

Vice President of Dominican Republic Calls on The President

New Delhi, (KCN): The Vice President of Dominican Republic, H.E. Ms Raquel Peña Rodríguez called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (October 3, 2023). Welcoming the Vice President on her first visit to India, the President said that the timing of this visit is very apt as India and Dominican Republic are marking the 25th anniversary of their diplomatic relations. She noted that bilateral relations between the two countries are warm and friendly, anchored on the strong foundation



of shared values of democracy, and a broad convergence of views on global issues.

The President noted that the Dominican Republic is India's 8th largest

trading partner in Latin America. She was confident that there is potential to further diversify the trade basket. She said there is scope for working together and exchanging our experience and expertise in the areas such as pharmaceutical products, marine science, meteorology, disaster resilient

infrastructure and digital payments technologies.

The President said that capacity building is one of the central pillars of India-Dominican Republic cooperation. She was happy to note that recently, India has organized two Special ITEC training courses for Dominican Republic officials, in the critical fields of cyber security and remote sensing. The two leaders agreed that continued exchanges and contacts between India and Dominican Republic would further strengthen our bilateral ties.

"Shradha Is A Physiotherapist," Clarifies CM Naveen In Odisha Assembly



August house to debate on issues of public interest," the Odisha CM added.

The Chief Minister, in his statement in the house, had stated that the opposition members should be happy that so many grievances in their areas have been resolved. He came down heavily on the Opposition and said "I do not understand how someone can oppose the solving of people's

grievances. Such opposition is anti-people and people will give them a befitting reply for such attitude."

Earlier today, the BJP created a ruckus in the Odisha Assembly demanding expungement of the 'anti-people' remarks against the Opposition by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The BJP members also demanded the lifting of the suspension of Mohan Charan Majhi and Mukesh Mahaling from the house for allegedly throwing pulses at the podium of the Speaker.

With this, the monsoon session of Odisha Assembly concluded on Tuesday a day ahead of the schedule.

BJP To Contest On Own Strength

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Anurag Thakur today said that Bharatiya Janata Party will contest elections on its own strength.

"BJP will contest the election on the strength of its workers. BJP has the most popular leader Narendra Modi to fight the election and will come out with flying colours," said he.

Shri Thakur strongly denounced the remark made by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik dubbing the BJP as anti-people and anti-development. Addressing a press conference here, Shri Thakur said, "If we were anti-people and anti-development, the people would not have voted us to power both in 2014 and 2019 elections with a comfortable margin."

"It does not matter what the Chief Minister has said.....we believe in the strength of the people who will decide who is anti-people and anti-development", he said.

"Sabka Saath Sabka Bikash" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi cannot be an anti-people or anti-development, he



further said.

The Union Minister further said that the Modi Government never discriminated against Odisha in the development of the State. "In fact Odisha had received huge funds during the NDA regime under various welfare measures and central schemes in comparison to what was released by the previous UPA Government," he claimed.

Shri Thakur said Odisha had received only Rs 2,63,243 crore during the UPA Government while the NDA Government had released Rs

18,83,654 crore to the State during the last nine years. During the G20 more than 200 meetings were held in 60 cities in different States and union territories showcasing the art and tradition of the country which will boost the tourism sector. Odisha will also be benefitted from the economic corridor connecting Europe through Arab countries, Thakur asserted.

The Union Minister told the Media that India is doing well in every sector under the Modi Government. During the G20 meeting the Konark

wheel on the backdrop of PM Narendra Modi became a point of discussion around the globe.

He also claimed the tax collection in Odisha increased following the enactment of GST by the Modi Government.

The Information and Broadcasting Minister has urged the State Government to ensure speedy and better implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JMM) scheme that can bring significant changes in the lives of women folk.

"I would like to request the State Government speedy and proper implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission scheme," Shri Thakur said in the presser.

Shri Thakur emphasised that by passing the Nari Shakti Vandan bill Modi Government has delivered 33 percent reservation to the women in parliament and state assemblies ensuring the empowerment of women leadership in the country. Referring to the allegations of corruption and irregularities in the implementation of various central schemes in the

State, Shri Thakur said, "We will examine these and issue notice to the state if found any irregularities as is being done in case of West Bengal."

He, however, asked the Odisha Government to ensure that all the central schemes are implemented properly so that the poor people will be benefited out of these schemes and programmes.

When asked whether the BJP will contest the election on its own in Odisha or will have any alliance with others the Union Minister said, "BJP will contest the election on the strength of its workers. BJP has the most popular leader Narendra Modi to fight the election and will come out with flying colours."

Reacting to Shri Thakur's statement on alleged irregularities in execution of Central schemes in Odisha, senior BJD MLA Debi Prasad Mishra said, "If the Union Minister has any proof, let him show it and take action against those responsible for it. He might be making such baseless allegations in view of the election."

2023 Nobel Prize In Physics To Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz And Anne L'Huillier For Study Of Electron Dynamics



to receive their awards at ceremonies on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death. The prestigious peace prize is handed out in Oslo, according to his wishes, while the other award ceremony is held in Stockholm.

Physics is the second Nobel to be awarded this week after Hungarian scientist Katalin Kariko and U.S. colleague Drew Weissman won the laureates are invited

the medicine prize for making mRNA molecule discoveries that paved the way for COVID-19 vaccines.

Created in the will of dynamite inventor and businessman Alfred Nobel, the prizes for achievements in science, literature and peace have been awarded since 1901 with a few interruptions, becoming the arguably highest honour for scientists ever.

Kendrapara's Famous 'Rasabali' Gets GI Tag

Kendrapara (KCN): The famous sweet dish 'Rasabali' of Kendrapara district has been accorded GI (Geographical Indication) on Tuesday (Oct 3). The 'Rasabali Nirmata Sangha' in Kendrapara was the first to

memorandum demanding GI tag for the delicacy in 2021. Later, a delegation from Odisha, led by Rajya Sabha MP Subhash Singh along with Munna Khan and Mamata Mohanta met Union Minister Piyush Goyal and submitted a

Cancer Hospital Foundation Laid

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today laid the foundation for Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at NISER Campus in Jatni. The State-of-the-Art facility and research centre will be a global standard Cancer Care, Research and Innovation centre. It will be a 200-bedded cancer hospital and will be fully commissioned by December 2025.

Tata Steel Foundation will build the hospital at a cost of Rs 250 crore and donate it to Tata Memorial Centre, Department of Atomic Energy for running the hospital.

The Department of Atomic Energy has sanctioned Rs. 400 crore to purchase equipment, construct the Dharmashala, residential complex, and hire human resources. The hospital will be fully commissioned by December 2025 and will have the facility to house the latest cancer treatment technology, including radiation therapy, advanced surgery, chemotherapy, targeted therapies, and stem cell transplant ensuring best possible care to the patients. It will be a hub for cancer research, fostering innovation and breakthroughs in cancer treatment and prevention, Shri Patnaik said.



Government of India, NISER, Tata Steel foundation and Tata Memorial Centre for providing all possible

support for establishment of this facility, Patnaik said the State Government will provide wide access road, direct transport support through Mo Bus facility along with top class bus stops and a dedicated Fire Station in

close proximity to the Cancer Hospital.

