

Day after beginning of Rath Yatra in Puri, chariots of deities reach 'aunt's place'

Puri(KCN): The chariots of sibling deities – Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra and Lord Jagannath – Saturday reached the destination Gundicha Temple, a day after the Rath Yatra began in Puri. Gundicha Temple is considered the aunt's place of the deities who go there every year after leaving the 12th-century Jagannath temple, situated at a distance of 2.6 km. They will go back to the main temple after nine days. The return car journey, known as 'Bahuda Yatra', will held this year 5 July. Earlier in the day, amid chanting of "Jai Jagannath" & "Hari bol", devotees resumed pulling the three chariots

around 10 am, after the Rath Yatra was halted June 27 night. The chariots were scheduled to reach Gundicha Temple by the evening of Friday. But they had to be stopped on Grand Road as Lord Balabhadra's Taladwaja chariot got stuck while negotiating a turn, preventing the other two from advancing. According to the tradition, 'Taladhwaja' rolls first, followed by 'Darpadalan' of Devi Subhadra and 'Nandighosa' of Lord Jagannath. The chariots with deities inside were kept on the road overnight amid tight security. Thousands of devotees who spent the night in the holy town, joined in large



numbers in chariot pulling amid sounds of gongs and conches. Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan, Chief

Secretary Manoj Ahuja, DGP YB Khurania and other senior officials were found pulling Lord Jagannath's

'Nandighosa'. After the chariots reached their destination, they were parked outside the

Gundicha temple. The deities will be taken inside the temple Sunday in a ceremonial procession.

"We thank all stakeholders including devotees for the conduct of Rath Yatra," Arabinda Padhee, the chief administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) said. Meanwhile, all arrangements have been made for the security of the chariots and controlling the crowd, said DGP YB Khurania. Meanwhile, over 600 devotees were treated at different hospitals in Puri after becoming ill during the Rath Yatra Saturday. While many of them were injured due to jostling, more than 200 people fainted in the hot and humid weather conditions.

An estimated one million devotees participated in the annual Rath Yatra Friday and around 5 lakh people were in the holy town Saturday, officials said adding that the weather was favourable Saturday even though there was light rain. The Rath Yatra is being held amid unprecedented security arrangements with the deployment of around 10,000 personnel of Odisha Police, the central armed police force, NSG and others. The police have made all arrangements for the smooth conduct of Rath Yatra, a senior official said adding that over 275 AI-enabled CCTV cameras were installed to keep a watch on the crowd.

Gautam Adani In Puri To Witness World-Famous Rath Yatra



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani arrived in Puri today to attend the world-renowned Rath Yatra, after landing at Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar. According to sources, Adani reached Bhubaneswar airport at 9:45am. He is scheduled to visit the Gundicha Temple by 12:20 pm to offer prayers and will

remain there until 1:00 pm, engaging with sevayats and devotees. Later in the day, Adani will meet Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi between 5:30 pm and 6:15 pm. He is set to depart from Bhubaneswar's Biju Patnaik International Airport by 8:30 pm. It is pertinent to mention that the Adani Group has launched the 'Prasad Seva' in Puri Dham,

alongside a broader effort to assist pilgrims and frontline officials during the Rath Yatra, which will continue till July 8. The Adani Group's extensive seva initiatives are designed to enrich the pilgrimage experience for devotees and support seamless operations for officials during the iconic Rath Yatra, demonstrating their commitment to cultural and community welfare.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): President of India Droupadi Murmu recently attended the National Students' Convocation-2025 of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) as the Chief Guest at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. She highlighted the critical role of Cost Accountants in India's economic progress and its journey towards a sustainable future. President also appreciated the significant contribution of ICMAI since its establishment in 1944 in regulating and developing the profession of Cost and Management Accountancy in the country. She stated that CMAs are playing a pivotal role in India's economic transformation — evolving from being silent witnesses to becoming active participants in shaping the nation's industrial growth. She urged the graduating CMA students to



recognize their expansive responsibilities beyond financial accounting and expressed confidence that, their education from ICMAI would equip them to be not just successful professionals but also nation-builders contributing to the vision of Prime Minister of India on Viksit Bharat – 2047. On the occasion, she handed over award to top four All India Rank Holders (CMA Intermediate and Final qualified students of June and December, 2024 term examination of ICMAI). IAS Deepti Gaur Mukerjee Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs of Govt of India,

graced as guest of honour and encouraged CMAs to embrace technology, innovation and agility, highlighting their pivotal role in India's journey towards becoming a \$30 trillion economy. CMA Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak, President of ICMAI, CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad, Vice President of ICMAI, CMA M.K. Anand, Convener, National Students' Convocation-2025, CMA Vinayaranjan P, Chairman, National Students' Convocation-2025 and other council members of ICMAI also addressed and congratulated the students in the prestigious event. In total 247 meritorious

CMA Intermediate and Final Qualified Students (CMA Intermediate and Final rank holders of June and December, 2024 term) have been awarded on the occasion, out of which 06 Nos Rank holders Students were belongs to Odisha. They were Sunita Dhal (AIR- 7), Ashim Kumar Dhal (AIR- 36), Shreekanth Kumar Rout (AIR-40) from June, 2024 term Final and Sawan Kumar Agarwal (AIR-16), Liza Panigrahi (AIR-28) from Intermediate and Vedanta Sharma (AIR-26) from Final in December, 2024 term. After inaugural session, there was a Presentation Ceremony of the

National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management-2024 and CMA Awards-2024. The event was graced by Bhartruhari Mahtab, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, GoI and CMA Sadanand Date, IPS, Director General, National Investigation Agency (NIA). CMA Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak, President of ICMAI highlighted the growing significance of cost management in modern organizations, underlining its critical role in driving sustainability and creating long-term value.

Vigilance Uncovers Huge Assets During Raids At Properties Of Ganjam AEE



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha Vigilance Directorate unearthed substantial assets linked to Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Susil Kumar Panda of Ganjam Block during raids, following allegations of possessing disproportionate assets beyond his known income. Simultaneous searches were conducted at seven locations in Ganjam and Puri

districts. One triple-storeyed building (approx. 4620 Sqft.) at Ram Hari Nagar, Berhampur 2-BHK flat (approx. 700 Sqft.) at Mukteswar Apartment, Ankuli, Berhampur 1-BHK flat (approx. 600 Sqft.) at Puri Six high-value plots in Bhubaneswar, Khordha, and Berhampur Cash: Rs. 2,05,000 One four-wheeler

(Mahindra KUV) and two two-wheelers Bank and other deposits, investments being ascertained One bank locker at Central Cooperative Bank, Berhampur, jointly held by Panda and his spouse, still to be opened The measurement and valuation of the assets are being carried out by the Vigilance Technical Wing. Further investigation is underway.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): A cyclonic circulation over the North Bay of Bengal and the adjoining Bangladesh coast is expected to develop into a low-pressure area, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasted on Saturday. This system may bring heavy rainfall to parts of Odisha and neighboring regions in the coming days. As per IMD reports, a low-pressure system has already formed over the northwest Bay of Bengal and the adjacent Odisha and West Bengal coasts, resulting in rainfall across various parts of the state. Another low-pressure system is expected to



form on Saturday. Under its influence, heavy rainfall is likely in Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Sundargarh, and Keonjhar on Saturday. Rainfall is also expected in parts of

northern and southern Odisha. Heavy rain is likely in Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Ganjam, and Gajapati.

Going by IMD prediction, heavy rainfall is expected in Balasore, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Sundargarh on June 29. Very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is likely in

Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, and Jajpur on June 30, with an orange warning issued for these districts. Heavy rainfall is also expected in Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Angul, Deogarh, Sambalpur, and Sundargarh. On July 1, very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is likely in Nayagarh, Kandhamal, and Kalahandi. Heavy rainfall is also forecasted for Koraput, Nabarangpur, Balangir, Sonapur, Boudh, Cuttack, Khurda, Gajapati, Ganjam, Nuapada, Rayagada, and Puri, according to the IMD.

Rath Yatra In Kotia; Dy CM Singh Deo, Other Ministers Participate With Thousands Of Devotees

Koraput(KCN): The Kotia Rath Yatra, which began in 2002 under the Koraput Jagannath Temple Management Committee, has created history this year. Thousands of devotees from the Kotia cluster of villages, including several prominent ministers and leaders, participated in the Rath Yatra and pulled the chariots. Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari, School and Mass Education

Minister Nityanand Gond, Commerce and Transport Minister Bibhuti Bhushan Jena, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Gokulanand Mallick, Koraput MP Saptagiri Ulaka, and several MLAs from the region, including Koraput MLA Raghuram Machha, Kotpad MLA Rupu Bhatra, and others, were among the prominent attendees. Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari said that the devotees sought blessings from Lord



Jagannath for a permanent solution to the Kotia issue and overall development of the region. He emphasised that the Kotia issue is not just a Koraput district issue but a state issue, and a draft is being prepared to resolve it after consulting with local people and leaders of various political parties. Pujari highlighted the state government's commitment to developing the border areas of Odisha, including improving education, health services, and tourism infrastructure in Kotia. He mentioned demands for housing for the homeless, a hostel in the model school, and a big Jagannath temple, and assured that these would be considered. The Rath Yatra saw the participation of several officials, including Koraput District Magistrate V. Kirti Vasan and Koraput SP Rohit Burma, who also pulled the chariot along with Sarpanch Liu Gemel and others.

