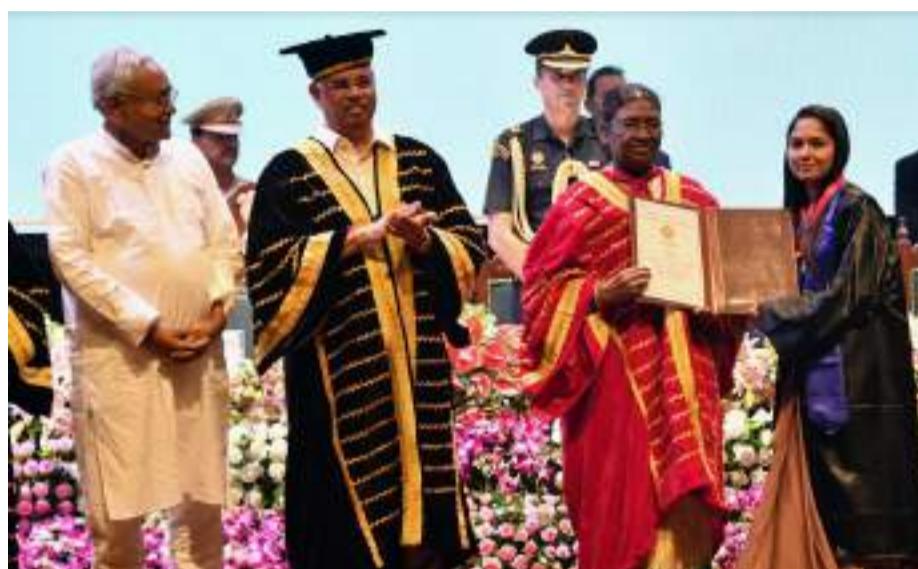


PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES FIRST CONVOCATION OF AIIMS PATNA MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ARE THE ASSETS OF OUR COUNTRY: PRESIDENT MURMU

New Delhi (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the first convocation of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Patna at Patna, Bihar today (October 19, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that this is the first convocation ceremony of AIIMS Patna and it is a day of pride for this institution and for its students. She said that doctors who are receiving degrees today are ready to play their significant role in the health and development of the country and its citizens.

The President said that AIIMS is an institute of national importance. It has set many new standards in the field of medicine and research in the country and abroad. AIIMS is an excellent medical institute where



the highest quality and advanced treatment is being provided to people from all sections of society.

The President said that the medical profession protects people's health and life. People trust doctors and get treatment done. Therefore, it is the duty of all the medical professionals to maintain the dignity of this noble profession and work with

a spirit of service. The President appreciated AIIMS Patna for securing 27th position in the NIRF Ranking 2023 for the first time. She was happy to note that this institution is producing highly competent doctors. She said that medical professionals are the assets of our country. They have a big responsibility to keep

citizens healthy. The President said that there is a need for a large number of competent doctors and nurses to meet the health needs of the large population of our country. The doctor-patient and nurse-patient ratio is low at the national level and needs to be improved. She noted that in the last few years, many medical colleges and hospitals

have been built across the country, due to which people are getting medical facilities in nearby areas. She also noted that MBBS seats have increased by almost 100 percent in the last 7-8 years. She appreciated the private sector and non-government organizations for cooperating in building a healthy and developed country.

The President was happy to note that medical institutions like AIIMS Patna are promoting holistic wellness approach and treating people with alternative medicine like homeopathy, Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani and Siddha. She urged institutions like AIIMS Patna to do more research in the field of mental health and guide other institutions to set up mental health education and treatment systems.

Raiyati Rights To Sub-Tenants



Bhubaneswar (KCN): The State Cabinet led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday approved 15 proposals including a historic decision to confer raiyati rights to the sub-tenants /under-raiyats/ successor-in-interests who are in possession of land recorded as Sikkim.

The Cabinet has approved the proposed Bill for amendment of the required sub-section/ clause of Section 4 of the Odisha Land Reforms Act, 1960, said Cabinet Minister Niranjan Pujari.

Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena and ACS Revenue & Disaster Management Satyabrata Sahu was present in the Media Briefing.

the rate of Rs.14, 200 only per standard acre to be paid by the sub-tenants /under-raiyats/ successor-in-interests to the land owners, he said. The Government may revise the compensation amount from time to time. About 3 lakh farmers in 18 districts will be benefited from the move, the Minister said.

In accordance with the decision of the 2nd Heritage Cabinet, the State Cabinet today approved the creation of a separate Directorate of Museum, Archaeology and Public Libraries for the State. The cabinet also approved creation of new cadres and posts for the new Directorates, informed Satyabrata Sahu, ACS, Odia Language, Literature & Culture Department.

Programme-a State Plan scheme, said Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena.

The scheme will be implemented in a more scientific and progressive way which now envisages ease of doing for enhancement of area, production, and productivity of Pulses, Oilseeds, Fibre crops (Cotton and Jute) & Maize, he said.

It will strengthen the Farmers Producers Organization (FPO), WSHG, FIGs for aggregation, marketing, seed rolling in the State and increase their economic standards with larger benefits, he said. This scheme includes

Mukhyamantri Maka Mission (MMM) in which it has been proposed to enhance the production and productivity of Maize and improve the value chain of Maize marketing.

It will provide ample scope for employment generation in the rural areas and augmentation in the income of the farmers in the State in Agriculture & Allied sectors. The potential of the State under Agriculture and Allied Sectors shall be exploited, the Chief Secretary said.

This will result in rapid modernisation of the agriculture sector tendering new adoption of new Agriculture technology in the farmer's field.

Abduction And Rape Of Minor Girl: Sundargarh POCSO Court Sentences Man To Death

Sundargarh (KCN): A POCSO court here today sentenced a man to death for kidnapping, raping and murdering a four-year-old girl at Dengibhadi area in Sundargarh district.

The incident had taken place in 2016 as the convict, identified as Sanjeeb Keretta, had killed the girl at an under-construction building after abducting and raping her. Three days later, the decomposed body of the deceased was recovered.

Investigating into the matter, Sundargarh Town police had arrested him under Sections 450, 366, 376(2)(i), 376 (A), 302 and 201 of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act. Adjudicating the case, Judge Mahendra Kumar Sutradhar pronounced the capital punishment. As many as 35 witnesses were examined during the trial.

The court also directed the District Legal Services Authority to pay compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the widow mother of the girl.

This period of application in this regard has not been extended since 1977. While making an order, the Revenue Officer shall determine the compensation amount at

Odisha STF Busts Huge Inter-State Racket Of Mule Bank Accounts, 3 Including Mastermind Held

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Special Task Force (STF) of Odisha Police on Thursday busted a huge racket of mule bank accounts and apprehended three scamsters including the mastermind.

On the basis of intelligence input about a huge racket of mule bank accounts, STF conducted raids and arrested three scammers identified as Sk Hapizul of Balasore at present Bhubaneswar, Sk Jahangir of Balasore and Sk Jamiruddin of West Medinapur in West Bengal.

During the raid, various incriminating materials such as mobile phones, pre-activated SIM Cards, Bank Passbooks, Aadhar Cards etc. were seized from their possession. In this connection STF PS Case No. 24/2023, U/s 419/420/465/467/468/471/120(B)/34 IPC r/w. 66 C & 66 D IT Act, 2000 dated 18.10.2023 has been registered and the arrested persons will be forwarded to the court of SDJM,



Bhubaneswar, the STF said.

According to the STF, this racket operates mainly in the tri-junction area of Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal, especially in the districts of Balasore, Mayurbhanj, East Midnapore, West Midnapore, East Singhbhum and Sariakeila.

This racket is headed by Sk Jamiruddin of West Midnapore, West Bengal. He has employed around 10-15 people at the rate of 15000 per month to open bank accounts. These members visit various

interior areas of these districts targeting mainly poor villagers/tribal and persuading/luring them to open bank accounts. Villagers are generally offered Rs 2000 per account for giving their documents and opening bank accounts. However, the mobile numbers linked with bank accounts are provided by gang members. The rate of 2000 per account differs depending on the bargaining/ awareness level of the villager.

From our solid cultural foundation to reaching the vast direction of modern science, New Odisha will spread its wings further and reach new heights, and we will build new Odisha.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that developing digital infrastructure in villages is one of the goals of this scheme.