The hospital will also be empanelled under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) for providing free healthcare to patients of Odisha. An Aahar kendra will also be set up in the premises of the Cancer Hospital.

The State Government has provided over 65 acres of land and financial assistance of Rs 150 crore for establishment of a Medical Cyclotron facility which will be the most advanced Research Level Cyclotron in Asia, Shri Patnaik said.

Stating that healthcare

is a top priority of his government, the CM said Odisha is witnessing a massive transformation in the health care sector. The Government had signed an MoU with Tata Memorial Center Mumbai in September 2022 for establishment of a 200 bedded state-of-the-art Cancer Hospital by TMC, Mumbai in the campus of NISER at Jatni. Among others, Health & Family Welfare Minister Niranjan Pujari, Jatni MLA Suresh Kumar Routray, Secretary Department of Atomic Energy Ajit Mohanty and Director of Tata Steel Foundation also spoke on the occasion.

Awareness Cyber Security Campaign-2023 to prevent cyber crime Program

Sunabeda / Semiliguda (KCN): According to the instructions of Odisha Chief Minister, Cyber Fraud Awareness Rath Campaign 2023 has been organized by Sunabeda Police at Sunabeda-1 Higher Secondary School under Sunabeda Municipal Council of Koraput District. Rajendra Kumar Patra, Chairman of Sunabeda Municipal Council, was the chief guest in this program to circulate the said cyber chariot in good condition. SDPO Manoj Kumar Behera, Sunabeda IIC Ramani Ranjan Dallei, BO Chemeli Mazumdar,



Tehsildar Jyoti Rath, Sunabeda High School Headmaster Mamata Patra were present. The guests explained to the students what cyber fraud is and how to avoid it. Similarly, Manoj Suna of ward no. 5 council, Ram Beniya of ward no. 2 were present as one of the guests. Koraput Police Station

Inspector Satyabham Behera conducted the stage. Padwa S.I. Deepak Kumar Barik, A.S.I. Bal Krishna Rath, A.S.I. Krishna Chandra Behera, These people contributed to the management. Students' drawing and linguistics competitions were held. The students were felicitated by the

distinguished guests. Amulya Mahali, Sushant Khara, Vinod Khillo, Kamlocan Maharana, Akshay Gaudo were present and contributed. Finally, Koraput Police Station Inspector Satyabham Behera thanked everyone. Similarly, a cyber awareness

campaign was held in Semiliguda SCTIM College Chairman Sri Krishna Singh, Semiliguda Block Chairman was the chief guest in this program. Lily Antabiria, Semiliguda Additional BDO Dharendra Kantagiri, Sunabeda SDPO Monaj Kumar Behera, Sunabeda Municipal Council Chairman Rajendra Kumar Patra, Koraput Police Station Officer Satyabham Behera, Semiliguda CDPO Vinodini Behera, Semiliguda IIC Shindra Pradhan, ASI D.B. Prabhshaya and other department officials were present.

Mission Shakti Cafe opened in Semiliguda block area



Pattangi (KCN): New Mission Shakti Cafe has come up in Semiliguda block of Koraput district. Pattangi MLA Pritam Padhi presided over a grand opening at Kar Kamal. Pattangi MLA Pritam Padhi attended the event as the chief guest and cut the ribbon to inaugurate Mission Shakti Cafe at Kar Kamal. Hon'ble Chief Minister Naveen Pattnayak While taking various initiatives to empower women through Mission Shakti, the Mission Shakti Cafe at the block level will help the base to make women self-reliant and as women have shown

their skills in household management, through the cafe at the block level they have got an opportunity to earn a living. said Pattangi MLA Pritam Padhi. Among others, Semiliguda BDO Sabyasachi Behera, APO, OLM, Mission Shakti's Women, MBK and CRP, Sarpanch, Samiti members were present in the program. All the staff of the block contributed to the program management.

Piyush Panda Elected as Member of Subarnapur District Planning Board

SUBARNAPUR (KCN): Youth organizer and Councilor of Ward No. 8 of Sonepur Municipality Piyush Panda has been elected as Member of District Planning Board of Subarnapur. Mr. Panda was elected with the full support of all the councilors. Health Minister Mr. Niranjan Pujari and Honorable Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Mr. Panda has been actively involved in politics since 2008, involved in the field of sports, in the field of culture, at the same time, he has become known everywhere as a popular successful youth leader, sports lover, culture



lover. Mr. Panda has played a remarkable role in championing the Ramdhun Club Football team in state level tournaments and in organizing and

recording the district-wide senior football league with 86 teams from the Sports Association side this year. He is actively involved in the sports, culture and politics of all areas of the town, not only in his own neighborhood, but also in the development of the city council. He visited various wards with the Collector, Municipality Chairman, and brought to the attention of the administration various

problems related to drainage, lighting, etc. Humble, polite, sweet-spoken, gentle, Mr. Panda personally provided widow allowance, old age to many people of his ward for many months. An allowance of Rs.700/- per month is a rare example. From birth to cremation, Mr. Piyush Panda Riku is born in the town as a puppy and is well known to everyone for his innocent demeanor. For this time, in the municipality election, he won in Ward No. 8 with a margin of more than 500 votes.

District-level Gandhi and Shastri Jayanti are celebrated in Subarnapur



SUBARNAPUR (KCN): At the district level, Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri's birth anniversary celebrations have been held at the district level. The meeting organized by the District Information and Public Relations Department presided over by the Collector Bimalendu Ray and addressed the students to serve the country by being inspired by the ideals of Gandhiji and Shastri. District Guard

was the guest of honor in the meeting. Superintendent Of Police Amaresh Panda, Additional District Magistrate Suryanarayan Das and Anjaleena Padhan were present as speakers. Principal Binika Sidhartha College Dr. Dharendra Kumar Nayak joins protagonist and eminent literary writer Deepak Ranjan Mishra to discuss the philosophy of life of Gandhiji and Shastri. Teacher Puspak Ray,

Pradipta Ray recited Gandhiji's favorite hymn Vaishnav Jan To Tene and Raghupathi Raghav Rajaram officiated. In the interfaith prayer meeting, Pastor Lalmohan Digal recited the Holy Bible, Janlab Muhammad Rafiq Koran, Dhiman Suresh Bagh Buddhist scriptures and Pandit Laxminarayan Pujari recited Bhagavad Gita. On this occasion, prizes were awarded to the students who won various competitions. In

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Mission Raniganj: All You Need To Know About 1989's Frightening Incident At West Bengal's Coal Mine

Akshay Kumar's 'Mission Raniganj', is based on the life of Jaswant Singh Gill, who played a significant role in rescuing miners trapped inside a flooded coal mine in November 1989. In 1989, a frightening incident unfolded in Raniganj, West Bengal. Over 200 coal miners faced a terrifying situation deep within the earth.

Dating back to 1774, the Raniganj Coal Mine holds a significant place in India's history as it was the nation's first coal mine. Late one night, as 220 dedicated coal miners were at work, the



mine was hit with a disaster. A blast in the coal wall shattered the underground water table, leaving the miners trapped.