Incident in Rath Yatra; PCC president condemns the attack on journalists during Ratha Yatra Seeks intervention of Chief Minister

Bhubaneswar (KCN) :While the state government had made special arrangements for accredited and working journalists to cover the Rath Yatra, more than 7 people were seriously injured in the police attack. A woman journalist received 20 stitches in her hand. PCC President Shri Bhakta Charan Das has condemned such an



incident. He demanded that Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi intervene in the incident and check the CCTV cameras and

Grand Rath Yatra Celebrated at Fakir Mohan University: Vice Chancellor Performs All Ritual Duties of the Deities



Balasore, 27/6 (Krushna Kumar Mohanty) – The campus of Fakir Mohan University transformed into a spiritual and cultural celebration on the auspicious occasion of Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra. Blending devotion with knowledge, the festival radiated a message of unity, joy, and reverence. Following the rituals of Nabajouban Veshha and

Netrotsav, Vice Chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy led all the service rituals of the deities in the role of the chief servitor. Faculty, staff, and students of the university carried the four deities in a single ceremonial procession (Pahandi Bijje) and respectfully installed them on the chariot. The Rath Yatra procession echoed with the sounds of bells,

conches, mridanga drums, and the royal chaamara fans, while students filled the air with devotional songs and kirtans, creating an atmosphere of divine ecstasy. The celebration included traditional offerings, the Chhera Pahara ritual, and the sacred act of pulling the chariot. As the procession reached the university's Mausai Maa temple, group chanting

and devotional singing elevated the spiritual experience to a unique level. On this occasion, Professor Debashis Patra, Head of the Department of Language and Literature, delivered an inspiring and in-depth talk on the cultural significance of Lord Jagannath. The deities—Chaturdha Murti along with Lord Sudarshan — were ceremonially installed in the Sri Gundicha Temple within the campus, and the festival concluded with the distribution of bhoga and prasada. It is noteworthy that the university annually observes the complete cycle of Jagannath rituals and festivals—from Akshaya Tiritiya to Niladri Bijje—with great enthusiasm, discipline, and spiritual devotion.

Speech and Drawing Competitions Held During the Golden Jubilee Celebrations



Balasore, 28/06 – (Krushna Kumar Mohanty) In anticipation of the upcoming Foundation Day and Van Mahotsav, a speech and drawing competition was recently held at the Regional Government High School, Saun, under Genguti Panchayat of Balasore Sadar Block. The event was organized by the dynamic alumni

council of the school. The inaugural session was presided over by the President of the council, Mr. Jaladhar Samal, and was formally inaugurated by senior artist Kesu Das. Former Odisha Sahitya Akademi member Dr. Kalipada Panda graced the occasion as Chief Guest and addressed the students, offering them

inspiring insights. Among other dignitaries were the Headmaster Dronacharya Pattayat, judge and educationist Pushpita Das, Banalata Das, and Gadadhar Mohanty, who actively participated in the event. Secretary Sudhakar Sethy delivered the introductory remarks. Manmath Kumar Barik extended the formal

welcome, while Assistant Secretary Satyanarayan Acharya offered the vote of thanks. The event was anchored by Sabyasachi Pradhan, Jayashree Rout, Sanat Kumar Parida, and Hemendra Kumar Bugudei. Teachers Itishree Behera, Shraddhanjali Mallik, Geetanjali Patra, Chinmayee Patra, and Prashanta Kumar Das played a vital role in supporting and coordinating the proceedings. It was announced by Mr. Samal that on July 7, for the first time in the school's history, Foundation Day and Van Mahotsav will be jointly celebrated, during which meritorious students from the competitions will be felicitated.



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Congratulatory wishes pour in for Ileana D'Cruz on becoming mother for second time

Actress Ileana D' Cruz has embraced motherhood for the second time as she welcomed her second son with husband Michael Dolan.

Sharing the exciting announcement on social media, the 'Raid' actress treated her InstaFam with the first picture of her little munchkin- whom the new parents have decided to name Keanu Rafe Dolan. The couple welcomed their second son June 19, 2025.

Congratulating the new mother, her Barfi co-star Priyanka Chopra penned in the comment section,

"congratulations beautiful". Athiya Shetty wrote, "Congratulations my ilu".

Vidya Balan said, "Congratulations and God bless all of you" Malaika Arora shared in the comment section, "Congratulations", along with two red heart emojis. Sophie Choudry added, "Congratulations dar!!! Big love to you and this gorgeous one," with a red heart emoticon.

Back in February this year, Ileana announced her second pregnancy with a special Instagram post. The Rustom actress



took to the stories section of her Instagram handle and dropped a picture of her midnight cravings. She shared a still of her puffed corn snacks and antacid chews, along with the time-stamp of "12:43 am". "Tell me you're pregnant without telling me you're pregnant..", Ileana captioned the post. After tying the knot in 2023, Ileana made her first pregnancy announcement in April 2023. Posting a picture of a onesie on her IG, she wrote, "Coming soon. Can't wait to meet you my little darling." Earlier this month, Ileana

revealed that the makers of Raid 2 had offered her the movie, however, the schedule could not be worked out. During a question and answer session, a user shared that they missed her in Raid 2, and in the movies in general.

To this, Ileana reacted, "I miss working in movies too and I would have loved to be a part of Raid 2. Raid was a special film but Malini was such a special character to play and working with my director Raj Kumar Gupta was a wonderful experience as was working with Ajay again."

Rajinikanth-starrer Coolie's Hindi version titled 'Coolie The Powerhouse'

With just 50 days to go for the release of director Lokesh Kanakaraj's eagerly awaited action thriller 'Coolie', featuring Superstar Rajinikanth in the lead, the makers of the film Thursday announced that the Hindi version of the film had now been titled as 'Coolie The Powerhouse'.

Sun Pictures, the production house that is producing the film, Thursday released a new poster from the film to highlight the fact that the film was 50 days away from its release.

Releasing the poster on its X handle, Sun Pictures wrote, "Deva's rage begins in 50 days! #CoolieIn50Days #CoolieInHindi is now #CoolieThePowerhouse. #Coolie releasing worldwide August 14th." It may be recalled that a few days ago, a section of the media had claimed



that the Hindi version of the film had been titled 'Majdoor'. However, the Hindi title evoked a mixed response from netizens on social media. Sun Pictures, Thursday, announced that the Hindi version would now be called 'Coolie The Powerhouse'. 'Coolie', which is expected to be an action thriller, will, apart from Rajinikanth, feature a number of top stars

including Telugu star Nagarjuna, Kannada star Upendra, Malayalam star Soubin Shahir and Tamil star Sathyaraj. Superstar Aamir Khan also plays a cameo in the film. The film will also feature actors Shruti Haasan, Rebe Monica John, and Junior MGR in pivotal roles. Music for the film is by Anirudh Ravichander and cinematography is by Girish Gangadharan. The film is being edited by Philomin Raj and produced by Kalanithi Maran's Sun Pictures. The film is keenly awaited as it will feature actors Sathyaraj and Rajinikanth together after almost 38 years. The two were last seen together in the superhit Tamil film 'Mr Bharath', which was released in 1986 and in which Sathyaraj played Rajinikanth's father. Interestingly, Sathyaraj had turned down offers to act in some of Rajinikanth's earlier films like 'Enthiran' and 'Sivaji'. 'Coolie', which is Rajinikanth's 171st film, will revolve around gold smuggling. Interestingly, director Lokesh Kanakaraj has disclosed that 'Coolie' will be a stand alone film and not a part of his Lokesh Cinematic Universe (LCU).

Aamir Khan's 'Sitaare Zameen Par' mints Rs 80 crore at box office

Sitaare Zameen Par, headlined by Hindi film star Aamir Khan, has collected Rs 88.69 crore nett at the domestic box office during its first week.

Directed by R S Prasanna, the film released in theatres June 20 and is a spiritual sequel to the critically acclaimed 2007 movie Taare Zameen Par.

