakh consumers, but now this number has increased to 97 lakh. Similarly, there were only 80 grids, today 194

grid substations are functioning. The transformation capacity has increased from 6,125 MVA to 25,800 MVA and transmission line from 9400 circuit km to 16,300 circuit km. The OPTCL has demonstrated its expertise in the field of power transmission and has created extensive employment opportunities for the youth of the state. Energy Minister Shri Pratap Keshari Dev, Science & Technology, Public Enterprises, SSEPD Minister Shri Ashok Chandra Panda, MLA Shri Ananta Narayan Jena, MLA Shri Susant Kumar Rout, Additional Chief Secretary Energy Shri Nikunja Bihari Dhal, OPTCL CMD Shri Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Senior officers and employees of OPTCL were present.

Triple-storeyed building with a total area of 3186 Sqft. near Friends Club, S undar p a d a , Bhubaneswar worth approx Rs.75 Lakhs (picture given below). Triple-storeyed building with a total area of 2468 Sqft. over plot No-367, Trilochan Vihar, Ebaranga, Sundarpada, Bhubaneswar

Triple-storeyed building with a total area of 2845 Sqft. over plot No-366, Trilochan Vihar, Ebaranga, Sundarpada, Bhubaneswar

Triple-storeyed building located at Amlapada, Nimapada, Puri. One Flat vide No.1/B4-02, Block-B4, First Floor High Tech Plaza, S undar p a d a , Bhubaneswar

26 plots in prime areas of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Pipili & Nimapara (Puri), and Jankia & Jatani (Khurda) were found. The Registered Sale Deed (RSD) value comes

to Rs.89.02 Lakhs. However, the actual value is likely to be much higher. Undervaluation of the plots during registration is suspected. A thorough probe has been initiated in this regard.

The measurement and valuation/assessment of the above buildings/flat/plots is being carried out by the Vigilance Technical Wing.

On the allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income, simultaneous

house searches were launched on the properties of Sri Prasanna Kumar Pani, JE (Technical Consultant), Samagra Sikhya Abhiyan, office of BEO, Pallahara, Angul today i.e. 18.10.2023 at 11 places in Khurda (Bhubaneswar), Angul and Puri districts i.e;

Triple Storyed Building at plot No.367, Trilochan Vihar, Ebaranga, Sundarpada, Bhubaneswar.

The triple-storeyed building at plot No.366, Trilochan Vihar, Ebaranga, Sundarpada, Bhubaneswar.

Triple-storeyed building near Friends Club, Sundarpada, Bhubaneswar. Flat No. 1/B4-02, Block-B4, First Floor High Tech Plaza, Sundarpada, Bhubaneswar.

Rented house at Uday Vihar, Canal Road, Pallahara, Dist-Angul. Bhubaneswar.

Bus Strike In Odisha From Oct 20

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The private bus owners association has decided to go on strike from 20th October protesting against the LAccMI scheme of the state government.

Barda Acharya Mohanty, Treasurer of the Private Bus Owners Association

said, "When we discussed with the Chief Minister, he promised that no LAccMI Yojana bus will run from block to district and it will ply between panchayats to the blocks. But two days ago, the Chief Minister launched the LAccMI scheme and

has also reduced the fares. Due to the implementation of the LAccMI scheme, private bus owners will face financial losses. Therefore, the association has called for a bus strike from 20th October.

Former Orissa HC Chief Justice S Muralidhar Designated Senior Advocate In Supreme Court

New Delhi (KCN): The former Chief Justice of Orissa High Court Dr. S Muralidhar is slated to practice law before the Supreme Court of India after being designated as a Senior Advocate by the apex court. The Supreme Court of India has the former Chief Justice of Orissa High Court. The decision was taken by the Chief Justice

of India and the Judges of the Supreme Court of India in a full Court Meeting held on October 16, 2023. The designation is in terms of Guidelines for Designation of Senior Advocates by the Supreme Court of India, 2023, framed in compliance with the Judgment dated 12th May 2023 passed in the case of

Odisha Govt, WTI Launch 'Gaj Utsav' Campaign



Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha alongside other esteemed guests representing the Legislation, District Administration, Forest Department, Media and civil society.

The launch ceremony was marked by the unveiling of 6 elephant

art pieces handcrafted by local artisans. This was followed by a symbolic baton handover from Pradip Kumar Amat to Sumit Kar, Dhenkanal DFO, Bijaya Dash, Collective Initiation For Social Solidarity (CISI) NGO and Dr. Sandeep Tiwari, Chief of

Conservation, Wildlife Trust of India. This unique Public-Private Partnership will take forward the vision of bringing the Gajah (elephant) to the Prajah (public) through the elephant districts of the state.

The event showcased a

series of engaging activities including cultural performances, a cycle rally, origami and storytelling workshops for students and informative sessions, all designed to highlight the importance of protecting these magnificent creatures and their habitats. It concluded with a Media Panel Discussion on "Sensitive and Responsible Wildlife Journalism."

Gaj Utsav is a visionary campaign by the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) with a mission to raise awareness about safeguarding the future of India's National Heritage Animal, while also advocating for their essential Right of Passage.



Friendship

(Shibangi Dhara), Bandana Sahoo



Friendship is nothing
Then there is something
Friendship is very different from any other relationship
It's such a relationship,
Within which we can find every relationship
We can share each and every emotion of our heart
There is probably nothing more fun in this world than this
Perhaps a person gets peace only in this relationship
Because there is no compulsion of relationship in this
And that's why
It is very different from other relationships.
It's a very unique relationship
Without which our life is nothing
Friendship plays a very important role in our life
And even more important
Because a good friend can lead our life towards a good direction.

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The window ajar

Saikat Kumar Basu

Radha is crying.....
Since the evening sun set that was
Blurred by heavy rainfall.
She could feel,
The splashing rain drops on her face.
She could breathe-
The sweet smell of earth.
Following the rainfall and thunderstorms;
She could not move away
From the window ajar,
Slapping back and forth-
Due to the turbulent monsoon winds.
The world looks bleak and meaningless...
She is still holding the letter,
That she received over the post
This late afternoon.

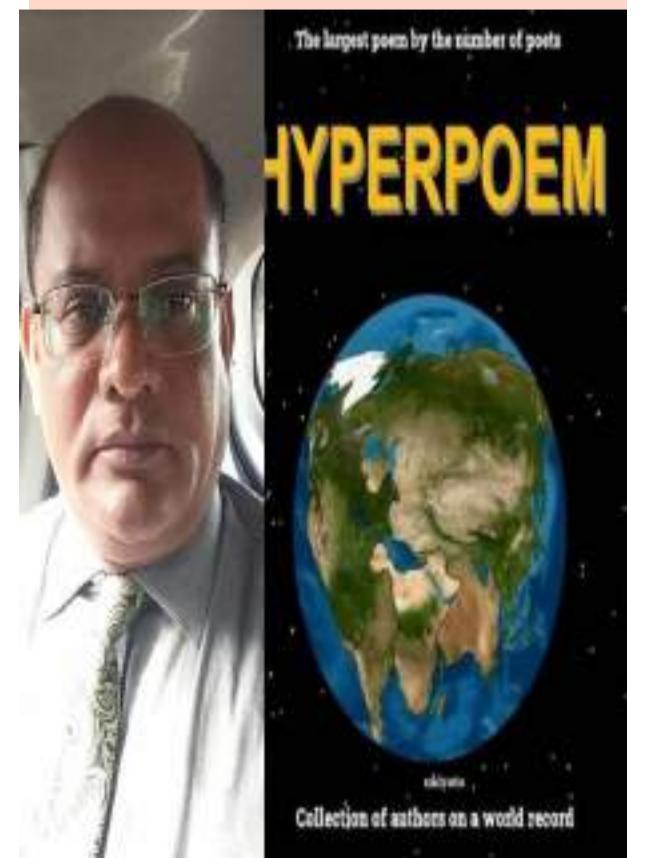
Krishna has bid her, his final goodbye
He his bidding his adieu to India,
For his new job in the US!
He wants no further communication from her
The mad rains could not convey him
That his once prized Radha is pregnant
With his child....
That she has nowhere to go?
In this heartless world -
While the window is ajar with the maddening rain!

