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On this academic milestone, Mr. Das extends his deepest gratitude to Lord Jagannath for divine blessings and expresses heartfelt thanks to his friends, colleagues, and well-wishers for their continuous encouragement and support throughout his scholarly journey.

'Classroom-to-Community' Initiative by Department of Social Work, Fakir Mohan University

Balasore, 22/8(Krushna Kumar Mohanty) :The Department of Social Work, Fakir Mohan University, organized a field-based initiative titled 'Classroom-to-Community Engagement', led by postgraduate students of the department. The primary objective of the program was to bridge theoretical learning with grassroots realities by engaging directly with community groups. As part of the initiative, first- and second-year students visited Makhapada village under Nilgiri Block, where they conducted awareness campaigns on health, hygiene, and social inclusion. These were

presented through street plays and interactive discussions with villagers. The awareness activities covered crucial issues such as seasonal health challenges during monsoons, sanitation and cleanliness, use of mosquito nets, first-aid practices for snakebites and reptile encounters, the importance of consulting doctors rather than relying on superstition, and preventive measures like using phenyl, bleaching powder, and DDT for maintaining a clean environment. Guided by departmental faculty, the students adopted a 'learning by doing' approach, linking classroom insights to real-life problem-



solving. The initiative is expected to serve as a bridge between education and social service while nurturing empathy, leadership, and problem-solving skills among students

with ultimately shaping them into socially responsible citizens. In addition, the students carried out a village-level cleanliness drive, removing garbage, weeds, and stagnant waste to promote a healthier environment. Special emphasis was placed on raising awareness about dengue prevention and snakebite management. The program was implemented under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy and supervised by faculty members Ms. Rashmirekha Raut and

Ms. Supriya Raut. Villagers warmly welcomed the initiative and expressed their gratitude to the students for their efforts. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor remarked that such initiatives not only benefit the community but also enhance the skills and confidence of students. The Department has expressed its intent to organize similar programs regularly, strengthening the bond between academic learning and social transformation.

Odia Bhasa Bikasha Andolana (OBBA) Organizes 'Youth Leadership and Skill Development' Discourse

Balasore, 22/8(Krushna Kumar Mohanty) :India, compared to all other nations of the world, has the largest youth force. If this force is properly guided and channelized, India's aspiration of becoming Vishwaguru (world leader) can be fulfilled. Parents should not impose their own will on the youth but rather give them the freedom to shape their own future. Only then can they bring out their hidden talents. Youth are the backbone of the nation. If they do not go astray and instead take leadership in different fields, the country's future will certainly be bright. This was the opinion expressed by Dr. Geetashree Ray, retired Professor of English, and Dr. Debadatta Das, Assistant Professor of Fakir Mohan University, while participating as guests in the discourse on "Youth Leadership and Skill Development" organized by Odia Bhasa Bikasha Andolana



(OBBA). Presiding over the function, Dr. Choudhury Satyabrata Nanda, in his address, cited various examples and said that if the youth wish, they can make the impossible possible. Speaking during the introductory session, Dr. Lakshmikanth Tripathy, General Secretary, remarked that irrespective of age, anyone who carries the passion and enthusiasm of youth in their heart can be called young. The program began with

a chorus composed by Dr. Tripathy and musically arranged by Kalyani Nanda, performed by Archana Kar, Truptirani Patra, Shanti Bishi, Pushpalata Chakraborty, Kavita Jena, Prabhakar Sahu, and Jumarnath Patra. In conclusion, Joint Secretary Shantilata Panda delivered the vote of thanks. Among others present were Niranjan Raut, Pradeep Chatterjee, Tapan Ray, Deepak Bose, Dr. Ramakant Nayak, Dr. Shirishchandra Jena, Sarat Kumar Mohapatra, Dr. Laxman Biswal, Gagan Dalai, Bidyadhar Sahu, Rajendra Raut, Lakshmikanth Behera, Sanjay Kumar Panda, Dr. Hemamala Dash, Benudhar Sahu, Debasish Singh, Uday Shankar Parida, Hemendra Mohapatra, Mamata Mohanty, Dr. Randhakar Singh, Purnachandra Nayak, Nityananda Sahu, Manmath Kumar Sahu, Dr. Samarballabh Bhoi, Archana Nandi, and Karunakar Sa among others.

