

President of India Graces 55th foundation day celebrations of the ICSI

New Delhi, (KCN): The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the 55th foundation day celebrations of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in New Delhi today (October 4, 2023). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Company Secretaries should remember that their loyalty is not only to perform the legal work as an officer or professional of a company, but their duty is also towards every citizen of the country who has been left behind in the

developmental journey. She emphasised that the role of the corporate world in managing resources should be that of trusteeship. She said that the spirit of service should be their basic mantra. She urged them to move forward on the path of good corporate governance while remembering Gandhiji's Talisman "Remember the face of the poorest and most helpless man". She said that their goal should be "prosperity with human dignity". The President said that three sins out of seven sins mentioned by

Gandhiji are - wealth without work; knowledge without character; and commerce without ethics. She stated that the lessons related to these three sins should always be guiding lights for the Company Secretaries. She said that "Ethics in Business" is more important than "Business Ethics". She stated that as a vigilant watchdog of corporate governance, Company Secretaries have to take care that the legal provisions meant to increase ease of doing



business are not misused. The President said that today, India is scaling new heights. Be it economic or social development, we are moving towards becoming a leading

nation. In such scenario, it becomes more important that our professionals are not only qualified and competent, but also courageous and creative. She stated that the future of India's corporate governance depends on willpower and actions of Company Secretaries. They can make India a role model of 'Good Corporate Governance' as well as of 'Good Governance'.

The President said that

the work of ICSI is not only to create such professionals in the country who are capable, competent and proficient in corporate functioning and laws, but also to create such boardrooms, society and culture where good governance, integrity and discipline are not just words or buzzwords. These should be the universal truth of every aspect of life, and should also be the yardstick for measuring any decision.

The President said that

change is the law of nature. If we are not comfortable with change, or if we do not change our attitudes, methods and way of working with the times, our aspiration for good governance would not be fulfilled. Be it new technological inventions like AI, or changes in the regulatory environment, with all these changes we would have to change. She was happy to note that ICSI have not only updated their syllabus as per the need but have also encouraged research.

Manas; BJD Chief Whip

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Governing Biju Janata Dal (BJD) today appointed senior party leader and General Secretary (Media Affairs) Manas Mangaraj as Chief Whip of the party in Rajya Sabha with immediate effect. Shri Mangaraj replaced Sulata Deo as BJD's Chief Whip in Rajya Sabha. "Shri Manas Ranjan Mangaraj, MP, Rajya Sabha is hereby appointed as Chief Whip of the Biju Janata Dal in Rajya Sabha with immediate effect," said BJD Organizational Secretary Pranab



Prakash Das in a press release. Sharing the news, Manas took to X (Twitter) and wrote, "I express my gratitude to BJD President and Hon'ble CM Shri @Naveen_Odisha for reposing trust in me and appointing me as the Chief Whip of Biju Janata Dal in Rajya Sabha in July this year.

Accenture Plans Odisha Centre

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Odisha Government has announced that one of the leading IT MNC Accenture plans to set up its global delivery facility in Bhubaneswar. A senior delegation led by Ajay Vij, Country Managing Director, Accenture in India met Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik, today and had an extensive discussion regarding the

company's plans for the state. During discussion, Puneet J Kumar, Managing Director, Accenture India & Government Relation Lead, Sanjay Baurai, Managing Director-Workplace Solutions, Accenture India, V K Pandian Secretary to CM, Manoj Mishra, Principal Secretary, Electronics & IT Department, Manas

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announces Rs 1.5 Crore for Odisha's Javelin Star Kishore Kumar Jena



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced a cash award of Rs 1.5 crore for Odisha's Javelin star athlete Kishore Kumar Jena who has clinched a silver at the ongoing Asian Games at Hangzhou, China. With a personal best of 87.54m, Kishore has also qualified for Paris Olympics. With this silver, Kishore has created a historic moment for the state and country and brought laurels for the nation and will remain etched in the sports history of the country.

Sh Patnaik said, "The award is in recognition of his stellar performance, his perseverance and determination. I congratulate him on his win at the Asian Games and also qualifying for the Paris Olympics. Kishore's triumph not only reflects personal excellence but also serves as an inspiration for budding athletes across the country".

Chief Minister assured all support for Kishore for his preparation for Olympics next year.

Padhee Tests Scrub Typhus+



Bhubaneswar (KCN): State Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Principal Secretary Arabinda Padhee has tested scrub typhus positive and under treatment in his home. According to sources, Dr. Padhee had given a sample for scrub typhus testing two days ago at Capital Hospital after feeling unwell. The report came positive. He is now under treatment at home.

It was suspected that the senior bureaucrat was infected with scrub typhus during his recent visit to home district in Western Odisha.

After coming to know about this, Agriculture Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain wished for his speedy recovery.

"Got to know that our @krushibibhag Principal Secretary Dr @arvindpadhee has been tested positive for #ScrubTyphus. Praying to Lord Jagannath for his speedy and complete recovery," Shri Swain said in X.

Excluding two or three districts, scrub typhus has

been detected in rural and urban areas in all districts of Odisha. So far, 22,077 samples have been tested, of which, 2820 scrub typhus positive cases have been detected in the state, said Director Public Health, Niranjan Mishra.

The State Government is now focusing on increasing testing and early testing and providing necessary treatment. Earlier, a central team had visited several parts of Odisha to examine the increase of scrub typhus cases in the state.

The scrub typhus infection spreads when chigger bites someone. The persons who frequently visit farmland or forest are vulnerable to the infection. The most common symptoms of scrub typhus include fever and a black inflamed mark on the skin called 'eschar'.

MoUs Inked for 5 Multi-Specialty, Super-Specialty Hospitals in Odisha



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Odisha will soon get 5 new Multi-Specialty and Super-Specialty Hospitals. This is the first of its kind initiative by any state to develop healthcare facilities in PPP mode. The Health & Family Welfare Department today signed agreements with private partners, for establishment of 100 to 200 bedded affordable multi-specialty hospital projects at Angul, Barbil, Bhadrak & Jharsuguda, and a cancer care super specialty hospital through PPP mode. Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik joined the programme on virtual mode. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Shri Patnaik said that infrastructure development for quality

healthcare and services has been a priority of my Government. He further said that the state is committed to fulfill the healthcare needs of the people of Odisha in an equitable, efficient, transparent and time-bound manner. Our motto is 'Every Life is Precious'. He called upon all to work together for fulfilling our commitment for a Sustha Odisha, Sukhi Odisha.

Saying that Odisha is witnessing a transformative journey in healthcare sector, he described that the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana has been a morale booster for nearly one crore families as the scheme is taking care of their health related issues. Private healthcare operators have a major role in

fulfilling this mandate. Therefore, we are encouraging private investments in health sector to set up institutions at district levels, he added. Expressing happiness over the signing of agreements with private healthcare operators, he said that this will go a long way in providing quality healthcare to people of these areas. He wished all success for the partners from the Private Sector who joined hands with us to implement the first of its kind PPP in Healthcare Sector in Odisha. The State will ensure timely support and facilitation from all quarters for early commissioning of these facilities, he added. Health & Family Welfare Minister Shri Niranjan Pujari said that under the

vision and direction of the Chief Minister, the state is going through a transformation in health sector. The government is committed to accessible, affordable and inclusive healthcare across the state, he added.

As per the MoUs, a consortium of Utkal Healthcare Pvt Ltd. & Silicon Institute of Technology will develop 200 bed multi-specialty projects at Angul & Barbil, whereas the 100 bed projects at Bhadrak & Jharsuguda would be implemented by consortium of Cygnus Medicare Pvt Ltd & Printlink Computer & Communication Pvt Ltd. A 120-bedded cancer care super-specialty hospital would be implemented by Vizag Hospitals & Cancer Research Centre Pvt Ltd in Jharsuguda.

The Government would provide land, capital assistance for construction & required infrastructure connectivity. The PPP partner will construct the hospitals, deploy manpower and provide healthcare service for 30 years thereon. For Cancer care hospital, the Government would provide land, construct the hospital & provide equipment, while the

private partner will deploy adequate manpower, operate, maintain and manage the Cancer Care Hospital for a period of 15 years.