Internet connection will be available in the village. It will be a science park. Several work hubs will be constructed. Banking facilities will be available. The primary schools of the village will also be involved in this program. It will bring immense

opportunities to our youth society, women, farmers, and students. It will further enhance Odisha's identity as a modern, robust, progressive, and culturally aware state. Chief Minister emphasized that peace,

harmony, equality, and service are the message of Jagannath culture. Irrespective of caste, religion, and community, it has made everyone its own. Every place of worship will be developed. Heritage sites will be preserved because preserving and protecting these cultural and heritage sites is essential for our future generations.

5T Secretary V.K. Pandian, who coordinated the event, said that the

transformation had created enthusiasm among the people.

Minister Atanu Sabyasachi Naik, Minister Pratap Keshari Dev, Minister Ranendra Pratap Swayum, MLA Shashi Bhushan Behera, MLA Savitri Agarwal, MLA Dhrabcharan Sahu, MLA Devi Prasad Mishra, MLA Sauvik Biswal, MLA Devi Ranjan Dr. Tripathi, MLA Pramod Mallik, MLA Chandra Sarathi Behera, MLA Prashant Jena, District Council President, members, block chairman, local Sarpanch Major expressed their

opinion about the new developing era in the village taking part in the virtual discussion.

5T Secretary said that the villages of Odisha would become centers of development due to the program 'Aam Odisha Naveen Odisha.' Village people no longer have to depend on the city. The Chief Minister sanctioned 213.55 crores for 32 projects in Cuttack district and 142.43 crore rupees for 21 projects in Kendrapada district.

Notably, 5T Secretary Pandian said that the Sikkim ryots of Kendrapada district will be given land leases soon, which will benefit 50 thousand families. Their long-standing problems will be solved.

'Ama Odisha, Nabin Odisha': CM Naveen Launches Campaign In Cuttack, Kendrapada Dists

Bhubaneswar (KCN): On the fourth day of the ambitious plan 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha,' Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a campaign in Cuttack and Kendrapada districts via a virtual connection from Bhubaneswar to improve the infrastructure of new Odisha through rural development.

For this, eight constituencies of Cuttack district have received 186 crore 50 lakh rupees. These constituencies are - Badamba, Chaudwar-Cuttack, Banki, Ashtgarh, Nyali, Cuttack Sadar, Salepur and Mahanga. These will be 5351 projects in



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NIT Warangal participates in Meri Maatti Meri Desh Campaign

Warangal (KCN): As part of Meri Maatti Meri Desh campaign of Ministry of Education, National Service Scheme (NSS) and Ek Bharath Shrest Bharat (EBSB) of NIT Warangal have organized couple of events.

In the first event, 75 local plants were planted near the rural development center by Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director, NIT Warangal, Prof. D. Srinivasacharya, Dean Student Welfare, Prof. Prakash Kodali,



Faculty advisor, NSS, faculty and students have participated in the event. This area

where the plantation drive was conducted is names as Amrit Vatika. At the same time,

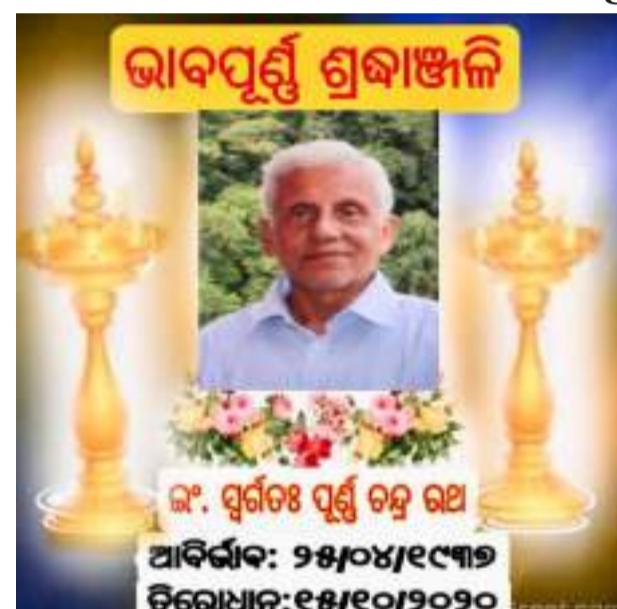
plantation drive was organized at different locations of the campus. This event is

called Amrit Vatika. Later, Mitti and rice were collected in pots and a pledge was taken by Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director, NIT Warangal, Deans, faculty, and students. The rice and Mitti collected will be sent to national capital. This event is organized as India celebrates Azadi ka Mahotsav. This initiative encapsulates India's rich history, culture, and the sacrifices of its heroes while paving the way for a brighter future.

Purna Chandra Rath : A Fulsome Personality (Tribute to Late Lamented Engineer)

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Late Engineer Purna Chandra Rath was a man of many parts. He was a fulsome human being having several virtues. A Kaleidoscopic personality, Late Er. Rath was a paragon of diligence, character, truthfulness, simplicity, principle, discipline, humanity, generosity and charity. He attained name and fame because of his unwavering work ethics, unstinted determination, unparalleled duty boundship, undeterred frugality, unflinching integrity, uncompromising principles, undiluting discipline, unconditional righteousness and unprecedented philanthropic characteristics. His charitable pursuits nurtured from an early age left an indelible mark on the lives of his native locality. In case of adversities and natural calamities, he always comes out first to the rescue of his villagers and offers relief materials to them at the earliest.

Late Purna Chandra Rath was born on 25th April 1937 in the village of Pateni Gaon of Katakia Sahi under Athagarh Tahasil of Cuttack district. He confronted



hardships in early age due to the untimely death of his father. With the support of his two elder brothers and uncle, he could successfully pursue his higher study. Er. Rath had the rarest distinction of becoming the first graduate in both Science and Civil Engineering of his area in the year 1959. He served in various departments of Government of Odisha as an engineer and earned accolades for his exemplary efficiency and extraordianary professionalism. Er. Rath got married to noted women leader and renowned social activist Late Dayamayee Rath in 1965. Smt. Rath was not only his life partner, but

was a beacon of light house along with him for the people of Athagarh and nearby areas. An erudite writer, Er. Purna Chandra Rath attempted to make civil engineering knowledge and construction technology to be accessible to every household of Odisha through his ground breaking work, "Basa Kala". He has written this Book in user friendly Odia language with an aim to serve as a valuable guide for common Odia people in constructing their homes effectively. Er. Purna Chandra Rath's creative excellence was not limited to engineering field only. He had tremendous depth of knowledge and

had extensive research on the widespread tapestry of Odisha's tradition, history and ethos, vibrant Indian culture and rich art horizon of the world. Away from being an acknowledged writer, he was also an accomplished painter, having number of invaluable paintings to his credit. A fulsome personality in real sense, Purna Chandra Rath truly embodied fullness in Knowledge, skill and workmanship. Er. Rath left for his heavenly abode on 15th October 2020 at the age of 84. Though he is no longer with us in physical realm, but his loving memories are etched in our hearts and minds forever. Er. Purna Chandra Rath has left his able successors like eldest son famous Educationist Dr. Pravat Kumar Rath, younger son Abu Dhabi based eminent Engineer Pradeep Kumar Rath, Daughter Dr. Padmalaya Rath and daughters-in-law Priyambada Rath and Bahiniprava Rath and son-in-law Dr. Shiv Narayan to carry on his golden legacies and to ensure furtherance of his social commitments with same indomitable spirit and unmatched vigour.

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"I was a completely normal college scholar living a normal life, with normal routines," says Subhashree Mohapatra, a professional Odisha Dancer in Odisha.

But at 19, she was diagnosed with Multi drug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), a form of the disease that is resistant to at least four of the major anti-TB drugs.

"I was at a point in my life where I was beginning to pursue my dreams, but after going to the doctor for a routine test, I was diagnosed with TB," she says. When the doctor told her she had just to take 18 months course of treatment, she "was heartbroken, and felt everything in my life was slipping away."

India has the highest burden of TB in the world, and Subhashree had seen the devastating effects of the disease in

hospital, one of her colleagues. "I didn't want my family to struggle even more because of me, so I tried not to show my pain. But people stopped coming to our house because I had TB, and they didn't understand that it wasn't my fault. I am not able to dance also as I have severe pain in my leg. I got very depressed said Subhashree."

Today she is under treatment—and living life to the fullest, but till yet she has pain in her leg.

