



PM lays foundation stone and dedicates to nation various development projects at Jodhpur, in Rajasthan

## Paradip Port Tops Traffic Score



**Paradip(KCN):** Total India's cargo traffic handled by 12 major ports is on the rise and has reached 393.732 MMT in the first half of FY 2023-24, exhibiting growth of 2.35 Percent year on year, according to latest figures released by the Indian Ports Association.

Paradip Port has emerged numero uno by clocking 69.137 MMT cargo throughput in the current fiscal. The Port, first time in the history, clocked highest ever

cargo handling among Major Ports, during H1 (first half) of any financial year. Besides, it has exhibited 8.5 Percent of incremental growth over the same period in the previous fiscal, which happens to be highest among all the Major Ports. Iron ore including Pellets handled by PPA has shown the highest incremental growth of 45.56 Percent so far. This is to be noted that since FY 2016-17, PPA

has consistently occupied 2nd position in half yearly cargo handling figures of various fiscals. For the first time, drifting away from the trend, PPA has secured the 1st position by achieving the highest cargo traffic. Congratulating Team PPA on this stupendous performance, P L Haranadh, Chairman, PPA has also offered his heartfelt thanks to all Stakeholders for their constant support and immense contribution.

## Odisha Chief Secretary Reviews Work Progress Of Various Depts

*Achievements, Fiscal performance of the State and individual departments discussed*

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena reviewed in a meeting of all secretaries held at Kharavela Bhawan on Wednesday. Development Commissioner-cum-ACS Smt.Anu Garg, all Addl. Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Commissioner-cum-Secretaries of different departments were present in the meeting and participated in the discussion.

In the meeting held,

achievements of different departments for the month of September 2023 have been reviewed. Fiscal Performance of the State and individual departments during the first half of FY 2023-24 were discussed, including the progress of expenditures of DMF & OMBADC Fund.

Total expenditure as percentage of Budget provision is 34.87% compared to 25.61% during the same period the previous year. Sector-



wise programme expenditure was reviewed. The Fisheries & ARD Department has achieved a growth of 158% over the previous year expenditure during the same period of the

previous year. In the Infrastructure sector, the Energy department has achieved the highest growth of 2400 per cent over the previous year. Own Tax revenue has experienced significant

growth of 14.59% up to September 2023 over the previous year mainly on account of good performance by GST and ED. As the Appropriation Bill for the Supplementary Budget, 2023-24 has been voted by the Assembly and enacted on 3rd October, 2023, all the departments have been instructed to take expeditious steps to utilize the additional provisions without resorting to unnecessary parking outside State Exchequer.

## CM Naveen Inaugurates BPUT Tech Carnival-2023

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik on Thursday inaugurated the BPUT Tech Carnival-2023 at IMMT Auditorium in Bhubaneswar. Addressing the students and dignitaries, CM said that technology is the pivot of our future. Our growth and well-being

depend on our hold on advanced and emerging technologies. He added that we must keep ourselves engaged with the latest technology and stay ahead.

He further said that the Biju Patnaik University of Technology is a pre-eminent institution in the realm of technical

education in our country. It has produced many brilliant technocrats contributing immensely to the development of the state and the nation.

He emphasized that Odisha has made great strides in skilling its youth, making them employable and transforming Odisha

into the skill capital of the World. CM also said that the World Skill Center is a premier institute providing advanced skill training in several trades. Our efforts have been highly influential in making our children globally employable. Speaking on the BPUT Tech Carnival 2023,

the CM said it helps to engage students in Technical, Cultural, and Sports activities. He expressed happiness that the event will be a calendar event to acknowledge and appreciate our students' hard work, sincerity, and dedication.

# HINDALCO Gets OMC Support

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Hindalco Industries today entered into an agreement with State's mining giant Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) to get long term raw material linkage for its project at Kansariguda in Rayagada district. OMC MD Balwant Singh and Hindalco MD Satish Pai signed the agreement for their respective organisations in presence of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The agreement will facilitate and speed up the work for a two-million tonne alumina refinery in Rayagada. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said today marks a significant

milestone in the journey of Odisha's industrial growth and development. He further said that Odisha is poised to become an industrial hub of the East, and this is not just our ambition but the government's mission. He invited everyone to be a part of this exciting journey. Then he called upon all, "Let's co-create a future where business and socio-economic growth go hand in hand, making Odisha a shining example for the world." The Chief Minister appealed to the people of Rayagada to provide all support to the refinery project, so that work can start soon and make visible changes in

the life of local people. In June 2023, he said, the Government of Odisha came up with a new Long-Term Linkage Policy of Minerals for Industries, facilitated through the OMC. This policy was a commitment to foster an environment where industries can thrive, innovate, and contribute to the State's socio-economic fabric. "This MoU exemplifies our unwavering dedication to making Odisha a magnet for industrial investments," he added. Patnaik outlined that the Alumina Refinery of Aditya Aluminum Limited at Kanshariguda is a green field project coming up with an investment of



Rs 8,000 crore. The project will create 1,000 direct jobs, and 4,000 indirect employment opportunities. This is the transformative power of industry. He thanked the Aditya Birla Group for believing in the

potential of Odisha and partnering with us in this journey. Industries & MSME Minister Pratap Deb said that the partnership of the people is essential for industries. Under the vision of the CM, Odisha is committed to the

development of tribal people in the mineral rich area. Inclusivity is a must in industrialization, he emphasized. Joining the MoU signing ceremony on a virtual platform, the Chairman of Aditya Birla Group Kumar

Mangalam Birla said that Odisha is witnessing rapid industrialization under the visionary leadership of the Chief Minister. Through several decades of development, Odisha has made remarkable progress in several fields. The Odisha-Hindalco partnership is a symbiotic success story that is an exemplar for holistic development, he said.

The Utkal Alumina plant generated thousands of new jobs, and impacted lakhs of people in hundreds of villages through community development initiatives, Birla said. He further said that the second refinery will follow the same

development model, seeding more opportunities in livelihoods and cascading more socio-economic development. He thanked the people and Government of Odisha. Principal Secretary Industries Hemant Sharma delivered the welcome address while MD IDCO Bhupendra Singh Poonia proposed the vote of thanks. Among others, Chief Secretary Pradeep Jena, Development Commissioner Anu Garg, Secretary to CM V K Pandian and senior officers of the State Government and Hindalco were present. The people of Kansariguda also joined the program through virtual mode.



# Konark Land Security Committee's Highway Blockade: Urgent Call for Permanent Land Leases in 10 Villages

**Bhubaneswar,(KCN):** In a fervent demonstration of their demands, the Konark Land Security Action Committee took to the streets, blocking the Konark Bhubaneswar National Highway on Wednesday. Their primary objective: to resolve the long-standing land transfer issues affecting 10 revenue villages under the jurisdiction of the Konark Additional Tahsildar's office and secure permanent land leases for the local residents. The protest, led by

Sukant Kumar Mohanty, Convenor of the Konark Land Protection Action Committee, witnessed the participation of prominent figures such as Abhay Sahoo from the anti-Posco committee, CPI leader Asish Kanungo, ex-MLA Baridhara Mallick, State farmer's leader Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, local Congress leader Bharat Chandra Padhi, Kakatpur Constituency Congress Vice President Nihar Bhanjan Beura, and Action Committee Secretary Nihar Ranjan Naik. The heart of the matter



lies in the unresolved land tenure issue that has left students and villagers deprived of vital government schemes. These include permanent resident

certificates, caste certificates, access to bank loans, government housing schemes, and financial support for higher education. The inability to secure a final

resolution on land tenure has also resulted in restricted land sales. Moreover, despite the revenue department's halt on tax collection

from these 10 villages since 2006, citizens continue to be subjected to tax demands. The protesters are now calling upon the

government to take a decisive policy stance. They demand that the state government initiate legal actions to grant permanent leases to the villagers while allowing farmers to continue cultivating their land. The Konark Land Protection Action Committee has issued a stern warning that if the government fails to address the issues plaguing the 10 revenue villages, including Konark, and provide permanent land leases to the residents, their movement will only

intensify in the days to come. Following the highway blockade, the protest was brought to a halt after discussions between Nimapara DSP Debasish Mishra and GOP Additional Tehsildar Sharat Chandra Parida, acting on the instructions of the Puri District Collector. Both officials assured the action committee members that they would work diligently to resolve the matter by discussing with the district administration in the very near future.

## Under Kantamal Assembly Baunshuni Mandal level, "Mo Mati Mo Desh," program was held.



**SUBARNAPUR (KCN) :** "Mo Mati Mo Desh" program was organized in various villages of Baunshuni Gram Panchayat under Kantamal Assembly. In the villages, all the people go from house to house in a special courtyard to honor the

heirs of the freedom fighters in the villages and garland the photos of the freedom fighters Honorable Jagannath Meher, Laiban Meher, Banamali Sethi, Arjun Meher, Kishan Meher, Sadananda Meher. Everyone remembered Bhakti and paid tribute.