These facilities would be first of its kind NABH hospitals to offer 24 x 7 Trauma care, OPD, IPD services, multi-specialty and super-specialty healthcare services.

All patients covered under State Government social insurance / assurance schemes shall avail cashless services at these facilities at BSKY rates whereas the tariff for the market patients would be pre-determined. These hospitals would cater to more than 6 million population of the State & would substantially reduce travel time and out of

Health Secretary Smt shalini Pandit delivered the welcome address and Special Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

The maze

(Shibangi Dhara), Bandana Sahoo

Wrapped in storm
With a dark eye
Who is he?
His eyes are bright
He is looking at me
With a bit of a scowl
I am enjoying it
With great love.

Ohh !! Her sweet words
Hurting me
With great love
I applied ointment on my heart
With great love
Desires are awakening hope.

Look how deep his color is,
Slowly climbing up
This is talking the heart
Towards itself
That illusive animal of his heart
Is very clever.

My steps are moving slowly
All my dreams have started
entering the maze,
Go out go out
I have started thinking
Now I am looking for ways
I can't control my legs
Started slipping by fear.



Jajpur

A life beyond eyes

Dwiti David Philip

A life beyond eyes,
Seeing that, one does shys,
The first time when one realises, one repents
and cries,
Same with me, when I felt those musics.



From these, may I flee,
Wastages of time, till I couldn't see, what's the
use of an eye,
All wealths, times, energies and beauties,
though chime,
Real tests of life, when one joins being lonely.

This world is not mine,
Mine is made for beyond this eye,
One see, there "I",
From those makes one blind, welcomes me.

Responsibilities can be carried on,
Life till end, may go on,
Nothing stops, if one is determined to be the
winner,
Jesus and many, chose to be that owner.

What it is?
Perfect bliss,
Within the sea or at mountain peak or in the
skies,
Only being alone, one feels those musics.

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Quotation of the Day

THE MIND CAN ONLY
SEE WHAT IT IS
PREPARED TO SEE

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worship the Tulsi plant.
It's a cultural heritage of our Hindu cult that we have been continuing for ages.
Even there is a tradition in Odisha where an earthen pot with Diya is lit with a complete whole inside. Every

Kartik month or Kartik Maas is believed to be the first month of Chaturamas.
This year, it will be started on the 29th of October.

It's considered to be the most sacred and religious month of the year. According to the Hindu Calendar, this month is the eighth month of the year.

Kartik Maas is believed to be the holy month in which the devotees pray to Lord Vishnu or Damodar for the well-being of their families.

By leaving all non-religious activities even the immoral persons of the society try to indulge in spiritual awakening.

The last five days of this month are even considered as most pious there is a saying that even a non-vegan bird starts to fast with a religious fervor.

That's why it's called 'Panchuka'.

People decorate their houses with pristine reflections of Diya and also they

with the dawn of wisdom. Hence people pray for the purification of their souls by meditating or fasting.
Even some people eat once a day. Most people opt for vegan food instead of meat intake to maintain a balanced lifestyle. Hence this month is

the worshippers this month. The entire month goes on with the holy chants of divine lords. The devotees adore Lord Shiva, Kartikeya, and Goddess Laxmi. Most believers pray near the plant of Tulsi and offer holy water to the Sun in the early morning. The glorious month of

observing Dhanteras. The last five days are traditionally known as Vishnu Panchak. Devotees rigorously fast these five days beginning from the Ekadasi day to Purnima(full moon). Again the full moon day is abundantly celebrated by the worshippers with a



evening the worshipers light the pot and hang that at a high place with the use of a pulley.

There is no science behind every traditional belief of our country.

Lightening the earthen lamps and candles to justify the presence of virtue over vice. It intensifies the mystic aura everywhere.

Light means consciousness and darkness means ignorance.

So in the month of Kartik, we celebrate the festival of Diwali. This month has so many relevance in our lives like enlightening the unconscious soul

for reviving the dead ideas with the spirit of liberation. By discarding Earthly pleasure we embrace penance.

People get up extremely early in Brahma Murtha and initiate their offerings to lords and particularly they visit the temple of Radha and Krishna.

Reciting and listening to the tales of Kartik maas (Katha) accomplish their days. They also take a holy dip in sacred rivers to eliminate their filthy thoughts and lusty attitudes toward worldly commodities. Reading Bhagavad Geeta and the Holy Scriptures can cleanse the body and mind of

Kartik commences with the advent of Sharad Purnima with the glory of the full moon.

The worshippers devour the entire month by worshipping Goddess Radhika and Lord Krishna.

Amavasya is followed after completing fifteen days of this holy month. Deepavali is celebrated, as the festival of sparkling lights to commemorate the arrival of Lord Ram from Lanka. This festival also marks the triumph of virtue over vice. In this festival, people welcome Ma Laxmi with wealth in abundance by

unique culture (particularly in Odisha). They float small paper boats or boats made from banana stems in the sacred rivers to get rid of the sins and to obtain the fruit of the spiritual gains they procure from the chastity of the entire month. So with the offerings of flowers and incense sticks, devotees take a dip in the sacred rivers to get salvation.

With a variety of pious relevance, the month of Kartik sanctifies the vices of the worshippers by reawakening their inner consciousness with spiritual awareness.

humans, Manu and Shatarupa are also believed to have been created in the Brahmavart Ghat. Later, Bithoor flourished under the reign of emperor Uttanapad. His son Prince Dhruva (who grew up to be a saint) was a great devotee of Lord Brahma. It is said that Dhruva meditated on one foot to appease Lord Brahma. Delighted with his dedication and devotion, Lord Brahma appeared before him and granted him the boon of immortality and Dhruva became a shining star in the galaxy. The star Dhruva Taara is named after him. Moreover, Dhruva Teela (Dhruva's Hill) still stands in Bithoor as an evidence to the penance performed by Dhruva. Bithoor is considered to be a prominent religious place because of its association with the ancient text, Ramayana. The town houses the Valmiki Ashram. It is believed that sage Valmiki composed the Ramayana in this ashram. Goddess Sita took refuge in Valmiki Ashram during her exile and gave birth to Luv and Kush. A place inside the Valmiki Ashram is known as Luv-Kush Janmsthal. It is said that Luv-Kush received their education from Valmiki at this spot. The ashram also consists of Sita Rasoi, which is believed to be Goddess Sita's kitchen during her exile. Another site, Sita Patal Pravesh, is the site where she decided to unite with mother Earth.



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I love you

RK Biswal



I love your lips when they're wet with wine
And red with a wild desire;
I love your eyes when the love light lies
Lit with a passionate fire.
I love your arms when the warm white flesh
Touches mine in a fond embrace;
I love your hair when the strands enmesh
Your kisses against my face.
Not for me the cold, calm kiss
Of a virgin's bloodless love;
Not for me the saint's white bliss,
Nor the heart of a spotless dove.
But give me the love that so freely gives
And laughs at the whole world's blame,
With your body so young and warm in my arms,
It sets my poor heart aflame.

So kiss me sweet with your warm wet mouth,
Still fragrant with ruby wine,
And say with a fervour born of the South
That your body and soul are mine.
Clasp me close in your warm young arms,
While the pale stars shine above,
And we'll live our whole young lives away
In the joys of a living love.

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Ram Charan Snapped Barefoot At The Airport In All-Black Avatar During Ayyappa Deeksha, Fans Call Him 'Spiritual'

Ram Charan was spotted at Mumbai airport wearing an all-black outfit and walking barefoot. He even greeted the paparazzi with a warm smile and fans are in love with the actor yet again. Ram Charan is a great renowned actor and despite his hectic schedule, he has managed to maintain his spiritual practice. He was spotted walking barefoot at Mumbai airport because of Ayyappa Deeksha. The actor was seen exiting the airport with his team. While making his way out of the airport, he greeted the paparazzi with a warm smile and namaste. The



pics are now going viral on social media.