Preparatory Meeting Held for Blood Donation Camp and Tree Plantation to Mark Centenary of Baleswar Mahavir Akhada Sangha



Baleswar, Aug 22 (Krushna Kumar Mohanty) :At the premises of Mathasahi Landa Goswami Matha, a preparatory meeting was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Gopinath Satapathy to mark the centenary celebrations of the

Mahavir Akhada Sangha. It was decided in the meeting that a tree plantation program would be organized this coming Friday near Harganga pond, and on Sunday a blood donation camp would be held at the Blood Bank of the Baleswar District Headquarters

Hospital. Those present at the meeting included Secretary Manoj Das, Vice-President Manoj Raut, Padmalochan Lenka, activists Rameswar Behera, Debabrata Panigrahi, Archana Nandi, Sek Jannat Husein, Lambodar Behera, Srimanta Majhi, Ashrita Tarei, Hemalata Das, Bailochan Dash, Basanti Nayak, Bharat Bhushan Das, Rajendra Das, Simon Das Mahapatra, Bijaya Palei, Satyendra Das, Rabindra Behera, Debendra Das, among others.

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Breaking joint families and disintegrating society



The soul of our society resides in the family. The biggest strength of the society has been the joint family system. Living together of three generations, taking care of the elderly, inculcating values in children and acceptance among the family was the axis on which our culture and society rested but unfortunately today this strong foundation is crumbling. Joint families are breaking down rapidly and are being replaced by small, nuclear families. As a result, relationships are getting weaker, the elderly are forced to struggle with loneliness and the new generation is getting away from

values. We have always said with pride that our biggest asset is our family. And the family did not only consist of parents and children but also of grandparents, uncles, aunts, and the entire clan of brothers and sisters, which was called a joint family. This system kept us going even in the most difficult times. Today all this is changing. People of my generation who have seen seventy springs of life have seen and lived the golden era of joint families. That was the time when we used to listen to stories while sitting on grandmother's lap. Stories of Ramayana and Mahabharata, stories of Panchtantra became our sanskaar in childhood. But now they have been replaced by mobile screens. Children are growing up in the virtual world of cartoons and games, away from the experiences of real life.

In joint families, children grew up under the care of elders. If someone was weak in studies, uncles would help him, if someone fell ill, aunts would immediately come forward to serve him. This cooperation was not limited to the family only but also got embedded in the thinking of children. They would learn to take everyone along and these values would strengthen the society. The big question is why did our joint families gradually disintegrate? There are many reasons behind this. The biggest reason is consumerist culture. The market wants every family to be divided into small pieces so that a separate TV, separate fridge, separate car can be sold for every house. When a family is divided into four parts, consumption increases four times. This is the strategy of the market. The second reason is blind imitation of western culture. Media and films

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have created the image that joint families are the root of quarrels and small families are the symbol of modernity. The youth started feeling that there is no freedom in joint families, but a burden. Slowly, this notion has taken root in the society. The third reason is the changing lifestyle. In cities, the pressure of jobs, the race for career and the thought of so-called freedom have also pushed the family backwards. Now the young generation has become limited to 'me and my family'. The fourth reason is the unnecessary interference of many people in the in-laws' house of their daughters. Due to this, the peace there is disturbed. Sons and daughters-in-law get separated. This is also becoming a big reason for the disintegration of joint families. But think, how much have we lost in the

meantime? Joint family was not just a structure to live in but it was a school of living. Grandparents would teach values to children through stories, parents would discipline them and patience would be developed among brothers and sisters through cooperation and sacrifice. Elders were given respect and protection. Children used to learn values not only from their parents but from the entire family. Responsibility towards the environment, respect for elders, the feeling of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' were the gifts of the joint family. Can anyone deny that India's great life values like service, sacrifice, tolerance were born in joint families. This is the reason why we survived for thousands of years despite attacks, crises and changes. On the contrary, the picture of today's small

family is different. Children struggle with loneliness. When parents are busy in jobs, mobile and internet become the support of children. Elders are either neglected or are being pushed into old age homes. Closeness in relationships has decreased and selfishness is increasing. Institutions like marriage are weakening. Options like live-in relationships are increasing. Instability is replacing stability in relationships. The result is that mental stress, depression and insecurity are increasing rapidly in the society. How sad it is that we talk about the unity of the nation but are unable to save the unity of our own family. The fabric of society has become loose due to the disintegration of joint families. There is no warmth in relationships, there are no values in children and there is no respect for elders. When

families break, society also breaks and when society breaks, the unity of the nation also comes under threat. It is a matter of happiness that organizations like R a s h t r i y a Swayamsevak Sangh are trying to unite families through Kutumb Prabodhan Abhiyan, but this is not the work of any organization but of the entire society. We ourselves have to decide what kind of India we want to hand over to the next generation? The big question is also how do we move forward? First of all, we have to consider joint family as our cultural property and not a burden. We have to understand that modernity does not mean breaking away from tradition. Real modernity is that in which there is a balance between tradition and progress. Uniting families, giving respect

to elders and giving values to children, this is the path by which we can make our society strong again. We have to think that if families break, society will also disintegrate and if families are strong, the country will also be strong. The breakdown of joint families is not just a social change but the erosion of Indianness. It would be the biggest crime to leave the coming generations to loneliness and consumerism. The disintegration of the family is the first step towards the disintegration of society and the nation. The need is to revive the feeling of belongingness and collectivism that made India the oldest and strongest stream of civilization. Remember - if the family is united, the country will also be united. (The author is a renowned educationist, thinker and speaker.)