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Dr Prasana Kumar Dalai:winner of HYPERPOEM Guiness world Record 2023

Dr Prasana Kumar Dalai is a passionate Indian Author-cum-poet while a popular lecturer of English by profession in the Ganjam district of Odisha. He is an accomplished source of inspiration for young generation of India. His free verse on Romantic and melancholic poems appreciated by everyone. He belongs to a small typical village Nandiagada of Ganjam District, the state of Odisha. After schooling he studied intermediate and



Laureate Upendra Bhanja was in his court beside Sadananda Kavisurya Brahma. It was a dream of artists in the medieval period to get an invitation from Nayagarh Royal Court to showcase their talent. Pandit Binayak Mishra who succeeded Pandit Nilakantha Dash as a Professor in Calcutta University, was also from Nayagarh, my teacher Dr Bijoy Kumar Nanda too. I had two more personal connections with Nayagarh at one point of time. My father had three cousins. One of my aunts was from Nayagarh. Her brothers were at times visiting us at Puri. My own uncle was teasing them by saying that since they are from an underdeveloped princely state, visiting Puri for them is like visiting Bombay city! One of my closest colleagues at Umerkote was Prafulla Kumar Sahoo, PET, was also from Nayagarh. He gave me shelter in his quarters when I joined there. At that time I was just a stranger for him. Nayagarh is very close to my heart. But, nobody has called me to visit Nayagarh for the last three decades and I don't visit uninvited to the house of a pretty !

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That Pretty Woman

Prof. MANAS RANJAN MAHAPATRA

far and wide in his own country as well as in other countries, but in his house dies out of hunger. Most of his days are spent in scarcity and sorrow. Whatever he received from the court by praising the King was not sufficient for sustaining his whole family. Once there was no grain or paddy in the house. Jadumani finished up his daily activities and went to the court taking some Tiffin. He was supposed to bring some rice and vegetables while returning from the court. His wife was waiting for him. Jadumani returned from the court at the usual time. Being absent minded he couldn't know when he reached home. The poets are like this. They go on singing even in acute hunger. He remembered everything when he reached home. He had not brought anything. He felt helpless and sad thinking what his wife will say. His wife however was very clever. Totally husband oriented. She consoled him. Said, "There is no point in being so thoughtful. I know all the poets are like this. I have already cooked whatever grain was there in the house. Wash your hands and face and eat." Jadumani changed his clothes and sat for dinner. His wife sat beside him. Very hesitantly she spoke, "will you keep a request of mine?" "Say what?" "I am saying this for our well being. Think for a while and see. Then you do what you realise to be the better. We have nothing as our property. We don't have

a proper house to stay in. We are just lying in this broken hut. Somehow we are managing with the meager amount that you get by writing poems in praise of the King. Had we had some land then we could have sustained ourselves by cultivating it. I think if you ask for a cultivable land from the King he will not deny you. He will certainly give. But ask for it in the right time." Jadumani accepted his wife's request and promised to ask for a land to the king next day. The couple then went to sleep that night. The next day while being to the court Jadumani's wife reminded him about the land. Jadumani reached the court early and sat silently making a remorseful face. The king entered the court. Still then he didn't get up to greet him. The king immediately asked, "Jadumani what happened? Are you not well or sad for any reason?" Jadumani pressed his stomach hard and said my health and mind is ok but my stomach is paining out of hunger. All sorts of drama on this earth are only for this small stomach. If one's stomach is full then only he can do something. If His Highness grants a land for me then...." The king realized that the poet is saying the right thing. If he gets a land then he can sustain his family by cultivating the same. There will be no poverty in his family. He immediately called for the land dispersing officer and ordered him to handover a good land to Jadumani as soon as possible as a gift. Jadumani

met the officer after the meeting of the court was over. The dispersing noble thought this man is carpenter by profession. Writing one or two mere lines of poem this poet is misguiding the king and now is going to get a land as gift! He will not let this happen. So he said to Jadumani, "O' the intellectual, give me some time. I will find a very good land so that you will remember me all through your life. There are chances of being cheated in haste." Jadumani agreed with him. Time passed gradually, one year was over. Jadumani didn't get a land. One day he met the noble and queried if he is not interested to give a land. The noble thought if Jadumani will get angry then he will immediately tell everything to the King. So he instantly handed over Jadumani the papers of a land. Jadumani returned home happily. The next day when he saw the land his heart became cold. That was such a stoney land where no crop can be cultivated. It was a rocky barren land. Cultivating crops are far cry; even a grass has not sprouted on that land inspite of heavy rains.

He went to the court. There was no happiness in his mind. He was sitting with a heavy heart. As soon as the king arrived he asked about his well being.

Instead of saying anything he wrote a poem and gave it to the king. The King read -

"Whatever his highness gave out of pleasure To get it took one full year Selected carefully a land

that is so barren Even coconut will break in the rainy season Such a land Even 'Chakunda' seeds will not show a strand.' The King understood everything. He immediately summoned for the land dispersing noble and rebuked him like anything. He also suspended the noble from his job for some days. He then gifted Jadumani a very fertile land. Nayagarh has always remained a pretty woman for me as I have always seen it in the midnight either when going or coming back from Umerkote where I was a School Headmaster for three years in 1980s. My younger brother like Arindam Dakua once invited me in early 2000s for inaugurating a Book Fair he organised when he was appointed as its Collector after it became a district, but I could not make it. I have two more young friends from there, Bibhuti Jena and Sarat Acharya. Of late my student Ajeet Kumar Mishra joined Nayagarh College as a Lecturer in English. Nayagarh College and my School Utkal Hindi Vidyapith were contemporaries, both were established in early 1960s. Eminent poets Devdas Chhotaray and Haraprasad Das were lecturers there before joining civil services. Prof Ganeswar Mishra was also there before joining Utkal University. Poet Harihar Mishra, Essayist Parikshit Nanda and fiction writer Nimaipattanayak was also there. The kings of Nayagarh were patrons of literature for centuries. Poet



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12th Fail: Naseeruddin Shah's Comment On Vidhu Vinod Chopra Will Leave You Stunned

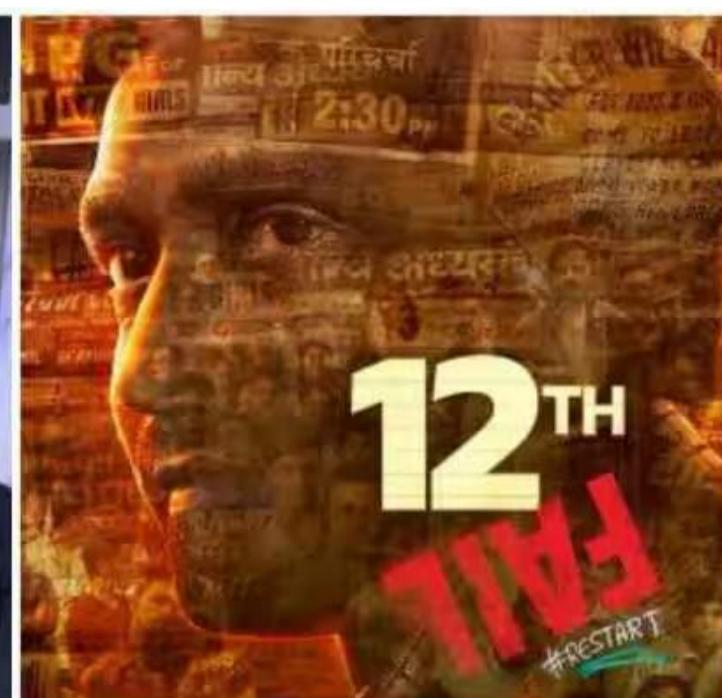
Vidhu Vinod Chopra's directorial '12th Fail' has garnered lot of attention already. Starring Vikrant Massey in the lead, the director is currently gearing up for the release.