Ayyappa Deeksha is basically a Hindu religious event that lasts for 41 days and devotees of Swami Ayyappa perform this ritual. During the ritual, devotees should be dressed in black, walk barefoot and wear tika on their forehead. Following this event, he will quickly return back to his work obligations.

Meanwhile, on the film front, Ram Charan will next be seen in Shankar's directorial 'Game Changer' alongside Kiara Advani. This will be Ram Charan and Kiara Advani's second collaboration after 2015 film 'Vinaya Vidheya Rama'. The film was directed and written by Boyapati Srinu.

Bigg Boss 17 Contestants List: Ankita Lokhande And Husband Vicky Jain To Enter Reality Show?



Days after popular YouTuber Elvish Yadav won the Bigg Boss OTT 2 amid much fanfare, all eyes are now set on the official announcement for the main season of Bigg Boss 17. The buzz is high that it will begin from October end this year and many reports are already hinting at a speculative tentative contestants' list from the show. One big name that is out already is actress Ankita Lokhande and her husband Vicky Jain. Speculation is rife that this popular telly couple - Ankita Lokhande and her husband Vicky Jain are likely to be seen as participants on Bigg Boss 17. Many social media pages are also carrying the news that has originally been quoted in ETimes report.

Jiya Shankar, Abhishek Malhan, Manisha Rani, Aishwarya Sharma, UK 07 Rider (Anurag Dobhal), Neil Bhatt, Arjit Taneja, Gia Manek, Kanika Mann, Alice Kaushik, Sunanda Sharma, Kanwar Dhillon, Shafaq Naaz, who was last seen in Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyar Mein, Anjum Fakih, Awez Darbar among many others. Ankita Lokhande and Vicky Jain were earlier seen in Smart Jodi. In previous seasons of Bigg Boss, many real-life couples have participated together, such as Tannaz and Bhakhtyar Irani, Shilpa Saklani and Apurva Agnihotri, and Kishwer Merchant and Suyash Rai to name a few.

The makers have not released any confirmed list of contestants as yet.

Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor's 'Bawaal' To Have Grand Screening At Eiffel Tower



Actors Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor are all set for the worldwide premiere of their upcoming film 'Bawaal'. Before hitting OTT however, the movie will have its first screening at the Salle Gustave Eiffel in Paris.

The movie will make it the first Indian film to get a screening at the Eiffel Tower. The film is a love story set in the backdrop of World War 2 and will feature a gripping narrative, taking the audiences on a journey through Europe. "Bawaal" will be the first Indian Film to have its premiere at the Eiffel Tower. The premiere will take place at the exquisite Salle Gustave Eiffel, offering a panoramic view of the city of love as the backdrop. Apart from Varun, Janhvi, Sajid, and Nitesh, the premiere will be attended by movie enthusiasts and French delegates, making it one of the biggest premieres for an Indian film," a source told Pinkvilla.

Allu Arjun To Make Hollywood Debut Soon? Actor Says 'It's Time To Think Global'

Star Allu Arjun has plans for Hollywood, as the popularity of 'RRR' has propelled Indian cinema worldwide. The actor said that this phenomenon has opened the doors for Indian cinema to go international.

Speaking to Variety about his Hollywood plans, Allu Arjun said: "It has opened the doors and the minds of people that there is something beyond our regular traditional markets that we need to go explore and our reach as much as possible."

As part of this expansion, the actor said that he already has plans to sign up with a Hollywood agent: "It's really a golden era for entertainment industry in India."

Talking about his win at the National Indian Film Awards and becoming the first actor to do so, Allu Arjun told Variety:

"Getting the national award is the highest official respect you can get. What we realised was that in 69 years of Telugu cinema, while other technicians and

directors have won, no actor had won best actor at the National Awards."

"So that was a path breaking achievement and became the pride of the Telugu people. I was glad that I could contribute to it in a small way."

He attributed the

success of 'Pushpa' to

its rootedness and rustic

nature. "It's the

common man factor, it's

the character's attitude

that really connected

across all languages,"

Arjun said. "We wanted a very authentic, rustic, rooted storytelling."

"I think that authenticity and honesty paid off, we were not trying to be somebody else, we were trying to be who we are and still trying to appeal to everybody else. It's like how they say, going local is going global."

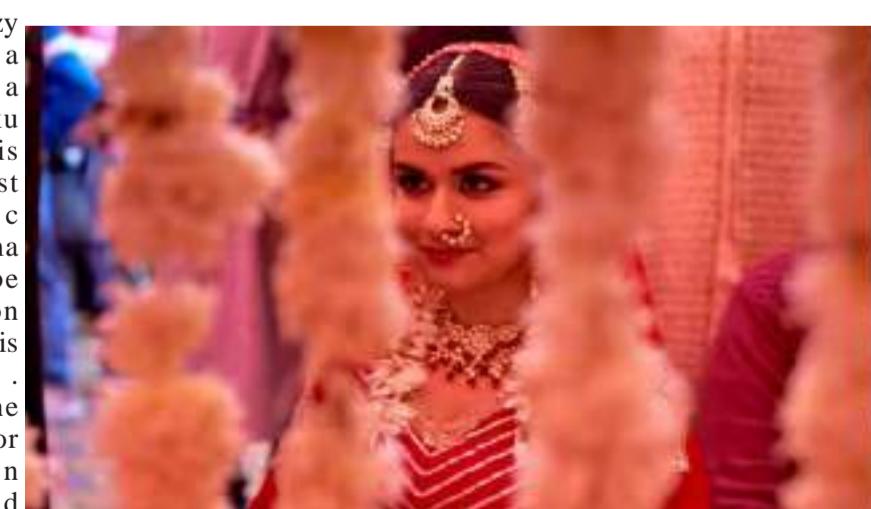
'Pushpa 2: The Rule' is due for release sometime in 2024. Allu Arjun has described the film as being "even more of an adrenaline rush."

Avneet Kaur Opens Up On Working With Nawazuddin Siddiqui In Tiku weds Sheru, Says 'He Is Serious, Passionate'

A fun and crazy journey of a hustler and a dreamer, Tiku Weds Sheru is the quirkiest romantic comedy-drama you'll be watching on Prime Video this weekend. Starring the versatile actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui and rising talent Avneet Kaur, the romedy is a tale of two starry-eyed characters, who want to make it big in Bollywood, journeying through all the worldly chaos and challenges.

Avneet started her career in the entertainment industry as a child artist twelve years ago and has now bagged her big break as a lead in Kangana Ranaut's maiden production.

shared, "The seriousness and dedication that Nawaz sir has for his work is commendable. It is extremely important for us actors to be on and off. When an actor is on screen, they are on screen, you can't let anything affect you at that point. He is so



serious, passionate and dedicated about his work, that he is there in the moment. He gives his 100%. That's something that I have learned from Nawaz sir, and something I'll carry ahead with me in my journey as an

actor, no matter how

many projects I do."

Kangana Ranaut marks her production debut for the film under her banner of Manikarnika films. Directed by Sai Kabir Srivastva, Tiku Weds Sheru will stream on June 23 exclusively on Prime Video.

Centenary Wishes for a Legend



Always preferred the life of a scholar gypsy, I began writing in 1973 in Odia hand written magazines, but my first publication in print was in Meenabazar page of Prajatantra on 11 September 1975. Now, Prajatantra has completed 100 years of its publication. Happy Centenary Wishes to Prajatantra and its Editor Bhartruhari Mahtab. This Odia newspaper was founded by Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab. Started as a weekly from Cuttack on this day, 3 Oct. 1923 it was shut down in 1930 as a protest against British oppression. It was revived one and a half decades later as a daily on 8 August 1947. Mahatabji was also Governor of the the Bombay state consisting of Maharashtra and Gujarat that time. My first poem in Jhankar, the legendary literary magazine brought out

Prof. MANAS RANJAN MAHAPATRA

from this newspaper group, was published in 1980. In 1960s and 70s, Prajatantra was one of the major newspapers of the country and the Bishuba Milan organised by it was the first Lit Fest of India when I grew as a poet. My early writings, both poems and stories, were published in Meenabazar and Prajatantra Sahitya Bibhaag. Jhankar was the most prominent literary journal those days and I was published in Jhankar in 1980.