BJP State Vice President Golak Mahapatre, District BJP President Mr. Bipra Charan Mohanty, District General Secretary Sushant Bagh, Zone 4 Zilla Parishad Member Rakesh Tripathy Ex-President Maguni Gaigouria were the chief

guests in the program led by BJP State Working Member Kanhai Charan Danga. Purunchandra Gaigouria , Chittaranjan Patra , Shyam Sundar Purohit, Bishikeshan Pradhan, Premananda Mishra, Shishir Ghosh, Atal Kumar Pradhan, D h a n a n j a y a Patra,Pinakadhar Rana, Naveen Hota, Panchaman Jagdala, Jesus Padhan, Tapan Danga, Niranjana Karna Tripurari Mahakud, Tribikram Mahakud, Bibhuti Bhushan Danga, Dalaganjan Behera, Ramesh Prasad Mishra, Binod Kumar Mahakul,Pushpa Mahala, Jayanthi Hati, Pankaj Mahakud, Toshith Kumar Danga, Panchanan Behera, Pramod Sahu, Gulek Bhukta participated in hundreds of public and women.

## Hockey Equipments Distributed to Hockey Players in Dakshinipali

**SUBARNAPUR,(KCN):**At Dakshinipali under Ulunda block of Subarnapur district, in collaboration with the Sports and Youth Services Department of the State Government and Naval Tata Hockey ACE Foundation, the players of the center have been given hockey equipment by the district administration of Subarnapur. On the occasion, Collector Mr. Bimalendu Ray was present and gave away hockey equipment to the Players. District Education Officer Laxman Bhoi, District Sports Officer Chittaranjan Mishra, BDO Ulunda Karisma Besra, AEE Mukteswar Majhi, JE Bijayapurtti , local eminent person



Krutibas Mishra and people of the area were present on the occasion of giving hockey equipment to the players. The players,

coach Lordeti were present. While this game equipment is indispensable for the game and the players, it will increase the

standard of the game and also encourage the players to play the game more. It will create many new possibilities.

## Jindal Steel & Power's Gare Palma IV/6 Coal Mine Starts Production To fuel JSP's proposed 6 MTPA Chhattisgarh Steel Plant Expansion



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) is delighted to announce the successful commencement of production at the

Gare Palma IV/6 coal mine, strategically positioned in Chhattisgarh. This significant development marks a vital milestone in JSP's continued journey in advancing its raw material security. This mine will also support the proposed expansion of its Raigarh integrated steel plant to a capacity of 9.6 Million tons per annum (MTPA) from the existing 3.6 MTPA."The proposed expansion aligns perfectly with the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, as it will substantially bolster India's steel production capacity using our own swadeshi coal. We aim to finance this expansion predominantly through internal accruals, ensuring a healthy balance sheet", said Mr Bimlendra Jha, Managing Director, Jindal Steel & Power in a statement.

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## Devara: Koratala Siva Announces NTR Jr Starrer To Be Made In Two Parts

Global star NTR Jr's highly anticipated action drama 'Devara' has been making headlines ever since its announcement. Touted to be the biggest release of 2024, the magnum opus is written and directed by acclaimed filmmaker Koratala Siva. Just when fans were excited to learn about the completion of an intense underwater sequence in the film, the makers of 'Devara' have now made an announcement that cannot be missed. Taking to social media, film's director Koratala Siva revealed that the high-budget spectacle will be made in two parts owing to its powerful storyline and grandeur. Rejoicing 'Devara' fans

across the globe with this big announcement, Koratala Siva said, "The film is set against the forgotten lands of coastal India and the canvas is too big. As we started shooting the film, the canvas revealed itself and started getting bigger and bigger. Every character in the film has its own weight and they need to be explored and established in depth and in detail, which we can't justify in one part. So, we took the decision to tell this big story and canvas in two parts. The story won't change in shape but will thrive in scale. One of the biggest canvases ever of 'Devara' will be done in two parts and April 5, 2024, is just the



beginning." 'Devara' is directed by Koratala Siva, produced by Yuvasudha Arts and NTR

Arts, and presented by Nandamuri Kalyana Ram. Part I of 'Devara' is slated to hit the screens on



April 5, 2024, pan-India. The film's music is done by Anirudh Ravichander with R Rathnavelu being

the cinematographer. 'Devara' also stars Janhvi Kapoor and Saif Ali Khan in pivotal roles.

## Prabhas-Starrer 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' To Explore International Boundaries



It has been a long since the launch of the interesting and nail-biting teaser of 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' starring Prabhas. As the audience finally had a glimpse of the world of Salaar, it indeed gave a

glance at its existence in international territory. The teaser launched at 5.12 AM on 6th July, brought some glimpses that spoke volumes of its story dwelling in the international World. The teaser of 'Salaar: Part

1 – Ceasefire' has profoundly stated that Salaar will deal with the international mafia and will attempt an international level of crime that indeed broadens its canvas. It's profoundly seen in the

teaser when Tinnu Anand addressed Salaar, he spoke English to make it understood to everyone as the goons standing around weren't Indian. The description, that Tinnu Anand gives about Prabhas's character, it presents him as the baddest in the world. As Salaar can be seen dealing with the international mafia, it would be interesting to see how Salaar will fight the international mafia. Coming from the house of the biggest action director Prashanth Neel, the 'Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire' teaser brought along some stirring visuals, a goosebumps-worthy background score, the maga canvas, and superstar Prabhas's never seen before avatar, that has framed well the most ambitious project of the director.

## Bollywood News: Akshay Kumar's OMG 2 Gets A Green Light From Censor Board With 'A' Certificate



As per trade analyst Taran Adarsh, the censor board has issued an 'A' (Adults Only) certificate to the film. "#Xclusiv... 'OMG 2' RUN TIME... #OMG2 certified 'A' by #CBFC on 31 July 2023. Duration: 156.10 min: sec [2 hours, 36 min, 10 sec]. #India. Theatrical release date: 11 Aug 2023. #AkshayKumar #PankajTripathi #YamiGautam," he wrote.

While the film was awaiting its certification, it was previously reported that the film's release date might be shifted. However, the film is now all set to be released in theatres on August 11.

Helmed by Amit Rai, the film also stars Pankaj Tripathi and Yami Gautam in the lead roles. It will face a big Bollywood clash with Sunny Deol's upcoming action film 'Gadar 2'. 'OMG 2' has been under the radar ever since the makers unveiled the film's posters and teaser. Several reports claimed that the film was put on hold by the censor board as the committee wanted to be extra cautious due to the film's religious theme. 'OMG 2' is a sequel to Paresh Rawal and Akshay Kumar-starrer 'OMG: Oh my God'. In the original film, Akshay essayed the character of Lord Krishna. In the new part, he will be seen essaying the role of Lord Shiva.

## Pooja Is Back: Ayushmann Khurrana, Ananya Panday's 'Dream Girl 2' Trailer Will Tickle Your Funny Bone

The wait is finally over as the highly anticipated trailer of Dream Girl 2 has hit the internet, leaving fans in splits with its uproarious comedy and star-studded cast. The film brings together the dynamic duo of Ayushmann Khurrana and Ananya Panday, whose on-screen chemistry is sure to work magic on screen. The trailer boasts bone-tickling dialogue and showcases the hilarious camaraderie of the lead pair. Joining them on this laughter journey are an ensemble of talented actors, including Paresh Rawal, Asrani, Annu Kapoor, Abhishek Banerjee, Manoj Singh, Rajpal Yadav, Manoj Joshi, Seema Pahwa and Vijay Raaz, all geared up to deliver an entertaining performance that is sure to resonate with the audience. "Dream Girl 2 is the most awaited sequel of



2023, and we are thrilled to present this comedy entertainer that will keep the audience laughing throughout," said Ekta R Kapoor, Joint Managing Director, Balaji Telefilms. "With a stellar cast and Raaj Shaandilyaa's brilliant direction, we are confident that this film

will be the comedy highlight of 2023," she added. Leading actor Ayushmann Khurrana also expressed his excitement, saying, "Dream Girl 2 has been a joyride from the beginning. The script is hilarious, and I'm elated to bring laughter and entertainment in the



lives of our fans once again. Lead actress Ananya Panday shared her thoughts on the project, saying, "Working on Dream Girl 2 was an absolute blast, and I can't wait for the audience to witness the fun we had while filming this comedy extravaganza."

Director Raaj Shaandilyaa expressed his excitement for the film, stating, "Dream Girl 2 is a laughter riot from start to finish, and we have put our heart and soul into creating an unforgettable cinematic experience." Balaji Telefilms becomes the pioneering production house,

setting a new standard of disruptive and thrilling partnership with Meta. The collaboration includes innovative initiatives like the #ReelWala Trailer, a full-blown press and PR event, and a captivating cinematic trailer launch experience at the Meta office. By recognizing each other's vast audience reach and commitment to delivering engaging content, both entities strive to break barriers and explore novel avenues to share their compelling stories with moviegoers.

The trailer has generated immense buzz, and it has been hailed as the comedy film of 2023. Audiences are eagerly waiting for the film's release on 25th August 2023. Dream Girl 2 is directed by Raaj Shaandilyaa and Produced by Ekta R Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor.