According to the tracking website Sacnilk, the film opened with Rs 10. 7

crore nett at the domestic box office. Sitaare Zameen Par also stars Genelia D'Souza alongside newcomers Aroush Datta, Gopi Krishna Varma, Samvit Desai, Vedant Sharma, Ayush Bhansali, Ashish Pendse, Rishi Shahani, Rishabh Jain, Naman Mishra, and Simran Mangeshkar. It is written by Divy Nidhi Sharma. The film features Aamir in the role of a basketball coach, who mentors ten differently-abled individuals.

It is produced by Aamir alongside Aparna Purohit and Ravi Bhagchandka.



Vir Das to be honoured at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

Actor and comedian Vir Das will be felicitated, acknowledging his contributions to Indian entertainment industry, comedy and his impact on global audiences at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM), which is returning for its 16th glorious edition from August 14 to 24.

Vir is all set to make his directorial debut as the co-director on Happy Patel, being produced by Aamir Khan Films and will also be debuting as an author with his book titled The Outsider.

Vir said, "It's incredibly humbling to be recognised by

IFFM, a festival that celebrates the diversity and strength of Indian storytelling. Comedy has always been my lens to view the world, and to be able to share that journey with audiences across the globe — and now be celebrated for it — is truly special."

"I'm looking forward to being part of the festival and engaging with fellow artists and film lovers in Melbourne."

The festival, which will run across key venues in Melbourne, is set to showcase a broad spectrum of Indian cinema and will include premieres, screenings, masterclasses, in-conversation sessions,



and industry panels. Festival Director Mitu Bhowmick Lange said: "We're thrilled to bring back the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne for its 16th year. This festival has always been a bridge between cultures through the magic of cinema."

"Honouring someone like Vir Das, who has become a truly global voice in entertainment, reflects the evolving and dynamic spirit of Indian storytelling. We can't wait to welcome audiences to a celebration that promises inspiration, entertainment, and powerful narratives."

In other news, Vir is all set to bring his fifth collaboration with the streaming giant Netflix with his new special titled Vir Das: Fool Volume. He

said he lost his voice two months before that show. He added that this is rewritten in silence and performed without rehearsal across the world. "Vir Das: Fool Volume" will premiere July 18. This launch marks Vir's fifth Netflix special, which includes Abroad Understanding and Vir Das: Landing. Vir began his career with a gig at one of the premier hotels in New Delhi with a performance titled "Walking on Broken Das". He started his career on TV when he hosted two TV shows. The first one was Is Route Ki Sabhin

Linein Maast Hain, where he was an agony uncle. The second was his own stand-up comedy late-night show, Ek Rahin Vir.

The stand-up star and actor has appeared on a variety of comedic television programs. He was an addition to the cast of The Great Indian Comedy Show. He was cast as the comic relief in The Curse of King Tut's Tomb, a Hallmark mini-series filmed in India. He began filming for his first two Hindi film roles in early 2006. He played a small role in Vipul Shah's 2007 movie Namastey London.



Condolences pour in following Shefali Jariwala's demise

Jariwala was rushed to Bellevue Multispeciality Hospital in suburban Mumbai by her husband, actor Parag Tyagi.

"She was brought to the hospital around 11:15 pm. The on-duty doctor declared her dead on arrival," a hospital source said.

As per media reports, Jariwala died of a heart attack though there was no official statement yet from the family or her representatives.

Jariwala gained popularity through her participation in reality shows like "Nach Baliye", a dance-based show series, with her husband, and later, Salman Khan-hosted "Bigg Boss 13".

Jariwala's sudden death has shocked many industry friends and colleagues, who expressed grief.

Singer Mika Singh said he is unable to fathom the news about the death of his dearest friend, Jariwala.

"I'm deeply shocked, saddened, and feeling a heavy heart... Our beloved star and my dearest friend @shefali_jariwala has left us. Still can't believe it. You will always be remembered for your grace, smile, and spirit. Om Shanti," Singh wrote.

"I can't get over this news...my heart is sinking. Shefali," actor Kamya Punjabi wrote. Actor Aly Goni wrote, "RIP Shefali."

Actress Antara Biswas, known professionally as Monalisa, took to the Stories section of her Instagram, and shared a throwback picture with Shefali from the Ganeshotsav celebrations. She wrote, "Will Miss You Shefali. Still Not Being able to Believe This Life is Sach mein Unpredictable. I Always Adored Your Happy Positive Nature And your Aura Always Created Magic++ #restinpeace Friend".

Treatment of loan or cash credit as deemed Income Part 3



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

(Contd. From 23rd June 2025)

15. Points to be kept in mind where certain amounts are credited in books of the firm or in case any amount is credited in partner's capital a/c in firm's books: There has been difference of judicial opinion on the issue, which is evident from the following cases-

a) In CIT v. M. Venkateswara Rao 370 ITR 0212 (Telengana& Andhra Pradesh High Court) it has been held that Firm cannot be called upon to explain source of Income of partners.

In CIT & Another v. Md. Perwez Ahmad & others [2004] 268 ITR 381(Pat.) - Where the Tribunal after having considered material on record, had found that section 68 was not attracted in the case for the reason that in this case credit in the books

of account of the assessee firm, was on account of introduction of capital by the partners and the firm had failed to prove the amount credited in the books of account and as such it would be assessed in the hands of the partners as unexplained investments. The High Court held that this was a finding of fact and no substantial question of law arose from the order of the Tribunal.

b) In CIT v. Burma Electro Corporation [2001] 252 ITR 344 (P&H): [2003] 126 Taxman 533 (P&H), the assessee was a firm comprising 12 partners. The cash credit to the extent of Rs.10,000 of Shri Hari Singh, Rs.5,000 of Shri Gurdev Singh and Rs.5,000 of Smt. Dhan Raj have not been properly explained by the assessee as sufficiency of funds at the time of assessment in

their case to the extent have not been explained. In these circumstances, the Tribunal held that this amount of cash credits of the partners cannot be assessed as the income of the assessee-firm u/s 68 but it may be assessed in their individual hands as their unexplained investments, if that is permissible u/s 69. Thus, according to the Tribunal the result was that the above calculated unexplained cash credit relating to partners cannot be added in the income of the firm as its unexplained income. The High Court held "In our opinion, the reasons assigned by the Tribunal for deleting the additions are directly referable to the provisions of section 68 of the Act and we do not find any cogent reason to interfere with the same merely because on a reappraisal of the entire matter, it may be possible to form a different opinion." Similar view has been expressed in Abhyudaya Pharmaceuticals v. CIT [2013] 350 ITR 358 (All.) and Patel Vishnubhai Kantilal and Co. v. ITO [2013] 21 ITR (Trib) 204 (Ahd.).

c) In CIT v. Metachem Industries [2000] 245 ITR 160 (MP), it has

been held that where the assessee-firm had satisfactorily explained the credits standing in the name of its partners, the responsibility of the assessee stands discharged. Once it is established that the amount has been invested, by a particular person, be he a partner or an individual, then the responsibility of the assessee-firm is over. The assessee-firm cannot ask the person who makes investment, whether the money invested is properly taxed or not. If that person owns the entry, then the burden of the assessee firm is discharged. It is open to the A.O. to undertake further investigation with regard to that individual who has deposited the amount.

d) India Rice Mills v. CIT 218 ITR 508, 511(All.) - Where the capital contributions are made by the partners prior to the commencement of the business by the assessee-firm, it is for the partners to explain the source of such capital contributions and if they fail to discharge such onus then such capital contributions, although entered in the books of the assessee firm, cannot

be regarded as income of the assessee-firm.

e) Surinder Mohan Seth v. CIT 221 ITR 239 at page 240 (All.) - In this case the decision in India Rice Mill (supra) was followed.

f) PCIT v. Vaishnodevi Refoils&Solvex [2018] 89 taxmann.com 80 (Gujarat)/[2018] 253 Taxman 135 (Gujarat): Where AO made addition to assessee-firm's income under sec. 68 in respect of capital introduced by one partner of firm, in view of fact that amount received by assessee-firm had been duly reflected in books of account maintained by concerned partner and he had also confirmed such contribution, impugned addition was to be set aside and no addition can be made in the hands of the firm under section 68.

g) CIT, Allahabad v. Jaiswal Motor Finance 141 ITR 706 (All.) - The Court held - "It appears to be well settled that if there are cash credit entries in books of the firm in which the accounts of the individual partners exist and, it is found as a fact that cash was received by the firm from its partners then in the absence of any material to indicate that

they were profits of the firm, it could not be assessed in the hands of the firm. We are, therefore, of the opinion that the Tribunal did not commit any error of law and rightly held that the deposits shown in its accounts were satisfactorily explained."

h) CIT v. Kishorilal Santoshilal [1995] 216 ITR 9 (Raj.) - In the case of cash credits in the accounts of a firm -

i) there is no distinction between the cash credit entry existing in the books of the firm whether it is of a partner or of a third party;

ii) the burden to prove the identity, capacity and genuineness is on the firm;

iii) if the cash credit is not satisfactorily explained, the ITO is justified to treat it as income from undisclosed sources;

iv) the firm has to establish that the amount was actually given by the lender;

v) the genuineness and regularity in the maintenance of account has to be taken into consideration by the taxing authorities, and

vi) if the explanation is not supported by any documentary or other

evidence, then the deeming fiction created by section 68 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, can be invoked.