Now her wish is to see the day when TB doesn't exist anymore—and she knows she has an integral part to play through advocacy with Dr Pradeep Biswal and PMDT coordinator Lokanath Pradhan as she did not receive her sputum cultural report from capital Hospital. She gives the sputum

sample three times but yet it is pending and time and again I have to visit the centre. TBC Sujata Pradhan visits subhashree and coordinate with Capital Hospital TU and RMRC that how Subhashree will receive the reports. Lastly with the effort of Sujata, RMRC forwarded the report to LT of NAAT side of Capital TU and subhashree received the report which will support subhashree and to Dr. Pradeep Biswal that to decide the dose and line of treatment. Now subhashee is in a good status of health and under treatment.

"I don't want this to happen to future generations," she says. "It's very important, especially for girls, to end the stigma surrounding TB. In Bhubaneswar, particularly in city life,

females receive less emotional support from family and friends because both the parents are going to outside for their work and neglected to receive their health services properly. But there is the system of follow up of clients and home visit to support their life. We need to speak up."

One unintended side effect of Subhashree's experience with TB is that it changed the way she views her life style as a dancer. "It's hard to describe, and people may think it's weird, but everything I see, and everything my dream sees, is a miracle. The fact that I survived was a miracle, so what I am seeing in every step of my performance, but am unable to perform." waiting to complete my treatment in time and go for stage program, when the miracle will come.

(Dr Reeta sahoo)

Saraswati Deprived of Government Schemes

SUBARNAPUR (KCN): Saraswati Ghibila of Lupursingha village under Lachhipur Gram Panchayat of Sonepur Block, Subarnapur District, gave water to the Chhak of Lupursingha village on behalf of Panchayat to quench the thirst of Public for two months from March last summer. This was reported in various media on 14th of last month. After the news came out, the department paid Sumitra her salary. On the other hand, Sumitra, despite being from a poor class, is still deprived of the food security schemes introduced by



the central and state district administration governments for the poor or the PMAY schemes. Even after going there is no result till date. Villagers are demanding that the

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Vivek Agnihotri And Pallavi Joshi Pose For The Paps At 'The Kashmir Files Unreported' Special Screening, Pics Inside



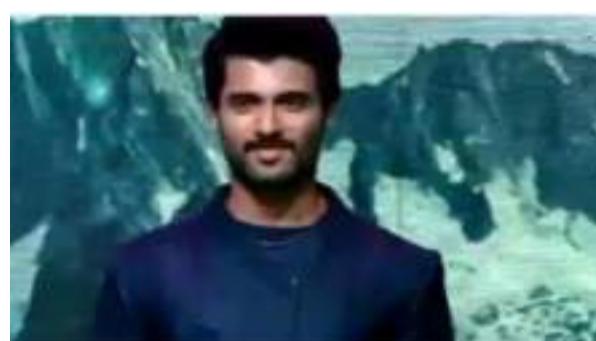
Filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri got massive success from his last release The Kashmir Files which was based on the genocide of Kashmiri Pandits back in the late 80s and early 90s. The film collected over Rs 350 crore worldwide and became the highest-grossing Hindi film of 2022. The maker is now releasing a docuseries titled The Kashmir Files Unreported highlighting the events leading up to the mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits during that time period. Tonight, Vivek Agnihotri and Pallavi Joshi were snapped by the paps at the special screening of 'The Kashmir Files Unreported'. The pictures from the screening are going viral on social

media and fans are excited to experience The Kashmir Files Unreported on Zee5 soon. Woven together through real life anecdotes, survivor testimonies and archived footages, 'The Kashmir Files Unreported' delves into the historical, ethnical, and geopolitical details, encapsulating the events, mistakes, crimes and circumstances that led to the massacre and mass exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the valley in the 1990s. It goes on to portray the state of affairs which led to the abrogation of Article 370 and its repercussions on Kashmir today. The narrative is captured via conversations with

historians, experts, real life victims and their families. Despite The Kashmir Files being a massive hit there were polarizing views on the film and it was also called a propaganda film. Reacting to the same Vivek Agnihotri said, "Speaking about The Kashmir Files Unreported premiering on ZEE5 on 11th August, 2023, I feel whenever you make a film on victims, the persecutors generally get offended. For example, if you

make a film on Dalit vs Upper cast kind of oppression then the upper cast gets offended. Directly and indirectly, people support terrorism in many ways and for many reasons, for ex: terrorism in Kashmir is supported by the enemies of India so when you expose them, they get offended. Similarly, if you make a film on ISIS, they will get offended and the countries and agencies who are supporting them will call it a propaganda film. So, it is fine. I am pretty okay with that because political films generally generate those kinds of extreme views." He also spoke about the extent of research that went into making The Kashmir Files and The Kashmir Files was made," he added.

Vijay Deverakonda Opens Up On The Failure Of 'Liger', Says 'It Does Hurt'



Actor Vijay Deverakonda, who is receiving a lot of good response for the trailer of his upcoming multilingual movie 'Kushi', has opened up on the box-office failure of his Bollywood debut film 'Liger'. At the launch of the trailer of 'Kushi' here on Wednesday, the actor shared that 'Liger' is not the first failure of his life and that he has had many flops earlier as well, just as he has

had many hit movies. The actor told the media, "It does hurt when a film doesn't work. I have experienced many flops in the past, and 'Liger' is not the first one. I have also had

many hits before.

I will continue to

experience both flops

and hits, because

ultimately we are

trying to tell stories."

He added that as a

creative person, he

wants to tell as many

stories as he can, and the process of doing so involves many risks. But, despite the risks he will still do it everytime and give it his all.

Vijay said, "My ambition is always to pursue something creative, and my lifestyle is to wholeheartedly commit to it."

'Liger - Saala Crossbreed' is a sports action film written and directed by Puri Jagannadh. Shot simultaneously

in Hindi and Telugu, the film starred Vijay Deverakonda as the titular MMA fighter Liger with stammering problem, alongside Ananya Panday as his love interest. The film also starred Ramya Krishna and Ronit Roy in key roles, with former world heavyweight champion boxer Mike Tyson of the US playing an extended cameo. Talking about the emotional impact of a film's failure, the

actor shared that it does hurt when the results are not as expected, but that doesn't discourage him. "I am not afraid of failure. Even though it hurts when a film doesn't work, it doesn't stop me from trying again. I am not afraid of stumbling," he said.

'Kushi', which also stars Samantha Ruth Prabhu as Vijay's love interest, is set to release in theatres on September 1.

Shehnaaz Gill's Mother Predicted Of Her Doing A Salman Khan Film Long Back



Shehnaaz Gill, the bubbly Big Boss 13 contestant and the heartthrob of the town gained nationwide fame and attention for her goofy style and personality. So much so, she also caught the attention of Salman Khan and is now making her debut next to Salman Khan in his upcoming film Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan. A few days prior to the film's premiere, this vivacious and full-of-life actress spoke about her experience of working with Salman Khan. Reminiscing about her early experience in the industry and now grabbing the opportunity to work with Salman Khan, she says, "I was

once rejected at an audition for a music video and felt really dejected. I was upset and crying. My only support at that time was my mother who at that time told me to believe in myself. At that time she said that one day I'll work in a film with Salman Khan. And, now Salman sir has given me this opportunity and made my dreams come true and also my

mother's prediction." She further added, "Now that I am on the big screen, I am not that nervous. But when it's Salman sir in front of you, you know, it happens. But I am not nervous, not anymore. It feels really nice to stand amongst such prominent people who have achieved so much in their lives. It's a very proud moment that I am standing behind Salman Khan, she says, "I was

Sir right now. And I want to thank Salman sir for this great opportunity to work with him."

A Salman Khan Film production, Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan is directed by Farhad Samji. The film stars Salman Khan, Venkatesh Daggubati, Pooja Hegde, Jagapathi Babu, Bhumika Chawla, Vijender Singh, Abhimanyu Singh, Raghav Juyal, Siddharth Nigam, Jassie Gill, Shehnaaz Gill, Palak Tiwari and Vinali Bhatnagar with all the elements of a Salman Khan film – action, family-drama and romance. The film is slated to release on Eid 2023 and will have a Zee Studios worldwide release.