My tributes to Utkal Keshari Dr Harekrushna Mahatab who established this newspaper and a great literary tradition. Twice Chief Minister of the state and a cabinet minister in the first Indian Cabinet led by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the scholar PM, he was a Rajyogi in the true sense.

I have Golden Memories of Bishuba Milan for years.

I got several invitations for the Bishuba Milan, 2023 on 14 April, but I have no other way than to regret with thanks as the Foundation Day of our matriculation batch will be on that auspicious day. Sampad babu invited me to become Chief Guest in



subsequently and it continued for years. Now it is stopped. It seems nobody has time now in that organisation for literature.

A few years back I met Bhartruhari Mahtab at Bhubaneswar Airport. My friend Manas Ranjan Samal was with me. He was to catch a flight to Kolkata and we to Delhi. We had almost an hour time and so, we talked of many things including Prajatantra Bishuba Milan. Bhartruhari Mahtab insisted that I should come that year to Bishuba Milan and chair the Poetry session. It was the month of January 2009 if I correctly recollect.

More than two months passed since then. General Election was announced. Bhartruhari Mahtab was busy. One day in the first week of April 2009, Saroj Ranjan Mohanty called

me.... 'Manas, have you received our letter?'

'No Sarojbhai,' I replied. 'Is it for Bishuba Milan?' I questioned.

'Yes, we wrote for your consent. Now our invitation card is to be printed...' He replied.

'Why you need my consent, it was already discussed with Bhartruhari Mahtab,' I said. Then I asked him for the detailed programme as planned by them and understood that they have invited me as a speaker with Dr Bhagaban Jaisingh and somebody else to Chair the poetry session. I was happy that I will share dais with Bhagaban Jaisingh who was teacher of my friends at Ravenshaw College, but was hurt that Bhartruhari Mahtab did not keep his words. I was in a dilemma if to go or not. But Prajatantra's letter did not come in time and I could not go due to this communication gap. I have not attended Bishuba Milan anywhere since then. I am retired now with no post retirement posting. Nobody salutes a setting sun!

When Sampad Babu called me to invite to the Bishuba Milan at Katrapur on 14th April, I

fondly recollected how a boy of 15-16 used to travel by Puri Cuttack Shuttle without ticket, stayed in the house of Surendranath Nayak, the then Secretary of South Eastern Railway Mens Congress. His wife Pramila Nayak was a writer for children and got the first award for children's literature from Odisha Sahitya Akademi, and to travel by City Bus from Badambadi to Chandnichowk to go to Bishuba Milan at Bihari Bagh Suraj Talkies way back in 1975. A city bus ticket was 10 paise those days.

Gone are the days.... Everything is lost in transit. This is a digital world where we post everything through WhatsApp and respond in waves of time...

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Letter To Editor

Dear Editor

Zoological gardens around the globe are doing absolutely excellent job in highlighting and publicizing importance of global biodiversity conservation through an extraordinary effort in disseminating environmental education and awareness and other beneficial environmental activities to the public at large. Hats off to them specially in the context of noticeable negligence of governmental policies and strategies with respect to conservation of global biodiversity for promoting infrastructural development, economic growth and prosperity without doing proper environmental impact assessment.

Some of the most important aspects of modern biodiversity conservation are : 1. Biodiversity importance & need for comprehensive conservation strategy 2. Captive breeding & reintroduction of endangered animal species back to the nature: Success and failures 3. Wildlife trade and trafficking and role of modern zoos towards wildlife conservation and education/awareness 4. Reporting of nature based stories for newspapers/magazines; and how to make it attractive and educational for the readers 5. An overall idea of global wildlife conservation initiative and the importance of forest conservation.

It is therefore important for us to understand that zoological gardens around the world have shifted from their principal role of displaying of animals or specific fauna towards holistic conservation efforts. Zoos now play an important and integral role in captive breeding of several endangered and critically endangered species of wildlife and their successful reintroduction to the wild habitats. Zoos also provide veterinary care for sick animals or wildlife that need medical interventions. It is simply not a centre of recreation for the public anymore; but, a wildlife refuge, rehabilitation, education and awareness centre rather.

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governance have found new vigor with the introduction of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (CAA). Strengthening of panchayats and empowering people at the grassroots to resolve their minor disputes amicably would solve many of the problems that are faced by conventional justice dispensation system. Indeed, this would also provide a solution to the problems of accessibility of the courts, for those living in remote regions too.

Self governance envisaged by the constitution must include judicial powers too and that is the rationale for 'Nyaya Panchayats' which implies judicial decentralization at the people's level. Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal have not made any statutory provisions for establishment of Nyaya Panchayats in their State Panchayati Raj Acts. But where laws are enacted, as in Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha, they are, in most part, non-functional. The present scenario seems to be that neither judicial

functions are properly enforced nor have Nyaya Panchayats established themselves as effective instruments for settlements of disputes. It is interesting to note that Kerala has not included any judicial provision in the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. However, there are cases of 'Neeti Melas' (legal aid camps conducted by the Panchayats) and have resolved local issues. Similarly, states like Maharashtra have also implemented such legal aid camps to provide grievance redressal for the disputes at the panchayat level. Some panchayats have also taken up measures to attain the level of 'litigation free' panchayats.

Generally, it is observed that in a few states where Nyaya Panchayats have been performing, their potential has not been fully exploited. There has also been no uniformity among the states on its functions. Most of the Nyaya Panchayats were formed through a system of nomination or a combination of election with nomination. The nomination system by District Magistrate, who would act on the recommendation of lower functionaries,

may lead to influential persons being nominated to serve on Nyaya Panchayats, thus impinging upon the neutrality required for such institutions. The working of Nyaya Panchayats may also be affected due to the members being subjected to influences and pressures.

The Gram Nyayalaya Act, 2008 has been enacted by the Govt. of India, to provide for the establishment of the Gram Nyayalaya at the grassroots level for the purpose of providing access to justice to the citizens at their door steps (Govt. of India, 2008). Presently, only a few states have Gram Nyayalaya, which have almost a formal character, which makes them complicated. They also tend to be more expensive for the litigants and thus not people-centric. Hence, they have restricted access to justice as compared to the Nyaya Panchayats. The Gram Nyayalaya with a Nyayadhikari and lawyers representing the parties are still not at the reaching level of the common man.

National Advisory Council (NAC) advised the Govt. of India to introduce legislation on Nyaya Panchayats. On June 25, 2006 a committee was constituted under

the chairmanship of Upendra Dahi, and a draft bill was prepared. The bill proposed to Nyaya Panchayats at the panchayat level to resolve disputes before they reach the formal justice system. However, the bill could not be taken to its logical end due to various reservations expressed by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Finance and State Governments.

At present, there are more than 2.5 lakhs Panchayati Raj Institutions in India. If Nyaya Panchayats are instituted at the level of each Gram Panchayat it can bring justice at the doorstep. Down the course of history even the existing Nyaya Panchayats have sparingly provided access to justice through a process of participatory mode.

As the subject of Nyaya Panchayats, raises a number of pertinent questions which are to be tackled through discussions for a wider acceptability, a study on the institutionalization of Nyaya Panchayats gains importance. Some states such as Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have adopted pilot projects in some districts with a view to adjudicating cases in the rural sector speedily. Under the

Karnataka model, which came into effect in April, 1993, special judicial magistrates adjudicated rural cases at the spot of the dispute. In Jammu and Kashmir Adalat offices are attached with the panchayat and panchayat organizes conciliatory meetings.

In Bihar, there is separate institution namely "gram kacheri". Thus the States are addressing the issue through different adhoc mechanisms.

They would dispose of a large number of cases and thus relieve the burden of regular courts. They would succeed in getting a large number of cases compromised through peaceful conciliation. The villagers in general would be satisfied with the administration of justice by a Village/Panchayat court.