Elegance and Depth: The Signature Style of Waheeda Rehman's Acting

-Lalit Garg -



Waheeda Rehman has been representing the ethical j values of a woman in Hindi films with which a traditional Indian woman has been seen. She is a unique actress, who by playing memorable and unforgettable roles for five decades, not only gave high heights to Hindi cinema but also opened many doors of entertainment. The Government of India has taken the decision to honor this great actor with the 'Dada Saheb Phalke Award' at a time when the historic 'Nari Shakti Vandan Act' has been passed in the Parliament. Waheeda Rehman has been wowing millions of audiences from generation to generation with memorable and sensitive roles. Whose acting, like love, can be cherished in a safe corner of the mind? It has hitched into the minds of the audience as a mark of glory. Her charming image, gestures and nuances of dance captivate the audience at once. This unique and wonderful actress has been seen on the screen as the most beautiful creation of nature. The love and respect that she has received from countless audiences through her impressive acting is amazing, till date no actress has been able to match the depth of her acting. The decision to honor WaheedaRehman with the Dada Saheb Phalke Award, who has given sensitive and indomitable dignity to the characters with her acting

skills, is an event that makes everyone proud. Certainly, it is a happy coincidence that when the country is celebrating the birth centenary of the beloved actor Dev Anand, at the same time, Waheeda Rehman, the actress of his classic film Guide, was announced the highest honor of Indian cinema. Interesting fact is also that the pair of Waheeda Rehman and Dev Saheb dominated the silver screen for a long time. Both of them did seven films together, out of which five were huge hits. The most attractive aspect of Waheeda Rehman's personality is that from the beginning of her film career till now, she has worked only on her own terms and her upbringing played a major role in this. In childhood, when she was learning Bharat Natyam, a relative had complained to her District Magistrate father, 'Will you make your daughter dance after being a Muslim? Preferring progress, father's answer was that art is not a bad thing, human thoughts are bad. Waheeda Rehman's acting has not only been appreciated by the big screen audience of Hindi films, but she has also ruled the audience of Telugu, Tamil and Bengali films. She is known for her contributions to various genres of films of the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Born on 3 February 1936, this great artist has many characteristics and eccentricities. Considered one of the most accomplished actresses of Hindi cinema, Waheedaji has received one National Film Award and three Filmfare Awards. Rahman was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 1972 and the Padma Bhushan in 2011. She has

worked in more than 90 films. At this stage of her career, Rahman started experimenting with more challenging roles. She accepted the offer to play Jaya Bhaduri's mother in Phagun (1973).Waheeda Rehman's successful films in the new innings of the 70s included Kabhi Kabhie (1976), Trishul (1978), Jwalamukhi (1980), Naseeb (1981), Namkeen (1982),



DharamKanta (1982), Namak Halal (1982). ),Coolie (1983), Mashaal (1984), Chandni (1989) and Lamhe (1991).Namkeen, Chandni and Lamhe received nominations for the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress. After his appearance in Lamhe (1991), he announced a sabbatical from the film industry. The way Waheeda Rehman is living her life at the age of 85, she is an inspiration for all women, and she has a unique and meaningful way of living. Often at this age, women get affected by some disease or lose hope of living, but Waheeda Rehman inspired her fans through photography and scuba diving at this age, she is praiseworthy. In such a situation, even at this age, she is an example for other women of her age. Waheeda will always be appreciated and remembered

for many films in her acting career spanning over half a century, but the entire spectrum of her acting can be understood from three films - Guide, Teesri Kasam and Khamoshi. Guide's character 'Rosie' is like a proclamation of women's liberation in which women of that era did not have the desire to break various types of restrictions and taboos? When Waheeda embodied Aaj Phir Jeene Ke Tamanna Hai, AajPhir Mame Ka Irada Hai on screen, it was as if the suppressed desire of the entire women's society had found expression. Today, when the discussion of women's liberation is in front of us in new forms, and sometimes it appears in a very indecent form, then the character of Rosie shows us a decent path. Despite being in a disrespectful profession, Heerabai of 'Teesri Kasam' starts looking respectable and loved due to Waheeda's pure beauty, innocent feelings, unexpressed pain and innocent sweet voice. Gulabo of 'Pyasa' is a prostitute, but her sensitive expressions also seem innocent and natural due to her skillful and excellent acting style. Waheeda's cheerful and flirtatious acts in 'Saheb, Biwi Aur Ghulam' immersed the audience in a sweet feeling and they started humming along with her, 'Bhanwara is bada nadan hai...' In 'Chaudhwin Ka Chand', the traditional lady who loves her husband deeply and whose young mind would not have cherished a devoted wife like Waheeda. Certainly Waheeda is different, her attire and make-up were also special, decent and dignified. A rare talent, a soft-spoken

woman, who has been described by great personalities of the world as a brilliant artist, whose soul is as pure and sensitive as a poet. WaheedaRehman, dressed in simple fashion, whose characters are also known for their determination and frankness. Favorite actress of filmmakers like Yash Chopra, Prakash Mehra, Manmohan Desai, Mahesh Bhatt, Raj Khosla and Gulzar, Waheeda stands at a place where today's actresses start gasping at the thought of reaching. She is an inspiration for budding actresses. Now even after so many years, the shine of 'Guide' is increasing. 'Time Magazine' has given a new insight to the importance of Indian cinema by discussing this classic film while doing an in-depth analysis of Hindi cinema. Needless to say, no other film could create the same place that 'Guide' did in Indian cinema. The spiritual height achieved by a romantic drama film is unmatched. Waheeda Rehman is unmatched in the role of Rosie. No other heroine could have played this role better than Waheeda. The gestures and expressions of her dance are rare in Hindi cinema. With such immortal films, Waheeda Rehman has created new milestones in Indian cinema; her films can be considered as a living museum. When we tell our future generations about Waheeda Rehman, an influential, great and vibrant actress of the golden era of Indian cinema, we will be able to say that this is Waheeda Rehman, who used her soul in the acting.

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Letter To Editor

Dear Editor

Museums are important for several reasons. Museums house and protect valuable artifacts, artworks, and historical documents, preserving them for future generations to learn from and appreciate through appropriate preservation of our shared culture and history.They provide educational opportunities by offering insights into various subjects, including art, science, history, and culture. Museums often host exhibitions and interactive displays that promote learning. Museums can inspire creativity and curiosity, encouraging people to explore new ideas and perspectives. They can also serve as a source of inspiration for artists, scientists, and innovators. They often feature exhibits from around the world, promoting cross-cultural understanding and fostering a sense of global interconnectedness. Museums contribute significantly towards supporting research and scholarship by providing access to collections and resources for academics, historians, and scientists. Museums often host events, workshops, and educational programs that engage with the local community, making them hubs for social and cultural interactions and a site of community interactions. Museums provide spaces for reflection and contemplation, allowing visitors to connect with the past and consider the present and future. Overall, this workshop play a crucial role in helping the participants to understand and appreciate the roles of the museums in preserving, sharing, and celebrating our collective heritage and knowledge. This unique workshops attempts to explore the future of museums from multiple perspectives. Museums are increasingly embracing digital technologies, offering virtual tours, interactive exhibits, and online collections to reach a global audience. Augmented and virtual reality experiences may become more common. Museums are working to become more inclusive and accessible, both physically and digitally, ensuring that people of all abilities can enjoy their offerings. Many museums are focusing on sustainability, adopting eco-friendly practices in exhibition design, construction, and daily operations to reduce their environmental impacts. Museums are becoming more community-focused, collaborating with local residents and organizations to address community needs and interests. There's a growing emphasis on representing diverse voices and perspectives in museum exhibits and leadership, reflecting the richness of global cultures and histories. Museums will continue to integrate technology, such as artificial intelligence and data analytics, to enhance visitor experiences, curatorial practices, and conservation efforts. They may adapt their physical spaces to be more flexible, allowing for temporary exhibits and events to meet changing interests and trends. Storytelling will remain at the core of museums' missions, with a focus on immersive and emotionally engaging narratives to captivate visitors. Combining in-person and virtual experiences will become more common, allowing visitors to engage with museum content on-site and remotely. Museums will collaborate with other cultural institutions, universities, and technology companies to innovate and expand their offerings.In essence, the workshops highlights future of museums will involve a blend of tradition and innovation, with a strong emphasis on accessibility, inclusivity, sustainability, and leveraging technology to enhance visitor experiences and education.