Sumbul Touqeer Khan Gets Bitten By Monkey, Rushed To Hospital With Injury



Sumbul Touqeer Khan, who became a household name with her daily soap 'Imlie', was recently seen in Salman Khan-hosted reality show Bigg Boss 16. She was the youngest contestant on the reality show and won thousands of fan following with her stint. Her bond with Shiv Thakare on the show was loved by viewers and they were lovingly nicknamed ShivSum and often trended on the internet. The actor recently took a trip to Ooty along with actress Ulka Gupta and left her fans surprised when she

broke the news that she got bitten by a monkey on her leg. She shared a few stories and photos of her injury on social media, and wrote, "That monkey bit me". Ulka Gupta then shared a snap with Sumbul from the hospital and uploaded a picture of a monkey, and wrote, "Why did you do this."

Sumbul's fans were worried after they saw the pics of her injury. They even wished her a speedy recovery and also warned her to be vigilant. Both Sumbul and Ulka constantly shared

updates from their trip to Ooty. The actress has been a part of several shows

such as 'Jodha Akbar', 'Waaris', 'Chandragupta Maurya', and more. She became a household

name with her stint on 'Imlie' and fans loved her chemistry with lead actor Fahmaan Khan.

She is also known for her work in Ayushamman Khurana's crime-drama 'Article 15'. She also did 'Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein', and a cameo in the web show 'Dear Ishq'. The actress has carved a space in the heart of the masses with her acting prowess and received immense love from the audience. She is quite active on social media handles and often shares updates regarding her personal and professional life. For the unversed, Sumbul recently shared that she has bought a new house in Mumbai.

Court's Same Sex Marriage Decision: A Victory for Indian Culture



The issue of legal recognition to same sex marriage has been a topic of hot discussion in Indian life for a long time. The Supreme Court has given a truly historic decision by refusing to recognize same sex marriage under the Special Marriage Act. If seen, this decision by the five-judge bench of the Supreme Court is a victory for Indian culture, Indian traditions, life values, values, ideals and Indian-ness. The Supreme Court has also refused to give same-sex couples the right to adopt children. The court's decision not only re-affirms the sentiments and values of the Indian people, but also warns the foreign forces who are conspiring to spoil the social and family character of India by blurring and hurting Indian values, culture and ideals. Certainly, this commendable decision by the Supreme Court is a unique initiative to keep intact and strengthen India's past marriage tradition and culture.

The Supreme Court has made it clear that it cannot make laws, it can only interpret them. It is the job of Parliament to make changes in the Special Marriage Act.

Certainly, this comment by the Supreme Court is worth noting. Respected and learned judges have accepted that persons having homosexual or lesbian tendencies should be given the rights that they have as citizens, and they should also be given equal fundamental rights, like other citizens in the social sphere, but as far as their relations with each other are concerned, if it is a matter of marriage, then this matter should be looked into by the elected representatives of the people sitting in the Parliament. By the way, those who stood or still stand in favour of legalizing same sex marriage should understand that marriage has a deeper meaning in Hinduism, marriage, also called marriage, is a social union between two people of opposite sex. Or a religiously recognized union that establishes rights and obligations between those people, as well as between them and any resulting in biological or adopted children and grandchildren.

Marriage is a very important practice or sociological institution of human society. It is the core of the smallest unit that makes up society – the family. It is also the main biological means of maintaining the continuity of the human species. Marriage is not just an opportunity to enjoy

sexual pleasure, but also a medium to carry forward the lineage. In Indian tradition and culture, through marriage, responsible tasks like maintaining physical relations, creating progeny, nurturing them

opposed to recognizing it at the legal and socio-religious level. That is also because such a free, unruly and arbitrary lifestyle is not allowed anywhere in Indian society. Anyway, wherever it

- Lalit Garg -

that gay or lesbian marriages cannot be recognized, because husband and wife are defined biologically in the law. Accordingly, both of them also have legal rights. Legalizing gay or lesbian

beliefs.

India is a country with unity in diversity. There is opposition to same-sex marriages in almost all religions and sects. Recently such clear voices have been heard in the Sikh community. Akal

non-criminal act in 2018 itself; and inspired by this, many pro-gay organizations had filed petitions before the Supreme Court to legalize their marriages, which were opposed by the Central Government. How can the marriage of gays and lesbians be considered perfect? It may not be a marriage, it may be a mutual relationship, but how can it be given the recognition and all the rights of natural marriages? Therefore, considering the social structure of India, if the Central Government opposes the recognition of gay and lesbian marriages, then it cannot be held wrong in any way. Even though such examples have been found in ancient times in India itself or there are many such examples mentioned in religious texts which point towards homosexual relationships, Indian society has always considered such relationships to be sexual, against nature and against social norms, placed in the category of sexual disorder. The sexual relationship between man and woman keeps nature dynamic. The meaning of home and family is the broader form of the results arising from the relationship between man and woman. The relationship between man and woman is the great journey of love and the child born



properly, carrying forward the family tradition and making the progeny useful citizens of the society are also done. Whereas getting legal recognition of gay or lesbian marriages would mean attacking the ancient high and ideal values. It is not surprising that the support for such traditions has increased among the general public, as soon as it has entered the country like a storm from western countries, hence in reality there have been two types of perceptions regarding gay or lesbian marriages in the country. A large section of the country has been

comes to making laws, there must be an expectation that culture and traditions should not be ignored. Yes, a few people may also be in favour of legalizing gay or lesbian marriages. Now the Supreme Court has handed down the issue to the Parliament, but the important question is whether the Parliament will take initiative in this direction and make such a law? Parliament should chart the way forward considering Indian tradition and cultural values in the broader context. The current government's stance on this question is hopeful, because the government argues

marriages will create a lot of complications in issues related to adoption, divorce, maintenance, inheritance etc. All statutory provisions relating to these matters are based on marriage between a man and a woman. The responsibility of taking a decision regarding legal recognition of this complex subject, which is entangled in ancient and modern thinking, now rests on the shoulders of the country's legislature. It can be expected that before making any law on this subject, special care will be taken of the public sentiments and socio-religious

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The art of staying fit during the festival season



negative impact on your body.

While socializing is unavoidable, you do not need to compromise on your health and fitness. How can you do this? 1---Plan Balanced Meals ---

You don't want to get sick during the festive season, do you?

Be mindful of what you eat. Mindful eating means sticking to gluten-free meals as often as possible. This includes bread, roti, random snacks, bready dishes like pizza, crackers, etc. Source sweets made from natural sweeteners like dates, honey, and raisins. This will not only benefit you, but also your guests. This will also help you control cravings and overindulgence as natural sugars don't create that addiction.

Opt for lean proteins, whole grains, and plenty of fruits and vegetables. This provides essential nutrients, keeping you energized and reducing the temptation for unhealthy snacks. If you cannot avoid snacking, choose nuts, seeds, fruits, or low-fat yogurt.

A fistful of pistachios or peanuts will keep you satiated and your blood glucose levels stable.

. Protein-rich snacks also slow down the sugar spike in the body. Also, keep some salads/vegetables with a yogurt dip for healthy snacking. Including more fruits and vegetables in various dishes is a great way to compensate for the festive indulgence. Naturally available foods are rich in fibers, minerals, and nutrients and are fat-free; in

short, they are the best way to ensure glowing skin, a healthy gut, and complete wellbeing.

2---Stay Hydrated

Amidst the festivities, don't forget to drink water. Drinking more water will flush out more toxins. It's that simple. The easiest way to limit your calorie intake is to follow this simple rule. Alcohol and sweets tend to make you dehydrated, which is the last thing you want during a party.

3---Exercise

Exercise every day, at home or at the gym, for a minimum of 30 minutes to stay energetic and build resistance against diseases. Maintain your workout routine, even if it means shorter sessions. Just some movement, walking, running, dancing, and yoga can leave you feeling refreshed. Exercise

to the water.

Proper hydration supports metabolism, aids digestion and keeps your energy levels up. Avoid excessive sugary drinks and opt for water, herbal teas, or infused water for a refreshing choice. Lime and warm water are a great way to detox your body after those heavy meals and alcohol. Green tea is also a great option to cleanse your body.

4---Get Your Quality Sleep

From late-night gaming sessions to early-morning rituals, the holiday season can also disrupt the sleep cycle. Lack of sleep can lead to tiredness and several health problems. Getting a good night's sleep during the festive season is very difficult but also necessary. It is also one of the best ways to stay fit and healthy during this season. Make sure you plan your chores for the day accordingly and get at least six to eight hours of sleep.

Sleep also helps your digestive system recover and your brain to self-clean and organize your thoughts.

Getting enough sleep helps to regulate the hormones that control appetite, so you're less likely to overeat if

you're well-rested.