Amidst the chaos, while some managed to escape, other 64 were confined in uncomfortable narrow spaces. Tragically, six lost their lives in the

ordeal. A rescue mission was launched, involving intricate drilling and communication with the trapped workers. Six distinct locations

required attention where six holes had to be drilled according to the mine map. Walkie-talkies were used to support contact, while essential supplies were lowered down. A steel and iron capsule, like a lifeline, was lowered for the workers to climb onto. Amidst this extreme situation, one man stood out as a ray of hope. Engineer Jaswant Singh Gill, Chief Mining Engineer of Coal India Limited, took it upon himself to enter the mine voluntarily. His courage and determination were the driving force behind the mission's success. He stayed in the mine until the very last worker was safely brought out. Jaswant Singh Gill's selfless act did not go unnoticed. He was honoured with the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak and Bhagat Puran Award for his exceptional service to humanity. The Raniganj coal mine incident serves as a testament to human resilience and the unbeatable spirit in the face of adversity. It reminds us of the heroes who appear in the darkest of times, like Engineer Jaswant Singh Gill, whose courage saved many lives.

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



which would be a FANTASTIC SCORE... Thu 8.82 cr, Fri 7.81 cr, Sat 11.67 cr. Total: ? 28.30 cr. #India biz. #Boxoffice."

Fukrey 3 is written by Vipul Vig and produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar for Excel Entertainment. The film was initially supposed to hit theatres on September

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

delays for 'Fukrey 3'.

The movie's initial release date was September 7--was intended to conflict with Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan'.

Actor Ali Fazal, who appeared in the first two instalments of the hit franchise, was only seen a short appearance role in the third instalment.

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



things that might look basic from a privileged background but I hope this gives hope to a woman rethinking marriage." "Aww congratulations to her. May Allah bless her with a beautiful married life with her husband," commented a fan.

A person wrote, "That's just graceful. Hope they find comfort." "Awwww the groom is crying. Such men still exist," said another fan. "Aww super cute mashAllah. Many congratulations to the happy couple," read another comment. "She's looking absolutely gorgeous," read a comment.

As per Tribune.com,

Mahira had earlier confirmed dating Salim while speaking with Samina Peerzada. In 2022, when Mahira was asked if she was in love, she smiled and nodded her head. "Yeah, I think I am in love. I don't know, I am so shy about it," Mahira had said. She had also confirmed that he wasn't from the industry.

Mahira will be seen with Fawad Khan and Sanam Saeed in the Netflix series Jo Bachay Hain Sang Samait Lo. The show, an official adaptation of Farhat Ishtiaq's bestselling 2013 Urdu-language novel, is the streamer's first Pakistan-themed

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

Actor Adah Sharma and Jatin Sarna are coming together onscreen for the first time in their short film Kofuku, which will premiere at JioCinema Film Festival. Kofuku is a 17-minute-long film, shot in Mussoorie. The title is derived from the Japanese word, which translates to happiness and fulfilment in life. In a chat with Hindustan Times, Adah and Jatin shared the essence of their film. Adah Sharma shared about the film, "It's a film that you will resonate with, no matter where you are from and whatever age group you are. The topic is so universal."

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



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

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

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

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

Recent Developments in Environmental Philosophy Reflects Paradigm Shift In Our Understanding of the Environment



Environmental philosophy is a branch of philosophy that explores the ethical, metaphysical, and epistemological aspects of our relationship with the natural world. It addresses questions about the value of nature, our moral obligations towards the environment, and the foundations of environmental ethics. Key topics include anthropocentrism vs. ecocentrism, sustainability, and the concept of "deep ecology." It's a field that delves into the philosophical underpinnings of our environmental concerns and guides our ethical decisions in addressing environmental issues.

In a more subtle these beings form a part of a larger biosphere there are other beings who forest dwellers - our current ecological disposition is creating more entropy at higher dimensions (for example hyperspace and dimensions by Saul Paul Sirag American theoretical physicist); where each dimension is

interlocked with other there is quantum tunnelling. If we don't understand holon movements mentioned by David Bohm - the earth will be endangered by 2040 anyways the prediction is 2025 to 2030.

But we need to clear our own home and conscious with specific focus on sustainable agriculture. Policy, campaigns, seminars workshops awareness building or campaigns; all these required and need to harbour entire medicinal plant gardens like they do in Japan. It is important to now create a new universal language for arts, social science and sciences to come together that is all inclusive both for academia and the betterment of the society; and where there is no difference between high and low sacred and profane to reach wider section of our global society.

This interdisciplinary approach is crucial for addressing complex environmental issues. Long-Term Perspective: It encourages us to consider the long-term consequences of our actions on the environment, helping us make decisions that prioritize the well-being of future generations.

Cultural and Social Values: Environmental philosophy explores how cultural and social values influence our perception of nature. This can lead to a deeper understanding of the cultural factors that

we need to remember that concisely. The impact of our nature and environment is absolutely calming and serene. We always need to marvel at the unique complexity and diversity

difference between molecular minorities of educated urban masses and huge majority of rural people suffering in agony. This is mainly due to deliberate governmental policies



contribute to environmental problems. Personal Reflection: It invites individuals to reflect on their own values, beliefs, and attitudes towards the environment, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship and responsibility.

In its true essence, environmental philosophy provides the intellectual tools and ethical foundations necessary for addressing environmental challenges and shaping a more sustainable and harmonious relationship between humanity and the natural world. As members of this society

around us. If we reflect upon this intricate design of the nature and complex planetary system we live in it is absolutely amazing and awe inspiring. The more we see and learn about them, their colours, symmetry, their functions, the more is one convinced that we actually know very little of the world or the universe around us. Environmental philosophy teaches us to be sensitive and responsible towards our fragile ecosystem and environment from a multiple perspective. The large pathetic and tragic financial

universally accepted environmental philosophy. Different philosophers and schools of thought hold varying views on our ethical responsibilities to the environment. This lack of consensus can hinder effective decision-making and action. While it can inform environmental policy, environmental philosophy alone may not directly influence government decisions or corporate practices. Policymakers often prioritize economic and political considerations over philosophical arguments. Environmental philosophy can be disconnected from empirical environmental science, which is essential for understanding and addressing complex ecological issues. Philosophical discussions can sometimes lead to a sense of powerlessness or paralysis in the face of environmental challenges. People may feel that addressing these issues requires systemic change beyond their control. Despite these limitations, environmental philosophy remains a valuable field for generating ethical insights, fostering critical thinking, and providing a foundation for broader environmental discussions and actions. Its impact is often indirect but plays a role in shaping attitudes and influencing decision-makers over the long term.