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FESTIVAL LOOK FOR NAVRATRAS



With an aromatic smell in the air, we just know that the festive season is here It is the season of great enthusiasm, rituals & customs and faith while celebrating Goddess Durga with faith, fun, songs, and dance. It is important to take care of your skin and hair during this time, to elevate your looks and enhance your confidence. Women of all age groups find the festival fascinating and there is no stopping them as they groove to the latest Navratri songs. However, the long, tiring hours and makeup is dulling your skin. The constant sweat and pollution which the skin is exposed to during the long hours outside homes needs to be dealt with carefully. It is time for the female

folk to indulge in skincare rituals for flawless, radiant skin and to look totally stunning. While you might be ready to indulge in the festivities, are your skin & hair ready too? .It is an opportunity to be at your attractive best in a traditional way in the evening when the weather is cooling down .Apart from the religious significance, the nine days festival is perfect time to get your jewellery, makeup ,accessories and traditional outfits ready for Navratri . Since this is also a chance to meet new people, it is the best time to showcase your beauty sense and dancing prowess. So here are some quick fixes for you to start gearing up for skin, hair make up to look gorgeous and attractive even before the festival begins. Your skin is called the mirror of your body .During festivals like Navratri, there are bright lights. So, for your night make-up, you will need bright colours, otherwise your face will look

pale. First, cleanse the skin and apply a liquid moisturizer. For oily skin, apply an astringent lotion with cotton wool. Wait for a few minutes. Then, cover blemishes with a concealer, before applying foundation. Or, use a lighter colour foundation on dark blemishes and then apply normal foundation on the entire face. If you wish to cover a pimple or spot, it should be done before applying foundation or powder. Concealing sticks are available for this. Using a thin brush, paint over the spot with a little concealer, or lighter shade of foundation. Then, apply a little powder. Dot foundation on the face and blend with a damp sponge or with finger tips. Don't forget the neck. Apply loose powder, or try compact powder to set the foundation. Use foundation with beige tones, rather than pink. I feel beige suits Indian skin colour better. If you have a very fair ivory skin, go for beige with a rosy tint. If the

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complexion is fair, but pale (yellowish), avoid pink tones and go for beige or biscuit. Darker complexions look better with brownish beige. I feel that most Indian skin tones look better in beige or biscuit shades of foundation, rather than pink. Or go for gold foundation for this special occasion. Dot the face with it and blend with a moist sponge, to give the skin a golden glow. When you apply make-up, remember not to smear too much or rub it. Whether it is foundation or blusher, it is best to dot it with a light touch, using a finger tip, or an applicator. It can also be applied lightly and evenly with a damp sponge. Try tinted powders, like warm yellow tones of powder. Powder with a golden tint will also suit. It should be lightly applied. If you want a really healthy glow without the shine, go for a bronzing powder. Avoid applying too much. It should be lightly

applied, using a big powder brush. A hint of blusher should be used on the cheeks. A powder blusher is easier to apply. Use it after you have applied powder. Apply on the cheeks and blend it outwards and slightly upwards. Then, apply light coloured highlighter on the cheekbones. Blend well. Blusher colours for the night need not match lip colour exactly, but it should be in the same colour tone. For example, if you have worn an orange lipstick, avoid pink blush on. For fair skin, try pinks and reds. If you have a yellowish skin, avoid orange. For wheat complexions, colours like rose, coral, copper are flattering, while plum, wine, bronze may suit darker complexions. For eyes, apply lighter brown shadow on the upper eye lid and dark brown eye shadow in the crease, to add depth. Outline the eyes with dark eye pencil or eyeliner. For a smudged effect, a dark eye shadow also works

well on the upper lid, close to the lashes. Extend it a little beyond the outer corner of the eyes, slightly upwards. Smudging can be done with a sponge tipped applicator. Eye liner or dark eye shadow may be applied on the lower lid and then smudged. Actually, dramatic and heavy eye make-up, with the black eye-lined or winged eyed look has been the trend and is gaining in popularity. It will be ruling fashion trends. Go for dark eyeliner just under the lower lashes and on upper lid close to the lashes. Extend the lines on upper and lower eyelids beyond eyes, like the 60s heavy eye make up look. Coloured liner can also be used with black eyeliner, as it is becoming a trend. Pastel eyeliners, in blue, yellow and even orange will be "in" during the coming seasons. For Navratri make-up, you may want to try gold, silver or bronze shadow to line the eyes over your eyeliner on the upper lid. Highlight under the brows with

gold, ivory or a light coloured eye shadow. Then apply mascara. Roll-on mascara is easy to apply. While applying mascara on the upper lashes, look downwards. Apply it both above and below the upper lashes, for a thicker look. Apply on lower lashes too. Wait for a while and apply a second coat. Then brush out the lashes, with a small eyelash brush. To make lashes appear thicker, apply powder between two coats of mascara. Gloss is popular for the lips. Use a lip liner the same colour as your lipstick. Apply lip gloss in the centre, after applying lipstick. For normal Indian complexion, go for warm earthy colours, like coral, wine, plum, strawberry, red and shades of red in lipstick. A dark pink or rose-red would look good too. Orange and shades of orange are very much "in," from apricot and amber, to coral and tangerine. You can find orange shades that suit most skin colours. Use orange to coral for darker skin, while orange and peachy shades suit fair skin. If you use orange,

go subtle for the rest of your face. Go for light orange or beige lipstick, lilac, mauve and light pink during the day, with a hint of pearl.Clean your makeup thoroughly once you are back from dandiya DJ . Makeup products left on your skin overnight do a lot of damage to your skin particularly if you are prone to acne.,pimples and rashes .Get the perfect curl on medium heat for 10 seconds only to warm up your eye lash curler. begin curling your eye lashes from the roots. Keep pressing through the length till you reach the ends of the lash hair. Once you are happy with the way the lashes have curled, you can apply a curl enhancing mascara A Bindi is an integral part of make-up for festivals. Look for a decorative bindi, to match the colour of your dress. A bindi, studded with small sparkling stones, combined with a bright colour would be most attractive.

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# ICAR-CIFRI Observes 'National Dolphin Day'

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Healthy aquatic environments contribute to the planet's overall well-being. Dolphin conservation would therefore help ensure the survival of the species and the humans who depend on the aquatic ecosystem for their way of life. Dolphins are the ideal ecological markers of a healthy aquatic ecosystem. On August 15, 2020, the "Project Dolphin" was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to include both river dolphins and marine dolphins in its conservation programme. Because of the significance of dolphins, Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav declared October 5 as the National Dolphin Day", to be observed annually to raise awareness for dolphin conservation.



**DSC\_9554.JPG** To make the day a significantly remarkable one, the ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute observed 'National Dolphin Day' today at Sheoraphuli Ghat on the bank of the river Hooghly under the Namami Gange Programme. On this occasion, more than 100 people, including active

fishermen, social activities, and students residing on the banks of the river, participated and were aware of the day. **DSC\_9537.JPG** In the conveying message, Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Director of ICAR-CIFRI and Principal Investigator of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) project informed that

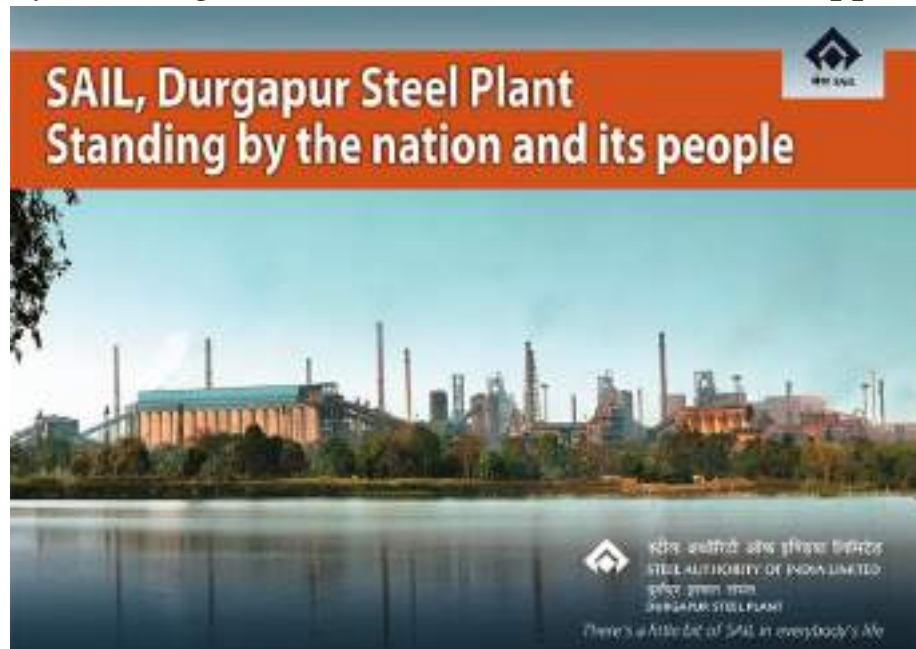
over 30 different species of marine mammals, including river dolphins, are found in Indian waters. Only the Ganga-Brahmaputra systems are home to the Gangetic River dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*). Shri Das also emphasised the significance of the Gangetic dolphin as an indicator species for the

Ganga ecosystem, as its susceptibility to variations in water quality and flow provides data on the overall health of the ecosystem and the other species that inhabit it. Dolphins in India face numerous challenges, so spreading knowledge about them is crucial. Locals have been made aware of various river conservation measures through the awareness and sensitization programme. This is the stated goal of the recently established "National Dolphin Day". Under the guidance of Dr. Das, all the scientists and research scholars associated with NMCG Component II assisted with the programme. CIFRI also organised an awareness programme at Farakka where more than 50 fishermen participated.