5---Learn to say 'No' It is common to push food onto each other's plates as a sign of love and care. It is fine to politely decline the kind gesture if you have already eaten enough. Accept that you can not eat everything in one sitting, so choose for yourself. See the item that will satisfy your stomach and heart at the same time. Select the drink that you like. If you find it hard to say 'no', try to say 'later' instead. This way, you don't seem impolite and hopefully, your host won't remember to press you to eat more.

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Worried about your fitness goals during the festive season? You're not alone. This time of the year can be a minefield for even the most disciplined fitness enthusiasts. As the festive season approaches, maintaining your fitness goals amidst tempting treats and busy schedules might seem challenging. The festive season means sleeping and waking up late, eating a lot of processed foods, and consuming a lot of sugar, and more alcohol than usual. These may result in gaining weight, having trouble sleeping, and feeling more stressed which can have a

Bengal ready to celebrate Durga Puja

Kolkata (Ambar Mukherjee):

The deities are arriving. The finishing touches of decorations of the mandaps are on full swing. Roads are dazzling with g o r g e o u s illuminations. Markets and shopping malls remain overcrowded all throughout the day as men, women and children do their last minute shopping with full spree. Kolkata-- Bengal is ready to host the home coming of Maa Durga, the biggest 4-day festival of the state, which is slated to begin on

Saturday. Going by the custom, the Durga puja starts on "Saptami" - which falls on Saturday, though the invocation of the Goddess begins on the day of "Shashti" that is on Friday. And from today more than 30,000 men in uniform started managing the streets of the city every evening till the "Bishorjon" (immersion) of the "Protimas" (idols) are over. There are about 43,000 thousand community Durga Pujas in the state, including 3,000 in Kolkata alone. Like previous years the West Bengal government providing Rs 70,000 cash incentives to each of the registered clubs to arrange the puja. Thousands of revelers started thronging the mandaps from this afternoon fearing that they might not be able to do their annual "pandal hopping" if there is rain the next few days. But there is no such prediction from the weather office. "We do not feel the puja fever complete without

visiting some of the best pujas when the organizers come out with new themes in their decorations and



Kolkata said. "We do not want to take a chance and so we have planned to visit as many pandals as

possible on Thursday", said Sajal Biswas of Howrah. In fact, the highest crowd pulling pujas are Mohammad Ali Park, College Square, Vivekananda Sporting Club, Sealdah Athlete, Baghbazar Sarbojanin, Ekdalia Evergreen, Sribhumi etc. Keeping in mind the huge crowds that congregate at various places across the city during the festive season, the city police are setting up watch towers on rooftops and balconies near major puja pandals to keep a close eye on the pandal hoppers. Total

8,000 policemen will be deployed during the festival in the city. Special arrangements have been made to manage the crowds during early morning prayer at Kalighat temple. Different organizations are holding puja contests the results of which will be declared on during the puja days. The police said, once the results are declared the pujas winning the prizes will draw more crowds. "We have made arrangements to provide extra security in these pujas" a senior city police official said.

BITM Inaugurates Upgraded Mock-up Coal Mine for Visitors

Kolkata, (KCN): To educate and provide first-hand experience of a trip down one such deep, dark and dangerous underground coal mine - with special emphasis on safety regulations, pre-emptive measures and traditional and modern ways and means of overcoming all mining-related challenges - Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Kolkata, a Unit of National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India invited visitors to its upgraded Mock-up Coal Mine facility. Spread over an area of 540 sq. m., housing over 60 exhibits, this Mock-up Coal Mine is the first-of-its-kind in India, since 1983. Highlighting the issues of floor and roof convergence, the facility now features Telescopic and Suspension Convergence Indicators, Portable Hydraulic



Bending Machine and Anchorage Testing Machine. It promised to the visitors not mere enjoyment but an experience. Inaugurated on Wednesday (October 18, 2023) by Director BITM, Shri Subhabrata Chaudhuri; Chief Guest Shri Sutirtha Bhattacharya, Former Chairman & Managing Director, Coal India Limited; Guests of Honour Shri Gautam Dhar, Former Executive Director, Coal India Ltd.; Shri T. K. Nag, Former CMD, Northern Coalfields Limited and Shri Vijay Sagar, Media Advisor to Chairman, Coal India Limited, this ticketed facility will be open to visitors for fixed-time demonstrations during Museum hours - within 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, on all days, including weekends and holidays, except on Diwali and Holi.

About 120 students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ballygunge and Behala Sarada Vidyapith for Girls were taken on a maiden tour of the facility during the inaugural session. The most important and abundant fossil fuel in India, accounting for 55% of the country's energy needs, laying the foundation of our industrial heritage - coal is the energy of choice for India.

Commercial primary energy consumption in India has grown by about 700% in the last four decades. The current per capita commercial primary energy consumption in India is nearly 350 kgcoe/year. Driven by the rising population, expanding economy and a quest for improved quality of life, energy usage in India is expected to rise. Considering the limited reserve potentiality of petroleum & natural gas, eco-conservation restriction on hydro electric power projects and geo-political perception of nuclear power, coal will continue to occupy the centre-stage of India's energy scenario. Hard coal deposits are spread over 27 major coalfields in India - mainly confined to eastern and south central parts of the country.

Kolkata (KCN): Army Recruitment Rally will be held for shortlisted candidates of districts Cuttack, Mayurbhanj, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Nayagarh, Balasore, Khordha, Jajpur, Puri and Bhadrak from November 1 to 05 November 2023 at Reserve Police Line Ground, Balasore (Odisha). Admit Cards to successful candidates of Online Common Entrance Examination have already been sent to their registered Email IDs. Candidates may also download their Admit Card for the Recruitment Rally by logging in to their profile on Join Indian Army website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. For any query, candidates may approach Army Recruitment Office, Cuttack at

Contact No 0 6 7 1 2 3 0 5 2 8 0 . Candidates are advised not to handover their original documents to any person during the recruitment process to avoid falling prey to Touts/Agents nefarious activities. Any such incident must immediately be reported to local police and recruiting staff of Army Recruiting Office, Cuttack. Strict measures have been implemented to arrest such Touts/ Agents are malpractices during Recruitment Rally through Local Police and Civil Administration.

Army Recruitment Rally under Agnipath Scheme Army Recruitment Office, Cuttack

Around 1K patients suffering from various arthritis and autoimmune diseases attend AIIMS Bhubaneswar General Medicine OPD every month

AIIMS Bhubaneswar celebrated World Arthritis Day



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): More than one thousand patients suffering from various arthritis and autoimmune diseases are coming to AIIMS Bhubaneswar General Medicine OPD every month. More than 50 patients suffering from these diseases are admitted every month in Gen. Medicine wards, said eminent medical scientist and AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas. In a public awareness programme organised to mark World Arthritis Day, Dr. Biswas directly interacting with the patients and their relatives also informed that the department also runs a special Rheumatology clinic specifically for these patients.

Gen. Medicine department head Dr. Anupam Dey said that various diagnostic tests and imaging tests are available at AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Treatment is done either on OPD basis or with admission. Various medications including advanced biological drugs are administered. Physiotherapy is an integral part of treatment and AIIMS Bhubaneswar has a separate dept of PMR to cater to this need. At present, more than 7 crore people in India are suffering from arthritis problems. These problems can have various causes like age related, autoimmunity related, infection related, etc. In most of the cases, females are affected more. If not treated properly and timely, this can lead to life threatening complications that can lead to death too. They can also develop deformities with significant morbidities because of pain. Trigger factors like alcohol and smoking aggravate the severity.