A Lost Human Being In The Midst of Modernity

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Elizabeth Gilbert is a famous American novelist, playwright, and actress who has written many books. Her book Eat, Pray, Love sold millions of copies at that time and gained immense popularity. She described many incidents from her life regarding love in it. Yes, friends, one thing is most surprising — that today's man can fly in the sky like a bird, swim in water like a fish, see the whole world with a mobile phone in the palm of his hand, and also maintain good relationships, but he cannot learn to live in harmony like a human being. The most surprising thing is that even in human harmony, man is not safe. Sometimes we see a person, instead of getting affection, love, respect, and care from his fellow man, falling prey to jealousy, hatred, and despair, and in a state of great helplessness, he does not hesitate to take extreme decisions like suicide. To be honest, today's modern man — as much as he reaches the peak of progress — encounters sorrow and despair every moment. There is no such field in which he has not been able to achieve success. But the sorrow is only that the more a person climbs the ladder of progress, the more he invites sorrow, misery, and despair. It would not be

wrong to say that a person has become a machine. He is searching for happiness and finding sorrow like a killer. The definition of happiness has taken a different form in his consciousness. He is running forward and forward every moment. Today, although the death rate has decreased due to preventive vaccinations, on the other hand, the death rate due to suicide is increasing — especially among the young generation. Love, marriage, then cheating, then divorce, and finally the ultimate decision like suicide — every day, many such incidents are happening before our eyes like a movie. As the body is disease-free, life has become more and more difficult. The happier one seems on social media, Instagram, and WhatsApp statuses, he is not as happy as he seems. Only that person can tell how helpless a person is in reality — defeated in the battle of life, fighting with death by collecting blood and tears. On the one hand, we have achieved so much in commerce, agriculture, science, art, culture, etc., and on the other hand, we are forgetting the art of living. Today, every youth is suffering from depression and related diseases of apathy. They forget that concentration is the main secret of a healthy, beautiful, and peaceful life. A life without concentration is a worthless life. Small joys can no longer give us joy. We have gradually forgotten the meaning of gratitude. We are not happy with what we have, but we are chasing after some unattainable things and destroying the

happiness we already have in our hands. Who knew that a student who repeatedly failed in history would one day make history — not only in India but also in the whole world? A simple salt campaign could bring so much Swaraj to the country. How much struggle did J.K. Rowling go through to gain popularity overnight by writing the book Harry Potter? How many defeats did former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln suffer before becoming the President of the United States — 17 times after repeated failures? How much struggle did A.P.J. Abdul Kalam go through? How much struggle did Lal Bahadur Shastri face? How much struggle did Thomas Edison go through to invent the electric bulb? All of them struggled to achieve success in life — whose history is a mystery. How much struggle does a simple insect go through to become a beautiful butterfly? Today, families are gradually shrinking and there are gaps in relationships. What is the meaning of love? The definition of love is becoming hateful for many. They are only confusing material, physical happiness with love. If only breathing, heartbeat, and blood flow are called life, then this is a life of hardship — where there is no love, affection, respect, care, or cooperation. Today's man is gradually becoming person-centered instead of society and family-centered. Everywhere, people are sitting on the fence. Despite having everything, man today has become self-centered. Intellectual consciousness is getting lost.

Here I remember the words of Mother Teresa — she used to say that if you waste time looking at people's faults and weaknesses, then you will not have time to love them. Lord Chesterfield also said that making others happy is a gift, and it is a great social power. Information obtained from a research has revealed that the number of deaths due to expensive, unhealthy, and excessive food-related diseases is more than the number of deaths due to malnutrition. So it is clearly proven that lack of money can never be the cause of mental depression. It is the lack of true brotherhood, love, and faith that creates depression-related disorders in the minds of the youth and encourages them to commit suicide. The definition of love has changed today. Real love is not in pleasure but in renunciation. They need to know this. Appropriate steps should be taken in this direction in every school and college, and there should be a counseling system by experienced psychologists. Love is the most powerful. Love is such a great medicine that makes animals, birds, wild creatures, plants, and humans live together. The greatest weapon in this world is love, which solves all problems. It dissolves all bitterness in an instant. Love is eternal, true, beautiful, and pure. Pure, eternal, selfless love is more powerful than a nuclear bomb.