The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy calls on the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, in New Delhi

## Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers take a step towards Clean Energy by installing 10KW Grid Connected Solar Plant supported by Vikram Solar



**Kolkata, India, (KCN):** Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IICHe) marked a significant step towards sustainable energy solutions today with the inauguration of a 10-KW rooftop Grid Connected Solar Plant at the Headquarters building of IICHe. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Mr. D.M. Butala, President (2022) of IICHe and Executive Director of Gujarat State Fertilizers Company

Ltd.; Mr. Gyanesh Chaudhary, Chairman & Managing Director of Vikram Solar Ltd.; Mr. Pradip Agarwal, CEO of Heritage Group of Institutions; and Prof. (Dr.) Basab Chaudhuri, Principal, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata along with other distinguished guests from the institution. Prof. Anil Saroha, President, IICHe and HOD, Chemical Engineering IIT Delhi said "IICHe's commitment to

Sustainable Development is evident through various initiatives and programs aimed at promoting a green environment. The rooftop solar plant is the latest addition to IICHe's Carbon Reduction Drive. We are grateful to Vikram Solar for their support in installing and commissioning the project at IICHe HQ. The project seeks to educate students in Chemical Engineering and allied disciplines through training programs, workshops,

seminars, and more, focusing on sustainability, energy conservation, safety, and the environment." Present at the occasion Mr. Gyanesh Chaudhary, CMD at Vikram Solar Ltd. said, "At Vikram Solar, our steadfast dedication is aimed at actively shaping a sustainable future while giving back to society. The installation of this solar system represents a pivotal step in our ongoing journey towards a healthier, sustainable way of life and our commitment to achieving climate positivity. It is my father Shri Hari Krishna Chaudhary who has been instrumental in undertaking and supporting this initiative with the vision to cultivate climate-conscious ethos and support a thriving community to adopt environmentally responsible practices. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to IICHe for their invaluable role in our holistic and disciplined approach to delivering clean, cost-effective renewable energy solutions"

## Yogi Adityanath Orders Action Against Officers After 6 Killed In Deoria



**L u c k n o w / New Delhi (KCN) :** In the horrific killings of six people in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria on October 2 over a land dispute, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has ordered strict action against officials including suspension of senior officers. Five of a family were killed by a huge mob in retaliation after a village strongman was murdered over a long-standing property dispute. The Chief Minister ordered the immediate suspension of Sub-District

Magistrate and Area Officer Rudrapur district. The Chief Minister also called departmental action against former Sub Collector Ram Vilas, Om Prakash, Dhruv Shukla and Sanjeev Kumar Upadhyay. It comes after the Chief Minister took notice of the inaction by the officials following complaints filed under the Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) regarding the illegal occupation of village land by Satya Prakash Dubey, who was killed by the mob.

Village strongman, Prem Yadav, and Satyaprakash Dubey in the Deoria district were locked in a property dispute for a long time. The then Tehsildar (revenue officer) and the current Tehsildar of Balrampur district have been suspended, and departmental action has been ordered. The Tehsildar of the Rudrapur has been suspended as well. Those found responsible for negligence in the disposal of IGRS cases in the past will face action,

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered. Prem Yadav went to Satyaprakash Dubey's house on October 2 to end their rivalry. While Yadav was talking to Dubey, a woman attacked him with a sharp-edged weapon. When the news of Yadav's murder spread in the village, a mob of his supporters barged into Dubey's house and killed him and four other members of his family. Soon after, Yadav's supporters from Abhaipur brutally killed Dubey and four of his family, including children, the police said. Besides Dubey, his wife Kiran Dubey (52), daughters Saloni (18) and Nandani (10), and son Gandhi (15) were killed in the attack. Dubey's 8-year-old son Anmol was injured and had been referred to BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur, where his condition is stated to be critical. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath met him in the hospital and inquired about his well-being.

## UNICEF Odisha trains communication officers & managers on IMI 5.0 in Koraput

**Koraput: (KCN):** The district level orientation of block communication officers and managers for development of communication plan on the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI 5.0) was conducted on Wednesday. The one-day orientation session was organized by Zilla Swasthya Samiti, Koraput with support from UNICEF, Odisha and was attended by 30 communication officers from different blocks of the district. The objective of IMI 5.0 drive is to identify and register all the children under the age of five years and pregnant women who missed their vaccine doses. The orientation session aimed to develop a



communication plan which will address the gap in immunization coverage in the district. Dr Arun Kumar Padhi, CDM & PHO, Koraput, Dr. Neelamadhav Sathpathy, ADPHO, (FW), Koraput, Subhakant Gantayat, DPM, NHM Koraput, Subha Narayan Nayak, ADPHLO Koraput, Dr. Anil Patnaik, SVLM and Mr. Chakradhar

Sahu, C4D Consultant were present during the inaugural session. "Changing behaviour is complex, and therefore, a systematic communication plan is required to understand factors influencing vaccine resistance. An apt communication plan with renewed communication objectives identifying and analysing the

barriers in immunization will aid in the uptake of vaccination," said Dr Sugata Roy, Social & Behaviour Change Specialist. The IMI 5.0 drive intends to vaccinate 1, 04,261 unvaccinated or partly vaccinated children and 19, 896 pregnant women in 314 blocks in 30 districts. According to the NFHS 5 report

(2019-21), Odisha has the highest immunization coverage in the country. The full immunization coverage in Odisha has increased from 36.1% (NFHS 1 report, 1992-93) to 90.5% (NFHS 5 Report, 2019-21). Immunization has greatly reduced vaccine-preventable disease and under-5 mortality in the state. According to SRS, IMR has dropped 49 points and Under-5 mortality has dropped 50 points since 2008. The orientation session with communication officers will be followed by another session with folk artists on Thursday who will share the messages on IMI 5.0 through their performances.

## All Schools, Colleges In Flood-Hit Sikkim To Remain Close Till October 15



**Gangtok:** All government and private schools, colleges and universities in Sikkim will remain closed till October 15 due to the prevalence of inclement weather, according to a revised circular by the state Education Department on Thursday. The circular comes within hours of

Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang's directive for the closure of schools, colleges and universities in Sikkim till further notice due to the unprecedented disaster caused by flash floods in the Teesta river basin. The Education Department, in a circular on Wednesday, had earlier ordered closure of

government and private schools till October 8. Fourteen bodies have been found so far while 102 people, including 22 army personnel, remained missing after a cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim in the early hours of Wednesday triggered a flash flood in the Teesta river basin, officials said.



# Call for CBI probe into death of lady assistant collector and ASI

**ROURKELA(KCN):** The mysterious death of assistant collector Sushmita Minz and assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of police Alice Narmi Lugun has led to a clamour for a CBI probe into both cases. On Tuesday, a large gathering of tribals led by former Birmiritapur MLA George Tirkey staged a protest before the office of Rourkela SP Mitrabhanu Mohapatra. Terming the deaths as murder, the agitators sent a memorandum to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik through the SP demanding a CBI investigation into the

two cases. Similarly, the Odisha president of BJP Mahila Morcha Aiswarya Biswal sought a CBI probe into both incidents. Family members of Lugun also gheraoed Uditnagar police station for a couple of hours on the day. After meeting the SP, they relented and took possession of the ASI's body. Tirkey said the tribals are not satisfied with the probe launched by the Investigative Unit on Crime Against Women (IUCAW) deputy SP Banita Majhi into the assistant collector's drowning death. Even as



police insisted that there was no link between the deaths of Minz and the ASI, Tirkey claimed

both cases were connected. He further alleged that ASI Lugun was in charge of the

security of the assistant collector. Similarly, Biswal held the state government

responsible for the death of the two tribal officers. "The government failed to provide safe work

environment to the women officers. The two mysterious deaths in just 15 days have raised suspicions in the mind of tribal people against the BJD government," she claimed. The Mahila Morcha chief rejected the assistant collector's autopsy report which said the officer died due to drowning while ruling out the possibility of homicide. She claimed Minz's body bore multiple injury marks. There was also a whiff of murder in the ASI's sudden and mysterious death. A fact-finding team of

BJP led by Sundargarh MLA Kusum Tete would visit the villages of the victims and also draw the attention of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes to the murders, Biswal added. A day back, Congress workers had staged a protest demanding a CBI inquiry into both deaths. Assistant collector Minz was found dead in the pond of Sensory Park here on September 19. The ASI died mysteriously while managing a law and order situation at a road accident site on October 1.