A veteran, Vidhu Vinod Chopra Films recently celebrated 45 years in the industry. To commemorate this special day, the cast and crew of his cult classic film 'Khamosh', including Naseeruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi, Soni Razdan, and other Bollywood celebrities, reunited to mark the opening day of the film festival.

During the film festival, Vidhu Vinod Chopra was asked about the best compliment he had ever received in his career spanning over 45 years. In response to the



question, the filmmaker shared an interesting anecdote. The best compliment he received was from Naseeruddin Shah, not for his previously released films but for the soon-



to-be-released '12th Fail'. Sharing the compliment, Vidhu Vinod Chopra said, "Since the beginning, Naseeruddin used to tell me that I didn't know how to direct

movies, but after watching '12th Fail,' he said, 'Yeah, you have learned direction.'"

'12th Fail' revolves around UPSC aspirants and is based on real-life experiences. The film tells the real-life story of millions of students, and to keep the context and theme of the film connected to the film's subject, the makers have gone out of their way.

Akshay Kumar-Starrer 'Mission Raniganj' Continues To Woo Audience In Theatres



Mission Raniganj: The Great Bharat Rescue' has received a great response from both the audience and critics alike. Not just the film has received a decent word of mouth, fans have poured love and amazing reviews from all across. The example of the audience craze is well evident after looking at the houseful shows and the film being the first

choice of the audience on National Cinema Day. Ahead of this, it also emerged as the first choice of everyone despite the recent India vs. Pakistan match. While the whole nation was glued to the screens due to the highly-intensified India vs. Pakistan match, Akshay Kumar-starrer 'Mission Raniganj' went on to enjoy its own presence on the big screens.

Despite the match, the film stood as the first choice of the audience. The film sold 40,000 tickets on Book My Show in just 24 Hrs. which is way more than other films running along in the theaters. In a recent interview with ANI, Akshay Kumar said, "Mission Raniganj is about 71 miners who were trapped three hundred and fifty feet below the

Tiger 3 Trailer: Fans Hail Return Of Salman Khan As OG Of YRF's Spy Universe



The highly anticipated trailer of Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif's action-entertainer 'Tiger 3' was released by the makers on October 16, and as expected, it took over the heads of the masses. The long wait of the audience finally ended as Salman Khan returned in his power-packed and audience favorite spy avatar Tiger. As the OG of the YRF's Spy universe, Tiger came back, how can we expect fans to stay calm.

As the trailer dropped, the netizens took over social media and started to express their excitement after watching Salman Khan back as the OG father of the spy universe. While praising Salman Khan's looks and action, the Netizens declared the film a blockbuster. So here is what the Netizens have to say - As the trailer of 'Tiger 3' has finally been released, it has further piqued the ever-rising excitement for the release of the film. 'Tiger 3' is directed by Maneesh Sharma and stars Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, and Emraan Hashmi. 'Tiger 3' will be released on November 12, 2023.

London Film Festival 2023: Kareena Kapoor-Starrer The Buckingham Murders Receives Standing Ovation



Kareena Kapoor-starrer 'The Buckingham Murders' has created a much-deserved buzz among audiences. Helmed by Hansal Mehta, 'The Buckingham Murders' promises to leave the audience astonished with its thrilling story. No wonder, it has started to spread its charm much before its release by stealing the show at the BFI London Film Festival 2023 and receiving a standing ovation.

'The Buckingham Murders' had been announced as an official selection for the prestigious BFI London Film Festival 2023. As the film screened at the global podium, it left its indelible mark by receiving a standing ovation. The director Hansal Mehta was also present at the film festival. The thrilling

story and ensemble cast received unprecedented love and appreciation from the audience, further elevating our exhilaration for its arrival on the big screens. The film also marks Kareena's debut production venture. Recently, Kareena

dropped a string of pictures from the film and wrote, "Jas Bhamra, Jas was a character I have been waiting to play for the last 23 years, being a huge fan of the detective series genre... watching everything from Karamchand to Helen Mirren in Prime

Suspect to Hercule Poirot in Agatha Christie to Kate Winslet in Mare of Easttown, I was just dying to be that detective woman." She added, "On a 25-page synopsis given to me by Hansal and Ekta, I started reading it at 1 a.m., and I knew I had

found the woman I wanted to be... Ekta, Hansal and I set off on this journey to make a slightly unconventional film, but a film that is with heart, a bit of a smile, and, oh my god, lots of tears... It played at the British Film Institute last night, and

as this film starts its journey... in the world of movies... I couldn't be more nervous and excited as an actor and a first-time producer... I feel so odd writing that... but I feel really cool..."

'The Buckingham Murders' promises to deliver a thrilling experience that will undoubtedly leave its mark on this year's festival. The film stars an excellent ensemble cast Kareena Kapoor Khan, Ash Tandon, Ranveer Brar, and Keith Allen. Directed by Hansal Mehta, written by Aseem Arora, Kashyap Kapoor, and Raghav Raj Kakkar. Produced by Balaji Telefilms and TBM Films alongside Shobha Kapoor, Ekta Kapoor, and Kareena Kapoor Khan. The film is all set to hit the theatres on March 22, 2024.

Change Your Mindset and Change Your Life



Our mindsets shape every aspect of our lives. The lens through which we view the world colors everything – how we interpret events, tell ourselves stories, and interact with others. While our mindsets often go unexamined, they are not fixed. With care and intention, we can shift our mindsets in ways that lead to profound personal transformation. Changing our mindsets requires persistence, self-awareness, and an openness to seeing things in a new light. But the payoff can be life-changing. By adjusting our mindsets, we can

reframe obstacles as opportunities, develop greater resilience in facing challenges, unlock reserves of motivation and energy, and open doors to possibilities we would have otherwise overlooked.

The Impact Of Mindset

Our mindsets shape what we believe is possible and our overall approach to life. Someone with a fixed mindset believes that qualities like intelligence and talent are pre-determined. They are more likely to avoid challenges that may threaten how those abilities are perceived. Someone with a growth mindset believes abilities can be developed through effort and embraces challenges as opportunities to improve.

These different mindsets lead to different outcomes. Studies show that people with growth mindsets are more motivated, achieve

more, and are happier overall. The opposite is true for those with fixed mindsets. Our mindsets become self-fulfilling prophecies – what we believe internally manifests externally.

Ultimately, the growth mindset person who embraces challenges is more likely to be promoted. Our mindsets don't just interpret reality, they shape it.

Become aware of your current mindset and thought patterns. Pay attention to your self-talk and the automatic stories you tell yourself about your abilities, circumstances, and identity. Are they mostly fixed or growth-oriented? Identify areas where your mindset is not serving you. Which mindsets are limiting your potential? Common problematic mindsets include believing you lack intelligence in certain areas, that the world is working against you,

or that your past failures define you. Challenge limiting beliefs. Once you identify a harmful mindset, consciously dispute it. Argue against it as you would a friend with low self-esteem.

Provide counter-examples from your life that disprove the negative mindset. For instance, if you think, "I'm bad at math," remind yourself of times when you did understand a math concept. Logically walk through evidence contradicting the limiting belief.

Tell yourself empowering alternatives. Replace disempowering stories with mindsets aligned with your goals. Frame challenges as growth opportunities. See yourself as capable of learning and improving. Develop a growth narrative about your life.