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As he prepares for his third resounding comeback, the prime minister's pleasant surprise for the women in India in its maiden legislation in the new parliament building would undoubtedly open avenues for them from across the country. This is going to give his brand value a push and its impact is bound to reflect in 2024 as well. The opposition's outcry on the timing of the proclamation is a debatable subject. But the impact of the move made by the government was so profound that the bill was passed with a booming support from all parties. And the voice of disagreement was too low to be heard. A longstanding demand by half of the country's population has been shelved for mere political reasons and it was evocative of the hammering impact of the highhandedness of a particular gender and its dominance in lawmaking. Criticisms apart, the bill and its alluring connotations would further sharpen the prospects of women in a democracy. But don't forget, the wounds of Manipur and Bengal and other parts of the country are yet to heal. Though the bill is passed,

would the condition of the ordinary women in India change? Will it make their life safer and less vulnerable to bigotry? Suspicion to that effect keeps mounting and the government need to have answers. The Modi Government's Nari Shakti Vandana Abhiyan is purely a logical attempt to refurbish the feminine energy for the welfare of the country. This has also been in a way connecting to what we can call India's civilizational understanding. As an ancient civilization this land had indicated on various occasions through the marvels of its scriptures that women have never been a folk that its societies have kept under suppression. With its varying color of societal depiction of diversity, the socio-spiritual progress of this landscape was considered incomplete without the women being taken on board. Amid a cascade of criticism on the timing of the bill's introduction, the country celebrated its smooth passage in both the houses of the parliament. With its absolute majority the Modi government could give the bill an easy and unhurt mobility and the element of compulsion with which its opposition had to act was probably speculated and preconceived. Almost certainly, with this firm conviction the government decided to convene the special session of the parliament.

As the national elections are eight months away, no party, with the least commonsense would dare to topple such a bill of unquestionable importance and the Modi government once again exhibited its ability to take tough strides. Independent India has witnessed multiple attempts being made to provide reservation to women in the parliament. Starting with the Deve Gowda regime in 1996, attempts to introduce the bill were made by almost every government. In 1998 when A.B. Vajpayee occupied the high office, the National Democratic Alliance under his leadership attempted a smooth sailing for the bill. On failing in the first attempt the Vajpayee government reintroduced the bill in 1999, 2002 and 2003 as well, but the bill failed the majority test always. During the Manmohan Singh regime the bill was tabled in the Rajya Sabha on March 9, 2010 and was passed but the government did not take it up in the Lok Sabha. Modi and his party entered the electoral fray with its 33 per cent quota promise for women in 2014 and repeated the same in their manifesto in 2019 as well. But the government shelved it until now, probably aiming for a momentous electoral harvest. By increasing the number of women in parliament, the meaning of India being the largest democracy will deepen. This would further intensify aspects

supporting gender equality and meaningfully chisel out prospects for gender receptivity. It was almost a century ago in 1920, America; the oldest democracy granted its women the right to vote. But for non-white women it was again barricaded with barriers keeping them away from the democratic processes. Black men and women were finally granted the right to vote in 1965 but the discrimination in the name of color still continues. India from the very first day of its democratic electoral process took the women of the country along. The course of its modern political history tells us stories of women holding respectable positions in the government and judiciary and the country's defense sectors. At present, in almost every sector women power is a principal component. And for Narendra Modi, entrusting more women with key portfolios in his government was an unprecedented decision. This has also exemplified the fact that the women in the country hold equal abilities and courage that of the men and what they were devoid of were opportunities.

Ancient India, from the days of Vedas held opportunities galore for women. We need to understand that a period did truly exist in India's civilizational chronology wherein neither child marriage nor sati system prevailed. And the Vedic

Letter To Editor

Sir

Surgeons of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, United States have carried out the world's second transplant of a genetically modified pig's heart to a human being. The surgery was carried out on Lawrence Faucette, a 58-year-old patient who had terminal heart disease. In 2022, the Maryland team had performed the world's first transplant of a genetically modified pig's heart into another dying man, David Bennett who died just two months after the procedure. The pig heart transplanted in the second operation has 10 genetic modifications, knocking out some pig genes and adding some human ones to make it more acceptable to the human immune system. Both the operations termed as a giant leap in the medical world and a boon in the life of humans is truly a 'marvellous medical feat'. Firstly, this Xeno transplantation could in the near future help solve the chronic shortage of organ donations. These experiments though just the beginning could be the turning point, a milestone in medical history to save the lives of patients and a big solution to organ shortage because of which thousands of patients lose their precious lives.

Further scientific researches regarding longevity and safety of the porcine heart and kidney have to be made and once this clinical xeno transplantation becomes fully successful it can put an end to non-availability of organs and will be a blessing to patients in the long list waiting to receive organs.

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Indian Roller Skaters Won First time ever Bronze Medal in 3000 mts Relay Race in and thus achieved a new milestone in the history of Roller Sports in India at Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, China. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and President, Roller Skating Association of India, Tulsi Agrawal Congratulated The Winner Team both (Men & women) for Carving out a special place on such a big platform in so far as Skating is Concerned.

Special Odissi performance wins hearts at World Culture Festival of the Art of Living at Washington DC

Washington(KCN):The three-day World Culture Festival 2023 concluded on a high note, with a very special Odissi performance winning the admiration of over 1 million attendees present at the World Culture Festival. Over the last three days, over a million people from 180 countries descended at the iconic National Mall in Washington DC in a historic gathering of humanity with an aim to send out a single message of belongingness and brotherhood; to celebrate human diversity through dance, music, meditation and culture. A glimpse of India's cultural canvas, the festival featured 'Panchabhootam' represented through 5 Indian classical dance forms led by Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Kuchipudi, and Mohiniattam, and symphony of 250 instrumentalists playing Sitar, Veena, Tabla, Mridangam, flute, Ghatam and Violin; a spirited 10,000-strong Garba performance, high-

energy Bhangra with 200 artists, Kashmiri folk dance, and 200 Chenda drummers. Global performances included mesmerizing dances from Africa, China, Japan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, the Middle East, the Caribbean Islands, Argentina, Nepal, the Slavic countries, and Mongolia. "This is overwhelming and so beautiful. We grew with this experience," shared Beena Mohan, choreographer of the Mohiniyattam performance. The third day at WCF was interspersed with vibrant performances from South Asia, Latin America and Caribbean islands, also as several interfaith leaders took to the stage to pray, in their unique ways, for global peace, making a call for rising above hate and bigotry. The event was replete with shared moments of human connection, solidarity and upliftment of human spirit. Among the festival's most memorable moments were a poignant minute of prayer for the people of Ukraine, led by Gurudev, after

a heart-felt recital from Ukrainian contingent. Yet another one was a thousand people enjoying a yoga flow and yogic wisdom at the Lincoln Memorial with Gurudev. People swayed; waved flags as Skip Marley (Bob Marley's celebrated grandson) performed the iconic One Love; a lively performance from Go-go band had everyone, from the dignitaries to the festival goers grooving to the lively beats in joy and celebration. In another historic moment, heartfelt prayers from diverse faith leaders for peace in the world touched a chord with everyone present. Juan Carlos-Teres, the MP of Colombia, drew a roaring applause from the attendees when he shared, "Gurudev, there is one country in the world that has to be in total gratitude with you - mine. Because you decided to come to Bogota, meet with our president, and then go to Havana. You convinced the rebels of the FARC to walk the path of nonviolence." This event also brought together 17,000 artists;

more than 60 performances representing diverse cultures and traditions from across the world; and global leaders from the world of business, politics and religion who shared their vision for a more co-operative and interdependent global community. "There is goodness inherent in us, and that needs to come up, and that comes when we realize we are one world family," said global humanitarian and spiritual master, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar during his address.

"Gurudev, you have created a microcosm of the global family," said Shri Ramnath Kovind, Former President of India, talking about the diverse representation of geographies and people at the WCF. Among the notable attendees were former President of India Sri Ramnath Kovind, Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India, H.E. Ban Ki-moon, the 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, former speaker of Lok Sabha, Hon. Dr. Vivek Murthy,

NEW DELHI, (KCN):India continues to show resilience against the backdrop of a challenging global environment, according to World Bank's latest India Development Update (IDU).