16. If a real lender of money, has given certificate regarding loan given/loan confirmation/affidavit, but turns hostile and resiles or retracts later, giving the plea that it was a hawala transaction, in such a case can A.O. treat such credits as bogus, non-genuine, unexplained and treat it as income u/s 68 of the person in whose books amount stands credited: Under similar facts and circumstances Jaipur Bench of ITAT in the case of Sohan Lal Jain v. ITO [1987] 59 CTR (Trib.) (Jaipur) 17 held that merely because a creditor turns hostile, the contention of the assessee setting up a cash credit should not be disbelieved otherwise creditors could bring their assessee to ransom. It further observed that the A.O. should have gone deeper into the matter and should have called the creditors by issuing a notice u/s 131 to find out the truth and the assessee can certainly produce other collateral evidence to show the circumstances under which the creditor has resiled. The ITAT set aside the above case for

fresh examination.

17. AO cannot make addition merely on the basis of a statement of a person stating that he is an entry operator and loans given by him through different companies are book entries only despite the fact that assessee proves identity, genuineness and creditworthiness of loan creditor: It has been held that where the identity, genuineness and creditworthiness of loan creditor has been established and same has been examined by ITAT, no addition can be made on the basis of a statement as the said statement might have been obtained under coercion - PCIT v. Overtop Marketing P Ltd. [2024] 461 ITR 67 (Cal); PCIT v. Dipanshu Mohapatra [2024] 463 ITR 678 (Orissa), SLP rejected in [2024] 463 ITR 681 (SC). Similar view has been taken in case of investment in share capital - PCIT v PNC Infratech Ltd [2024] 461 ITR 92 (All).

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Atomic Bazar Rise of Nuclear Poor

(How Pakistani Abdul Qadeer Khan stole atomic secrets, its consequences now)

Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi



In his revelatory new work, the celebrated journalist William Langewiesche investigates the burgeoning global threat of nuclear weapons production. This is the story of the inexorable drift of nuclear technology from the hands of the rich into the hands of the poor. As more unstable and underdeveloped nations find ways of acquiring the ultimate arms, the stakes of state-sponsored nuclear activity have soared to new heights. The Atomic Bazaar examines in dramatic and tangible detail the chances of such weapons being manufactured and deployed by the terrorists. From Hiroshima to the present day, he describes the reality of urgent consequences to us all. This searing, provocative and timely report is a triumph of investigative journalism and a masterful laying-out of the most critical problem world now faces. With War clouds becoming darker in the

Middle East with each passing moments, the book is worth its weight in gold.

Langewiesche also tells the story of Abdul Qadeer Khan, the scientist at the forefront of nuclear development and trade in the Middle East, who masterminded the theft and sale of centrifuge designs that helped to build Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. And who single-handedly peddled nuclear plans to North Korea, Iran, and other countries potentially hostile to Western interests.

He diligently chronicles the events in labs at Fysisch Dynamisch Onderzoek (FDO) in Amsterdam and (Uranium Enrichment Company) Urenco - a consortium jointly founded by the Governments of Holland, Germany and Britain to provide fuel to the nuclear-powered industry, located in the Dutch town of Almelo where Qadeer moved and managed freely to lay hands on the pictures of centrifuge models without evoking any suspicion. He describes in detail how sensitive information was passed on to the officials of the Pakistan Embassy at dinners hosted at Qadeer's residence. The humiliating defeat at the hands of India in 1971 leading to break up Pakistan where they



William Langewiesche, author of book-The Atomic Bazar

were let down by its most trusted allies China and USA while the Islamic brotherhood provided only symbolic sympathy to think in terms of self-reliance. Consequently, a determined Prime Minister Z.A. Bhutto said: "Pakistanis would eat grass...but they would have their bomb". The successful detonation of the bomb at Pokharan (provocatively close to Pakistani border) in Rajasthan in 1974 with a coded message of success sent overseas was: "Buddha is smiling." Our neighbors believed that the Buddha had smiled in anticipation of Pakistan's destruction. It triggered Pakistan's desire even more to build a bomb.

In the summer of 1974 Khan sent a letter to Prime Minister Bhutto

volunteering his services to build a bomb for Pakistan and from there the events moved rapidly. After a go-ahead signal from Bhutto while still working at Almelo and Amsterdam he not only took pictures but also stole centrifuge parts and took copious notes on its assembling in Urdu. When asked about his notes he would say he was writing letters home. And with a blueprint of a Pakistani bomb in his pocket Khan came back to Pakistan never to return. The rest is a history....

As Khan went with his mission to make a "Muslim Bomb" his mentor Bhutto was overthrown in 1977 and hanged and his successor dictator Zia-ul-Haq, proved more committed to the bomb. Finally, by 1984 Pakistan

was producing enough fissionable material to build several bombs a year. It became a reality on May 28, 1998, when in a desert mountain of Chagai in Baluchistan Pakistan detonated five bombs. Sadly the credit for it was usurped by the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission's Samar Mubarakmand, the leader of the test site. Unable to find sufficient gratification in Pakistan Khan became a "rogue", successfully selling his nuclear secrets and material abroad. But the interception of a ship called the BBC China spilled the beans in 2003 to and exposed Khan's evil doings, making him a liability for Pakistan. Finally on February 4, 2005, he appeared on television to absolve everyone except himself of blame for making

Pakistan nuclear-powered and consequent disappearance from the scene for good.

It is a book which describes, "One-stop shopping for the future where nations you fear will have weapons you dread. And there is little you can do about it except to read this excellent book and face the facts your government keeps secret and your leaders fail to comprehend."

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Langewiesche's prose is always elegant and gripping for its restraint. But there is another pleasure of reading him:

the pleasure of witnessing someone quicker and deeper than you tackling a subject worthy of him.

Robert Oppenheimer recently pertinently pointed out: "Once a country has made the political decision to become a nuclear-weapons power, it will become one regardless of international sanctions or incentives. You needn't be rich. You needn't be technically developed. You can be Pakistan, Libya, North Korea, Iran, South Korea, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, South Africa again, Brazil-the list of aspirants both real and potential, is long." He was searching for a country even more absurd in his estimation. He said: "You can be Hungary." Then the change occurred. The great powers were struck with arsenals they could not use, and nuclear weapons became the weapons of the poor.

At the end of the book Langewiesche poses: "Whether nuclear proliferation is possible without global disarmament? In the present-day world order, you have five to eight nuclear-weapons states on one hand, and the rest of the international community on the other. But there are countries of the Third World with

serious security concerns, and you ask them to address these concerns without nuclear weapons, while you have nuclear weapons and everything else. It is simply not going to work".

Presently, the most dangerous scenario is emerging in the Middle East. However, is it going to be a full-scale regional war? While still viewed as less likely, this scenario cannot be ruled out-especially if a major incident occurs, such as mass civilian casualties or a successful strike on a key Israeli or Iranian city. In that case, the conflict could draw in multiple regional and global actors, with devastating consequences for regional stability and the global economy.

The Atomic Bazaar-The Rise Of the Nuclear Poor By William Langewiesche. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 19 Union Square West, NY-10003. 179 pp, US \$20

The Atomic Bazaar is a well-researched and a racy account and a must reading book especially for those in atomic administration and research in India.

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EFLU Bags First Prize at Government Achievements and Schemes Expo-2025



Hyderabad, June 27(KCN): The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) was awarded the first prize for “Excellence in Language Education and Promotion of Multilingualism” at the Government Achievements and Schemes Expo-2025. The prestigious event was organised at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from June 21 to 23 featuring over 100 educational stalls from institutions across the

country. The award was presented in recognition of the EFLU’s remarkable contribution and achievements in teaching languages, training, research, and innovation spanning more than six decades. The University’s stall – showcasing the initiatives, programmes, achievements, and the rare publications of the University at the event – was thronged by hundreds of students and other stakeholders. The visitors had animated

discussions with faculty members, Dr. K. Raja Ram and Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, who represented the University at the Expo. Vice Chancellor Prof. N. Nagaraju, Incharge Registrar Prof. K. Narasimha Rao, and other senior academic administrators expressed their delight at EFLU receiving the top honour reaffirming the University’s commitment to linguistic excellence and multilingual education.