Visualize your new mindset. Imagery is powerful. Picture

yourself embracing challenges and persisting despite obstacles. See yourself accomplishing goals thanks to your new mindset. Envision positive outcomes.

Fake it until you make it. Sometimes, we have to act as if we already hold the mindset we want. Say yes to a challenge that seems daunting. Voice your ideas even if you feel inadequate. Behave in alignment with your growth mindset goals, and it will gradually feel more natural.

Change your self-talk. Monitor your inner voice to catch limiting self-talk. Then, actively reframe it. For example, rephrase "I always mess things up when I try" to "I have so much room to improve if I keep trying."

With concerted effort, you can rewrite the mental stories holding you back. The payoff will be a more empowering mindset. The Benefits Of A

Growth Mindset

Developing a growth

mindset, where you

see abilities as

learnable and

challenges as

opportunities, unlocks

a multitude of

benefits:

Increased motivation and achievement. People with growth mindsets are more motivated because they believe effort leads to improvement.

According to researcher Carol Dweck's landmark studies, this leads to perseverance, grit, and more remarkable achievement.

Greater well-being. Because people with growth mindsets interpret setbacks as temporary rather than personal flaws, they experience less stress, helplessness, and other negative emotions hamper well-being.

Stronger relationships. People with growth mindsets make better partners and friends. They offer support

during tough times rather than judgment. They are less critical of others' perceived flaws and more encouraging of growth.

Health benefits. One Stanford study found people with growth

mindsets had healthier cortisol levels and cardiovascular systems.

They produced less stress hormones and had lower blood pressure.

More happiness. Research shows people with growth mindsets experience more positive emotions, greater life satisfaction, and higher overall happiness levels, according to studies by psychologist Dweck.

Growth mindsets empower us to reach our potential in every arena, from work to relationships and beyond.

Conclusion

Identify areas where you have room for more growth-oriented thinking. With daily practice, challenge negative assumptions and reframe them. Work to replace self-limiting stories with mindsets aligned to your goals. You can change how you interpret and relate to the world fundamentally. Commit to developing growth mindsets that propel you toward your potential. The effort will not be easy. Changing mindsets requires patience, self-awareness, and determined consistency. But the payoff is invaluable – increased confidence, motivation, health, happiness, and possibility. With a perspective shift, you can transform your mindset and your entire life.

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Revitalizing Healthcare in Odisha: A Path to Progress and Prosperity



India's healthcare landscape has witnessed significant reforms in recent years, with initiatives like the National Health Mission (NHM), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Health and Wellness Center (HWC) Programs, and the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) aiming to strengthen the country's healthcare infrastructure. While these reforms have undoubtedly expanded healthcare access, India continues to face multifaceted challenges in achieving comprehensive health system outcomes. These challenges include ensuring financial risk protection, affordable and equitable access to quality healthcare, efficient service delivery, and enhancing citizen satisfaction. India's healthcare reforms have been instrumental in expanding access to healthcare services across the country. The

NHM, launched in 2005, has been pivotal in strengthening healthcare infrastructure, particularly in rural areas. PMJAY, often referred to as Ayushman Bharat, introduced the world's largest government-funded health insurance program, providing financial protection to millions of vulnerable families. The HWC Programs aimed to transform sub-health centers into comprehensive primary healthcare centers, bringing essential services closer to communities. The NDHM, with its digital health initiatives, seeks to revolutionize healthcare delivery and improve health information management.

In this context, Odisha, a vibrant state in eastern India, home to around forty million people, over the years has witnessed a gradual improvement in the health and well-being of its population, thanks to various developmental, educational, and economic initiatives, along with advancements in healthcare services. The state of Odisha holds immense potential for increased healthcare spending. In recent years, health expenditure has

represented a modest 0.57 percent of the total gross state domestic product. A substantial portion of these funds is channeled into the tertiary sector, focused on diagnosing and

treating diseases, leaving limited resources for building a robust healthcare infrastructure. While Odisha has made strides in improving healthcare, substantial progress is still needed. Mortality rates in the state remain higher, and life expectancy is lower than national averages. Alarming figures such as infant mortality rates close to sixty-five and under-five mortality rates at eighty-one per thousand live births highlight the urgency of addressing child health issues. To combat these challenges, Odisha has developed a comprehensive child health plan under the National Health Mission. However,

immunization rates, though improving, are still suboptimal, with just seventy-one percent of one-year-old children fully immunized. Common

ailments like diarrhea, gastroenteritis, anemia, and jaundice continue to account for a significant portion of childhood mortality. Reducing maternal mortality is another priority, requiring greater institutional deliveries. Unfortunately, only forty-four percent of deliveries in Odisha occur in healthcare facilities. Strengthening healthcare infrastructure and ensuring access to skilled healthcare personnel for maternal, neonatal, and postnatal care are imperative.

Malaria control and efforts to combat HIV and AIDS have shown positive results, reflecting the state's commitment to addressing health challenges. The

State-driven reforms aimed at distributing healthcare resources more equitably across rural and urban areas, including incentives for doctors to serve in remote regions, have yielded mixed results. With just 120 doctors per one million people and fewer than four beds per ten thousand people, further progress is essential.

The Orissa State Integrated Health Policy recommends that public expenditure on healthcare reach two percent of the state's gross domestic product and five to six percent of the state budget. This policy envisions a fair allocation of resources across primary, secondary, and tertiary care, as well as among different regions and healthcare systems. The



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establishment of new subcenters, primary health centers, and community health centers has been pivotal in improving health indicators in Odisha.

However, health financing in Odisha remains fragmented. Out-of-pocket spending by households constitutes the largest funding source, accounting for a staggering eighty percent of total health expenditure, surpassing the national average of seventy-one percent. Medications contribute significantly to these out-of-pocket expenses, especially in public hospitals.

The state government, financed through general tax revenues, supports free or subsidized public health services, including programs like the National Health Mission. Government-sponsored health insurance programs aimed at the poor further diversify funding sources. These programs have had notable success in covering a substantial portion of the below-poverty-line population.

Coordination among implementing agencies needs improvement to enhance the effectiveness of healthcare programs. Accessibility issues persist in tribal and hilly areas, where healthcare providers and skilled professionals remain scarce. Acute staff shortages, low salaries, and morale issues pose significant hurdles to healthcare delivery.

While information technology innovations show promise, their impact on healthcare quality needs evaluation.

The burden of out-of-pocket spending, particularly on medications, disproportionately affects those seeking care at higher-tier facilities due to a weak referral system. Collaborations with NGOs and greater community involvement can improve healthcare access. Fiscal devolution provides communities with opportunities for greater awareness and transparency.

Tailored communication strategies can overcome barriers associated with low literacy and limited media access.

To revitalize healthcare in Odisha, the following recommendations should be considered: Diversify funding sources such as exploring private sector investments and donor agency support to reduce reliance on out-of-pocket expenditures. To boost efficiency, systematically allocate budgets for greater efficiency, exemplified by initiatives like the Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd. Shift from vertical programs and integrate disease-

specific programs into the general healthcare system for cost-effectiveness and increased impact. To ensure quality health care services, enforce standard treatment guidelines and referral protocols to guarantee high-quality healthcare. Odisha's healthcare system stands at the crossroads of transformation. Investments in health technology, coupled with a commitment to evidence-based decision-making, are paving the way for a more efficient and accessible system. Nevertheless, challenges like high out-of-pocket expenditures and unequal access to quality healthcare persist, particularly in remote areas. Private sector investment holds immense potential but must be complemented by robust regulation.

As Odisha continues its journey towards a healthier future, it offers a promising landscape for stakeholders to collaborate, innovate, and make impactful investments. The goal is clear: to ensure that every citizen, regardless of location or economic status, has access to quality healthcare services, ultimately leading to a healthier, more prosperous Odisha.