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Federalism on Trial!

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The Parliament has been in uproar over a set of bills introduced by Home Minister Amit Shah on August 20, 2025. The most controversial among them is the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025, which proposes that any sitting Prime Minister, Chief Minister, or Minister—whether at the Union or State level—can be removed from office if they are arrested and held in custody for 30 consecutive days on charges punishable by five years or more in prison. Why the Chaos? The bill sparked intense protests, with opposition MPs tearing up copies of the legislation, shouting slogans, and accusing the government of trying to undermine democracy. The uproar was so severe that the Lok Sabha had to be adjourned multiple times. Key Concerns Raised by Critics: Here's why many believe this bill could erode democratic principles: Presumption of Innocence Undermined - The bill effectively punishes elected officials before a court has found them guilty. Critics argue this violates the foundational legal principle: innocent until proven guilty. Weaponization of Investigative Agencies - Opposition leaders fear that central agencies like the ED or CBI could be used to target political rivals. A fabricated or exaggerated charge could lead to a 30-

day detention—and automatic removal from office. Destabilization of Elected Governments - By allowing removal without a conviction, the bill could be used to topple governments that the ruling party cannot defeat electorally. This raises alarms about federalism and the separation of powers. Executive Overreach - The bill gives disproportionate power to unelected officials and central authorities, potentially allowing them to override the will of the electorate. Historical Irony - During the debate, Congress leader K.C. Venugopal pointed out that Amit Shah himself was arrested in 2010 while serving as Gujarat's Home Minister. Shah responded that he had resigned on moral grounds before his arrest—a move critics say the bill would now mandate. What Happens Next? The bill has been referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee, which includes members from both Houses. They're expected to submit a report by the Winter Session in November. The political motive behind the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025, as interpreted by many analysts and opposition leaders, appears to be a strategic blend of perception management, power consolidation, and preemptive control over opposition-led states. Let's unpack the layers: Official Justification by the Ruling Party - The government claims the bill is a moral corrective to the “declining standards in public life.” According to the bill's preamble, it aims to: Ensure constitutional morality and good governance. Prevent ministers from continuing in office while facing serious criminal charges. Align elected officials with civil

servants, who are suspended upon arrest. Underlying Political Motives (As Alleged by Critics) - 1. Perception Battle Ahead of Elections -The BJP may be using the bill to project itself as a party of integrity, especially ahead of the 2026 general elections. By framing the bill as an anti-corruption measure, it seeks to corner opposition leaders who are under investigation or facing charges. 2. Destabilizing Opposition Governments - The bill allows removal of ministers based on custody without conviction, which critics say could be weaponized to topple governments in states ruled by opposition parties. Leaders like Arvind Kejriwal and Hemant Soren—who continued in office while in jail—are seen as direct triggers for this legislation. 3. Expanding Central Control - By enabling governors (often aligned with the Centre) to remove state ministers, the bill could erode federal autonomy and centralize power. This aligns with broader patterns of executive overreach seen in recent years. 4. Creating a Chilling Effect -The threat of automatic removal may deter dissenting voices and discourage political activism, especially among regional parties and grassroots movements. Actually this bill has been brought in the House at a time when the Vice President election is near and the candidate of India Alliance is from Andhra Pradesh. It may happen that the Telugu Desam Party, whose leader is Chandrababu Naidu, the ally of NDA, supports the candidate of India Alliance, B Sudarshan Reddy. Because it is said that Chandrababu Naidu has had secret talks with Rahul

Gandhi. Apart from this, Rahul Gandhi is now doing the Voter Rights Yatra in which a huge crowd is gathering. The Election Commission has been exposed in front of the whole country due to the certified fact of Rahul Gandhi regarding vote theft. Internally BJP is in a state of discord. On the other hand, Bihar politics is going against BJP. It is said that the future of the NDA government at the center depends on the Bihar elections. In such a situation, BJP has tried to instill a kind of fear in its ally parties through this bill. Because Chandrababu Naidu has been found guilty in many cases. Due to which he was also in jail for 6 months. The case against him has not been withdrawn. If he does any wrongdoing, he will be immediately sent to jail. Secondly, this is also an attempt to divert people's attention from Rahul Gandhi's Voter Rights Yatra. But now people have understood that BJP is taking anti-life and anti-democracy steps to save its chair. The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025, cloaked in the rhetoric of moral reform, risks becoming a constitutional Trojan horse—inviting executive overreach under the guise of accountability. While the aspiration to uphold integrity in public office is laudable, the mechanism proposed bypasses due process, undermines federalism, and opens the door to politically motivated detentions. In a democracy, the ballot—not the baton—must determine leadership.