## 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 Panda, Special Secretary, Electronics & IT Department were also present. Speaking after his

discussion with the Chief Minister, Shri Vij said, "We are excited to set up our presence in Bhubaneswar, a city which is home to leading educational institutions, a rapidly growing IT ecosystem and a rich talent pool. Bhubaneswar will join our large network of existing facilities to deliver transformative technology solutions for clients across the globe and expand our footprint in India." Chief Minister Shri Patnaik has assured all possible support to Accenture to facilitate the commencement of its operations in the state. Serving clients in more than 120 countries at present, Accenture is the largest professional services company in the world, helping organizations use technology to reinvent their business, optimize operations and accelerate growth through a broad

range of services, solutions, and assets. This upcoming state-of-the-art facility in Bhubaneswar will expand Accenture's global delivery network and develop & deliver transformative technology services for clients across industry sectors. State Government has offered 75000 sq ft built up space in Bhubaneswar where Accenture will operate its Global Development centre with 1200 plus capacity. It is pertinent to mention that, high-level Government of Odisha delegations, have been conducting road shows in India and also abroad in Japan & US and held discussions with senior leadership of top global IT & Semiconductor companies. As result large MNCs like PwC, IBM, Deloitte, Happiest Minds and Concetrix etc. have already set up their centres in Bhubaneswar

resulting creation of new direct employment of 10000 plus in IT sector of the State. Accenture's investment plan in Odisha is yet another dedicated outreach efforts of the State Government in recent times. Welcoming Accenture to Odisha, Manoj Mishra, Principal Secretary Electronics and IT Department, said, "The entry of Accenture marks a significant milestone for the state and further solidifies its reputation as a top IT investment destination. The state offers investor friendly policies, industrial ecosystem, infrastructure and skilled resource pool". He also highlighted the remarkable strides Odisha has made in attracting top industries to its burgeoning IT landscape and making it all set to be a Global IT & Semiconductor Hotspot as well as creating large employment potential in Odisha.


## Timeline For Budget Spending

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Soon after the Appropriation Bill was passed in Odisha Legislative Assembly, the Department of Finance has issued detailed timelines for spending the Supplementary Budget for the remaining period of current financial year 2023-24. Principal Secretary, Finance, Vishal Dev has issued a letter to all Additional Chief Secretaries (ACSS), Principal Secretaries, Secretaries and Heads of Departments, in this regard. The Appropriation Bill allowing the Government to spend Rs 28,200 crore was passed in the Assembly on 3

October. In the Supplementary Budget, provision has been made for recoupment of advance taken from Odisha Contingency Fund. It should be recouped by December 2023 and compliance should be reported to the Finance Department by 6 January, 2024, Shri Dev told the Departments. The total allotment including supplementary provision excluding the provision for recoupment of advance from Odisha Contingency Fund and the provision for accounting adjustment should be distributed among the Drawing & Disbursing Officers (DDO) through treasury

portal by December end. In case of Supplementary linked re-appropriation or additional allotment should be distributed by 15 January, 2024, he said. Principal Secretary Finance Shri Dev directed the departments to complete all supplementary linked surrender and re-appropriation orders by December end. The process of issuance of sanction orders for release of funds as well as surrender of provisions should be completed by 31.01.2024 so as to avoid a rush of expenditure in the last month of the financial year, he advised.

In order to avoid last minute rush, Shri Dev made it clear that the last date of submission of bills to the Treasuries for the financial year 2023-24 is 8 March, 2024 for claims under other contingencies, machinery, equipment, vehicle, share capital, subsidy & loans and 15 March, 2024 for other claims. "Steps should be taken for full and effective utilization of supplementary provisions as any unspent balance would invite adverse comments from the Audit. Budgetary funds shall, in no case, be transferred to civil deposit," he clarified.



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## Environmental public hearings have been held for BK Steel Pvt.

**KALINGANAGAR (SAPAN KAR) :-** Jajpur District Kalinganagar Indastial Complex M/s BK Steel Pvt. under Jakhpura police station Manslaughter at Dangadi Bhawan by Pollution Control Board for BK Steel Steel Pvt. has been held. The said census is Kalinganagar Additional District Magistrate Santosh Kumar Mishra and Regional Pollution Board Branch Pollution Officer Presided over by Pramod Kumar Behera. Proposed

The factory has a TMT bar and wire rod manufacturing plant with a rolling mill capacity of

5 MTPA.

Wherever the plant is set up, an environmental clearance is required from the Government of India involving the affected people. On behalf of the company, officers, villagers, intellectuals were present and presented their opinions, a total of 32 people gave their opinion, 29 of them were in favor of setting up the factory, and the remaining 3 were opposed. , read out the details of the workers of the factory, which are all looking for a comprehensive upgrade, Klingnagar 26.248 hectares of land or

64.864 acres of land has been provided by IDCO for setting up the factory in the industrial area of ??Jakhapura Thana Parshava. In this public hearing, district administration and companies to give priority to public representatives of Jakhpura, Mantira, Chandia panchayats.

Presented the demands, there were also demands for proper resettlement and resettlement. Additional sp P. S. Tope, Dangadi Tehsildar Narayan Chandra Dixit, Officer-in-Charge of the nearby police stations and many employees of the Pollution Department were present.

## DSP signs MOU with RCPL



**Kolkata, (KCN):** A Non-Disclosure Agreement for setting up of a pilot project for carbon capture and utilisation as part of Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)'s affirmed commitment to the path of carbon neutrality was signed between Durgapur Steel Plant and M/s Ram Charan Company Private Limited (RCPL) on Wednesday (October 4, 2023). The agreement was signed by Shri Asok Majumdar, GM (ECD) on behalf of DSP and

Shri Kaushik Palicha, Managing Director on behalf of RCPL in presence of the senior officials of Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) and IISCO Steel Plant (ISP) led by Shri BP Singh, Director In-Charge (Burnpur & DSP). The R&D team of RCPL, a Chennai based organisation specialising in the field of waste management, presented its business case for their patented indigenous technology on waste-to-wealth as a viable solution for

comprehensive Greenhouse Gas emission management in DSP & ISP. Shri Kaushik Palicha, MD, RCPL was highly appreciative of the aggressive intent shown by DSP & ISP management for the pursuit of sustainability as part of SAIL's journey to Net Zero. The pilot project is planned to be gradually scaled up to plant-wide operational level to achieve the goal of carbon footprint mitigation through an emission-to-wealth approach.

## Texmaco-SSFMPL JVSecures for Arun-3 Hydroelectric Power Plant Project in Nepal

**Kolkata (Ambar Mukherjee):** Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, a collaborative effort led by Texmaco, has recently secured an contract with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited (SAPDC) for the construction of the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, a 900MW run-of-the-river hydropower project presently under development in Nepal. The Texmaco-SSFMPL JV, entrusted with an order valued at Rs 179.89 crore from SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company Limited, is poised to play a pivotal role in advancing this crucial project. The scope of work encompasses an array of responsibilities, including procurement, fabrication, shop assembly, painting, testing, transportation, supply, erection, site testing, and commissioning of the Pressure Shaft Steel Liner. This significant task involves the

installation of two lanes of Pressure Shaft Steel Liner with a substantial diameter of 5500mm, two bifurcations, four branches with a diameter of 4000mm each, along with all necessary accessories. The total estimated tonnage for this undertaking stands at a formidable 4700 metric tonnes. The Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant, administered under the build, own, operate, and transfer (BOOT) model, is a collaborative endeavour between India's SJVN and the Government of Nepal. SAPDC, a wholly owned subsidiary of SJVN, will oversee the plant's operation for a period of 25 years, which excludes the initial five-year construction phase. Following this operational phase, ownership of the power plant will be transferred to the Nepal government. One of the most salient features of this agreement is the substantial benefit it bestows upon Nepal.

Over the initial 25 years of commercial operations, Nepal will receive 21.9% of the electricity generated by the Arun-3 power plant as free power. This underscores the exemplary cooperation between India and Nepal in harnessing the potential of renewable energy resources and reaffirms their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations. On the joint venture, Sudipta Mukherjee, Deputy Managing Director, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd., said, "Texmaco-SSFMPL JV is honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of contributing to the Arun-3 hydroelectric power plant project in Nepal. We are committed to delivering excellence in every aspect of our work and in advancing renewable energy solutions. This venture exemplifies our dedication to sustainable progress."

## Odisha records 20x growth in job applications in the last 90 days

Bhubaneswar,; As one of the fastest-growing states in terms of economy in India, Odisha has been witnessing a steady growth in job opportunities across sectors and industries and has emerged as a popular destination for job seekers.apna.co–India's largest jobs and professional networking platform – recorded20x quarter on quarter growth in job postings in the state's capital, Bhubaneswar in the previous quarter. The platform has also noted increased job openingsfor multiple roles in the last three 90 days.

After recording an economic rating higher than India's GDP, Odisha has become a promising destination for employers to invest in, strengthening the state's economy and creating more job opportunities. apna has become a trusted partner for various popular companies such as Zomato, Bharti AXA, Burger King, TeamLease, Byjus, and Delhivery amongst others in the state to fulfill their hiring requirement. In the last quarter, there has been an increased hiring momentum for roles such as telecallers/BPO, sales, computer/data entry operator, delivery persons, and business development executives amongst others. The capital city continues to be one of the top commercial hubs in Eastern India.

With more than 25 percent female users from Bhubaneswar, apna has become a default partner for women to build their professional networks and participate in helping India unlock its economic potential. According to the platform, there has been a quarter-on-quarter increase in women joining the workforce from the state and participating in uplifting Odisha's economy. Telecalling and business development have consistently been the most popular role amongst women in Bhubaneswar followed by data entry operators. Interestingly, women also opted to get on the field by joining the sales workforce for various organizations after COVID cases dropped drastically.