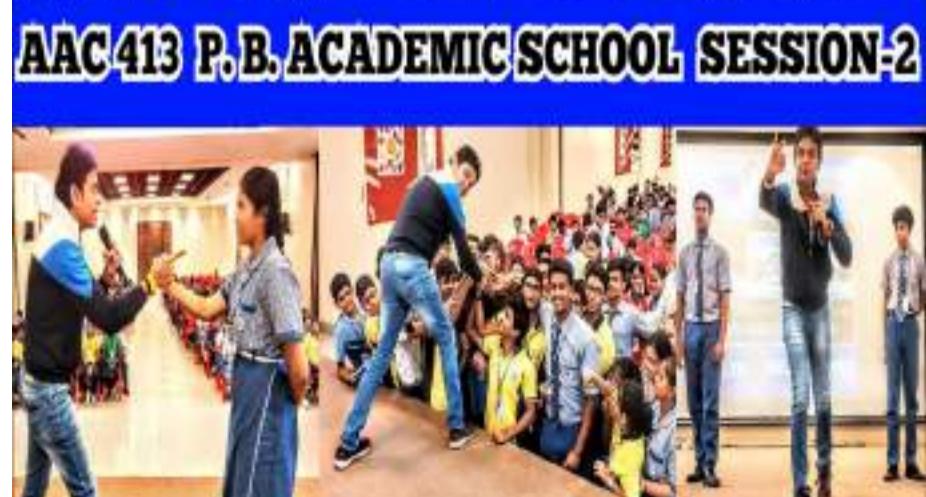
At present, the available treatments are very effective, so that the patient can lead a pain-free life. People should lead a healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet, and exercises. They should consult the doctor if they have any arthritis symptoms. Various types of rheumatological diseases attending Medicine dept are like Rheumatoid

SOLDIERS FROM P. B. ACADEMIC SCHOOL JOIN BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S FIGHT AGAINST HARMFUL SOCIAL TRENDS THROUGH AAC 413

Kolkata, (KCN): Actor/Activist/Teacher of Method Acting Bobby Chakraborty has been rigorously fighting against addiction and harmful social trends among the youth globally, through his award winning, free of cost social awareness program titled 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND', for more than a decade.

On October 18th, just on the verge of the Durga Puja Vacation, he completed his 413th session at P. B. Academic School, Tollygunge, with a lot of fanfare from students of the 6th to 12th grade. This was his 2nd session in this school.

As the school was observing 'Anti Bullying Week', the Principal Madhuparna Andrews and the coordinator Camelia Saha Das had specially requested Bobby to shed more light on the extremely harmful social trends of bullying and ragging, those are taking a serious toll on young lives, fatally.



The dedicated and hardworking official photographer of the session was Souryadeep Bhattacharya, assisted by Amit Kumar Mondal. Bobby took stage to start with the most easily available forms of addiction and trends of smoking and alcoholism, those are rampant in almost every household nowadays. Children take a leaf out of the adults to normalize the use of these poison in their lives as they grow up. He taught the students or his 'soldiers', the importance of keeping the body, which is the best gift from God, fit and healthy, as a priority

because health, career and family are interconnected with each other. Here in came the necessity of applying the formula of HCF in life as a priority. Here in came the importance of becoming the 'king' of one's mind. He conducted an interesting social

arthritis, Psoriatic arthritis, Reactive arthritis, SLE, Systemic sclerosis, Sjogren syndrome, Ankylosing spondylitis, Gouty arthritis, etc. Females are affected more in cases of Rheumatoid arthritis and SLE while males are affected more in Ankylosing spondylitis. There is another type of arthritis called Osteoarthritis which is usually related to joint degeneration and age related. This can be found in older age groups. Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, MS Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, Dr. Jagannatha Sahoo (HoD, PMR), Dr. Rashmiranjan Mohanty, (Addl. Prof. Gen. Med), Dr. Gurudip Das (Asso. Prof. Orthopaedics), Dr. Debananda Sahoo and Dr. Anupama Behera of Medicine dept spoke regarding various aspects of Arthritis types, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation. The theme for this year's World Arthritis Day was 'Living with a Rheumatological and Musculoskeletal Disorder at all stages of life'.

BJP Moves Puri King

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Two days after Congress' massive protest in Puri, a delegation of State BJP today met Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb in his residence here and sought his intervention in opening of the Ratna Bhandar of Shree Jagannath Temple.

The delegation led by former President Samir Mohanty, comprising Puri MLA Jayant Sarangi, Bramhagiri MLA Lalitendu Bidyadhar Mohapatra and senior advocate and leader Pitambar Acharya. Team BJP said the Ratna Bhandar was opened for inventory 45 years ago in 1978. Though Shree Jagannath Temple Act, 1955 has provisioned the opening of the temple's treasury for inventory every three years, the BJD government has ignored it.

During its 24-year



tenure, the BJD Government always avoided inventory of the treasury. This has led to suspicion and public outcry among Lord Jagannath devotees across the country, they said. Since Gajapati Maharaja is also the Chairman of Shree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee, the BJP leaders sought his intervention to recommend the Government to open the Ratna Bhandar without delay.

Shri Mohanty, who filed

a PIL in Orissa High Court seeking an order to the government for reopening of the Ratna Bhandar for necessary repairs and inventory, said the State Administration was yet to form a high-level committee for the purpose.

In the first week of August, the High Court had asked the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) to constitute a high-level committee within two months for the purpose. On October 16, Odisha

Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) had taken out a protest rally in Puri for reopening of the Ratna Bhandar for necessary repairs and inventory of ornaments and valuables.

SJTA Chief Administrator Ranjan Kumar Das said the Ratna Bhandar is safe and no one should worry about it. He said the matter regarding the special committee would be discussed in the Shree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee meeting and the high court would be duly apprised in this regard.

"When the BJP-BJD coalition Government was ruling the state, a BJD leader was serving as Law Minister. Why didn't the BJP raise this issue during that period?" he asked.

On October 16, Odisha

Health and Family Welfare Secretary Shalini Pandit has issued guidelines in this regard to all Chief District Medical & Public Health Officers (CDM & PHOs) today. While relieving the regular in-service

doctors for undergoing PG study the relieving authority is to intimate the medical officers that she/he has to submit an application to the authority of the institution where she/he is pursuing PG study for forwarding the absentee statement to the CDM & PHO each month for drawal of their salary, as per the guidelines.

Drunk man kills wife for dancing at wedding party in Odisha

BALASORE(KCN): In a shocking incident, a man reportedly killed his wife for dancing in a wedding procession without taking his permission at Paikapada village within Oupada police limits in Balasore district on Saturday night. The accused is 43-year-old Ram Singh of Paikapada. The deceased was identified as Sharmila Singh (35). Ram is a driver by profession.

Sources said a wedding ceremony was organised by Ram's neighbour on Saturday night. During the marriage procession,

some women requested Sharmila to dance with them. Though she refused, the women forcibly dragged her to the middle of the procession and made her dance.

Ram, who was also present at the spot, saw Sharmila shaking a leg and became angry. However, he did not express his displeasure and waited for the function to get over. In the meantime, he consumed alcohol with his friends and became completely drunk.

After attending the wedding feast, the couple

went home. At around 11 pm, a fight broke out between them as Ram yelled at Sharmila for dancing in the procession without his permission. When the woman protested, Ram became furious and in a fit of rage, assaulted her with a digging bar. The couple's two minor kids snatched away the iron bar from Ram's hands but the latter grabbed the handle of an axe and continued to assault Sharmila. The woman bled to death. On hearing the commotion, neighbours rushed to the spot and found Sharmila lying in a pool of blood. They immediately informed the police about the incident. The next morning, a team of Oupada police rushed to the village for investigation. Sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) of Soro Ritesh Kumar Mahapatra said the woman's body was sent for postmortem. Basing on the complaint of the deceased's parents, police registered a case under section 302 of the IPC and arrested the accused. Further investigation is underway.

Bitumen plant of Gopalpur MLA's aide sealed in Kukudakhandi



BERHAMPUR(KCN): An illegal bitumen mix plant at Baulajholi village in Kukudakhandi tehsil of Ganjam district was sealed by the administration on Saturday. Sources said the plant belonging to one Balyaram Dalai was being run by violating the pollution norms since the past many years. Dalai is reportedly a close associate of

Gopalpur MLA Pradeep Panigrahi. Locals alleged the illegal plant polluted the area, causing diseases. They had also written to the Ganjam collector and sub-collector and Berhampur SP urging action against the plant several times in the past.

Accordingly, basing on collector Dibyajyoti Parida's direction, an enforcement team led

by Kukudakhandi tehsildar Kalyani Sanghamitra Devi along with officials from the pollution control board conducted a raid on the area. According to the sale deed, Balyaram's wife Priyanka had 2021 purchased around 750 decimal land in the village along with a stone crusher. The documents, however, reportedly

Study Leave For Medical Officers

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

After sanctioning compensatory leave for the medical officers, the Health and Family Welfare Department today issued guidelines for sanction of study leave and drawal of salary of medical officers of Odisha Medical & Health Service (OMHS) cadre during the period of study leave.