Appeals and revisions from these decisions would be small in number. There would be speedy and cheap disposal of cases. The litigants and witnesses who are mostly agriculturists can conveniently attend the courts and thus there would be no interference with agricultural activities in the village. The Panchayat could bring justice nearer to the villager without involving the expenditure which

would otherwise have to be incurred in establishing regular court. Local courts, acquainted with the customs of the neighborhood and nuances of the local idiom, are better able to understand issues at the local level.

An institution nearer to the people holds out greater opportunities for settlement and as decision taken by it does not leave behind that trail of bitterness which generally follows in the litigation in ordinary courts. There are better chances of conciliatory method of approach in Nyaya Panchayats. People in a village are so closely known to each other that the parties to a dispute would not be able to conceal or produce false evidence easily and those who tell lies before the Nyaya Panchayat face the risk of being looked down upon.

Since ages in India, panchayats have been arbitrating on property disputes, torts and even criminal offences like murder and rape since time immemorial. Panchayat (literally five wise men) is a representative body of the members of a particular caste or village (usually headed by the elder most people or the most respected and experienced elder). There is very much requirement of the institution of Nyaya

Role of Panchayats in Dispute Resolution



Democratization of justice system should start from the grassroots level through transforming and sensitizing existing dispute settlement mechanisms to assuring human rights and constitutional values and linking them with the formal justice system. This will interface well with the process of democratic decentralization that is presently going on in the country through the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) as dispensation of justice is critical to any poverty reduction agenda and economic growth. A functioning justice system is not only a mark of development but also a factor of development. Thus, access to justice is not only central to the realization of constitutionally guaranteed rights, but also to broader goals of development and poverty reduction and urgently needs acceptance as a development indicator. The age-old institutions of local self

Panchayats with intent to providing justice to the common man in a cost effective manner, impartial decision, maintaining social harmony, reducing the burden of courts, with the legal provision of Panchayati Raj Act, settling disputes through conciliation.

Need of the hour is to study the various facets of the three types of justice delivery presently prevailing in states namely Panchayat with Judicial Powers (Himachal Pradesh), Separate Courts functioning with the Panchayat (Bihar), Panchayats without judicial powers as per acts (Kerala and Karnataka).

There is requirement to study judicial provisions in the act, territorial jurisdictions, legal jurisdictions, bench for hearing, appeal, role of police, execution, records, and documents, time taken for adjudication, conciliation, role of community, and problem faced by Panchayats. Linkage with formal system of dispute resolution in PESA act will strengthen the system for justice in Panchayats. This will lead to creation of litigation free panchayats in India which will be best tribute to soul of Mahatma Gandhi.

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Central University of Odisha Launches Japanese Language Certificate Course

Koraput, (KCN): In a significant development for the academic year, the Central University of Odisha inaugurated its Japanese Language Certificate Course on October 3, 2023. The event took place on the university campus and was graced by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, who officially launched the course. Distinguished guests included Shri Sato Koji, Director of the Japanese Foundation in New Delhi; Sushri Hakamata Maho, Representative of the Ambassador of Japan to India; and Prof. Nabin Kumar Panda from the University of Delhi's East Asian Studies department. Faculty members, senior

officials, and enthusiastic university students also graced the event with their presence. In his address, Prof. Tripathi emphasized the technological advancements in agriculture, animal husbandry & dairy science, and forest management in Japan, describing it as a global leader in these fields. He expressed his hope that undergraduate students undertaking this course would not only learn the Japanese language but also bring these advanced technologies to India through the University.

Prof. Tripathi firmly believed that this initiative would significantly enhance practices in agriculture, speaking at the event,

animal husbandry & dairy science, and forest management, contributing to the growth of the region and the nation. He encouraged students to focus on their studies and research and become torchbearers for the nation. He hoped our students would excel in their best in the fields of agriculture, science and technology and would eventually become Nobel laureates. This marks a historic moment as the Central University of Odisha becomes the first public university in the state to offer a Japanese Language course, aligning with the Government of India's Act East policy.

Speaking at the event,

Shri Sato Koji, Director of the Japanese Foundation in New Delhi, emphasized the bright prospects for students who learn the Japanese language in the current scenario. He appreciated the noble initiative of Prof. Tripathi for launching Japanese language

education at the University, which marks a significant milestone in the region's academic landscape and holds the promise of fostering greater collaboration between India and Japan. Ms. Hakamata Maho highlighted the cultural similarities between Japan and Odisha



meetings between the Prime Ministers of both nations during the G20 Summit in New Delhi. She hoped the university would become a hub for Japanese education in India. Prof. Nabin Kumar Panda, Head of the East Asian Studies department at Delhi University, shared insights into the numerous opportunities available in India's corporate sector, especially in Japan, for students proficient in the Japanese language. He emphasized the potential for students to qualify for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test and pursue higher studies in Japan. He revealed that the current course, the Certificate Course in Japanese

Language, is the first in a series with Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas planned for the next two years. The initial intake capacity for the Japanese Language Certificate course is set at sixty students, with admissions through an entrance test scheduled for October 9, 2023. The course will be divided into two sections, each accommodating 30 students. Dr. Nirjharini Tripathy, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of English, efficiently coordinated the program. At the same time, Prof. N.C. Panda, Registrar-in-Charge, delivered the vote of thanks, marking a promising beginning for this new academic venture at the Central University of Odisha.

ST. PAUL'S BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL, BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S OWN SCHOOL, HOSTS HIS ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN NO. 410



Kolkata, (KCN): Very few of us do get a chance to give back to our school, which has made us. Very few are grateful enough or have the intention to give back. But that is not so in the case of Actor/Activist/Teacher of Method Acting, Bobby Chakraborty.

On 3rd October, he conducted the 410th session of his globally acclaimed, free of cost, anti addiction campaign titled 'I AM THE KING

OF MY MIND' at St. Paul's Boarding and Day School, which happens to be his own school, for the 3rd time. The socially responsible Principal, Sister Rosli Kherketta, who has strongly supported this much needed awareness program of Bobby, was all in praise about this initiative against all sorts of addiction and harmful social trends among the youth, that is destroying a generation.

The packed auditorium

had eager students of 8th to 12th grade, who welcomed Bobby with a huge round of applause. Karen gave a great welcome speech, after which Bobby took stage. The official photographer for the session was a sparkling, hardworking soldier Tiasa Aziz, assisted by soldier Swastika. What happened in the next 135 odd minutes was pure magic! Bobby's adda session is filled with 'infotainment', as he calls it, which wins the heart and minds of youngsters, by educating them with the right choices to make in life, along with a lot of entertainment. Smoking, alcoholism, smart phone addiction, abusive language, obscenity and lewd behaviour online to gain 'views', online predators, keeping health, career, family as a priority, ways of selecting the right friend and Bobby's own family mishap due to addiction were the core topics of

the icing on the cake was a powerful vote of thanks by Sister Rosli, The Principal, which had the soldiers of Bobby shouting out the mantra of their life 'I am the king of my mind' at the top of their voice. In conclusion, Tiasa and everyone else dedicated the song 'Kesariya' to their BobbyDada, to which Bobby returned the dedication with 'Tera mujhe hain pehle ka nata koi' to everyone's delight!

Seizure of 46 kg of cannabis from a rented house



Semiliguda, (KCN) Koraput District Semiliguda Police has got a big success. Late last night, the Semiliguda police raided the house after receiving a tip-off from a special source that Ajith Dhadka of Khandia Sahir near Trapic Street of Semiliguda was staying in a rented house named Dhadka. And while digging the house, the police recovered the packet full of marijuana in 3 packets from under the bed. It is found that 46 kg of 70 grams of cannabis was seized. The police informed the media that

the value of this cannabis will be 2 lakh 50 thousand rupees, Semiliguda police informed. While the accused's own house was in Upper Sahi near Trapic Street, he was found to be selling cannabis in a rented house for a long time. The accused is Ajit Dhadka, aged 25, and he was prosecuted in the police press conference. The exclusive and conscious possession of the accused person namely Ajit Dhadka (25 years), S/o Surendra Dhadka, of village Uparsahi, Semiliguda PS

Semiliguda, Dist Koraput At/pre:- C/o Ch. Laxmi Narayan Nayak Khandia Sahi, Semiliguda PS Semiliguda, Dist Koraput in presence of Executive Magistrate and witnesses, weigh men after observing all formalities of NDPS Act, for search, seizure, packing and sealing. instantly case was registered and investigated into Name of the accused person :- Ajit Dhadka (25 years), S/o Surendra Dhadka, of v i l l a g e Uparsahi, Semiliguda, PS Semiliguda, Dist Koraput At/pre:- C/o Ch. Laxmi Narayan Nayak Chandra Sahi, Semiliguda PS Semiliguda, Dist Koraput Seizure: 46 kg 70 gms (2.5 lakhs) Ganja from the rented house of Ajit Dhadka at Khadia Sahi, Semiliguda

The accused was arrested and forwarded to the court of honourable Court.

discussion. The students were receptive and responsive to each level of discussion and comprehended the impending doom if their mental and physical health is corrupted right from the young age.