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Contaminated Fish Consumption in Kolkata

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Fish remain a vital component of local diets, but multiple studies underscore the persistent risks from mercury, lead, pesticides, and pathogenic microbes in Kolkata's supply. While fish from designated wetlands managed under monitoring frameworks may be considered safer, consistent vigilance, safer sourcing, and proper hygiene practices are essential to minimize health hazards.

Heavy Metals Contaminations: NGO studies from 2009–2012 at major Kolkata markets (e.g., Gariahat) found methyl-mercury levels often over 100% above international limits, affecting species

like katla, bhetki, chital, pabda, and tangra. Weekly intake thresholds were exceeded in many samples—alarming even for adults and worse for children. A GSI-led study in 2017 revealed lead concentrations up to ~17.8 mg/kg in fish sold in street markets—significantly above the Indian regulatory limit of 2.5 mg/kg.

Microplastics: A multi-institutional survey (2018–2019) of fish from Kolkata's waters detected microplastics—mostly fibres—in nearly 50% of fish guts, raising concerns about long-term ingestion risks in human diets.

Microbial and Pesticide Contamination: A 2019–2020 assessment of fish from peri-urban wholesale and retail markets (e.g., Baghajatin, Garia) found pathogens including Salmonella,

Listeria, Clostridium, and Staphylococcus aureus, and presence of faecal coliforms in ice caught fish often above maximum residue limits (MRLs).

Sewage-Fed

Aquaculture (East Kolkata Wetlands): A 2023 field study across 13 EKW sites measured heavy metals—such as Cd, As, Pb, Hg—in fish and sediments. Most fish muscle tissue contained

metal levels well within WHO/FAO safety thresholds, except in isolated sites showing accumulation in sediment and cadmium in sediment and organs may exceed aquatic life

moderate contamination. Overall, fish from EKW were considered safe for consumption if regularly monitored. A complementary analysis of sewage-fed pond fish indicated that lead

guidelines, though muscle tissue metal levels remained within WHO/FAO human-consumption.

Factors Driving Contamination

Air Pollution: High atmospheric lead—

largely from diesel emissions—settles into street-sold fish and raw food items.

Industrial and Sewage Discharge: Rivers like Ganga and sewage-fed wetlands receive heavy metal- and pesticide-containing effluent from tanneries, chemical plants, and untreated sludge.

Poor Hygiene Practices: Use of non-potable water for ice, inadequate sanitation in markets significantly increases microbial contamination risk.

Recommendations

Favor Fish Sources Carefully: Fish from heavily polluted areas (e.g. Ganga, inner city wetlands) have higher risk—opt for suppliers whose fish come from better-monitored water bodies.

Limit High-Risk Fish: Katla, bhetki, chital, pabda, and tangra should be consumed sparingly—especially by pregnant women,

children, and heavy consumers—due to mercury and lead concerns.

Ensure Proper Handling: Buy from vendors who use clean potable water for ice and maintain hygienic storage. Avoid roadside shops with questionable cleanliness.

Avoid Monsoon Purchases: Bacterial contamination rises during monsoon season. Freshness declines faster; risk of waterborne pathogens is higher.

Advocate for Monitoring: Encourage local authorities to conduct regular heavy metal testing at fish markets, especially during seasonal changes.

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"Election Commission: Public trust or political pressure"

"Trust in the eyes of the public, responsibility on the shoulders of the commission"

The Election Commission of India was once considered the strongest foundation of democracy. But in recent years, serious questions have been raised about its impartiality and transparency—names missing from voter lists, delays and inconsistencies in voting percentage, limitations of EVM-VVPAT matching, and political influence on the appointment of commissioners. Double standards are also visible in the enforcement of the code of conduct. The biggest crisis is that public trust has started to waver. The existence of democracy depends not only on machines, but on the trust of citizens. The biggest challenge for the Commission is to save this trust.