Anti-Gravity Treadmill inaugurated at Safdarjung Hospital



New Delhi, (KCN) :Anti-Gravity Treadmill inaugurated at Sports Injury Centre, VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital Sports Injury Centre, VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital marked a significant milestone in its commitment towards advanced rehabilitation services with the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Anti-Gravity Treadmill. The facility was formally inaugurated by Ms. Roli Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The event was attended by Dr. Sandeep Bansal, Director, Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Charu Bhamba, Medical Superintendent, Safdarjung Hospital along with faculty, staff

and dignitaries from the medical and administrative fraternity. In his welcome address, Dr. Deepak Joshi, Director, Sports Injury Centre highlighted the Centre’s continued emphasis on incorporating cutting-edge technology to improve patient care, particularly in the areas of orthopaedics, rehabilitation and sports medicine. The Anti-Gravity Treadmill is a revolutionary rehabilitation device that uses differential air pressure technology to reduce the patient’s effective body weight by up to 80% while walking or running. This allows for the following:

- * Speedy mobility of post-operative patients

with reduced stress on joints,

- * Painless recovery for individuals with lower limb injuries,
- * Improved rehabilitation for neurological conditions
- * Improved athletic performance with precise gait training and muscle conditioning.

The installation of this advanced equipment will benefit a wide range of patients including post-operative orthopedic cases, sports injuries and patients undergoing neurorehabilitation, enabling faster and safer return to mobility. This inauguration is another step towards Sports Injury Centre’s vision of being at the forefront of patient-centric, technology-driven healthcare delivery in India.

‘India Appears Bigger And More Majestic From Space’: Full Text Of Astronaut Shukla’s Interaction With PM Modi

New Delhi(KCN): The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, interacted with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the Indian Astronaut, who became the first Indian to go to the International Space Station, via videoconferencing on Saturday. The Prime Minister remarked that although Shubhanshu Shukla is presently the farthest from the Indian motherland, he remains closest to the hearts of all Indians. He noted that Shubhanshu’s name itself carries auspiciousness, and his journey marks the beginning of a new era. PM Modi stated that while it was a conversation between two individuals, it embodied the emotions and enthusiasm of 140 crore Indians. He said that the voice speaking to Shubhanshu carried the collective zeal and pride of the entire nation and extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Shubhanshu for hoisting India’s flag in space.

PM Modi enquired about Shubhanshu’s well-being and whether all was fine aboard the space station. Responding to the Prime Minister, astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla thanked him for the best wishes on behalf of 140 crore Indians and stated that he is in good health and deeply moved by the love and blessings he has received. He described his time in orbit as a profound and novel experience, one that reflects not just his personal journey but also the direction in which India is advancing. The astronaut noted that his 400-kilometre journey from Earth to orbit is symbolic of the aspirations of countless Indians. Recalling his childhood, he shared that he never imagined becoming an

astronaut, but under the Prime Minister’s leadership, today’s India enables the realisation of such dreams. Shubhanshu called it a great achievement and said he felt immense pride in representing his country in space. The Prime Minister remarked, with a touch of humour, that although Shubhanshu is in space where gravity is nearly absent, every Indian can

Minister said that Shubhanshu now had the rare honour of performing parikrama of Mother Earth herself. He inquired which part of the Earth Shubhanshu might be orbiting over at that moment. Responding to that, the astronaut said, while he did not have the exact location at that instant, just a short while earlier, he had seen through the window that they were

look at maps, we compare the sizes of countries, including India, and often see a distorted picture because we’re flattening a three-dimensional world onto paper. But from space, Shubhanshu said, India appears truly grand, majestic in scale and spirit. He further described the overwhelming sense of oneness he experienced,

during the conversation, he had to strap his feet down; otherwise, he’d just float away. Simple acts like drinking water or sleeping become significant challenges in space, he added. Shubhanshu explained that one can sleep on the ceiling, on the walls, or wherever, since orientation becomes fluid. Adjusting to this altered environment takes a day or two, but he described the experience as a beautiful harmony of science and wonder. On being asked whether meditation and mindfulness had benefited him, Shubhanshu Shukla wholeheartedly agreed with the Prime Minister’s reflection that ‘science and spirituality are twin pillars of India’s strength’. He affirmed that India is already progressing rapidly, and his mission represents only the first step in a much larger national journey.

Looking ahead, he envisioned many more Indians reaching space, including establishing India’s own space stations. S h u b h a n s h u emphasised the vital role of mindfulness in such an environment. Whether during rigorous training or the high-pressure moments of launch, mindfulness helps in maintaining inner calm and clarity. He shared that staying mentally centred is crucial for making sound decisions in space. Quoting a profound Indian adage, he said, one cannot eat while running, underscoring that the calmer one is, the better choices one makes. Shubhanshu added that when science and mindfulness are practised together, they greatly aid adaptation to such challenging environments, physically and mentally.



see how grounded he remains. He asked whether the carrot halwa that Shubhanshu carried from India had been shared with his fellow astronauts. Shubhanshu Shukla shared that he brought along several traditional Indian delicacies to the space station, including carrot halwa, moong dal halwa, and aam ras. He expressed his intent to offer his international colleagues a taste of India’s rich culinary heritage. He informed the Prime Minister that they all sat together and enjoyed the dishes, which were very well received. He noted that his fellow astronauts appreciated the flavours so much that some even expressed a desire to visit India in the future to experience these dishes on Indian soil. Stating that circumambulation, or parikrama, has been a revered Indian tradition for centuries, the Prime

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passing over Hawaii. He shared that they complete 16 orbits a day, witnessing 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets from space, an experience that continues to amaze him. He informed that although they are currently travelling at a speed of nearly 28,000 kilometres per hour, that velocity isn’t perceptible inside the spacecraft. However, he reflected that this great momentum symbolically mirrors the pace at which India is advancing today. Shubhanshu Shukla, responding to the Prime Minister, shared that the first thought which struck him upon entering orbit and witnessing the vastness of space was the view of Earth itself. He said that from space, one cannot see borders—there are no visible boundaries between nations, and what stood out most was the sheer unity of the planet. He noted that when we

RBMP urges more frequency of trains from Howrah to Rajasthan

Kolkata June 28(KCN): Rajasthan Bengal Maitri Parishad has urged more frequency of trains from Howrah to Rajasthan. Vice President of RBMP Adv. Narayan Jain met Ashwini Vaishnav, Union Minister for Railways and urged him to increase Frequency and Extension the trains from Howrah/ Sealdah to Rajasthan like Duronto Express Sealdah Bikaner 12259/ 12260 to make it daily;



Howrah Jaisalmer Super Fast Exp 12371 /12372

from one day to daily and extend it upto Jaisalmer;

Sealdah Ajmer SF Exp 12987 to extend upto

Udaipur. He also urged to introduce a new train for Shyamji Khatau and Salasar as the large number of people are going for Darshan from Kolkata. Jain presented the book How to Handle Income Tax Problems written by him & Dilip Loyalka to Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister for Law & Justice and Parliamentary Affairs in Udayami Sammelan organised by Laghu Udyog Bharati at The National Library, Kolkata.

Bengaluru Woman Booked For Killing Pet Dog On Pretext Of Black Magic

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Police have filed an FIR against a young woman from West Bengal for allegedly killing her pet dog as part of a black magic ritual, officials said on Saturday. The incident has been reported from the

Mahadevapura police station limits in Bengaluru. The FIR has been registered against Tripama Paik and another individual. The complaint was filed by Rudresh Kumar K.L., an Assistant Health

Director with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. According to the police, the decomposed body of the dog was recovered from the woman’s flat. The dog’s throat had been slit, and its body was covered with a cloth.

Investigators believe that the dog was killed four days ago, and the body had started to decay and emit a foul odour. The incident came to light when residents of the apartment complex complained of a strong stench in the premises.

Upon entering the woman’s flat along with the authorities, the police reportedly found evidence of ritualistic worship. The police also discovered the letter “Shree” written on the ground around the dog’s body in all directions. Preliminary investigation

revealed that the woman had four pet dogs, one of which had gone missing earlier. It is now suspected that the missing dogs might also have been sacrificed. The FIR has been filed under Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to

Animals Act and Sections 132 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of duty), 226 (attempt to commit suicide to compel or restrain a public servant from discharging duty), 325 (mischief by killing an animal), 3(5) (common

intention to commit a criminal act), 271 (negligent act likely to spread infection), and 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act.

Rath Yatra celebrated with devotion and grandeur in Odisha's Angul

Angul(KCN): The sacred festival of Rath Yatra was celebrated with great devotion and traditional splendour at Jagannath Temple in Dev Bhumi, Jindal Nagar, Angul.