The IDU, the Bank's flagship half yearly report on the Indian economy, observes that despite significant global challenges, India was one of the fastest-growing major economies in FY22/23 at 7.2%. India's growth rate was the second highest among G20 countries and almost twice the average for emerging market economies. This resilience was underpinned by robust domestic demand, strong public infrastructure investment and a strengthening financial sector. Bank credit growth increased to

15.8% in the first quarter of FY23/24 compared with 13.3% in the first quarter of FY22/23.

The IDU expects that global headwinds will continue to persist and intensify due to high global interest rates, geopolitical tensions, and sluggish global demand. As a result, global economic growth is also set to slow down over the medium term against a background of these combined factors. In this context, the World Bank forecasts India's GDP growth for FY23/24 to be at 6.3%. The expected moderation is mainly due to challenging external conditions and waning pent-up demand. However, service sector activity is expected to remain strong with growth of 7.4% and investment growth is also projected to remain

robust at 8.9%. "An adverse global environment will continue to pose challenges in the short-term," said Auguste Tano Kouame, World Bank's Country Director in India. "Tapping public spending that crowds in more private investments will create more favorable conditions for India to seize global opportunities in the future and thus achieve higher growth."

Adverse weather conditions contributed to a spike in inflation in recent months. Headline inflation rose to 7.8% in July due to a surge in prices of food items like wheat and rice. Inflation is expected to decrease gradually as food prices normalize and government measures increase the supply of key commodities. "While the spike in

headline inflation may temporarily constrain consumption, we project a moderation. Overall conditions will remain conducive for private investment," said Dhruv Sharma, Senior Economist, World Bank, and lead author of the report. "The volume of foreign direct investment is also likely to grow in India as rebalancing of the global value chain continues." The World Bank expects fiscal consolidation to continue in FY23/24 with the central government fiscal deficit projected to continue to decline from 6.4% to 5.9% of GDP. Public debt is expected to stabilize at 83% of GDP. On the external front, the current account deficit is expected to narrow to 1.4% of GDP, and it will be adequately financed by foreign investment flows and supported by large foreign reserves.

A team of 15 mountaineers of Indian Army achieved a monumental triumph by successfully scaling one of the highest peaks of Kashmir Valley, Mount Harmukh from 26 to 30 September



Srinagar (Aasif Malik):The expedition was conducted by a team of mountaineers of one of the elite Battalion of Indian Army to commemorate their Platinum Jubilee. With unwavering determination, these brave men embarked on a daring expedition to reach the summit of Mount Harmukh, standing tall at an altitude of 5142 meters (16870 feet) above sea level. The challenging journey which began on 26 September tested the limits of human endurance and showcased the remarkable resilience of Indian Army.

The Expedition was flagged by Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC Chinar Corps at Kamakeri on 03 October 2023 who praised the team for completing this challenging feat. The triumph on Mount Harmukh symbolizes the dedication and grit of the Indian Army towards tirelessly safeguarding our borders and national interests. Its determination to conquer one of the tallest peaks of Kashmir also reflects the camaraderie and commitment to duty towards protection of the nation, no matter of the odds.

MERI MITTI MERA DESH Campaign Launched



Supply Officer Suresh Panigrahi, District Panchayat Officer Mr. Arjun Charan Majhi, DSSO Govinda Ballabha Sarangi DWO Achutananda Singh, District Information and Public Relations Officer Ashwini Kumar Bhoi, District Culture Officer Yamuna Padhan, Tehsildar Sonepur Naveen Kishore Padhi, Executive Officer Sonepur Municipality Shri Suryanshu Rut, and other District Level Officers, Tehsil and Block Level Staff, Journalists, Major Contributed.

Imphal (KCN):69 BN CRPF along with its team of officers and jawans in coordination with civil authorities/local police organized the campaign MERI MITTI MERA DESH under the aegis of Aazaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in oneness of nation for Amrit

Kalas Yatra in Kangpokpi district and motivated the the villagers in which male, female and children participated in the program willingly with full of enthusiasm besides civil authorities DC, SP, SDO civil, SDPO concerned along with locals made the event a grand success

A joint hearing camp of the Collector and S P. of was held in Sonepur Block



SUBARNAPUR(KCN):district Sonepur block level joint grievance hearing has been held in the Zilla Parishad conference hall in Subarnapur. In the camp, Collector and District Magistrate Subarnapur Mr. Bimalendu Ray and Supdt. Of Police Mr. Amaresh Panda joined the joint grievance hearing camp and received 16 registered complaints of various objections and problems of the public, out of which 10 There are 06 individual and 06 collective complaints! In the camp all the

complaints have been forwarded to the departmental officers of the respective departments for prompt resolution within the stipulated time! In the joint grievance hearing program held under the supervision of BDO Sonepur-Shri Soumya Ranjan Swain Chief Development Officer and Executive Officer Zilla Parishad Ashwini Kumar Meher, Sub Collector Dr. Ipsita Priyadarshini Mishra, Additional District Public Health and Medical Officer Dr. Ramesh Chandra Swain, District Education Officer Laxman Bhoi, Supdt. Of Excise Sumantri Tripathy, District

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Central University of Odisha Commemorates Gandhi Jayanti, Shastri Jayanti, and International Day of Non-Violence

CUO to start Centre for Gandhian Studies and the Centre for Gopabandhu Studies: Prof. Tripathi

Koraput, (KCN): The Central University of Odisha came together at its permanent campus in Sunabeda to observe the momentous occasions: Gandhi Jayanti, Shastri Jayanti, and the International Day of Non-Violence. Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakradhar Tripathi, joined by the esteemed teaching and non-teaching staff, paid a heartfelt floral tribute to the iconic figures Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation and Lal Bahadur Shastri, former Prime Minister of India on the eve of their birth anniversaries. In his address to the University community, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi shed light on the profound principles

championed by Mahatma Gandhi, emphasizing the values of ahimsa (non-violence), satya (truthfulness), and seva (service to mankind) that continue to inspire the pursuit of world peace. He remarked, "The whole world recognizes the noble doctrines of Mahatma that guide people toward a peaceful existence."

Discussing the Indian values and Mahatma Gandhi's policy of non-violence in the context of the International Day of Non-Violence, he referred to the philosophy of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. Prof. Tripathi also underlined the significant contributions and moral responsibility demonstrated by former Prime Minister Shri Lal

Bahadur Shastri. The Vice-Chancellor spoke passionately about the enduring legacy of Utkal Mani Gopabandhu, often referred to as the "Gandhi of Odisha," and his unwavering commitment to serving humanity. He urged everyone to follow Gopabandhu's path and



ideals for the advancement of universal peace and development. Additionally, he announced the University's plans to establish the Centre for Gandhian Studies and the Centre for Gopabandhu Studies, demonstrating its dedication to these

pivotal philosophies. Dr. Kapila Khemundi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, extended a warm welcome and underscored the significance of the day.