Dr. Priyanka Saurabh



The Election Commission of India was once considered the most trusted watchdog of democracy. But recent controversies have raised questions on its credibility—names missing from voter lists, doubts over the transparency of voting percentage, and questions being raised on the appointment process. The biggest challenge for the Election Commission now is not to make rules or send notices, but to return the trust of the people. Because democracy does not run only on voting machines, but on the trust of the people. If trust is shaken, elections will remain a mere ritual and democracy will lose its true meaning. Democracy is a game. The playing field is the public, the players are the political parties and the referee is the Election Commission. The question is, how fair will the game remain when

the referee himself enters the field wearing the jersey of one team? This doubt has been raised again and again in recent times. It seems as if the matter of removing names from the voter list has become a new government fashion. The voter sits at home and thinks that he has an existence in democracy, but when he goes to the polling booth on the day of voting, he finds out that he has already been "made to disappear". Just like a magician brings out a rabbit from a hat, the Election Commission shows the art of deleting names. And when you go to complain, you are told - "Fill an affidavit, testify, prove that you are alive." That is, the biggest proof of citizenship in this country is no longer that you are breathing, but that the Commission has ticked your name with a pencil. The state of transparency of the Election Commission is like the mirror placed on the groom's horse - it is visible to everyone, but gets blurred as soon as one goes close to it. The announcement of the voting percentage is also like the trailer of a Bollywood film - first a glimpse is shown, then

after several days the actual figures come, and sometimes the second trailer turns out to be longer than the first. The public asks that when the votes are counted immediately at the booth, then why does it take a week to declare the percentage? The Commission's answer is - "Everything was on our app." But the public thinks, when the photo goes live on social media before the wedding card is printed, then why does the data of the vote counting hang? Now let us come to EVM and VVPAT. The Commission's argument is that the machines are absolutely safe. The public says, "We also have faith, but please show the slip." The Commission says, "Five booths are enough." This is like a shopkeeper weighing only five grains out of every hundred kilos of flour and saying, "Look, they are whole, now trust the rest." The Supreme Court said that 100 percent matching is not necessary, but the question is that in democracy, trust does not come only from the machine, trust comes from the eyes of the public. If the public wants to see, then show it, after all, what is there



to hide? The situation of appointment of commissioners is even more interesting. Earlier it was said that this appointment should be impartial. Then a new law came and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was removed. Now the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and a Minister will decide who will sit in the Commission. That is, the teacher who checks the exam papers will himself get his favourite candidate passed. What impartiality! The presence of the Leader of the Opposition is just formal, just like a distant uncle who comes in the wedding procession—he is just there for show, the rest of the game is taken care of by the big uncle.

The commission has its own "vision" in implementing the code of conduct. If a leader makes a small comment, a notice is immediately sent. But if the same thing is said by a leader from the ruling party, the commission first goes into a deep meditative state, then into yogic sleep and finally into amnesia. The public says that the commission should take action against everyone equally, but the commission seems to take action against the DJ dancing at a wedding only if it is from the neighbouring neighborhood, whether the baraatis of the house burst crackers or play loudspeakers, everything is acceptable. The decisions on election symbol and

party division are also amazing. In the case of Shiv Sena and NCP in Maharashtra, the commission's decisions seemed as if the script had already been written. The public quipped that the commission has now become the "property-division officer" of political parties, not of elections. Who will get the party name, who will get the election symbol - all this was decided like the division of a family's property. The only difference is that now the commission is sitting in place of the court and the public knows in advance in whose favor the decision will go. The real crisis is not whether the commission is doing right or wrong. The real crisis is that the public has now started

believing that the commission is not impartial. In democracy, perception is the biggest reality. If the public is convinced that casting vote is just a formality, then it will leave the celebration of democracy and start watching cricket matches in its room. And if the queues for casting votes start getting shorter, then the foundation of democracy will automatically shake. There is a lot of talk about reform, but the reality is that the need for reform lies more in the thinking of the commission than in itself. If it is necessary to remove a name from the voter list, then do it with double confirmation. If the voting percentage can be declared within the stipulated time, then make a rule. If EVMs are safe, then why fear showing the slip? If the appointments are fair, then why exclude the judiciary? If the code of conduct applies to everyone, then why does the colour of the notice change according to the power? Democracy is a magical word. It shines only as long as the public trust remains intact. If the trust

is broken, the lamp of democracy will also be extinguished. It is time for the Election Commission to save its image. Because institutions derive their power not from power but from the people. Power is temporary, but the people are permanent. If the Commission loses the trust of the people, it will remain only a seal in the constitutional framework. Today, the biggest question before the commission is this—is it really a referee of democracy or a baraabaaz of power? If the referee does not blow the whistle at the right time, the game will not be decided on the field but in history. And history never forgives those who put the sanctity of democracy at stake.