The yatra drew thousands of devotees to witness the divine journey of the Chaturdha Murti — Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, Devi Subhadra, and Sudarshan.

The day commenced with Mangala Arati at the Anasara Bedi, followed by a series of age-old rituals like Mailam and Tadapa Lagi. Devotees thronged the temple

premises from early morning, immersing themselves in spiritual chants and devotional hymns.

The highlight of the celebration was the grand Pahandi Bijje procession, where the deities were ceremonially brought to their beautifully decorated chariots. The atmosphere was electric with the sounds of conch shells, gongs, and chants of "Haribol" reverberating through the air.

Adding to the sanctity of the occasion, Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal, accompanied by his wife Shallu Jindal and his



mother, Savitri Jindal, MLA from Hisar, Haryana, actively participated in the rituals. Naveen Jindal performed the revered Chhera Pahanra — the symbolic sweeping of the chariot platforms, a gesture of humility and devotion.

Speaking on the occasion, Naveen Jindal said, "I extend my heartfelt wishes to everyone as Jagannath Yatra begins. I pray to the Lord for the welfare and happiness of all."

At exactly 3 p.m., the much-awaited chariot pulling began. Hundreds of devotees and local villagers gathered with

immense enthusiasm to pull the divine chariots — a sacred act believed to bring blessings and prosperity.

Rath Yatra, celebrated in June-July, marks the journey of Lord Jagannath and his siblings to their aunt's abode, the Gundicha Temple. The deities remain there for nine days before returning, symbolising love, unity, and devotion.

About 10,000 security personnel, including eight companies of the Central Armed Police Forces, have been deployed to the seaside pilgrim town for the event.

BJD strongly condemns the incident of police beating up journalists during Rath Yatra

**Government invites journalists to Puri and thrashes them
Police do not let them go despite having cordon passes
Chief Minister should intervene immediately**



Bhubaneswar(KCN) :BJD strongly condemns the incident of police attacking journalists working during the holy Rath Yatra by inviting them to Puri, In a press statement today, the party's media coordinator and spokesperson Dr. Lenin Mohanty said that the state government's Information and Public Relations Department took the working accredited journalists to Puri in a special bus from

Jayadev Bhavan in Bhubaneswar. After reaching there, the police did not allow them to collect news even after showing their cordon passes and identity cards. On the contrary, many senior journalists were seriously injured due to the police's misbehavior and beating. Senior journalist Ramesh Mohanty was seriously injured, while Prabhu Kalyan Mohapatra, Pradyuman Kumar Mohanty, Sanat Mishra

and Haraprasad Das suffered chest injuries. Female journalist Vijayajitha Tripathi has been admitted to the hospital with a serious injury to her hand. Apart from these, many journalists have also been injured in the police beating and could not perform their duties. Shri Mohanty also said that every year, the Information and Public Relations Department makes special arrangements to

broadcast news of the holy Rath Yatra. But this year, due to the incompetence of the state government, journalists were beaten up by the police in the temple. BJD strongly condemns such inhumane behavior of the police on the fourth pillar of democracy. The Chief Minister should intervene in this and take immediate action against the officials responsible for the disruption of the holy Rath Yatra

Rath Yatra: Women pull Goddess Subhadra's chariot in Berhampur



Berhampur(KCN): Like in previous years, the chariot of Lord Jagannath's sister Subhadra was pulled by women at Gosaninuagaon in Odisha's Berhampur on Rath Yatra Friday. However, the chariots of Lord Jagannath and Lord Balabhadra were pulled by male devotees, adhering to traditional customs.

Berhampur is believed to be the second place in Odisha, after Baripada, to observe such a gender-specific tradition during the yatra.

The pulling of Subhadra's chariot by women in Baripada, the tribal heartland of the state, started in 1975.

In Gosaninuagaon temple, this custom started from 2000, the organisers said.

"The enthusiasm among women to participate has been increasing every year since the tradition began," said Panchanan Choudhury, manager of the Jagannath Temple Development Committee, Gosaninuagaon. Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC) Mayor Sanghamitra Dalai had the honour of being the first to pull Subhadra's chariot this year.

MLA (Berhampur) K. Anil Kumar led the pulling of Lord Jagannath's chariot. Several women were seen pulling Subhadra's chariot from the temple site to Gundicha temple, located about one-and-a-half kilometres away.

"The temple committee has reserved the right of pulling Subhadra's chariot only for women to ensure their active and respectful participation in the Rath Yatra," Choudhury said. "Because of this special reservation, women do not have to jostle with their male counterparts to get closer to the chariot. Besides, there are chances of women falling victim to unscrupulous men, when they congregate to pull chariots," the mayor said. Berhampur SP Saravana Vivek M said tight security arrangements were made, including the deployment of women police officers near Subhadra's chariot.



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Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) Celebrates NEET & JEE Advanced 2025 Toppers at 'Champions of Aakash' Event in Delhi



New Delhi: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, has once again exhibited its academic excellence by empowering students to rise above challenges and emerge as true problem solvers. Despite the increased difficulty level and changes in the NEET UG 2025 examination pattern and format as well as the difficulty level of JEE Mains and Advanced 2025, AESL students across the country and the state

showcased yet again stellar performances, guided by the institute's focused problem-solving approach. Aakashians have bagged 5 ranks in Top 10 of NEET UG 2025 namely AIR 2, 3, 5, 9 and 10. There are 35 rankers from Aakash in Top 100 and 11 Aakashians have become State Toppers in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Jammu and Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Goa and

Daman and Diu. In JEE Advanced 2025, Aakash students once again stood tall with 7 achievers in the Top 100 and 14 in the Top 200, reaffirming AESL's legacy of excellence across engineering and medical streams. Says Mr Deepak Mehrotra, MD and CEO of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), "At Aakash, we teach our problem solvers how to adapt to new situations. That's why we have so many rankers this year too.

NEET 2025 format was not just different, it was tough too. But be it new formats or new challenges, Aakashians have proven yet again, that when you learn the skill of problem solving you can ace any test." A few shining examples from Aakash Institute in NEET UG 2025 include Utkarsh Awadhiy with AIR 2, Krishang Joshi with AIR 3, Avika Aggarwal with AIR 5, Harsh Kedawat with AIR 9, Aarav Agrawal with AIR 10, Arsh Gandhi with AIR 11.

Other outstanding achievers are Rachit Sinha Chaudhuri with AIR 16, Rupayan Pal with AIR 20, Gourav Yadav with AIR 23, Abhijeet Kulhari with AIR 25, Tanisha with AIR 29 amongst others in NEET UG 2025.

JEE Advanced 2025 Toppers from Aakash include Advay Mayank with AIR 36, Rujul Garg with AIR 41, Shreyas Lohiya with AIR 68, Kotha Dhanush Reddy with AIR 74, Krishna Agrawal with AIR 75, Aayush Agarwal with AIR 90 and Akash Deep with AIR 99 amongst others.

All the students were today felicitated and honoured by AESL at the Champions of Aakash event organized here for their outstanding result and for representing the

spirit of a true problem solver, someone who stayed focused and overcame every hurdle with preparation and clarity. Their achievement not only brings pride to their city and state but also stands as an affirmation to the impact of right strategy, mentorship and perseverance. Addressing the event, Dr. Yashpal, Chief Academic and Business Head, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), said, "Our student's success is a moment of immense pride for all of us at AESL. At Aakash, we believe in enabling every student to become a problem solver, someone who remains calm, focused, and solution-oriented even in the face of new challenges, such as this year's exam changes.

The Grand MahaSaver adorns Odisha with its majestic brilliance

Bhubaneswar : Khimji Jewellers - one of Odisha's most trusted and celebrated jewellery brands, is here with a sparkling announcement.

'The Grand MahaSaver' – End of Season Sale is here where you can purchase jewellery at an unbelievable discount on gold, diamond, silver, fashion jewellery, and watches.

This once-in-a-lifetime exclusive sale is available across all Khimji Jewellers showrooms in Odisha. Customers can avail Flat 50% off on gold jewellery making charges, Flat 20% off on diamond jewellery,



Flat 25% off on silver jewellery weight, Flat 15% off on silver and fashion jewellery MRP, Up to 50% off on watches and Flat 10% off on artifacts.

On the eve of this exclusive End of Season Sale, Mr. Mitesh Khimji - Managing Director of Khimji Jewellers shared his heartfelt message, "At Khimji Jewellers, we believe in celebrating our customers and rewarding their trust. The Grand MahaSaver is our way of giving back with grand offers, ensuring a delightful shopping experience. With our finest collections and customer-friendly policies, we uphold our legacy of quality, fairness, and service."