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The Union Minister for Heavy Industries, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey attends the Green Plate EV Rally event organised by Society of Indian Automobiles Manufacturers (SIAM) at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi

Fire Breaks Out In Durga Puja Pandal In Tripura Due To Short Circuit



Agartala, Tripura: In a shocking incident, a fire broke out in a Durga Puja pandal at Blood Sun Club at Ujan Abhaynagar, Agartala on Wednesday. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha condoled the incident through his social media handle. "I am deeply saddened that the Puja pandal along with the idol structure was completely gutted due to an accidental fire during the work on the Puja pandal at Bloodsun Club at Ujan Abhaynagar in Agartala. I, along with the respectable people of the

concerned area, am deeply saddened by this untoward incident," Chief Minister Manik Saha said in a post on Facebook. The Durga Puja pandal was completely destroyed in fire due to a short circuit in the pandal because of wrong electrification. However, there are no casualties or injuries reported in the incident, as per sources. Manik Saha condoled the untoward incident on his social media handle and requested all club members to be very careful and follow the guidelines given by the

Government. DM Tripura West Dr Vishal Kumar and Mayor Dipak Majumdar were also present alongside the Chief Minister while visiting the affected Puja pandal of Blood Sun Club.

"I appeal to the public puja organizers of the state to take extra precautions during the construction of puja pandals," said Manik Saha.

In a similar incident during Navratri last year, a fire broke out in a Durga pandal in Uttar Pradesh's Bidohi district which claimed five lives.

Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Launch Bus Yatra Ahead Of Telangana Polls

Mulugu, Telangana (KCN): Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday launched a bus yatra and kickstarted the party's campaign for the November 30 assembly polls in Telangana.

Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, who reached here in a chopper from Hyderabad, offered prayers at the historic Ramappa temple in Mulugu district. Congress sources said they landed at Begumpet airport this afternoon from Delhi on a special flight and reached Mulugu by helicopter.

They are scheduled to address a rally and also interact with women in the district later in the day. Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi were briefed about the Ramappa temple (recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage site) by the temple authorities.

UNESCO has conferred the World Heritage inscription to the historic Rudreswara Temple, also known as the Ramappa Temple, at Palampet in Mulugu district.

The Rudreswara temple was constructed in 1213 AD during the reign of the Kakatiya empire by Recharla Rudra, a general of Kakatiya king Ganapati Deva. The presiding deity here is Ramalingeswara Swamy.

It is also known as the Ramappa temple, after the sculptor who executed work on the temple for 40 years.

The temple complexes of Kakatiyas have a distinct style, technology and decoration exhibiting the influence of the Kakatiyan sculptor. The Ramappa Temple is a manifestation of this and often stands as a testimonial to the Kakatiyan creative genius. The temple stands on a six-feet high star-shaped platform with walls, pillars and ceilings adorned with intricate carvings that attest to the unique skill of the Kakatiyan sculptors.

Jammu And Kashmir Forms Panel To Identify Foreigners Staying Illegally

Jammu (KCN): The Jammu and Kashmir administration has set up a six-member committee to identify foreign nationals who are illegally staying in the Union Territory since January 2011. The home department in an order stated that the committee will prepare a monthly report and submit it by the seventh day of every month to the Union home ministry.

The financial commissioner-cum-additional chief secretary of the home department will be the chairperson of the panel which was constituted in response to a November 26, 2020, communication by the home ministry, the order



read. The members of the committee include the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO) of Punjab, senior superintendents of police (SSPs), the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Criminal

Investigation Department (Special Branch) of both Jammu and Srinagar, and all SSPs and SPs (Foreigners Registration Office).

In 2021, the Jammu and Kashmir Police had launched a major

crackdown against illegal immigrants and detained over 270 Rohingyas from Myanmar, including 74 women and 70 children, at the sub-jail in Kathua district's Hiranagar. The jail was eventually turned into a holding

centre for foreigners staying illegally in the Union Territory.

Rohingyas are a

Bengali dialect speaking Muslim minority in Myanmar. Following persecution in their country, many of them entered India illegally through Bangladesh and took shelter in Jammu and other parts of the country.

More than 13,700 foreigners, including Rohingya Muslims and Bangladeshi nationals, are settled in Jammu and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir, where their population has increased by more than 6,000 between 2008 and 2016, according to government data.

SMP, Kolkata signed MoUs worth INR 36,000 Crore Deals, Paving the Way for Port - driven industrialization

Kolkata (Amba Mukherjee)

Syama Peasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with several companies on the third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023, held in Mumbai. The economic value of the MoUs signed is over 36,000 crore, an official of the port said.

The MoUs were signed by Chairperson, SMP, Kolkata, Mr Rathendra Raman with the various stakeholders at the inaugural session of GMIS-2023 which was inaugurated by the Governor of Maharashtra, Mr Ramesh Bais in the

presence of Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr Eknath Shinde and the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH, Mr Sarbananda Sonowal in Mumbai. The First PPP project of Kolkata Dock System, SMP, Kolkata, rejuvenation of KPD - Dock 1 (West) was inaugurated virtually by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi in the event. The Project with investment of Rs. 181 crores will augment the port capacity by additional 4.5 MMTPA and will involve complete mechanization of 6 berths, the official added

Durga Puja celebrations at Heritage Law College, Kolkata



Kolkata (KCN): Heritage Law College, Kolkata, celebrated the Dusshera Durgapuja 2023 where students organized a cultural program to make the moment auspicious and

memorable. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. S. S. Chatterjee, Director, Heritage Law College in the presence of faculty and staff. There were cultural

programme organized to depict the ten avatar of Maa Durga. Also the same day witnessed Arohan 2023, freshers welcome party for the new batch of students.

Boudh District Advisory Committee Meeting Held Under PC & PNDT Act.



SUBARNAPUR (KCN)

A meeting of the Boudh District Advisory Committee on Prevention of illegal Gender Determination (PC & PNDT Act) was held today at the Collectorate. In the meeting held under the chairmanship of Collector and District Magistrate Nrusinha Charan Swain

, he reviewed the measures taken to prevent illegal gender determination in the district. The Collector ordered regular inspection of the private ultrasound centers in the district. Apart from this, it was decided to make the free ultrasound service provided at the district headquarters hospital more effective. The

number of girls is decreasing compared to men. District Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jayakrishna Mishra, Public Health Officer Dr. Madan Mohan Pradhan, District Medical Officer Dr. Sanghamitra Panda and District Program Coordinator Rupah Mohapatra were among others present in this meeting.

4 Arrested For Allegedly Defacing Flag Of Israel In Mumbai

Mumbai (KCN): Four persons were arrested by the police for allegedly defacing the flag of Israel in South Mumbai, an official said on Wednesday. A video of the incident, which took place at a junction in the Bhendi Bazaar area on Tuesday night, has surfaced on social media platforms. In the video, a group of people can be seen defacing the Israeli flag. Taking serious cognisance of the incident, the J J Marg Police registered an FIR (first information report) under relevant sections of the IPC and arrested four persons, he said. Meanwhile, another official said the Mumbai police were monitoring social media sites for any inflammatory or objectionable content related to the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in West Asia after the devastating October 7 terror attacks on the Jewish state. If anyone tries to disturb peace and harmony with offensive social media posts, appropriate action will be taken against him, the officer warned.

State Favors Clean Energy

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena today said the State Government is committed to developing clean energy in alignment with Odisha's new Renewable Energy Policy, 2022. The Chief Secretary said this while inaugurating Odisha Energy Transition Workshop here organized by GRIDCO in association with the International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iFOREST) and Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation to deliberate on State's

draft guiding documents for energy transition planning.