Health and Family Welfare Secretary Shalini Pandit has issued guidelines in this regard to all Chief District Medical & Public Health Officers (CDM & PHOs) today. While relieving the regular in-service



The relieving authority will have to intimate the authority under whom the medical officer will pursue study, to submit the absentee statement of the doctor each month to the concerned CDM & PHO for drawal of their salary during the PG study period. Then, the concerned CDM & PHO will have to submit the list of doctors relieved for PG study along with their date of joining in the institution and the original bond for the PG study period as per earlier order issued by the Department for sanction of the study leave.



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Bajaj Allianz Life launches world's first music video 'Superstar After Retirement', created by retired senior citizens

Pune: Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India's leading private life insurers, launched a world's music video "Superstar After Retirement", created by retired seniors showcasing their creativity and fulfilling their life goals. Retirees including ex-bankers, entrepreneurs, ex-educators, ex-engineers and other professionals, are seen unleashing their hidden talents like singing or dancing, and attempting to live their second innings with utmost zeal and passion.

For most individuals, their dreams and desires take a backseat as they strive to ensure financial security and stability for their families.

Commenting on the

initiative, Mr. Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life, said "Aligned to the brand purpose of enabling LifeGoals, we launched Superstar After Retirement initiative to encourage retired senior citizens to rediscover their talents and explore a world full of possibilities and freedom. Financial security provided through a regular stream of income, post-retirement, allows individuals to pursue their earlier unfulfilled passions."

Bajaj Allianz Life had launched a pan-India talent hunt, to showcase their talent and fulfil their dreams of

becoming a superstar. From a total of over 5400 entries, 11 superstars from different walks of life were handpicked to be part of the music video. All of these participants, at some point of their lives, had aspired to be dancers, musicians, singers, cinematographers, lyricists, art director and stylists, aside from being retired senior citizens.

The music video was created entirely by these 11 senior citizens, after going through multiple enriching workshops with expert mentors from Bollywood. The team's collective efforts for 37 days and 450+ hrs has resulted in this one-of-a-kind music video.

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

honourable Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar India, this collaboration with Plastic Legno's deep experience in world-class toy manufacturing coupled with our strong footing in the global toy retail industry would open new doors and unparalleled opportunities for toys manufactured in India. It is imperative for RBL to build design to shelf capability for a strategic advantage over the competition and to be an accelerator in building a robust toy manufacturing ecosystem in India not only for domestic consumption but also for global markets," said the spokesperson of Reliance Brands Limited.

RBL has a strong play in the Toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys, the British toy retailer and homegrown toy brand - Rowan, making RBL one of the leading

toy distributors. Hamleys currently has a global footprint across 15 countries with 213 doors and is India's largest chain of toy stores.

"We are very privileged to have RBL as a partner in this Joint Venture. We are confident that Plastic Legno's experience in Toys production and Hamley's commercial outreach, will complement one another to enable the JV Company to achieve greater heights and successes. We have important development plans to implement, always in the spirit of creating a cultural background in this specific sector in India. We are ready for the challenges of the future, but when there is a group like RBL alongside, we are sure that together we can do a great development," said Paolo Sunino, Co-owner, Sunino Group.

H&M revels in sunset colours and embellished details for The Festive Collection 2023



Bhubaneswar: H&M India invites you to the season of celebrations with a special collection personified by all things sparkle and shine. Featuring party-ready ensembles, the collection spotlights designs showcasing strong shoulders, cropped tops and draped details among the statement suiting, party dresses and matching sets. Rhinestones, sequins and high-shine fabrics bring sophistication and

vibrancy to every piece, while a strong colour palette of hot pink, orange, red, sand, gold and black adds to the celebratory mood.

For the Festive Collection comes at such a special time of year and we're thrilled with the collection. We were really inspired by the importance of light - candles, lanterns and fireworks - and worked that into a vivid sunset colour palette, but also brought in a lot of sequins, rhinestones and satin.

Orient Electric launches Joylight Festive Lights on the occasion of Diwali

Bhubaneswar: Orient Electric Limited, part of the diversified USD 2.8 billion CK Birla Group, has introduced its Joylite range of festive lights inspired by the vibrant traditions and jubilant festivities of Diwali.

Orient Joylite festive lights offer an enchanting collection of decorative lights designed to add a touch of radiance and a sense of celebration to any space. The lineup includes Diya curtain, Star curtain, Ball curtain, Crystal LED Toran light, Ganesh Ji and Swastik, Rosary and PixelString lights, and Rope light. The Orient Joylite range

embodies the essence of traditional festivities with a modern touch, adding the perfect luminance to festive and other special occasions.

Puneet Dhawan, Executive Vice President, Orient Electric Limited, said, "We understand the cultural significance of the 'Festival of Lights' in our country, and we are excited to introduce Joylite festive lights, just in time for the joyous Diwali celebrations. These Made-in-India lights are sure to enhance the festive ambiance of any setting while giving consumers an opportunity to have high quality, branded festive lights. Our versatile



range extends its brilliance beyond Diwali, offering suitability for diverse celebrations such as weddings, parties, and other special occasions. As one of the leading brands in the Indian lighting industry, we are committed to delivering innovative and high-quality lighting solutions that meet the needs of the Indian consumers."

Available in different

shapes, sizes, colours, and lengths, the Made-in-India Orient Joylite festive lights will help people give their space a quick, celebratory makeover and add a touch of elegance to your festivities. From dazzling string lights that twinkle like stars to ornate Diya lights that exude a timeless charm, the Joylite range provides a plethora of options to choose from. Unlike ordinary

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is

country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the

Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank of India through its Pan India branch network can provide general Banking products like Current Accounts, Savings Accounts, Working Capital facilities and other related services to the MSME Customers of SIDBI."

Also, speaking on the tie-up arrangement, Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, CGM, SIDBI reiterated SIDBI's commitment towards timely financing for MSMEs across all sectors.

Spice Money to enable farmers to withdraw PM-KISAN subsidy through its 1 million Adhikari Network

New Delhi: The Government of India has disbursed PM KISAN subsidy, directly to the farmers' bank accounts benefiting over 10 crore farmers and families who have received a grant of Rs 2,000 each.

Spice Money, India's leading rural fintech with 1 million strong Adhikari network covering 18,500 plus pin codes, is assisting the farmers and farmer families residing in the heartlands of the country, to withdraw this subsidy through AePS at their doorstep Adhikari outlet.

The PM Kisan Scheme, a central sector scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India, became operational on December 1, 2018. Under this scheme, income support of 6000

per year, divided into three installments, is directly transferred to the bank accounts of landholding farmer families, consisting of the husband, wife, and minor children.

Speaking on this, Sanjeev Kumar, Co-Founder & CEO, Spice Money, said, "At Spice Money, we have been striving to solve the problem of access to banking & financial services in rural India. As the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is rolled out, our 1 million Adhikaris operating across 18,500 pin codes,

will be an enabler in ensuring easy access and withdrawal of this subsidy to the rightful 10 crore beneficiaries of this scheme.

Farmers and farmer

families will no longer have to travel large distances to bank branches or just let the money lie idle in their accounts in times of need. Our Adhikaris, trusted banking partners in their communities, will be there at the villages to help farmers withdraw their money, with the help of AePS, thereby providing much-needed safe and secure access to the subsidy amount."

Spice Money has been spearheading the efforts towards bridging the financial services gap in rural India by providing banking and financial services to the remotest corners of the country, across 700 districts and 5,000 blocks, thereby revolutionising the way Bharat banks.

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

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

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

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

Commissions India's Largest Fleet of Electric Lithium-Ion Forklifts

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminum, has commissioned India's largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India, this

sets the ball rolling on Vedanta Aluminium's plans to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalised at the company's aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world's largest single-location aluminium

smelter, ex-China. Further, as testimony to its endeavours towards increasing gender diversity in core manufacturing operations, Vedanta Aluminium is recruiting and training women to operate these top-of-the-line forklifts. The company has previously hired transgender employees as

forklift operators in its aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh. These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge 'Smart Fleet Management' system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IOT (Internet of Things) technology to

integrate the data collected by intelligent terminals and provide Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.

Clear communication: How India have got non-playing squad members to buy in

New Delhi: Thirteen members of India's World Cup squad have already received a gig in the tournament. Mohammed Shami and Suryakumar Yadav have yet to get a chance, R. Ashwin has played only one match while Ishan Kishan stepped in for two games during Shubman Gill's absence. This situation was somewhat inevitable, given that all the players are in exceptional form, and only 11 can be included in the starting lineup. However, it does pose a challenge in player management. How does the team management handle the situation of benching big players like Ashwin and Shami, who have been proven match-winners? "Communication and



conversations," said Paras Mhambrey, the team's bowling coach. "Honestly, it is never an easy decision."