The ceremonial titles of 'The 1st Soldier' went to Swastika and 'The Trendsetter' went to Akriti.

The surprise contest at the end saw Mohsina, Anam and Koushani as the winners, who along with Tiasa were given special HCF t-shirts, prizes and Community Service Certificates by their BobbyDada.

The icing on the cake

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Kanhaiya, (KCN): The 1st Intra Region Power Quiz - 2023 of NTPC Limited, Eastern Region-II was conducted on 04.10.2023 at Bhubaneswar. Shri S Venkateswarlu, DGM (Operation) and Shri P Krishna Kishore, Dy. Manager (Operation) from Talcher Kaniha were adjudged as the Winners whereas, Shri Samit Kumar Deb, AGM (HR/R&R) and Shri Arun A. Thachil, DGM (Engineering Services) from Talcher Thermal adjudged as the 1st Runner up and Shri Nishant Kumar, Dy. Manager (Operation) and Shri Pankaj Saxena, Dy. Manager (Operation) from Darlipalli adjudged as the 2nd runners up. A total number of 11 teams from Talcher Kaniha, Talcher Thermal, Bongaigaon, Darlipalli and North Karanpura participated in the quiz competition. The main objective of the Power Quiz is to assess the awareness and knowledge level of executives in the changing Power Scenario as well as to make power professionals aware of the emerging business scenario, energy transition and changing global scenario and also provide a platform for executives to showcase their knowledge and skills.

The Regional Power Quiz 2023 was organized successfully under the guidance of Shri Partha Mazumder, Regional Executive Director (East-II) and was inaugurated by Shri N. S. Rao, Executive Director (TSPS). Shri Karunakar Das, CGM (Bongaigaon) was also present on the occasion. The Quiz was conducted by Shri K.M. Prashanth, GM (H.R), NTPC-Kanti. Topics on Green Hydrogen, Solar & Wind Energy, Energy Storage, New & Innovative Technologies, Regulatory Reforms initiatives & Innovative Business Models were covered during the Quiz. Runner Up. A cash award of Rs.5,000/-, Rs.4,000/- and Rs.3,000/- were presented respectively to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners besides Certificates and mementos. The power quiz was also witnessed by the employees and their family members. Executives of Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) and other utilities also witnessed the event.



PECUC Organized State Level Workshop for ECOSAVERS Youth Network on Environmental Protection

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): PECUC organised a two-day state-level workshop on environmental protection for members of the Ecosavers youth network from September 30 to October 1, held at YVDSS, Bhubaneswar. Over 50 youth delegates from various parts of the state participated in the workshop. During the inaugural session, Ms. Chhabil Mahali, Member of the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSPCR), commended the efforts of the youth network in protecting the environment. She emphasised the importance of the youth's actions in inspiring and leading the way for future generations.

Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Executive Director of PECUC, outlined the objectives of the programme and

encouraged the ECOSAVERS Youth Network members to raise awareness among youth about their respective areas and create innovative models of actions to protect environment for next generation.

During the workshop, youth representatives from different districts shared their success stories from the previous year. These included activities such as tree planting, construction of check dams to protect, regenerate streams and

check soil erosion, enhance groundwater level, village cleaning initiatives, plastic waste management, drainage cleaning, pond and tube well maintenance, establishment of water kiosks during the summer, clean-up drives at historic sites, waste management, organic agriculture, horticulture and kitchen, public awareness campaigns against tobacco consumption, promotion of local food. These

FACULTY AND COURSE MEMBERS OF 63rd NDC COURSE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

New Delhi, (KCN): The faculty and course members of 63rd National Defence College Course, called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (October 4, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that today, our security concerns extend way beyond preservation of territorial integrity and encompass other dimensions of well-being dealing with economy, environment, energy security, and cyber security among others. The role of

Armed Forces has also expanded beyond traditional military matters. Future conflicts in the complex defence and security environment would require a more integrated multi-state and multi-agency approach. The NDC Course therefore, plays an important role in preparing military and the civil services officers to deal with the complex security environment of the future in a comprehensive manner. The President said that the global geopolitical environment is dynamic and poses numerous



challenges. In the fast-changing geopolitical environment, we need to be well prepared to tackle any adverse situation. There is a need to have a deeper understanding of national and global issues. We not only have to secure our national interests but also prepare for new security challenges like cyber warfare, technology enabled terrorism and climate change. Updated knowledge and cutting-edge technologies based on extensive research are required to be applied.

The President noted

Man gets seven years in jail for murder of minor wife in Odisha

BARIPADA (KCN): Additional district and sessions judge-cum-presiding officer of Special Court under the POCSO Act, Baripada on Tuesday sentenced a 26-year-old man to seven years rigorous imprisonment for kidnapping a minor girl whom he forcibly married and later killed over dowry demands. Judge Sumita Jena while pronouncing the sentence also imposed a fine of Rs 13,000 on Gopal Chandra Mahalick, the convict. Gopal who belongs to Salagon within Baisinga police limits would have to serve an additional jail term of four months if he



failed to pay.

As per case records, Gopal kidnapped the minor from the Basta area in Balasore on June 23, 2021 and forcibly married her. When the minor went missing, her parents filed a complaint against Gopal in the local police station on July 3, 2021. After the FIR was

lodged, Gopal along with his parents threatened to kill the minor and her parents if they disclosed the matter before police. After marriage, Gopal demanded Rs 5 lakh as dowry from the victim's parents which they were unable to pay. On December 1, the parents of the girl received a call

informing them that their daughter was serious and being shifted to Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital (PRM MCH) at Baripada. They rushed to the hospital only to find her dead. They lodged an FIR with Baisinga police after the accused along with his parents was arrested. A case was registered under sections 363, 366, 498-A, 304(B) and 305 of the Indian Penal Code, section 6 of the POCSO Act and section 9 of the Prevention of Child Marriage Act against the trio. Gopal's parents, however, were acquitted of the charges due to lack of evidence.

Utility complex at GMU to be unveiled this month



SAMBALPUR (KCN): The proposed utility complex on the premises of Gangadhar Meher University which was proposed to provide recreational facilities and essential services to the students of the varsity under one roof is likely to be inaugurated this month.

Deputy registrar Uma Charan Pati said, "The work of the utility complex is in the final stages now. The building is likely to be handed over to us by mid-October. We are now planning to inaugurate the complex by the end of

this month."

However, no decision has been taken yet regarding the allotment of the shop rooms in the utility complex. The matter will be raised in the Syndicate meeting and a decision will be taken after consulting with the members, he added. The utility complex built at a cost of Rs 4.35 crore, has been developed over an area of 594.750 square metres on the premises of the varsity. The Odisha State Police Housing and Welfare Corporation (OPHWC) is executing the work on

the complex. The construction of the three-storey building was started in August 2021, after the demolition of an old building on the same land which was functioning as the office of the regional director (RD), Higher Education, adjacent to the varsity auditorium. The complex will house facilities like a bank, an ATM, a post office, a gym, a food court for the students, and essential stores including stationery and general items shop for the students. The ground floor of the building will be



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IDCA conferred with the prestigious Mahatma Award 2023 for promoting inclusivity in sports.