Prof. N. C. Panda, Registrar and Finance Officer in charge, stressed the timeless importance of ahimsa (non-violence) in his address. He highlighted that the doctrine of non-violence has its roots in ancient Indian wisdom, with teachings found in the Bhagavad Gita, Buddhism, and Jainism, all of which greatly influenced Mahatma Gandhi's life and beliefs.

Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean of the School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, delved into Gandhi's vision for education, stating, "Mahatma Gandhi envisioned colleges and universities to be closely linked to industries, producing graduates in alignment with industry needs. This approach would eradicate disparities and provide opportunities for all based on their education."

Officer of the University, extended heartfelt gratitude to all those in attendance. The event witnessed a large gathering of teaching and non-teaching staff, united in their reverence for these iconic leaders and their teachings.

To honor the Father of the Nation, the University organized a "Swachata Hi Seva" program on October 1, 2023, which included activities such as cleaning of campus and adjacent villages and painting and debate competitions among the students, reaffirming their commitment to Gandhi's ideals.

Swachhata Pakhwada at KIIT with Clarion Call to Maintain Clean Surroundings



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The KIIT and KISS campuses were abuzz with activity on Monday morning as it was observed Swachhata Pakhwada, a cleanliness drive coinciding with Mahatma Gandhi's Jayanti. The event aimed to instill the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in the hearts and minds of the KIIT community.

The event witnessed a significant gathering of students, faculty, and staff members who gathered to mark the day. In his address, the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta emphasized the significance of cleanliness in daily lives. He said, "Make your surroundings clean. The more you keep the place clean, it becomes even

better. Mahatma Gandhi said, 'Keep the place clean where you live.' If you keep your surroundings clean and are clean from your heart, the Almighty will come and reside there." "I have always strived to be clean in my actions, and I always maintain my surroundings clean, and this is the reason why the world loves me," he underscored.



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Singh Deo Connects People

Bolangir(KCN): Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Veteran Ananga Udaya Singh Deo has said that under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Odisha is moving forward towards transformation.

Shri Singh Deo was leading Jana Sampark Yatra of Governing BJD here at District headquarters.

Shri Singh Deo along with leaders of BJD organized the People Connect Program he and said transformation of the State has enhanced the self confidence of the people.

Shri Singh Deo said that Food Security, Disaster Management providing irrigation and farmers' empowerment has turned out as 'Model' for other states.

Former Minister said 70 lakh women SHG has empowered the women and helped them to improve their economic level.



Shri Singh Deo said that the BJD Government is working for the development and empowerment of women, poor, youth and SC & ST communities. He said the State Government's Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) has brought a revolution in the healthcare sector. It has enhanced the expectation of people from the system.

The Government's school transformation program has helped to bridge the gap between government and private schools, he added.

The BJD Veteran urged his party leaders and workers to spread the message of development to every household in the district, so that common men and women will be aware about such positive development.

He slammed the opposition for spreading lies and misleading the people of the district. Former MP Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, BJD Leader Aarkesh Narayan Singh Deo have sent messages for the workers to scale up the Peoples' Connect Program in a big way across the district.

The SJTMC, headed by Puri royal scion Dibyasingha Deb, looks after the administration and governance of the 12th century shrine. "Such committee be constituted by the government within a period of sixty days from the date when the SJTMC will approach them" the court said.

Jindal stainless champaign PM's Swachhata call: Cleans Danagadi vegetable market

Kalinganagar, (Sapan kar):- In a commendable display of dedication towards cleanliness, the employees of Jindal Stainless Limited, Jajpur, undertook a Shramadaan program on October 1, 2023. This initiative, inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's clarion call for a cleaner India, witnessed employees from various departments coming together to spearhead a thorough cleanup effort, both within and beyond the factory premises.

Employees from various departments of the company came



together to clean various areas both inside and outside the factory premises. A group of 30 employees volunteered to clean up the Danagadi vegetable market grounds, located in close proximity. The employees, driven by a

strong sense of responsibility towards their environment, left no stone unturned in ensuring that the designated areas were thoroughly cleaned. This act of unity and solidarity showcased their dedication towards creating a

clean and healthy working environment for themselves and the surrounding community. These kinds of initiatives are a testament to Jindal Stainless' commitment to corporate social responsibility and

creating a cleaner and greener tomorrow. By actively participating in such initiatives, the company aims to create awareness about the importance of cleanliness and inspire others to embrace similar practices.

Jindal Stainless remains steadfast in its efforts to support the vision of a clean and green India as outlined by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The company pledges to continue undertaking such initiatives in the future and play an active role in driving positive change in society.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Commemorates Gandhi Jayanti with Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0

CRPF Jawans and Odisha Police personnel join the campaign

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): AIIMS Bhubaneswar celebrated Gandhi Jayanti in a grand and impactful manner by organizing the Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0 on 2nd October within the campus premises. The event witnessed active participation from esteemed guests and dedicated volunteers, emphasizing the significance of cleanliness and sanitation.

A notable highlight of the event was the voluntary involvement of approximately 250 police personnel from the Biju Pattanaik State Police Academy (BPSA), Bhubaneswar, and an additional 70 personnel from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Bhubaneswar, who joined



hands with the AIIMS Bhubaneswar community to promote cleanliness. The day commenced with a tree plantation drive near the Dharmashala led by AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Dr Ashutosh Biswas. It was attended by distinguished personalities including DEAN Dr. P.R. Mohapatra, Dean, Medical Superintendent Dr. Dilip Kumar Parida, Hospital Administration Head Dr. Jawahar S. K. Pillai, and Sanitation Nodal Officer, along with faculty members Dr. Maj. Mukunda Chandra Sahoo, Dr. Ashok Kumar Jena, Dr. Prabhas Ranjan Tripathy. Dignitaries from BPSA and CRPF units were also present to grace the occasion.

A heartfelt tribute to

surrounding areas were pristine. To raise awareness on the importance of cleanliness and address the issue of plastic waste in society, volunteers utilized banners and placards, creating an informative and engaging environment for all participants. This collaborative effort between the faculty

members, staff, and volunteers demonstrated a shared dedication to the cause of cleanliness and sanitation.

The Executive Director, Dr. Ashutosh Biswas, delivered an inspiring address, commending the collective efforts and motivating everyone to persist in maintaining AIIMS Bhubaneswar and our beloved country clean and beautiful.

This commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti through the Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0 at AIIMS Bhubaneswar is a testament to the institution's commitment to the principles of cleanliness and echoes the timeless ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.

Apna collaborates with Truecaller to ensure Identity, Trust, and Safety

New Delhi:- Taking a step ahead towards providing a seamless and secure user experience, Apna, India's largest jobs and professional networking platform, has collaborated with Truecaller, the leading global platform that enables safe communication for instant onboarding of customers.

The partnership is in sync with Apna's objective of enhancing the overall user experience by leveraging Truecaller's expertise, to connect people with hyperlocal opportunities.

Through this partnership, Apna has been able to improve the overall calling efficiency by about 15% in less than a year. The platform has

also seen around 40% of its users verify their identity seamlessly via Truecaller's 1-tap verification SDK, leading to faster activation of their users. Truecaller's verification SDK (the developer-focused tool) enables mobile number-based instant and frictionless user verification for onboarding new users to the Apna mobile platform.