Shami has been one of the most successful bowlers in white-ball cricket with a strike-rate matched by very few. He is also India's highest wicket-taker in the World Cup among active players. Ashwin has played 116 games and has over 700 international wickets. Then there's the question of Kishan, who has a double century and

Suryakumar, the No.1 batter in T20Is and an x-factor in the middle-order. "We had a clear chat with him [them]," Mhambrey revealed. "Whenever we select a

squad, the message from us is very clear. That we pick a squad we feel is the best for that wicket. And I think sometimes you will miss out," the bowling coach says, explaining the team's modus

operandi. Shami has been overtaken by Mohammed Siraj, who has become second preference for pace bowler's position after Jasprit Bumrah while Ashwin is third in the pecking order of the

spinners, after Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav. "Someone like him [Shami] is missing out, someone like Ash will miss out... And I think that's the communication that we

have with him, we are very clear. Difficult decision, honestly, even with the quality that he brings to the team, new ball, death, it is difficult to take that decision. But you have to make that decision, you only have an XI on the field. That's a tough call, you have to take that tough call. But I think for us, the conversation has always been team centric, and what's all the decisions that we've taken, not only prior to this game, but the last few years."

Shami, Ashwin, and Surya have consistently exhibited remarkable body language when they were not on the field, offering their best support to the XI. On one specific occasion during a game, Shami

was seen engaging in a conversation with Siraj near the boundary line. In the very next over, Siraj managed to secure a crucial wicket. This exception on a 1 camaderie within the team has been fostered by coach Rahul Dravid, who believes in the importance of communication, even at the risk of criticism, as was seen with the Widdhiman Saha episode. "He does not have to do that always but he does that always," says MSK Prasad, a former chief selector, who himself believed in communicating with players in selection or non-selection. There were many occasions in Indian cricket when

many players came out openly stating that they were not told of their exclusion. But communication started in the previous regime of Ravi Shastri-Virat Kohli and the Dravid-Rohit duo has taken this to a new level. The skipper insists on the same philosophy of transparency and communication. "That's the challenge going forward for us as a team, depending on what kind of conditions we play in," Rohit said recently. "If there is a change or two, we need to make, we will be ready with that. And the guys have been informed very well in advance about these kinds of changes. So, I don't think there's going to be any issues with the players."

David Warner calls for umpire stats on big screen

New Delhi: Imagine seeing an umpire's stats about decisions they've got right or wrong through their career as they walk out to the middle during a World Cup game or a Test match. Maybe even very specific numbers about certain types of dismissals, say LBWs, that they're good at judging against some they're not. Well, this could become a thing if David Warner anyway had his way. For, a day after he left the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow in a very enraged state, slamming his bat on the pitch, and not holding back on his emotion, the veteran opener has asked for more accountability from match officials in the wake of a couple of decisions that have gone against Australia in this tournament so far.

"I think in terms of what



I'd like to see, this probably won't get across but players' stats go up on the board as you walk out to bat. When they announce the umpires and they come up on the screen. I'd love to see their stats come up on the board as well. Because we see that in National Rugby League (NRL). I know this is a world game but NRL shows those stats. I think the NFL shows those stats. I think it's a great thing for

the spectators to see that as well," said Warner. "I think over a period of time. You know, obviously players get dropped for poor performances. It's never explained to us about how what goes on with the panel as well. So it's just an indicator."

"But it's just little things that show the spectator. It's not easy. So you know, you can explain where it's not easy, why it's not easy. And then when good decisions

are made. And they can explain it. So I just think it's something that could be explored," he added. Warner was given out LBW on the field by umpire Joel Wilson after a delivery from left-arm fast bowler Dilshan Madhushanka struck him on the pad very close to his leg-stump. He reviewed it immediately and Hawk Eye showed that the ball had straightened enough to clip his leg-stump, leading to Warner's rather angry reaction in the middle. And Warner made it very clear that his angst in the moment was more with technology and not directed at umpire Wilson. "The technology provides information. From my perspective it's there to use probably I reckon for the bowler not so much for you know, with lbw's these

days if you are given out you probably don't really stand a chance. I asked Joel when I was out there just what happened like why did he give it out? He said the ball was swinging back. So, you know, to his credit, if he thinks that then that's why he's given that decision. But then when you see the replay of how it sort of unfolded you get a little bit annoyed. So that's out of our control. There's a lot to say," Warner explained. "I just sprayed out loud in frustration pretty much not just myself but it kept low and normally when something hits me on the leg on the outside, I know it's pretty much going down leg so, you know he said it was swinging back. And from my perspective on the replay, it wasn't."



match. England white ball head coach

Matthew Mott is keeping his "fingers crossed" and is hoping star all-rounder Ben Stokes will make a full recovery for the ICC World Cup encounter against South Africa. Stokes has missed England's opening three World Cup games due to a hip complaint, and he stood on the sidelines while his teammates suffered crushing defeats to New Zealand and Afghanistan. "We've obviously been relatively conservative with him, but the

Sanju Samson Meets MS Dhoni, Jos Buttler; Pics Go Viral

New Delhi: Mahendra Singh Dhoni is among India's best cricket players that have ever played the game. The veteran is regarded as the greatest skipper to have worn the Indian cricket shirt in history. He led his country to victory in the World Cup twice. He recently met Rajasthan Royals and Kerala cricketer Sanju Samson and their picture together went viral. In addition, Dhoni was perfecting his signature long hair, which was a major asset to the former India captain when he first began playing internationally, nearly 20 years ago. On October 21, England captain Jos Buttler and his teammates will face South Africa. Sanju met his Rajasthan Royals teammate as well after he arrived in Mumbai for the Cricket World Cup 2023

medical staff were always confident that South Africa was a game we could target. I haven't had a report on him in the last 24 hours, but before that, he was on target,"

Matthew Mott was quoted as saying by E.S.P.N.Cricinfo. "So fingers crossed, he can tick off all the things that need to be ticked off and he comes back into that side. He's like the spiritual leader of the group in many ways, and he certainly spoke really well after the game the other day, and spoke about that need to really assert ourselves," he added.

Hathurusingha urges Bangladesh to take inspiration from recent World Cup upsets

New Delhi: Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha said on Wednesday that they are taking inspiration from the latest upsets in the ongoing ICC World Cup as they prepare to take on India.

The World Cup came to life after Afghanistan beat England while Netherlands defeated New Zealand as it brought some excitement in the tournament and Bangladesh looks keen to join the party by bringing down high-flying India down to earth, who are yet to lose a game in the competition.

Bangladesh announced their arrival in the international scene by beating India in the World Cup in 2007 but despite coming close lost their Asian neighbours in 2011, 2015 and 2019 but the tourist can take inspiration from the fact they have beaten India on three



occasions in the ODIs during their last four meetings.

"Because of what happened in the last week (in the game involving Afghanistan and Netherland) World Cup is really opening. We are all inspired by that," Chandika Hathurusingha told reporters on Wednesday.

"We have six games to go, we still think we can win those games. That's the motivation and inspiration for tomorrow," he said.

If we play to our potential, I think we can beat any team," he added.

Hathurusingha said that they are waiting for a scan report of Shakib al Hasan for the quad tear that he sustained in the last game. Shakib, who suffered a slight quad tear during the match against New Zealand, skipped the optional training session on Wednesday at MCA but batted for 45 minutes in the nets

on October 17 to see whether he can make him available for the game.

"He (Shakib) had a good batting session yesterday. He did a bit of running between the wickets as well. We are waiting for the result of the scan we did today. We haven't tried his bowling yet. We will assess him tomorrow morning, and make a decision," said Hathurusingha. "If he is not ready to play, we won't risk it.

player get the choice of

ongoing ICC World Cup.

Bangladesh have lost three or more wickets inside 100 runs on nine occasions out of their last 11 ODIs, while in every game of the tournament they have come with a different batting line-up that hardly suggest that the batting unit is a settled, though Hathurusingha begs to differ.

"We are not unsettled. We are not performing yet to our expectations. I know that the players want to do better. We haven't had a complete performance in the batting group," Hathurusingha told reporters on Wednesday.

"The batting order goes by according to our strategy and what we think is our best combination for the game. Those things are communicated to the players well in advance. We have