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Tata Power leads EV charging space with a pan-India network; showcases wide-range of hi-tech EZ Charge solutions at Auto Expo

Bhubaneswar: Tata Power, one of India's largest and fastest growing EV Charging solutions provider showcased its wide-range of hi-tech EV charging solutions at the ongoing Auto Expo 2023 in Greater Noida. A first-hand experience of the technology that is driving Tata Power's widespread EV charging network - EZ (read easy) Charge was provided to the visitors, including the award-winning and one of the most downloaded mobile apps for EV charging - Tata Power EZ Charge, which ensures a seamless user experience through features that will help commuters find the nearest charging station, know the real-time availability of charging points, and receive updates on charging status, amongst many others.

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Muskaan Litfest for Child Authors showcases young literary talent

Bhubaneswar : Some of the leading social, cultural, corporate and literary organizations of the country came together for the first time to host a unique literature festival - 'Muskaan Litfest for Child Authors' - under the Muskaan initiative of Kolkata-based non-for-profit trusts, Prabha Khaitan Foundation and Education for All Trust. The three-day event was held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) premises in Delhi. Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Dr M u n j a p a r a M a h e n d r a b h a i

Kalubhai, interacted with 30 school-going young authors from all over the country. "Muskaan is a brilliant initiative of PKF to give a platform for the young talented writers to showcase their works and inspire future talents," the minister said. He also gave certificates to the young authors.

Ruskin Bond, the most popular, loved and revered author among the children, in a message lauded Prabha Khaitan Foundation for its commendable efforts to promote the habit of reading among children through the Muskaan initiative. The three-

day Litfest (Jan 10-12) was organized in collaboration with IGNC A and in association with India International Centre and Sahitya Akademi as the knowledge partner. Shree Cement supported the event as a part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative.

The festival was inaugurated in the presence of Priyank Kanoongo, Chairman, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). Also present on the occasion were Sachchidanand Joshi, member secretary, the executive and academic head of IGNC A; K N Shrivastava, Director of

IIC, and K Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi. "Literature is the mirror of society. It is important to provide child authors the right environment and upbringing to promote literature," Kanoongo said. He asserted that instead of social media, the children should take more interest in writing and literature.

The evening was marked by a scintillating cultural programme 'Udaan' conceptualised by Shinjini Kulkarni, Ehsaas Woman of Prabha Khaitan Foundation. Huma Khalil Mirza, Ehsaas Woman of Delhi and Unnati Singh, Ehsaas

Woman of Indore, also chipped in and lived up the show. Teams of women achievers who work to create cultural capital and assets are a part of a Ehsaas Woman network in major cities of India under the aegis of Prabha Khaitan Foundation.

Dancer and choreographer Avirup Sengupta, who works with specially-abled children through Prayas Foundation, presented an enthralling performance. The Foundation had flown in children from Kolkata for the special performance. The latest issue of PKF newsletter Prabha, based on the theme of children's literature, was formally released.

Almonds Food for Fitness

Bhubaneswar : Engaging in exercise promotes a healthful lifestyle, but even when performed correctly, exercise causes fatigue and muscle damage. Recovery from exercise is important because it leads to muscle gain and improved fitness over time. A new study involving people who exercise occasionally (less than three times per week) demonstrated that snacking on almonds reduced feelings of fatigue and tension, increased leg and lower back strength during recovery, and decreased muscle damage during the first day of recovery. David C. Nieman, DrPH, FACSM, Professor and Principal Investigator, Human Performance Laboratory, Appalachian State University, led this novel research, supported with funding from the Almond Board of California. Dr. Nieman's team wanted to see if an almond snack compared to a high-carbohydrate cereal bar snack would improve inflammation and recovery in adults engaging in 90-minute exercise sessions. "What we found tells us definitively that almonds should be added to sports nutrition strategies to help people recover better from exercise," explained Dr. Nieman. "Almonds are food for fitness. Carbs get most of the attention when it comes to fueling for exercise, but almonds offer a nutrition package, including good unsaturated fats, the antioxidant vitamin E, and proanthocyanidins (class of polyphenols, which are protective compounds in plants) that help explain the beneficial outcomes in our study." One serving of almonds (28g) has 13 g of good unsaturated fat and only 1 g of saturated fat.

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Tata Power has also kicked off an ambitious nationwide plan of setting up approx. 25000 electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the country to support faster adoption of e-

mobility over the next 5 years. Greater Noida, January 12, 2023: Taking a leap in the era of sustainability and green mobility, WardWizard, a leading manufacturer of electric two-wheeler Joy ebike, today launched its new high-speed electric scooter 'MIHOS' with Poly Dicyclopentadiene Material (PDPCD) to bring high standards of durability for the riders. Designed and developed by WardWizard's R&D team in Vadodara, MIHOS, is a retro-style electric scooter. It is equipped with advanced technology, and user-friendly features with a vehicle sound simulator for additional safety of the riders on the road. It also features a broad seat for enhanced riding comfort. The production will take place at the company's state-of-

the-art manufacturing facility in Vadodara, Gujarat and the deliveries will commence in a phased manner across the country.

Speaking on the launch occasion and the company's prospects, Mr YatinGupte, Chairman & Managing Director, Wardwizard Innovations & Mobility Ltd, said, "Asone of the first promoters of electric mobility in the country, we are committed to building a sustainable environment and greener planet for the generations of today and tomorrow. Our new product MIHOSis designed and developed keeping in mind the aspirations of the customers and market demand. The scooter will not only excite the customers with its retro look and advanced features but will also provide extra safety with

its high standards of durability and comfort across various road conditions. The company is further investing in R&D for creating a holistic e-mobility ecosystem and developing India's first EV ancillary cluster to accelerate the adoption and growth of green mobility in the country. The year 2023 is going to be the establishing year of EV mobility in the country." Making another move in strengthening its product portfolio in the electric motorcycle category, the company also unveiled the concept of its city electric motorcycle 'Rockefeller' at the expo. The concept motorcycle is designed keeping in mind the need of the riders for daily riding. The company is planning to launch the motorcycle by the end of FY'24.

Second division, first steps back: Karun Nair's Burbage & Easton reboot

NEWDELHI: On December 10, 2022, Karun Nair was at home in Bengaluru, celebrating his wife Sanya's birthday. Nothing fancy, just friends over and dinner. At one point through that evening, he found himself checking his phone. The Karnataka squad had been announced and Nair's name wasn't in it. The quiet joy of the evening had turned into a private jolt, enough for Nair to go missing from the celebration for a while. It was at this point, he tweeted out the now famous yearning: 'Dear Cricket, give me one more chance' with a crossed finger emoji.

Karun Nair is India's Test cap No. 287. He had played six of his seven

Tests for India as a 25-year-old in a brief window between 2016 and 2017. He scored 374 runs, 303 of which came in a single, historic innings at Chepauk against England. But by December 2022, it had been more than four years since he was last part of the national squad. And when he should have been at the prime of his career, he wasn't even picked for his state side.

It had been a rough few years, culminating in this nadir. The financial and emotional demands of a growing family necessitated some quiet, uncomfortable conversations about a possible career Plan B. But Nair remained steadfast. What had got

him to the pinnacle of Test cricket, he believed, could get him there again. Still, this blow was heavy, one that shook his routines and the structures that had defined him as a cricketer. It took a while to get going again. But Nair needed to feel loved by the game once more, he needed to love the game again unconditionally. What he craved now was a change of setting, somewhere far from the noise, the judgment, the commentary that shadows cricketers at the top level in India. A place where he could clear his head and just play. Jonathan Chandler, an opening batter and chairman of Burbage &



Easton Royal Cricket Club, competing in the second division of the West of England Premier League, was taken aback when the club's agent informed them about Nair's potential arrival. The club is based in Wiltshire, a largely rural county in the south-west of England, better known for its rolling hills and

Neolithic stone circles than for being a cricket destination. What was a Test cricketer from India doing there?

"We Googled him!" Chandler says. "We were like, 'What?! The guy that scored 300?' We were kind of pinching ourselves, because it was like, you know, we've got this amazing player

coming to play with us. Everyone was just really excited, to be honest." But the excitement soon gave way to nerves. The entire arrangement hinged on how IPL 2023 would unfold. Nair had been named as a late injury replacement for his statemate and long-time friend KL Rahul at Lucknow Super Giants, who had qualified for the playoffs. If LSG won the Eliminator, Nair would have to stay back, and miss the deadline for overseas registration at Burbage & Easton Royal. As fate played out, Mumbai Indians knocked LSG out of the tournament. And Nair was on his way to Wiltshire. Chandler was the one

who picked Nair up from the airport and even hosted him in the early days, before Nair found a place to rent in Marlborough, a quiet market town about ten miles from the Burbage ground. It was a gentle landing spot: quaint high streets, soft hills, the kind of place where not many recognised a Test cricketer. And that, in many ways, was the point.