Shri Jena hoped that the workshop would provide a crucial platform for Odisha to strategize and collaborate with national and international experts, advancing the State's energy transition agenda.

In his opening remarks at the inaugural session, the Additional Chief Secretary, Energy, Nikunja Bihari Dhal said that the State Government is making all efforts in developing



the energy action plan and energy efficiency action plan towards devising a sustainable & inclusive energy

transition plan. The workshop featured different sectoral sessions and in-depth discussions on clean

energy, transport, industry & mining, agriculture & fisheries. Experts from various fields and countries

shared their expertise on renewable energy during the deliberation sessions. The day-long workshop was designed to facilitate discussions and collaborations aimed at transitioning from conventional to non-conventional energy sources.

Speakers from think tanks, international organizations, academia, and industry highlighted the workshop's significance in the context of India's mission to achieve 500 gigawatts of renewable energy installed capacity by 2030. They

also praised the efforts of the Government of Odisha in this regard. In accomplishment of its objective, the workshop elicited an insightful deliberation and peer-to-peer discussions on the draft plans with valuable inputs from sectoral experts and industry leaders to help State departments in effective rollout of their respective energy transition visions. Among others, P K Pujari, Former Secretary (Power) & Former Chairman, CERC, Dinesh Jagdale, Joint Secretary, Ministry of

Minimum Wages, Health Safety, Insurance and Social Security for all workers



Bhubaneswar,(KCN): INTUC Odisha State Branch working Committee Meeting held at Jagannath Kalakendra Mandap under the presidency of Dr. Rama Chandra Khuntia, Ex-MP President of INTUC, Odisha Branch and National Vice President of INTUC unanimously resolved demanding to revise the minimum wages in Odisha to 26000/- ensure Health Safety BijuSwasthya Yojana, Social Security ESIC and provident fund for all workers working construction, forest, agriculture, forest all NMR work charged, contractual and contract labourer in state Govt. Public and private sector and Rs 50000/- to all construction workers at the time of delivery. The

Modi Government has waved 6 lakhs crores interest and 10.5 lakhs crores loan to Industrial Houses where as the MNGREGA funds has been reduced and also budget allocation in education and Health have been reduced. All though PM has been telling for unavial social security and Health Safety but not a single rupees has been allocated for the social security for 48 crore workers. Central Government has not taken any strategic steps for ratification of ILO Convention 187 and 155 and implementation of Health and safety resolution of ILO allocated. As per DSFASLI in between 2017 to 2020 three people died and 11 injured in each day in between 2017 and 2020 with the actual

number is much more. The committee also demanded the Central Govt. and State Govt., Odisha must receive old pension scheme. Immediate as various State Govt. like Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Telengana a allied implemented old pension scheme. The INTUC State committee also demanded 6000 minimum pension for provident fund linked pension scheme. The committee express this great concern the Govt. of India not signing the non-binding convention of UNO with his meant for the protection of migrant workers right.

The committee while appreciate the 33% of women in Parliament and assembly election demand

implementation from 2024. It is also demanded to reserve 33% post for women in employment. The committee urge upon the state Govt. to create employment opportunity to bring back 40 lakhs migrant labour of the state. All Sugar Mills, Cotton Mills, closed factors to be opened and cotton formers may give sufficient subsidy and support to gross cotton for the use of cotton mills. General Secretary Soubhagya Pradhan, Kishore Jena, Vice President Shyam Sunder Mohapatra, Paresh Jena, Joint General Secretary Nirmal Kumar Samal, Satyabrata Nayak, Women Committee Chairperson Pranati Mishra & Youth INTUC, Odisha Branch President Bishnu Mohan Rath participate in the discussion.

First Mail/Express train to Badampahar/Rairangpur area

Bhubaneswar,(KCN): Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister of Railways has gifted 4 pairs of new trains over the SER system in the festive season. Hon'ble Minister of Railway has said that, this is the first time Tata- Badampahar/ Rairangpur area will have Mail/Express train connectivity. It was a long pending demand of the area and will fulfil the aspirations of local people. The trains will run between Kolkata (Shalimar)-Badampahar-Kolkata (Shalimar) Weekly Express, Badampahar-Rourkela-Badampahar Weekly Express, Rourkela - Tatanagar- Rourkela (6 days a week) and Tatanagar- Badampahar-Tatanagar (6 days a week). It will boost the local economy , help development of the tribal

area and provide additional connectivity to the aspirational districts. These trains will be introduced very soon. 1. *Shalimar(Kolkata) - Badampahar- Shalimar(Kolkata) Weekly Express* Shalimar - Badampahar Weekly Express will leave Shalimar at 23.05 hrs every Saturday and will reach Badampahar at 05.40 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, Badampahar- Shalimar Express will leave Badampahar at 21.30 hrs every Sunday and will arrive Shalimar at 05.00 hrs, the next day. The train will stop at Santragachi, Kharagpur, Jhargram, Ghatsila, Asanboni, Tatanagar, Bahala Road, Aunlajori and Rairangpur between Shalimar and Badampahar. The train will stop at Rourkela-Badampahar Weekly Express

Badampahar-Rourkela Express will leave Badampahar at 06.10 hrs every Sunday and will reach Rourkela at 11.40 hrs, the same day. In the return direction, Rourkela- Badampahar Express will leave Rourkela at 14.20 hrs every Sunday and will arrive Badampahar at 19.25 hrs, the same day. The train will stop at Rairangpur, Aunlajori, Bahala Road, Tatanagar, Sini, Rajkharwan, Chakradharpur, Goilkera and Manoharpur between Badampahar and Rourkela. 3. Rourkela- Tatanagar- Rourkela (6 days a week) Rourkela-Tatanagar train will leave Rourkela at 04.50 hrs daily except Sundays and will reach Tatanagar at 09.15 hrs, the same day. The train will stop at Haludpukur, Aunlajori, Rairangpur, Kuldha and Chhavna between Tatanagar and Badampahar.

2. Badampahar-

direction, Tatanagar -

Rourkela train will leave

Tatanagar at 15.25 hrs

daily except Sundays and

will arrive Rourkela at

19.35 hrs, the same day.

The train will stop at

Bisra, Manoharpur,

Chakradharpur, Sini and

Adityapur between

Rourkela and Tatanagar.

4. Tatanagar -

Badampahar-Tatanagar (6 days a week)

Tatanagar-Badampahar

train will leave Tatanagar

at 09.55 hrs daily except

Sundays and will reach

Badampahar at 12.15 hrs,

the same day. In the return

direction, Badampahar -

Tatanagar train will leave

Badampahar at 12.45 hrs

daily except Sundays and

will arrive Tatanagar at 15.20

hrs, the same day.

The train will stop at

Haludpukur, Aunlajori,

Rairangpur, Kuldha and

Chhavna between Tatanagar

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Servotech Power Systems and EMCOR will Establish 1000 EV Charging Stations in India

Bhubaneswar : In a landmark development aimed at advancing well equipped and cutting-edge EV charging infrastructure, Servotech Power Systems Ltd., a

business start-up of EMCOR International, a renowned Kuwait-based general trading company with a strong focus on the Oil and Gas sector, along with various ministerial



distinguished NSE-listed manufacturer of EV chargers in India, and EMCOR Power Solutions, a prominent name in providing remarkable and technologically EV charging CPO solutions and advanced battery have signed an MOU to Revolutionize EV Charging Infrastructure in India. EMCOR Power Solutions is the Indian

departments. Under the terms of this MOU, EMCOR Power Solutions commits to providing Servotech Power Systems with 1000 CPO (Charge Point Operator) sites in India. These sites will serve as the foundation for the installation of EV chargers, as outlined by the agreement. Servotech Power Systems will take on the role of

requirements of different locations. The project will be executed in phases, with the initial phase encompassing the installation of 100 DC fast EV chargers in South India, followed by further expansion across PAN India. This tie up will mark a significant development in the quest for efficient and well equipped EV charging infrastructure in India.