Talking about the association, Shantanu Preetam, Chief Technology Officer, apna.co said, "In the last two years, Apna has grown to be India's most trusted jobs and professional networking platform with 22 million users across 70 plus cities. The trust has been

based upon the safety and seamless experience we aim to provide and Truecaller has been an invaluable partner supporting us with the same. We look forward to our journey with Truecaller as we strengthen our mission of empowering more lives and #AcceleratingIndia" "Truecaller focuses on developing solutions for businesses and developers that increase the efficiency from user onboarding to last-mile communication. With Truecaller Verified Business Caller ID, Apna has added more context in its user-calling communications, enhanced their brand reputation, and delivered considerable value and safety to end consumers.

Celebrate Sabitri Brata with Kalyan Jewellers in traditional style!

Bhubaneswar: Sabitri Brata is considered among the most auspicious festivals, which is widely celebrated by women in Odisha, signifying the embodiment of a marriage. On this auspicious day, women observe the age-old tradition of day-long fast for the long life of their spouse. To mark this occasion, Kalyan Jewellers' refined collection, which is a perfect blend of India's artisanal heritage and craftsmanship, truly symbolizes the essence of an Indian woman through an extensive range of designs that include gorgeous gold jewellery, splendid polki designs, dazzling diamonds and so much more.

Kalyan Jewellers has introduced 3 ways for customers across the state to invest in gold jewellery. These include Kalyan Jewellers' Digital Gold, Gold Ownership Certificate Initiative and the gold coins as well as its extensive range of popular house brands available at the Kalyan Jewellers' showroom. Customers can avail of these online and offline mediums to purchase jewellery, making the occasion of Sabitri Brata truly special for their loved ones. Below are a few elegant jewellery gifting options that hold cultural significance and are ideal for the festive occasion. Check out the top 7 jewellery picks below, each piece more alluring than the other.

Johnson & Johnson Vision's ACUVUE® onboards Ranveer Singh to reinforce their vision of transforming eye health in India

Mumbai, (KCN): Johnson & Johnson Vision,* a global leader in eye health and part of Johnson & Johnson MedTech,** today announced that it has joined hands with Superstar Ranveer Singh to encourage Gen Zers and millennials to try contact lenses. The campaign is aimed at amplifying ACUVUE®'s mission to build awareness for eye health and welcome new contact lens wearers.

Over the last few years, ACUVUE® has spearheaded the transformation of eye health in India. The brand has adopted effective measures to understand the need of Indian consumers and address their apprehension around the usage of contact lenses. In fact, ACUVUE® is relentlessly working towards bridging the gap between consumers and optometrists by increasing awareness around the category and motivating consumers to go for regular eye check-ups. Consumers often turn to their peers for advice on contact lenses instead of consulting an expert. This campaign is an effort to lead consumers to consult an optometrist, who should be their first port of call for information on contact lenses as well as spread awareness about eye health in a light-hearted and meaningful way.

Swakalpa Udyog Vikash Sibira: Empowering Odisha's Youth in Entrepreneurship



Bhubaneswar, (KCN):

On the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a day that honors the principles of truth and self-reliance, a remarkable initiative is taking shape in Odisha. Swakalpa, a program initiated by the Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) and executed in collaboration with Palladium Consulting India Pvt Ltd., has organized the Udyoga Vikash Sibira. This week-long event aims to create opportunities and resources for the participants of the Swakalpa Entrepreneurship Promotion program.

As part of the Udyoga Vikash Sibira, an Entrepreneur Development Counseling Camp was held at the Kendrapati Multipurpose Cyclone Shelter in Astarang Block. Young women and girls who had undergone training in entrepreneurship development were guided on various aspects

of entrepreneurship, including the application process for bank loans to kickstart their businesses.

The counseling camp also provided information on essential registrations required for running businesses, such as Entrepreneurship Aadhaar registration, food product business registration, and trade registration. During the industrial

counseling camp, 11 loan applications were submitted to UCO Bank and Odisha Gramya Bank Managers, demonstrating the enthusiasm of these young entrepreneurs.

Additionally, 10 enterprises were successfully registered, and five individuals were registered in the livestock sector. The event saw the presence and encouragement of prominent figures, including Sameer Naik from Odisha Bank, Durjay Mishra, Vice Chairman of Astarang Block, Sanjeev Mohanty from District Industrial Institute, Jagdish Mallik from Omfed, Jitendra Mohan Sahu representing Vishwa Training Center, Soumendra Choudhury, Head of Swakalpa Program, and Arpita Patnaik, President of Hamra Buchpon Trust.

To honor the hard work and dedication of the trainees, certificates were awarded at this significant occasion, motivating them to further pursue their entrepreneurial dreams. Swakalpa Udyog Vikash Sibira stands as a testament to the spirit of self-employment and empowerment that resonates with the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, inspiring a new generation of business leaders in Odisha.

Parle Agro builds further growth opportunities for Farmers and its Fruit Processing Partners across India

Bhubaneswar : India's largest beverage company, Parle Agro has always been at the forefront of innovation in the development of iconic fruit-based beverages like Frooti and Appy which have captured the hearts of India. In order to cater to the massive demand of their products nationally and globally, Parle Agro is focused on updating their internal infrastructure and also aggressively building capabilities and capacities of their fruit processing partners across India.

Since 1985, Parle Agro has worked consistently with Fruit Farmers and Processors within India with a vision to encourage their development and give them opportunities to elevate their earnings. Parle Agro continues on this path and has

invested heavily in their processing partners to help them extract their highest potential. Subsequently, the company has taken a determined stand to source 100% from India itself. Historically, Parle Agro has always sourced fruits from India while importing from China too, to meet their apple juice content needs. But now, the company has completely stopped sourcing apple juice imports from China and are sourcing them entirely from India alone through its network of Indian farmers. Parle Agro's foray into the fruit-based category in 1985 began with procuring 1,000 MT of mango fruit from their local fruit processing partners to create the company's popular mango-based drink, Frooti. Parle Agro has

L&T named Second Strongest Global Engineering & Construction Brand

Mumbai:Larsen & Toubro (L&T), an Indian multinational engaged in EPC Projects, Hi-Tech Manufacturing and Services, has been named as the 'Second Strongest Brand' among the top 50 Global Engineering and Construction (E&C) companies – by Brand Finance, the world's leading brand valuation consultancy.

L&T has also been ranked as the 'Third Fastest Growing Brand' by the London-based consultancy in its 'Engineering &

Construction 50 – 2022' report. It is the only Indian company among the 'Most Valuable Global E&C Firms'. L&T with its footprint across 50 countries has gained 44% in its Brand Value over last year. Commenting on this achievement, an L&T spokesperson, said: "Brand is about so much more than just a name or a logo. It's about trust, reputation, value systems and credibility. We are honoured to be recognized as the Second Strongest Global Brand in the

India out to shed the substantial weight of being the nearly-men

New Delhi: Rohit Sharma had already begun responding to the first question at the press conference when fireworks continued to go off at R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, marking a fiery end to a sodden Asia Cup. In his inimitable droll, the winning Indian captain stopped his answer to quip, 'Arre, World Cup jeetne ke baad phodo yaar ye sab' (Save the fireworks for when we win the World Cup). The appetite for major silverware whetted, Rohit and head coach Rahul Dravid turn to the World Cup, each coveting the one missing item from their otherwise impressive CVs. In their two-year run, both have endeavoured to get the team playing a more dynamic brand of white-ball cricket. They will know, however, that nothing other than being anointed World Champions would

constitute a successful campaign. For India have been the nearly-men at ICC events for a decade now, a truly ludicrous stretch for a team of their talent and resources. The optimism would seem justifiable this time. Notwithstanding the associated pressure, it is a home event and the hosts have won each of the last three men's ODI World Cups. Then there's the case of their pieces seemingly falling into place while other contenders are losing theirs. Most notable has been the rust-free comebacks of Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer, who in the last year, have offered up enough material for a weighty book; much of whose contents would resemble a soap opera, but recent chapters bring hope of a happy resolution. India have form and flair with the bat, and variety and options with the ball.