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Guru Gobind Singh College of Management & Technology, Gidderbaha, Shines in BCA 6th Semester Results



KOLKATA, (KCN): The atmosphere at Guru Gobind Singh College of Management & Technology, Gidderbaha was filled with pride and celebration as the results of the BCA 6th Semester Examination were declared. The students once again showcased their remarkable dedication, perseverance, and academic brilliance, reaffirming the institution's long-standing tradition of excellence in

higher education. Principal Prof. (Dr.) R.K. Uppal extended his warm congratulations to the toppers, all successful students, and the dedicated faculty members. He praised the relentless commitment of the teachers in guiding the learners and encouraged students to pursue higher academic and professional goals with the same determination and zeal. Dr. Uppal emphasized that such remarkable results are a

reflection of the college's strong focus on quality education, holistic development, and academic excellence. The management, staff, and parents also expressed immense pride in the students' outstanding achievements. This resounding success marks yet another milestone in the journey of Guru Gobind Singh College, further strengthening its reputation as a hub of academic brilliance and professional growth.

BOBBY CHAKRABORTY'S 468TH ANTI ADDICTION CAMPAIGN WILL INSPIRE STUDENTS OF ST.NICHOLAS PUBLIC SCHOOL-WEST MEDINIPUR, TO WALK TOWARDS LIGHT



KOLKATA, (KCN): Renowned Actor/Activist/Teacher of Method Acting from Kolkata-India will motivate students of the 7th-11th grade from St. Nicholas Public School, on 25th August, Monday, 11am onwards, with his global, free of cost, award winning awareness program for the youth, titled 'I am The King of My Mind'. This will be his 468th session globally. This much talked about, interactive session empowers a child to fight against all sorts of addiction (smoking, alcoholism, smart

phones) and harmful social trends (abusive language, online obscenity to gain popularity, online gambling through games, bullying etc.). St. Nicholas Public School is a CBSE affiliated senior secondary school located at Garhbeta (falls in the territory of Jangal Mahal) in the district of West Medinipur. It caters around 670 students among whom more than 20% students are first generation learners. There are hundreds who don't have basic resources for better education and employability. The

enterprising Chairman, a President's award winner and eminent educationist, Dr. Dhananjay Pan, established this school with the motto to impart better academic facilities to the rural and marginalised children of the community. The dynamic Principal Mr. Soumyabrata Chakraborty, a perfect gentleman and a socially responsible individual, is elated to host Bobby's life changing session at his school. He thanked Bobby profusely, for his relentless work towards the betterment of the children who really need it.

PM Modi Defends Constitutional Amendment Bill, Says Jailed Ministers Can't Hold Office

Kolkata (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday defended the 130th Constitutional Amendment Bill and asserted that jailed ministers cannot hold office.

Addressing a public meeting at Dum Dum Central Jail ground, PM Modi lambasted the INDIA bloc parties, including Trinamool Congress, for opposing the bill and shielding corrupt leaders.

"We decided to bring in a law that will not allow a corrupt chief minister, or even the Prime Minister, to hold office, if he or she spends 30 days in jail. But when we brought in such a law, 'INDI' bloc parties like Congress and Trinamool Congress started opposing it. They got angry because they don't want to be punished for their crimes," said the Prime Minister.

At the same time, he also took a dig at former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. "It is a shame that even a chief minister, after going to jail, has been running the government from there." Shifting his focus to Trinamool Congress, PM Modi said even after going to jail, two TMC ministers refused to step down from their posts. "Two TMC ministers, even after going to jail on corruption charges, were not willing to give up their posts. Cash worth crores was recovered from the house of one such minister. It was in plain sight the kind of corruption they were part of. Yet they want to hold on to their post. Should they be allowed to carry on? Shouldn't they be put behind bars? Those who are arrested on corruption charges, how can they be part of the government and remain in their posts? Modi will not allow this," the PM said.

It was an apparent reference to former state education minister Partha Chatterjee, who was arrested in connection with the teachers' recruitment scam, and Jyoti Priya Mallick, who was arrested in the ration distribution scam. "For the past 11 years, the country has been waging a determined battle against corruption. In this regard, we have taken a significant step forward by introducing an anti-corruption Bill in the Lok Sabha. Under existing laws, if a government employee is caught and incarcerated without securing bail within 50 hours, they are automatically suspended from their position. But no such provisions exist for a chief minister, a prime minister, or a minister," he said.



On Wednesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah introduced the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025, which seeks to remove a Central or State Minister who is facing allegations of corruption or serious offences and has been detained for at least 30 days or over an offence that carries a jail term of five years or more, even if not convicted.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a scathing attack against the Trinamool Congress by saying crime and corruption have become the identity of the Mamata Banerjee-led party and asserted that only the BJP can bring 'asol paribartan' (real change) in West Bengal. Addressing a public meeting at Dum Dum Central Jail ground near Kolkata, PM Modi said, "There is only one cry in Bengal now. TMC ke sorao, Bangla ke bachao (remove TMC to save Bengal). Today, crime and corruption have become the identity of TMC. Unless TMC is removed from power, the real change cannot take place. Real change means providing security to women, putting corrupted leaders in jail and not in ministry and improving the lives of the people."