Commenting on the growth, Manas Singh, Chief Business Officer, apna.co said, "Odisha is witnessing tremendous growth in the past quarter, emerging as one of the key markets with a rise in both workers and employers on apna. We will continue creating more hyperlocal opportunities to help accelerate the economic growth of Bhubaneswar."

## FURO Sports Shoes welcomes Shahid Kapoor as its Brand Ambassador

Bhubaneswar: FURO Sports Shoes , (from the house of Red Chief Shoes ), is thrilled to announce its much-coveted collaboration with the Bollywood Superstar, Shahid Kapoor. Shahid's youthful and sporty personality of an affable boy gels with the aspiring core values and ethos of FURO Sports Shoes. Shahid appeals to a wider audience across all age groups. While his exceptional fitness lifestyle, dancing prowess, and romantic-action-oriented movies attract the youth, his responsible family guy persona connects with relatively mature age groups as well .Mr. Manoj Gyanchandani (Managing Director) expressing his views on the collaboration, shares, "We are extremely honored to welcome Shahid Kapoor as the newest FURO family member. We couldn't have asked for a better partner in 2022 who comes with such high credible energy which is much needed in such dynamic times to inspire the youth towards athleisure lifestyle. We look forward to a successful partnership with him and hope to have a mutually beneficial long-term relationship."

Mr. Rahul Sharma, (Marketing Head ) further shared "To continue leveraging our association both in mass media & digital platforms – Shahid would be part of our forthcoming Brand campaigns , which are back to back lined up starting few weeks from now . "

## BOB Financialcrosses the 1 Million Credit Cards mark

Mumbai:BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL),awholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (Bank)that issues and manages Bank of Baroda Credit Cards, has crossed the 1 Million Credit Cards mark.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank of Baroda Credit Cards have grown 9X over the last four years – from 0.12 million cards in March 2018 to over 1.1 million cards in March 2022. Further, the monthly spends on credit cards have grown 10X over the same period – from Rs.80 crore in March 2018 to Rs.830 crore in March 2022.

In CY2022, cobrandingwith IRCTC, HPCL, Defence Services, and partnerships with fintechs have been some of the key initiatives in the ongoing transformation journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shailendra Singh, MD & CEO, BFSL said, "In 2017, we started on a journey of transforming BOB Financial into a leading credit card issuer in India. Crossing the 1 million credit cards mark is an important milestone.However, while we celebrate this achievement, our ultimate aspiration is to become one of the largest Credit Card issuers in the country, serving customers of every demographic and socio-economic classification."

BFSL has been focusing on investing in people, processes and technology to enhance customer experience.

## LIC Mutual Fund Announces Completion of IDBI MF Schemes Merger

Mumbai : LIC Mutual Fund (LIC MF), one of the reputed fund houses in the Indian asset management industry, has announced the successful completion of the takeover of schemes of IDBI Mutual Fund (IDBI MF). The effective date of merger hasJuly 29, 2023.

The move is in line with LIC MF's mission to strengthen and diversify its product offerings, expand its footprint and grow its assets under management (AUM) to emerge as a leading MF house in the country. LIC MF had an AUM of Rs 18,400Crores and IDBI MF had Rs 3,650Crores as of June 30, 2023. After completion of the merger, out of 20 schemes of IDBI MF, 10 schemes will be merged with similar schemes of LIC MF and the remaining 10 will be taken over by LIC MF on standalone basis, which will takeits total scheme count to 38. With this

merger, investors invested in IDBI MF schemes will get access to LICMF's diversified basket of product offerings covering Equity, Debt, Hybrid, Solution oriented themes, ETF and Index funds.

Commenting on the successful completion of the scheme merger, Mr. T.S. Ramakrishnan, Managing Director& CEO of LIC Mutual Fund, said: "It is an important milestone in our journey as we are working towards developing our capabilities to serve as a diversified mutual fund house catering to investment needs across key markets in India. The merger complements our goal to strengthen our scheme offerings in the mid-cap, small-cap, gold fund, passive fund segments, etc. The merger will help us build wider market presence and offer a more extensive range of

product basket. The combined strength will help us capture emerging opportunities in the thriving asset management industry and drive value for investors and distribution partners." He further added"Our vision is to be a trusted partner in wealth creation and a mutual fund of choice. Our track record of managing funds for over three decades has enabled us to gain trust of investors.We will remain focused and work towards delivering long-term performance by adopting adequate risk control mechanisms." About LIC Mutual Fund: LIC Mutual Fund was established on 20th April 1989 by LIC of India. LIC MF is an AMC with LIC of India as its Sponsor and other stakeholders being LIC Housing Finance Ltd, GIC Housing Finance Ltd and Union Bank of India.

## Ambuja Cements introduces Cool Walls, a special product that keep homes cool in summersand hot in winters

**Mumbai :** Ambuja Cements Ltd, one of India's most sustainable cement manufacturers, is now offering an innovative green solution for constructing strong walls. Ambuja Cool Walls is a unique wall solutions that keeps the house cool during summer and retains inside temperature to make the house warmer in winter. Ambuja Cements is among the first Indian cement companies to offer this unique block and mortar solution to individual house builders.

Ambuja Cool Walls is a sustainable product made with an innovative heat-barrier technology that is far superior to any other products available in the market. The 'heat barrier technology' of this product helps to maintain inside temperature of any house lesser by 5°Celsius as compared to external temperature. These innovative heat barrier

technology, consistent quality and enhanced strength (>5 MPa) are the main differentiators of this product.

Ambuja Cool Walls is an innovative solution to the problem faced by traditional construction with non-sustainable products. The challenge poised by traditional construction today are efflorescence on walls, termite attack, water absorption and highly prone to earthquakes. Ambuja Cool Walls along with unique jointing mortar makes the wall stronger and eliminates the problem faced by traditional construction practices. This helps the consumers in cost saving on electricity due to thermal insulation, low frequency of repeat painting because of no efflorescence, lesser repeat maintenance and lower construction cost. Additional benefits include noise reduction,

high fire resistanceetc. Also it enables speedy construction and reduces project completion time by ~ 30%.

Ambuja Cool Wallsis a sustainable product as it consumes large volume of fly ash in its manufacturing. The walls does not require curing during construction and thus saves 5000 liters of water for a 1000-square feet house.Mr. Neeraj Akhoury, CEO India Holcim and MD & CEO of Ambuja Cements Ltd., said, "Ambuja Cements has always pursued innovation to provide customers with eco-friendly solutions for a better and a greener future. It's our endeavorto provide world class solutions to customers in India. Ambuja Cool Walls is a testimony to our commitment to provide sustainable, high strength and durable solutions to our customers".

## KiiT International School becomes the only school from Odisha to win at Toycathon

Bhubaneswar: The revered founder of KiiT International School, Shri Achyuta Samanta, has always inspired and encouraged the youth to think outside the box. This motivation has led to an immense achievement for the school.Agame, 'Untold Stories', designed by Shree Roy, a 10th Grade student of KiiT International School, has been selected as one of the top 7 winning games at Toycathon, an inter-ministerial initiative of GOI, in association with AICTE. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mona Lisa Bal, Chairperson, KiiT International School said, "This is an extremely proud moment for KiiT International School family. I congratulate Shree for her endeavours. This is an

accomplishment not just for her but the entire school. We always nurture our students to think beyond their textbooks and take interest in activities outside their classroom. I am glad that this morale-boosting has steered us to achieve this great honour. I firmly believe that these leaders of tomorrow can drive us towards a better tomorrow with proper education and guidance."

Shree's game 'Untold Stories' is a multiplayer game where one must answer questions about India's heritage to move on to the next level. With this game, Shree intended to revive the art and culture of India. With modernization and technology, most youngsters are glued to their smartphones and the internet. Shree designed this

game with the help of the school's research wing, Inspiron, in a pursuit to move them away from this exposure while enhancing their knowledge on India's art, history, and culture. From over 14 lakh online entries, 200 games were chosen for the physical edition of Toycathon. Untold stories was the only winner from Odisha among the top 7 felicitated games.

Under the 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi, Toycathon is conceived to challenge India's innovative minds to conceptualize novel Toy and Games based on Bharatiya civilization, history, culture, mythology and ethos.



# Bangladesh's new-look top order ready for the big challenge

**Dhaka:** The Bangladesh team management is relieved to see their new-look opening pair of Litton Kumar Das and Tanzid Tamim along with their makeshift back-up opener Mehedy Hasan getting runs under their belt in the warm-up games.

Since Tamim Iqbal was not included in the 15-member World Cup squad, a major talking point revolved around the Bangladesh team regarding Litton's opening partner and the back-up opener.

There were high-scale speculations about Mohammad Naim and Anamul Haque making the cut in the 15 member squad either as the regular opener or as a back-up.