Bhubaneswar(KCN):- The Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) has been conferred with the prestigious "Mahatma Award 2023" for their exemplary contribution to promoting inclusivity for differently-abled sports-persons in traditional sports.

The award was presented to Ms Roma Balwani CEO of IDCA and Ms Reena Jain Malhotra, Patron of IDCA, on the eve of the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. Team members from the IDCA women's league were also present at the ceremony.

Mr Amit Sachdeva, Founder, Mahatma Awards said, "This is indeed a phenomenal initiative for promoting ability in sports. By bringing specially-abled into mainstream sports, such as cricket, we are actually making equality in sports. We all must come together to invest



in this to take it forward. Excellent work by the Indian Deaf Cricket Association."

IDCA has been breaking down barriers for differently-abled sportspersons by providing a platform for hearing-impaired individuals to showcase their talent in cricket. Formed in 2020, closely works with the ICC to promote cricket amongst deaf cricketers globally. It is engaged in organising matches at the national

and international level. Speaking on the occasion, Ms Roma Balwani, CEO, IDCA said, "We believe that sports have the power to bring a positive change in the society and unite the people. Our motive is to empower the 26.8 million differently-abled people of the country and instil the belief that nothing is impossible."

"We are honoured to be presented with this esteemed award on the occasion of the 154th Birth Anniversary of the

Father of the Nation. The recognition will motivate us to continue with our efforts to promote inclusivity in mainstream sports," she said. The Mahatma Award is conferred to organisations for accomplished and influential social and community initiatives. It acknowledges remarkable contributions in diverse fields such as sustainability, philanthropy, shared

value, and corporate social responsibility. Moreover, it recognizes those who use their literary and creative genius to bring social consciousness to the forefront. Founded and instituted by Philanthropist Mr Amit Sachdeva, also known as 'The CSR Man of India', the annual award is supported by the Aditya Birla Group and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

JioFiber expands footprint to major cities and towns across Odisha, now available at Bargarh and Semiliguda

Bhubaneswar: Continuing its rapid expansion across various key cities and towns in Odisha, JioFiber, the most popular high-speed broadband service in the country, has now commenced its services in key areas of major cities and towns across the state. Further consolidating its leadership in the high-speed broadband segment in the state, JioFiber broadband service has now become available in the towns of Bargarh and Semiliguda. With this, JioFiber service is now available in key localities of 29 cities and towns across Odisha including

Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Jatni, Angul, Sambalpur, Rourkela, Jharsuguda, Belpahar, Brarajpur Nagar, Sundargarh, Bolangir, Keonjhar, Bhawanipatna, Koraput, Rayagada, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Jajapur Road, Bhadrak, Talcher, Khordha, Berhampur, Balasore, Jeypore, Rajganagpur, Dhenkanal, Semiliguda, Bargarh and fast expanding its services to other major cities and towns in the state.

In Bargarh, JioFiber high speed broadband service is now available at Sibana Nagar, Khaojoor Tikra, BhatliChhak, Milan

Vihar, George High School area and is in the process of fast expanding its services to other parts of the town. Similarly, in Semiliguda town of Koraput district, JioFiber is now available at Sastri Nagar, Indra Nagar, Aravinda Nagar, Satya Nagar, Saraswati Nagar, Kodigaon, Santoshi Maa Nagar, Gopabandhu Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Santi Nagar, Talasahi and nearby areas and expected to roll out fast in other areas of the city over the next few weeks.

JioFiber has also fast expanded its service across the existing cities and towns where JioFiber has already been available, covering new areas and city outskirts.

'DigiSaathi' - 24x7 Helpline for information on Digital Payments now enabled on additional channels

Mumbai : DigiSaathi - a 24x7 helpline for information on digital payment products and services is setup by NPCI on behalf of a consortium of payment system operators and participants (banks & non-banks). DigiSaathi will be accessible on WhatsApp for the customers to access all the information they need pertaining to digital payment products and services. DigiSaathi will assist the users with all their queries on digital payments via the chatbot facility on WhatsApp by simply messaging on +918928913333. The facility will soon also be available on other social media channels as well.

Launched recently by Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), DigiSaathi is an automated response system that helps customers in addressing their queries related to multiple products and services under the payments system umbrella including Cards (Debit/Credit/Prepaid), UPI, NEFT, RTGS, IMPS, AePS, NETC, BBPS, USSD, PPI Wallets, ATM, QR (UPI/Bharat), NACH, TReDs, CTS, MTSS, Mobile and Net banking. The Consortium of Payment System Operators and Participants including ecosystem Partners, Banks, Card Networks,

PIPs, Fintechs, Payments Council of India (PCI), and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) came together for

implementing this to empower people to adopt digital payments with even more conviction.

DigiSaathi is available in both English and Hindi for customers wherein they can access information about any of the digital payment products and services. It even guides them on how to avail or use any particular product or service.

DigiSaathi also helps customers with their transaction-related queries, by guiding them and sharing the contact details of concerned banks/institutions.

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"With the advent of 5G, we believe, the market is set to see large scale adoption of Industry 4.0 solutions across manufacturing, healthcare, education and other industries. L&T SWC and VMware join hands to build a robust suite of digital infrastructure solutions, to help businesses become highly agile, versatile and resilient," says Mr. J. D. Patil, Whole-time Director and Senior Executive Vice President for L&T's Defence Business & Smart Technologies Business.

Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd announces results for Q4 2022 & FY

Mumbai : Kansai Nerolac Paints Limited (KNPL), one of the leading Paint companies in India, today at the Board meeting announced its audited results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2022.

For the quarter, the company earned Net revenue from operations of Rs. 1412.8 Crores, a growth of 4.2% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. EBITDA was at Rs. 82.9 Crores, a de-growth of 59.9% over Q4 of 2020-21. PAT was at Rs. 24.5 Crore, a de-growth of 80.9% over Q4 of 2020-

5948.9 Crores a growth of 24.7% over the corresponding period of the previous year. PAT for the year was Rs. 374.3 Crores, a de-growth of 29.5% over previous year. The Board has recommended a final

EBITDA was at Rs. 647.3 Crores, a de-growth of 23.3% over previous year. PAT for the year was Rs. 374.3 Crores, a de-growth of 29.5% over previous year. The Board has recommended a final

dividend of 100% (1.00 per share). In addition, the Company had declared interim dividend of 125% (1.25 per share) paid on November 22, 2021. Accordingly, the total dividend is 225% (2.25 per share) for the

financial year ended March 31, 2022, as compared to total dividend of 525% (5.25 per share) including Special Dividend of 200% declared last year.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Anuj Jain, Managing Director, Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd said, "The quarter witnessed impact in terms of demand for decorative on account of the steep price increase towards end of Q3 FY 21-22. In

though impacted because of supply side constraints. On raw material costs, the quarter continued to witness inflationary pressures along with volatility in crude and exchange rates on account of the tough geo-political situation globally.

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Shikhar Dhawan's Reaction To Pakistan's Cricket Team's Bizarre Fielding Effort Goes Viral



Virat Kohli to rejoin the team soon; will fly to Chennai with teammates

New Delhi: Virat Kohli will soon rejoin the Indian team, currently based in Thiruvananthapuram. He will be flying from Mumbai later in the night and will then travel to Chennai with the entire contingent on Wednesday.

According to sources within the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Kohli sought permission from the board and team management to attend to a personal matter in Mumbai. A spokesman for the Indian team stated on Tuesday evening, "He will be joining us later in the evening and will be traveling with the team to Chennai tomorrow."



Kohli would have missed the second warm-up fixture against Netherlands at Greenfield International Stadium in

Thiruvananthapuram had it taken place. However, the match had to be abandoned due to inclement weather.

As reported by Cricbuzz

over the past few days, Kohli left the team and flew to Mumbai from Guwahati, where India had been scheduled to play their first practice

game against England. Unfortunately, that game was also cancelled due to rain.

It is learned that Kohli has an important engagement with the International Cricket Council (ICC), the organizers of the World Cup. He will attend this engagement before flying to Chennai, where India will play their opening fixture against Australia on October 8.