"He had a meat-only diet at the start, because he wasn't sure about his cooking. He even struggled to dry his clothes," chuckles teammate Herb Berridge, who grew close to Nair. Even on the field, the start was slow. The runs didn't flow, despite the gulf between

his pedigree and the standard he was playing in. Mentally, he was still shaking off the weight of everything that had brought him here. But what stood out, and stayed with the club, was his attitude. "It was probably quite bizarre for him," Chandler says. "But he was fantastic with the kids. We trained on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and he would regularly spend time with our club coach, Stoddy, Paul Stoddard. Before training started, Stoddy would be doing sessions with him, just hitting balls. "Friday nights, he'd be training again with one of the lads, Herb, just hitting balls, having nets, working hard on his game. So you could see the determination."

De Silva urges SLC to organise more Test matches for the country

NEW DELHI: Sri Lanka's skipper Dhananjoya de Silva urged Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) to organise more Test matches for the country, believing that it would help the hosts continue their good processes in the longer version of the game.

Sri Lanka have played four Test matches in 2025, and will not play any more Tests for the rest of the year. They completed their last Test of the year on a winning note by beating Bangladesh by an innings and 78 runs to clinch the two-match Test series 1-0. It sees them start the 2025-2027 cycle of the ICC World Test Championship on a perfect note.

"We only have domestic matches. Right now there's a one-day tournament, and after that there will be a three-day tournament. There's also the National Super League. That's how we'll have to keep our form. Unfortunately there are



no international Tests," De Silva said.

"We've made requests to the SLC, to play more Tests. I think they are talking about it with other teams. Even if we can play three or four extra Tests, we'll be able to continue the good things we're doing."

Kusal Mendis scored a crucial and quickfire 84 at No. 7 and de Silva was pleased with his 'keeper-batter for adding the required depth for the batting order.

"Kusal Mendis batting at No. 7 is very important. He's one of the best batters in Sri Lanka, and him being there also

means he can play a role against the second new ball. In the last few series he's been among the runs. If he keeps doing that the lower order will get better," said de Silva. The Sri Lankan skipper that the bowlers have worked on squeezing the flow of runs to pile on the pressure against their opposition. Sri Lanka bowled 18 maidens among 123.5 overs bowled across both innings in the second Test.

"Whenever we come into a Test series we have some KPIs. One of the things we analyzed this time was that our maiden

percentage needed to be higher. So that's what we planned to do. We have to keep some pressure on the opposition in Tests, in order to get some wickets at the other end. I think our bowlers did that very well."

Dhananjaya added that he did not lose his sleep despite Prabhath Jayasuriya's ordinary outings in the first three bowling innings across both Tests. The left-arm spinner had picked only one wicket until he grabbed a five-fer (5-56) to help the hosts clinch victory.

"I didn't tell him anything special. You have to have self belief in cricket. And he has shown us in the past how good a bowler he is, and he has achieved a lot for the country. He was top ten in the world too. He had a bit of a problem with his rhythm, and he worked hard even while this match was going. I think we saw the results of that effort in this second

innings," said de Silva. Meanwhile, in the opposition camp, there was a feeling of desolation. Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto admitted that they fell flat in the Colombo Test because of their abject batting failures on a decent pitch. "Very disappointing. The way we played in Galle was outstanding, but in this Test it was disappointing, especially with our batting in the first innings. That's why we lost," said Shanto. "Confidence-wise we were in a good place, but it was a new wicket, new conditions. Four or five batters got to 30-40 and got out, and in Test cricket it's hard for the next batter to play for a long innings. That's something we need to improve." Najmul also pointed to Bangladesh's first innings bowling as another reason for the heavy loss. "We didn't start well with the ball. We conceded too many runs early - four, five, six an over.

Steve Smith in contention to play Grenada Test

NEW DELHI: Having clinched the opening Test in Barbados inside three days, Australia could be boosted further before the second fixture with veteran batter Steve Smith all set to join the squad by Sunday. Skipper Pat Cummins has confirmed that Smith resumed batting practice after dislocating his finger during the World Test Championship Final. Smith had flown to his home in New York after the final to continue rehab, thus missing the opening Test. "He's had a few hits over in New York, which I think was with a tennis ball and an incredi-ball," Cummins said after his side took a 1-0 lead in the series. "I think his wound is looking good, so the next stage is to come over here and hit some balls in the nets. So we'll know more over the next few days." With Marnus Labuschagne getting the



axe, Australia's top four struggled in the first Test in the absence of Smith even though they won the match. In the first innings, they were reduced to 22/3 and in the second, all four were back in the pavilion with just 65 on the board. But Cummins reiterated that the team management would back their young batters. "You saw today how tricky a wicket that was, there weren't too many 50-run partnerships

throughout the whole game," Cummins said. "Of course, the top order would like to score some more runs. The challenge of Test cricket, especially for young players, is when you get thrown different conditions, you've got to find a way to be effective. That's the challenge for our young batting group." The second match, the first ever Test in Grenada, begins on July 3.

'It's my responsibility': Prasad targets better lengths, lower economy

NEWDELHI:Prasidh Krishna has just four Tests to his name, but one area of concern already stands out. An economy rate of 5.07 after 90 overs in the format leaps off the page, and it's one he's keen to address. That number became a bigger worry in the Headingley defeat, where Krishna went at 6.28 and Shardul Thakur at 5.56. As change bowlers, neither could sustain pressure, compounding India's problems after Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj were done with their spells. "Every time I come into bowl, I'm definitely looking to bowl a maiden and I'm not really trying to give away boundaries or anything," Krishna said. "The outfield [at Headingley] was fast, the

lengths, lines that I bowled were not perfect to be honest at most times, and they took me on. Some of them were edges, some of them I tried bowling bouncers, I ended up giving runs. "So I think somebody in the team had to do it, and if I sit back and say, 'I want to look at my numbers, what my economy is,' and not really look at the wickets, it cost me a 4 and a 6, and then Jamie Smith got out, so if it means that I do that and get a wicket, I'm happy to do it, but definitely every time I come on to the bowl, I am looking to keep the economy down and build the pressure up. "I had a few conversations with a few of them about this game. I definitely would want to bring that [economy]

down to whatever best I can do, and yeah, I think I'm learning as well, I can't say anything, it's up to me, it's my responsibility to get better, and that's what I'm trying, that's what I'm working on, and I just want to make sure I put in the right kind of work and come back here and put up better numbers," Krishna added.

The lengths Krishna referred to make for an interesting read. On a ground historically known to favour the 'kiss the surface' bowlers who operate in the fuller part of the good length (6-8 metre mark), Krishna bowled an unusually high number - 104 of his 211 balls - short of a good length over the course of the Test. While this length fetched him three of the five wickets he picked



up, he also conceded at 7.54 going short. Krishna admitted the overcompensation was due to his reluctance to float balls up for easy drives.

"No, I think if I look at the first innings, I was a little too short than where I wanted to be, that 6 to

8 [metre length] is ideal. Yeah, that's what I would say. I think the second innings got slightly better because again, the wicket was slightly slower. I had to pitch a few slightly behind it and then go slightly fuller when I'm trying to get a wicket.

"So yeah, I definitely did not bowl the lengths that I wanted. Yeah, I think so... not wanting to float it up there is definitely one of the reasons, and also, it honestly took me some time to get used to the slope, that's why, yeah, no reasons why I shouldn't be able to do it as a professional, but I take complete responsibility about it, and maybe I'll do it better next time," Krishna added. The lessons Krishna talks about will need to be learnt quickly, especially with India set to be without Jasprit Bumrah for at least two of the remaining four Tests, part of a pre-series workload management plan. That means greater responsibility on Krishna, both in attack and in defence.

"What the culture that

we guys have created is we are learning off each other, no matter who's there, who's around. He's [Bumrah] been talking to all of us all though, even before coming here.

"At least for me, I've been part of this team for a few years now, so the conversations are still going on. One thing you cannot get is experience, that you have to do it yourself, and yeah, I think all of us are excited. If you look at the team, everybody is here, Siraj has played a lot of games, he's going to continue playing, and then whoever comes in, or whatever happens later, it's a great experience, and it's an opportunity for us to be here."

Beyond his primary role with the ball, Krishna will also be expected to

contribute more with the bat, following India's twin collapses at Headingley - 7 for 41 in the first innings and 6 for 31 in the second - that denied them the chance to bat England out of the Test. The Indian lower-order has been hard at work in the nets, and Krishna is conscious of the need to put a higher price on his wicket.

"As the lower order batsmen, we definitely are working on it... if you look at our nets session, we are putting in the work, I think it is about putting your mind in there as well, making sure you trust yourself, trust the skill that you have, and be there at the crease for a little longer, and then the numbers and the runs are going to show, and we are working towards it."