Where can they be caught out, then? In two very distinct types of games. In helpful bowling conditions where their right-heavy top-order matches up poorly against left-armers. Or, on a featherbed when they can't quite shed their conservatism with the bat at a crucial phase of the match. Rohit and Dravid have encountered both such games in the build-up and have spent a good part of their tenure preparing for those contingencies so as to not let '45 minutes of cricket' end up defining their journey.

Squad: Rohit Sharma (c), Hardik Pandya (vc), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Suryakumar Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj

In Rohit, Gill and Kohli, India once again possess a dominating top-three, who now also offer the promise of a faster

Mohammed Siraj
Probable XI: Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj

tempo. This time they'll also have one of their more reassuring middle-order batters to follow those three. They can call upon Ishan Kishan for a left-handed tactical option or Suryakumar Yadav for additional oomph and x-factor. With the ball, they'll have six options including a key point of difference in the rejuvenated Kuldeep Yadav's left-arm wrist



spin. Rohit wants his side to bat more positively but doesn't necessarily have the batting depth to completely unshackle his inducters. He will bowl a couple of overs through the middle phase in case India seek some control and return once more to close out opposition innings at the death with his assortment of tricks.

Marquee match: That

one on October 14. 90,293 people turned up at the MCG last year when India played Pakistan at the T20 World Cup. The Narendra Modi stadium claims to have room for at least 20,000 more. If booking sites are to be believed, each one of those seats and most of the hotel rooms in Ahmedabad have already been reserved. One way or the other, a spectacle is guaranteed. **Potential Banana Peel:** Since the events of Port of Spain, 2007, India - Bangladesh fixtures in World Cups have had an edge to them. It wouldn't be imprudent to expect more of it in Pune this time around where Bangladesh will arrive with a 3-1 record in their last four ODIs against India. With a little assistance from the pitch, their spinners could pock at a few insecurities in an otherwise indomitable looking top-order.

Nosthush Kenjige, Ali Sheikh inspire Dallas Mustangs to maiden MiLC title



New Delhi: Hometown heroes Nosthush Kenjige and 21-year-old sensation Ali Sheikh stepped in to provide a fitting final flourish to an unstoppable Dallas Mustangs juggernaut. Ahead of their final against the Somerset Cavaliers, Mustangs looked set to clinch their maiden minor league title, coming off 11 wins out of 13 games this season, razing through oppositions at times. The Cavaliers however, had the Mustangs in shambles at 46 for 5 at the halfway stage of their innings with batting mainstays Andries Gous, Nauman Anwar and Hammad Azam dismissed.

Kenjige joined Sheikh in the 11th over in what seemed like a dead end, a complete lost cause. Refusing to capitulate just yet, the pair counter-attacked. Sheikh made his intentions clear with a lofted drive off Abdullah Gazi before bludgeoning two sixes off Sunny Patel in the following over. On a wicket that had his more illustrious teammates at sea, Sheikh batted like a breath of fresh air, totally in command of the

situation and his shot selection. Sheikh showed the spunk.

"Obviously there was a lot of pressure in this big game, but I just backed my natural game and went out there with a clear mind. I just backed myself to play my shots and backed myself that if I play till the 18th-20th over, the team will get to a respectable total," said Sheikh.

Sheikh's flair and Kenjige's street smarts propelled the Mustangs to 121 at the end of their 20 overs as the duo shared a 56-run stand. While the Sheikh and Kenjige's rearguard action had brought some element of respectability to their ask, it was the Cavaliers' game to lose with the batting firepower they possessed in the form of Kennar Lewis, Gajanand Singh and Shawn Findlay. Keeping true to his reputation, Lewis went hell for leather with a brisk 27 off 18 deliveries. Former Pakistan international Rumman Raees pinned Lewis in front in the final over of the power play with the Cavaliers in the driver's seat at 44 for 1 after 5.2 overs.

Mustangs introduced Kenjige and Hammad Azam after the power play. In the most remarkable turn of events, Kenjige and Azam had the Cavaliers on the mat as the Cavaliers made to run the gauntlet for every possible run out there. The pair applied the perfect squeeze to choke the life out of the Cavaliers batsmen, as they mustered 6 runs off the next 6 overs losing 4 wickets in the process.

Kenjige and Azam returned figures of 3 for 9 and 2 for 3 respectively off their 4 overs, shooting down the Cavaliers for 77. Apart from his batting and bowling, the live-wire Kenjige made a real impact on the field with a stunning direct hit to catch the inform Gajanand Singh short of his ground without facing a ball, reminiscent of his run out effort in the MLC against the Washington Freedom that turned the tide towards MI New York at a crucial juncture.

"I think it was a massive opportunity in our hometown Dallas. I think when we found out

that the finals and the playoffs would happen in Dallas, we were all pumped up to get the trophy back home. We always had a good team and it was just about all of us staying together and playing as a team. And then when we did well in the playoffs we knew we're going to play the finals in front of the home crowd. And you can ask for a better setting. The crowds were in. It was a beautiful weekend. Beautiful outfields I think you all pumped and then we were just happy to win the trophy in front of our home fans" said Kenjige.

The 2023 American cricket summer has seen a windfall rise in Kenjige's stock. His exploits with the ball in MLC, his superlative fitness and work ethics earned him the respect of MI bigwigs as they wasted no time to further sign him up for the ILT20 to give him his first taste of top level franchise cricket outside the US.

The Mustangs were left without the services of their talisman Corey Anderson for the super 8s and the final, as a senior member of the side Kenjige led by example on and off the field not only to fill Anderson's void. While he played perfect cameos in MI New York's championship journey, at Dallas Mustangs he was bestowed with more responsibilities as a senior member and subsequently played a pivotal role throughout the season to script a fairytale end to what he describes a surreal summer, a summer that has given birth to a new American cricketing star.

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New Zealand vs South Africa

Thiruvananthapuram

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the way with a 73-ball 78 while Tom Latham and Glenn Phillips made vital contributions in the middle. New Zealand were carried ahead by the middle and lower order as they posted 321/6 in 50 overs. Marco Jansen and Lungi Ngidi picked three wickets each for South Africa.

In response, South Africa weren't out of the bounds in chase. David Miller walked in and began to stitch a meaningful partnership with de Kock when showers came down and refused to let the players back on the field. When the players went off, South Africa were on 211/4 in 37 overs, needing 111 runs to win in 13 overs with de Kock still going strong. However, they were found to be seven runs behind the par score and ended up on the wrong side of the result.

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