The customary photo-up of the captains before the World Cup will take place in Ahmedabad on Wednesday and all the captains are expected to reach the city by tonight. The World Cup kicks off in Ahmedabad on Thursday, October 5.

Sachin Tendulkar Named ICC Ambassador For Cricket World Cup

New Delhi: Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has been bestowed with the prestigious title of Global Ambassador for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. With just days to go until the tournament kicks off, cricket fans around the world are buzzing with excitement. Tendulkar, fondly known as the Master Blaster, will have the honour of walking out with the coveted Men's Cricket World Cup Trophy, symbolically marking the commencement of the event. Let's delve into the details of this momentous announcement. Sachin Tendulkar's connection with cricket runs deep. From his



humble beginnings as a ball boy in 1987 to becoming one of the game's all-time greats, World Cups have always held a special place in his heart. His crowning achievement was winning the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2011, a moment he describes as the proudest in his cricketing journey. Speaking about the upcoming tournament, Tendulkar expressed his excitement and stated, "Marquee events like the World Cup seed dreams in young minds, I hope this edition too inspires young girls and boys to pick up sports and represent their countries at the highest level."

Apart from Tendulkar, the ICC has assembled an impressive lineup of cricketing legends to enhance the spectator experience and engage fans like never before. West Indies legend Vivian Richards, South Africa's AB de Villiers, England World Cup-winning skipper Eoin

Morgan, Australia's Aaron Finch, Sri Lanka spin great Muttiah Muralitharan, New Zealand's Ross Taylor, India's Suresh Raina, former captain Mithali Raj, and Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez will join forces to bring fans closer to the action. These

cricket icons will participate in meet-and-greet sessions, share expert analyses in the ICC Online Media Zone, and attend select matches, further intensifying the excitement surrounding the World Cup.

Claire Furlong, ICC General Manager of Marketing & Communications, expressed her delight at having Sachin Tendulkar as the Global Ambassador and the stellar cast of legends contributing to the event's success. She emphasized that this World Cup is set to be the biggest ever, promising cricket fans a memorable experience.

Mohammad Wasim and

New Delhi: In the world of cricket, moments of comic relief often arise on the field, and during the 2023 World Cup warm-up clash between Pakistan and Australia, another such incident unfolded.

Shikhar Dhawan, the veteran Indian cricketer known for his humour and wit, couldn't resist sharing this comical mix-up between two Pakistan fielders with the world. In this article, we delve into the incident that had cricket fans laughing.

Dhawan's witty response, and the ongoing saga of Pakistan's fielding challenges.

During the 23rd over of the Australia innings, Haris Rauf bowled a short delivery to Marnus Labuschagne. The batter gently played the ball towards deep backward square leg. What should have been a routine fielding effort turned into a moment of miscommunication that left everyone amused.

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Mohammad Nawaz, the two fielders tasked with stopping the ball, ended up in a hilarious mix-up. They narrowly avoided a collision but, in the process, the ball slipped between them and rolled to the boundary for an easy four runs for Australia.

Shikhar Dhawan, who was not selected for India's World Cup squad, took to social media to share this comic fielding mishap. On his X (formerly Twitter) account, Dhawan posted a video of the incident, accompanied by a caption that read,

"Pakistan & fielding never-ending love story." His post instantly gained traction, as cricket fans from around the world joined in on the laughter.

This incident is not an isolated one for Pakistan. Over the years,

the Pakistani cricket team has been a recurring character in the cricketing world's

comedy sketches due to their fielding lapses. While their prowess in other aspects of the game is commendable, their fielding has often left much to be desired. These comical misfields have provided ample material for opposition fans to jest at Pakistan's expense.

As the Cricket World Cup 2023 approaches, Pakistan's fielding and overall performance are under scrutiny. Spin bowling all-rounder Shadab Khan has emphasized the importance of a strong bowling unit, especially on batting-friendly pitches like those expected in India. Pakistan's bowling, including Shadab himself, has been criticized for not taking wickets in the middle overs. With the tournament just around the corner, Pakistan will need to address these concerns to compete at the highest level.

Ecstasy, agony and all that, with Ian Smith

New Delhi: "This is the moment. It is (Jofra) Archer to (Martin) Guptill. Two to win! Guptill is going to push for two. They have got to go. The throw's got to go to the keeper's end! He's got it; England have won the World Cup by the barest of margins; by the barest of all margins. Absolute ecstasy for England, agony for New Zealand..." If it was difficult to forget that Lord's final, equally memorable are those words from Ian Smith. Was it a soliloquy? Monologue? Whatever, the words flowed in an unrestrained torrent as he stood, reminiscent of a tragic hero, in that dramatic setting. One could easily draw parallels to Shakespearean dramas, often punctuated by extensive soliloquies, or Christopher Marlowe's plays that conclude with lengthy monologues. The Lord's setting only heightened the dramatic ambience. Unusually it wasn't



wanted. "It happened at the home of cricket, Lord's, of course; the two sides had never won the World Cup before, so there was always going to be a new winner. The drama unfolded throughout the course of the match, particularly in the latter part of the afternoon, when it ebbed and flowed. England seemed poised to win, then New Zealand fought back, and New Zealand could have possibly won, but then Stokes took over. There were so many

things to sum up in the last 40 or 50 minutes." Smith, who will be seen and heard in this World Cup too, felt that from a New Zealand's point of view, it was soul-destroying. "We'd been there in 2015 in Melbourne, and we were completely outplayed by Australia, but this time we weren't outplayed; we were in it for the fight. And because of the weird rules of the time, we came second," he said, referring to the 'most boundaries of the day' rule that handed the World Cup to

England. "Thank goodness that rule has been thrown out. It's hard to imagine a captain standing up in front of his team at the start of the day and saying, 'Look, make sure we hit lots of boundaries today because if it comes to a tie at the end of the Super Over, the team with the most boundaries will win,'" he exclaimed. "I mean, you don't factor that in. I think everyone would have agreed that it was a beautiful evening, and they could have kept going, had another Super Over. I

hope that kind of thing doesn't happen again." But it was one hell of a match, wasn't it? "Well, they say so," he thought aloud. "A lot of people are saying it. I've seen documentaries saying it's the greatest game of cricket ever. Certainly, it'll always go down in history as one of the most remarkable for all the things that happen on just one day of cricket."

Smith recently met some members of the current New Zealand team and realised that they have moved on from that heartbreak. "I spoke to a couple of players last week who said it really hasn't come up in conversation because there are several different players now. But those who remain from 2019, simply will never forget that in your cricketing life." You'll always come back to that. People will always remind you of it. So I think for the most experienced ones, the (Kane) Williamson, the (Trent) Boult, the (James) Neesham, the (Mitchell) Santner, the Santars... I think they'll never forget 2019. And I'm not going to say that. I kind of sense

there would be motivation for them trying to do better this time around. And you don't forget a World Cup final like that." The same teams are now set to lift the curtain of a new World Cup. Are they equally matched? "Well, I've just been watching New Zealand play England in England, and New Zealand lost the one-day series there. On paper, I think England are as strong, maybe even stronger than they were in 2019. And I say that because they've had another four years together as a unit under their belt.

"And getting Stokes back at a time when he thought he perhaps wouldn't be playing and we've already seen what impact he can have. I just think England now are playing white ball cricket with a real confidence, no fear type approach, and that makes them exceedingly dangerous. So I think New Zealand will go into that first game on Thursday as underdogs. "But we don't mind that. I kind of sense

we've got a pretty well balanced side, actually. And we know we can beat England. We've done it just recently and convincingly, too. But we also know that they can beat us. I would say we're the underdogs, but not overwhelming underdogs. I think we've got a real chance at it there."

So, are England the team to beat in India? Are they the favourites? "I don't think," he shot back. "We saw how good they were in the T20 competition in Australia. That wasn't that long ago. But I think India are the outright favourites. I just believe that they've got enough quality, enough class. They've got a magnificent all round side. I think the crowd will add a heck of a dimension. Often that brings extra pressure but if you're going well that is a huge wave to ride on when you've got a crowd of the passion of Indian fans. So I always think that when you go to India you're beating more than just eleven cricketers; you're beating the passion that exists there."