Nexus Esplanade and Atypical Advantage hosts a 'specially abled' Independence Day performance

Bhubaneswar : Nexus Esplanade has always been known for coming up with unique and special activations, which are relatable. This Independence Day, they has joined hands with Atypical Advantage to curate a unique Independence Day activation where there will be LIVE performances by specially-abled children. The collaboration between Nexus Esplanade and Atypical Advantage will fructified on 15 August 2023, where shoppers and music enthusiasts came together to witness the talent of singers with disabilities. Atypical Advantage, a leading platform that empowers persons with disabilities, for an extra ordinary

collaboration that celebrates the power of music and inclusivity. Around 13 singers and bands with different disabilities, joined Raj to perform across the Nexus Malls portfolio during this Independence week. Mr. Jayen Naik, COO for the Nexus Malls portfolio said, "We have always taken great pride in curating events which are different and have always been at the forefront when it comes to providing a platform to talent. For this Independence Day, we have joined hands with Atypical Advantage to ensure our patrons get to experience the amazing talent that these kids with special abilities have. I am confident, this activation will be something that will

create a lasting memory for not just our customers, but also for our retail partners and team."

"I am thrilled to witness the wonderful

collaboration between Nexus Esplanade and Atypical Advantage, as we unite to promote incredible singers with disabilities across some of their malls. This exceptional initiative demonstrates the power of inclusivity and the belief that every voice deserves to be heard and celebrated," says Geetika Mehta, Co-founder & COO, Atypical Advantage

24 with Strength Q1FY24 GBR at INR 2,371Crores, an All-Time High

New Delhi: EaseMyTrip.com, one of India's leading online travel technology platforms, announced its results today for the quarter ended 30th June 2023. The company has recorded a remarkable quarter and has continued to deliver robust growth, driven by its customer-centric approach and lean business model. The company recorded its highest-ever quarterly

GBR in Q1FY24, which stood at INR 2,371.0 Crores, reporting a remarkable 42.6% growth, from the corresponding quarter's GBR of INR 1,663.1 Crores. Adjusted Revenues have also recorded a significant growth of 46.9% YoY, reaching INR 193.2 Crores in Q1FY24, as against INR 131.5 Crores in Q1FY24. Adjusted Revenues as a

% of GBR were at 8.2% as compared to 7.9% in Q1FY23.

The company has continued its tradition of being profitable since inception as it reported an EBITDA of INR 37.5 Crores in Q1FY24. EBITDA Margin for Q1FY24 stood at 29.6%. Profit after Tax (PAT) for Q1FY24 stood at INR 25.9 Crores with PAT Margin for Q1FY24 at 20.5%.

SpiceJet and Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card

GURUGRAM: SpiceJet, the country's favourite airline and Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, have partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card, powered by Visathat will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers. The card comes in two variants – SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage and Voyage Black, and is aimed at facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through SpiceClub, the first frequent flyer program by a low cost carrier in India.

Through this

collaboration, the two brands hope to capitalize on the resurgent demand for travel following two years of stagnation caused by the pandemic. Further, with the shared goal of expanding their reach to Tier 2 & 3 cities and other synergies, the brands are committed to serving a much larger populace.

SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage & Voyage Black credit cards were officially launched at Indira Gandhi International airport in the presence of Ajay Singh, Chairman and MD, SpiceJet and Amitabh Chaudhary, MD & CEO, Axis Bank,

where they unveiled a special SpiceJet-Axis Bank credit card livery on a SpiceJet Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

The products are designed to enable customers use the rewards earned on their daily spends for booking flights and add-ons, thus encouraging both travel and digital payments embedded with benefits of SpiceJet's frequent flyer program, SpiceClub.

Customers can earn benefits up to 7% on the Voyage Black credit card which is a Top-tier offering in the travel credit card segment. In addition, the redemption

of earned points does not have any limitations on blackout dates, festival demand, and are on first-come basis. Cardholders would get exclusive SpiceClub membership with direct entry in either Silver or Gold tiers, and special benefits like complimentary or discounted travel add-ons, priority check-in, SpiceMax upgrade, preferred seat selection, complimentary meal etc. Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "I am delighted to announce the launch of the SpiceJet-Axis Bank co-branded Credit Card. This card will make

every customer journey an even more rewarding one. We are the pioneers of the frequent flyer program for budget airlines in the country and this partnership with Axis Bank significantly strengthens the value offering of SpiceClub. Our association with Axis Bank – founded on the shared vision to offer unparalleled customer experience – is yet another innovative step towards creating a world class travel experience. I hope to see our customers enjoying the benefits of this rewarding collaboration as much as they love to fly with us."

Sony announces the Next-Gen Smart BRAVIA 32W830K Google TV

Bhubaneswar : Sony India today announced the launch of BRAVIA 32W830K television with attractive picture quality and life like sound. The all-new 80 cm (32) HD ready Google TV lets you enjoy movies, games and shows from apps or broadcast in an instant with advanced voice controls and built-in Chromecast.

Now seamlessly integrate Google TV and bring together more than 700,000 movies, shows, live TV and more from apps and subscriptions and organize seamlessly. With BRAVIA 32W830K, browse content from across your apps, intelligently organized just for you. Customers can easily find something to watch with personalized recommendations and bookmark shows and movies by adding a watchlist from phone and watch it on TV to keep track of what to watch. Users can even add to their Watchlist from their phone or laptop with Google Search and find everything in one place. BRAVIA 32W830K supports Apple Home Kit and AirPlay that seamlessly integrates Apple devices like iPads and iPhones with the TV for effortless content streaming. Easily control your TV with Hands-free voice capabilities. The hands-free voice control is built into the TV, no need to reach for the remote every time to search for entertainment, get answers, or control the TV and smart home devices. Simply say, "OK Google" to issue a voice command.

RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS STRONG GROWTH IN FY22

Mumbai : Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited, a JV between Reliance Capital and Nippon Life of Japan, announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2022. The key performance highlights as on March 31, 2022 include:

Commenting on the company's strong performance in FY22, Mr. Ashish Vohra, ED &

CEO, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance said, "FY22 continued to pose its own set of challenges with the outbreak of the second, and then the third wave of the pandemic. We are grateful for the support we have received from our customers, employees, distributors, service providers and their families, that powered our journey of providing maximum value to each one of our stakeholders."

Mr. Vohra further highlighted that in a volatile economic environment of today, there is a heightened appreciation of Life Insurance for ensuring certainty of life coverage as well as financial investments. These guarantees are designed to drive durable long-term returns and to help customers fulfill their

life goals and form the bedrock of our business model.

The company paid death claims, maturity and survival benefit payouts of over Rs. 1,877 Cr in FY22 and achieved an impressive claims settlement ratio of 98.7% for FY22, up from 98.5% in FY21. The company expeditiously settled 3,517 Covid related claims worth Rs. 117 Cr. within an average period

of 9 working days. Mr. Vohra further commented, "A death claim is the ultimate test of a Life Insurance product, and it is the 'dharma' of a Life Insurer to honour all such claims with speed and accuracy. We continue to be fully committed and financially stable at 235% solvency (against the regulatory requirement of 150%), to meet all customer claims that may arise in the times ahead."



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Scripting the new Orange era, with Edwards and Cook

New Delhi: Rarely do you see Scott Edwards not sporting a smile, whether it is practice, doing the drills, walking out for the toss, interacting with his teammates, speaking to the opposition members, sitting in the dressing room, or speaking to journalists.

"I'm probably not the loudest captain going around," Edwards tells Cricbuzz, again with a smile.