The think tank was certainly concerned with the opening slot,

considering that their opening pair in the last 10 ODIs averaged 20.4. So when Litton and Tanzid put up a century stand in the practice game against Sri Lanka, it looked to have done a world of good to them. There was never a question about Litton's ability but there have been doubts whether Tanzid can prove himself to belong at the highest level. Many cricket pundits raised a question regarding the timing of his selection as they felt he would find it hard to handle the pressure at this level. However, Tanzid has risen to the challenge, making 84 and 45 runs respectively against Sri Lanka and England in the warm-ups.

"I saw him closely in the Emerging Cup and knew what kind of player he is.

So it really didn't surprise me to see him play those shots. Rather what was important for me was that he got some runs under his belt in the practice game as that would make him confident going into the main event," Habibul Bashar, Bangladesh selection panel member, told Cricbuzz. He also added that they should make sure not to put pressure on him by comparing him all the time with the legendary Tamim who remained one of the backbone of Bangladesh batting for long period of time.

"I think this comparison is unnecessary between them because they are different individuals and have different skill sets. We should rather focus on giving him (Tanzid) to be his own in the middle as that is the most



important thing. If we always keep comparing him with Tamim (Iqbal), it is bound to affect the young mind," he said. Bangladesh gamble of picking Mehedy as third opener in order to accommodate a fifth seam bowler in the side also seems to have paid

off if the practice games performance is taken into consideration. The right-handed batsman put up half centuries in both the innings with the latter remaining most significant considering it came up against England, who possess a very deadly pace attack.

Mehedy, who was tried as an opener for the first time during the Asia Cup final in 2018 against India, was promoted to open the innings in the recent past as well and he seized the opportunity by making an unbeaten 112 runs against Afghanistan in the just concluded

Asia Cup.

His performance against the Afghans prompted the team management to consider him as back-up opener though many questioned on whether Mehedy could handle real pace but on Monday, the right-handed batsman gave ample proof that he has got what it took to negotiate pace and bounce that was on offer by the English pace unit.

"I think it is relieving to see (Mehedy scoring runs against England)," said Habibul.

"I think it is better not to go into any issue with Miraj (Mehedy) because you might feel that he won't be able to play against a team with such a pack attack but he will surprise you because he is a fighter and a genuine

fighter," he said, adding that he has the X factor that is required to score runs.

"I think no one should have any doubt whether he will be able to do it or not. It is because at the international level, at times more than skill and technique, what is required is the fact how good a player you are.

"Certainly skill and technique are required but in cricket, if you want to succeed you need something more than that and Miraj has that," he added.

Whether Bangladesh's new-look top-order succeeds or not remains to be seen in the World Cup but they have given indications that they are ready for the show piece event by getting some much needed runs under their belt in the practice game.

## NZ unfazed by underdogs tag, focused on the job at hand - Latham

**New Delhi:** New Zealand has been one of the most consistent sides in the 50-over World Cup, having reached the final in the last two editions and the semi-finals eight times otherwise.

However, more often than not, they are tagged as underdogs, perpetually underrated. Not many seem to give them a chance to secure a spot in the semifinals, leave alone in the final, but the team remains focused on the task at hand, unfazed by what the world thinks of them. "We're not necessarily focused on what people are predicting," says Tom Latham, the stand-in New Zealand skipper on the eve of their World Cup opener against England.

India, England, and Australia have been the majority choices as semifinalists, with some suggesting Pakistan or South Africa as potential fourth team making it to the knock-out stage.



"From our point of view, we're solely focused on what we have to do. The brand of cricket that we want to play is our main focus, and when it comes towards the end of the tournament, if we're in those positions, then that's great," reckons the wicketkeeper-batsman. The general perception is that this England side, under Jos Buttler, is much better than they were under Eoin Morgan in 2019. The New Zealanders are coming off a one-day series against

England, and for the record, they lost to the defending champions 1-3. Notably, however, that World Cup final remains the talk of the town, ahead of the opening game in Ahmedabad.

"It's a question that always pops up, but I think from our point of view, we're solely focused on the job at hand tomorrow (the tournament opener between England and New Zealand)," says Latham, who was part of the memorable 2019 final. "We've had time to

certainly reflect on what a fantastic game it was four years ago, and I'm sure everyone will say it's probably one of the greatest games of cricket to have been played."

Kane Williamson, the team's regular skipper, will be missing from the starting lineup on Thursday, and the stand-in captain says Williamson (who underwent surgery due to an injury sustained in the IPL opener in March), being here is, in itself, a

big deal. "Any team that doesn't have Kane in it is obviously, you know, we'd certainly be better off having him, but I think from our point of view, for him to be here, to be at the World Cup, is a testament to the work he has put in over the last four to five months."

Latham has never played at the Narendra Modi Stadium, the colossal venue that can be intimidating with its size and scale. However, the Kiwi says it can't get any better than playing at this venue against England, in the opener. "To play the opening game here at an amazing stadium is pretty special. So it's a unique experience being played here in India, and it's obviously a fantastic place to play cricket. I'm really excited to get underway tomorrow," he says, singing off, "To play against a fantastic England side in a World Cup opener is really special, so it can't get much better than that."

## Shikhar Dhawan's Divorce With Wife Ayesha Mukerji Finalised By Delhi Family Court On Grounds Of 'Cruelty By Wife'

**New Delhi:** Team India cricketer and Punjab Kings (PBKS) captain Shikhar Dhawan received a massive relief from Delhi Family Court on Wednesday, when he was granted divorce from his estranged wife Ayesha Mukerji on grounds of 'cruelty by wife'. Judge Harish Kumar acknowledged an agreement by both parties to dissolve their 11-year marriage, noting they have lived separately since August 8, 2020.

The court's statement highlighted the respondent's—Dhawan's estranged wife—decision to leave the matter uncontested, interpreting it as a desire for the court to issue a divorce decree even while admitting guilt to matrimonial offences.

Harish Kumar's family court judge while dissolving their 11 years old wedlock said, "There is no dispute that both parties had agreed to take divorce by mutual consent and that their



marriage is otherwise dead long ago and have not been living as husband and wife since August 8, 2020.

"Respondent's / estranged wife intentional decision to leave this matter uncontested also shows her desire that the court should pass decree of divorce even at the cost of holding her guilty of the matrimonial offence as she knows that no harm could be caused to her even if she is held to have treated the petitioner with cruelty because she has already obtained sufficient favourable orders from the Federal Circuit and Family Court in Australia," the court

said in its ruling in favour of Dhawan.

"This thought of her has given her the courage to not abide by the order dated March 2, 2023 and June 6, 2023 of this court deliberately and intentionally. Hence, the facts and circumstances of the present case as discussed above petitioners are entitled to a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruelty," the Court added.

Despite violations of previous court orders dated March 2, 2023, and June 6, 2023, the court concluded that the circumstances substantiate the entitlement to a divorce decree for Dhawan on the grounds of cruelty.

## Babar Azam hopes Pakistan fans can attend World Cup in India

**New Delhi:** Pakistan captain Babar Azam has said that he has been surprised with the welcome that his team has got in India. After arriving in Hyderabad, where they've played two warm-up games and are set to play their first couple of games of the tournament, Babar confessed to have had a change of opinion.

"To be honest, we also heard that," he started off when asked if the reception would be intimidating. "But since the time we arrived in Hyderabad, the kind of hospitality we've received and the kind of welcome we had from the airport to the hotel...even in the last match at the

ground we felt very good," he said. The arrival of Pakistan in India had triggered a lot of speculation on the issue of visas, some of which have been sorted with some journalists as well set to arrive. The possibility of fans coming in across the border is still unclear but Babar wished for it nevertheless.

"It'll be even better if we have our fans come as well. And hopefully we get that kind of support in every match and at every ground, so looking forward to it," he said.

The tournament is set to see a record crowd come in when Pakistan take on India

in Ahmedabad, and even before that the captain of India sounded optimistic in his message for the other captains in the media event held on the tournament eve.

"Every leader sitting here wants to achieve something really special for their country and there is something which is highly prized. The 50-over World Cup is always something that I've dreamt of growing up as a child and I'm sure it's the same for all the guys sitting here as well. One thing I can assure, and everyone will know about it, is that people are going to love the tournament here. The



stadiums are going to be jam-packed, people here love their cricket. They love their team, but they

love their cricket as well but rest assured it's going to be a very good tournament," said

Sharma. The primacy of the ODI World Cup and the format has come for much questioning but both

Rohit and New Zealand's skipper Kane Williamson were emphatic in their views about the tournament.

"I think every four years even with the introduction of T20 World Cups, they're still major events, the World Test championship as well. But I still think the ODI World Cup, and probably everyone else here shares the same opinion that it's definitely one of the top events that we can play in the world," opined Williamson while Rohit threw his weight behind the Indian public's expectations.

"Everyone's quite excited. Even before

we got into these warm-up games, like a month back every time we were travelling around India, the talks were all about the World Cup. And it is not unusual in India, it's quite common that any big event that happens here people get really excited. And cricket being the biggest sport in India, I'm not surprised by the excitement that people have. It is not just in one or two cities but it is spread across the entire country. Anywhere we go, the talk is about the World cup. People are excited and obviously its happening after 12 years in India, so all the more reason to be excited," said Rohit.