Even during the tense moments of their World Cup Qualifiers campaign, he was "reasonably calm" whilst his side pulled off remarkable victories en route to India. "I sort of had the feeling that we were going to get the job done. We may not have got the job done but I was pretty relaxed... if it was meant to be then we would win those games,

and if it wasn't then yeah, it wasn't meant to be," he puts it simply.

This sort of calmness and quiet confidence are traits usually associated with an experienced leader. Edwards, all of 27, only got the role a year back, and that too because Pieter Seelaar's troublesome back forced him into retirement. He was the vice-captain at that time when Edwards was thrust into the role midway during the ODI series against a rampaging England side. It wasn't the ideal initiation for Edwards with England registering thumping victories. But it was a learning experience nevertheless, one that would hold him in good stead in the months to come.

A couple of months before Edwards took the captaincy seat, there was another change in the



leadership structure as Ryan Cook was named interim head coach after regular coach Ryan Campbell suffered a cardiac episode during a family holiday in England. Campbell later stepped down from the role and Cook became the full-time head coach, with the Cook-Edwards partnership heralding a

new journey for the Netherlands cricket team.

"It was quite a sudden thing that happened with Pieter Sielaar, and there were a lot of people involved in the decision to get Scott involved as the captain. At that time, I was still serving in the interim. We discussed it between Ryan, myself

and other coaches. One, we felt he was a willing leader. Two, he was very able. He came in with a bit of baptism of fire with the England series which was a tough one for us. But leading into the Qualifiers, we started to bring in his own flavour and how he wanted to run things," recalls Cook in a chat with Cricbuzz.

"That equation between him and I developed over time. I've learned a lot about him, a lot from him. He is a very intelligent cricketer, has incredible intel on the game and how he wants to play it. He is an incredibly authentic human, he is very believable to his charges and that makes him very credible because he shows up for his team when they need him. He has an incredible work rate and sets an incredible example. He is willing to walk the talk wherever needed."

Walk the talk, he did on Tuesday.

After two losses to kickstart their 2023 World Cup campaign, the Edwards-led Netherlands were up against South Africa in Dharamsala. While there was a ray of hope that they could repeat the giant-killing act they pulled off in the

T20 World Cup in 2022, that slipped away quickly when the Dutch slipped to 140/7 in the 34th over in a game reduced to 43 overs per side. Edwards, who was on 33 off 41 at that stage, had the belief that his team could finish with a good total and also had the confidence in his lower-order team-mates.

"I think I've got a good understanding of the players we've got in our group, so it's just fine-tuning the way to get the best out of those guys is pretty much my main role. How can I get the best out of everyone? I think it's probably bits and pieces I've picked up along the way but like I said, I'd like to lean on other guys who've got plenty of experience in the setup. Plenty of guys have captained in county cricket, in different parts of the world. So I've got plenty of that experience."

Pakistan squad faces minor health scare

New Delhi: The Pakistan team at the World Cup has been hit by a minor health issue with a few of their players afflicted by fever. Ace fast bowler Shaheen Afridi is believed to be among those affected.

According to a statement from the Pakistan team management, some of the players who had been suffering from fever are now on the path to recovery, while others are still recuperating. "Some players got fever in the past few days and most of them have fully recovered from it. Those who are in the stage of recovery remain under the team medical panel's observation," a spokesman for the Babar Azam-led team said.

The names of those under the weather have not been disclosed but it is understood that the players who are unwell



include Shaheen, Abdullah Shafique, Mohammad Rizwan, Salman Ali Agha, Mohammad Haris and Zaman Khan. "There is no viral infection or disease. A few players had a fever and most have already recovered," the statement said without disclosing the names.

PCB lodges complaint against inappropriate crowd behaviour. Meanwhile, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced that it has lodged a complaint with the International Cricket Council (ICC) against the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the Ahmedabad crowd for inappropriate

conduct targeted at its players during the game against India. The PCB has also expressed its dissatisfaction with the BCCI for failing to arrange visas for Pakistan fans and for not securing timely visas for its journalists. "Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has lodged another formal protest

Danish Kaneria Slams Pakistan Cricket Board For Complaining To ICC About Ahmedabad Crowd

New Delhi: Former Pakistan leg-spinner Danish Kaneria has slammed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), who on Tuesday had

complained to the International Cricket Council (ICC) raising multiple issues against the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). One of PCB's major concerns has been treatment that the Pakistan

cricket team received from the crowd in Ahmedabad during their ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 match against India at the Narendra Modi Stadium last week. Kaneria, who is one of the rare Hindus to play for the Pakistan team, questioned PCB on social

call ICC event as BCCI event? Who asked Rizwan to perform Namaz in playground? Don't find faults in others!" Kaneria tweeted. The PCB have raised multiple issues to the ICC on Tuesday. "The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has lodged

ongoing World Cup 2023," a PCB statement read.

"The PCB has also filed a complaint regarding inappropriate conduct targeted at the Pakistan squad during the India vs Pakistan match held on 14 October 2023," the statement added.

'Strategically we got things wrong' - Rob Walter on South Africa's Dutch defeat

New Delhi: How could a team that played so well to beat Sri Lanka and Australia perform so poorly against the Netherlands? Rob Walter seemed to appreciate the enquiry, even if the faltering team under discussion was his own.

"That's a hell of a good question; I guess that's why we love sport," Walter said after South Africa crashed to a difficult-to-imagine defeat, by 38 runs, against the Dutch in their men's World Cup match in Dharamsala on Tuesday.

"Four days ago we played outstandingly well [to beat Australia by 134 runs, their heaviest ever World Cup defeat, in Lucknow], today not well. We weren't good enough, particularly at the end of their innings and at the start of our

team were dismissed for 207 in 42.5.

"Strategically we might have got a few things wrong," he said. "Maybe I got our ratios wrong in terms of the slower ball versus hard length and on-pace deliveries. That's definitely more extras than we would want to bowl. At 140/7 you're in control of the game, so to not be able to close out the innings at the death is disappointing. The momentum shifted then, but we back ourselves to chase 240. But we got off to a very poor start and that put us on the back foot.

"It takes everyone to win the game and the competition, so you can't rely on any one aspect. You've got to do it all and you've got to do it consistently well. We were inconsistent from the last game to this game, and we got a couple of things wrong

that we normally would get right. It takes batting, bowling and fielding to win games." Walter was not yet South Africa's white-ball coach when the Dutch beat them by 13 runs in Adelaide in November in their last group match at the T20 World Cup, which eliminated Temba Bavuma's team from the race for the semifinals. Tuesday's setback came in the South Africans' third league game of

this tournament, so they have six matches left to repair the damage. But they are under pressure to fix things quickly, what with them taking on England and Bangladesh in Mumbai on Saturday and next Tuesday and Pakistan in Chennai next Friday. That's seven days that could shake South Africa's world - in good or bad ways - nevermind their World Cup. "We'll do a proper

dissection of the game, but it's really what you take from this game that makes you better in the next game," Walter said. "That's ultimately the question we ask ourselves after every game. Win or lose, what are the lessons that we take and how do we use those to be better next time round? And, to be honest, we could probably chat for quite long this time. There's a lot to learn, good and bad. I don't need to point

out the obvious; the numbers tell us that. The learnings are there. It's about us being open enough to be able to take them on board and move forward." Scott Edwards was one of eight players in the Dutch XI that shined day in Adelaide in November and again in Dharamsala on Tuesday. He was anything but surprised at his team's latest feat: "It's just about playing our best brand of cricket, and we feel like if we play well enough on the day we can beat any side." Even so they had to earn the right to be in India by reaching the final of the qualifiers in Zimbabwe in July. Tuesday's knockout blow must have made it all worthwhile. "After qualifying we were pretty quick to set our minds to what we wanted to do at