The Prime Minister also accused the Mamata Banerjee government of amassing central funds meant for the welfare of the people. "There is a need to have a BJP government in West Bengal to usher in overall development of the state. Funds sent for development projects are being looted here by the TMC. The fund is not used for the welfare of the people. But the same is used on TMC cadres. That's why West Bengal is lagging behind in development. People are now saying that 'TMC Jabe, BJP asbe'. (BJP will come, once TMC is ousted)," he said.

The Prime Minister also criticised the TMC government for creating roadblocks before the Centre in implementing development projects. "TMC has become an enemy of development. The TMC government has refused to be part of the Centre's smart-city mission. TMC's mission is to stop the BJP here and its government's schemes. Will this kind of politics help Bengal prosper? Will this help anyone? Give the BJP a chance in Bengal. We will usher in overall development in the state," he said.

He further criticised the Mamata Banerjee government for supporting infiltrators in the state due to its appeasement politics and asserted that only the BJP can stop infiltration in Bengal. "We want to give employment to our citizens. We want to help them. But we won't allow infiltrators who are torturing our people to live in the country. But it is unfortunate that TMC, along with INDI alliance partners, are supporting the infiltrators for their appeasement politics. Demography is being changed in border areas," he said.

The Prime Minister said those who are living in the country by making false identity cards will have to

leave the country. "For that, TMC needs to go from power, as it supports such people," he said.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation of projects worth Rs 5,200 crore, including three new stretches of the Kolkata Metro, and an elevated corridor in adjacent Howrah. PM Modi visited the Jessore Road Metro Station, where he flagged off the Noapara-Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro service. In addition, through video conferencing, he also flagged off the Sealdah-Esplanade Metro service and the Belegata-Hemanata Mukhopadhyay Metro service. He also undertook a Metro ride from Jessore Road Metro Station to Jai Hind Bimanbandar and back. "It is a matter of pride that India boasts the third-largest Metro network in the world. Remarkably, prior to 2014, the country had only 250 km of Metro routes. Today, that figure has exceeded 1,000 km. This marks a big step towards improved urban mobility and seamless connectivity... Cities like Kolkata are a rich identity of both India's history and our future," the PM said, after the foundation stone-laying ceremony.

Empowering Fishers for a Sustainable Ganga: Awareness on Hilsa and Gangetic Dolphin under NMCG



KOLKATA, (KCN): Bringing local communities to the forefront for riverine conservation for sustainable fisheries, ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, organized an awareness programme on the conservation of the Gangetic Dolphin and Hilsa under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (Phase III) at Gadakhali, South 24

Parganas, West Bengal, on 20 August 2025. The initiative, led by Dr. B.K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI and Principal Investigator of the NMCG project, along with other project members, highlighted the ecological importance of Hilsa and the endangered Gangetic Dolphin, while emphasizing the need for community participation in sustainable management of the Ganga River ecosystem.

A total of 45 local fishers took part in the programme, where they were sensitized to the importance of preserving aquatic biodiversity, particularly the Gangetic Dolphin, India's National Aquatic Animal, and adopting responsible fishing practices. Key messages included adherence to seasonal fishing bans during breeding periods, the use of eco-friendly fishing gear, and avoiding the

capture of juvenile Hilsa. Dr. Das underscored the campaign's core objective of educating fishing communities on sustainable practices that safeguard Hilsa populations while ensuring long-term livelihood security. One participating fisher noted, "Earlier, we struggled to catch enough fish to sustain our families. But now, we are seeing better

availability, and it's helping us earn more." By engaging fishers, women, and even children, the Dolphin and Hilsa conservation campaign fosters inclusive participation in conservation. The initiative strengthens collective responsibility for protecting biodiversity, ensuring that environmental sustainability goes hand in hand with the economic well-being of future generations.



HuT Eyes South India: Fuels Radicalisation With Palestine Narrative

New Delhi: The current situation in Bangladesh has not only made the country chaotic, but has also given several terror groups a breather. This fresh lease of life given to these terror groups will be directed against India, as that is their larger agenda.

With security deteriorating, the Indian agencies have on multiple occasions flagged the threat that is posed by the Jamaat-e-Islami, Harkat-ul-Jihadi Islami or Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT). While these terror groups are focused on West Bengal and the northeastern states, the name of another terror group has kept the agencies on their toes. The Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT), which has a major base in Bangladesh, is now trying to focus its operations in South India. The Intelligence agencies have already

picked up chatter that suggests that the HuT is involved in brainwashing, radicalising and recruiting people from the southern states. The focus is on Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

There is a lot of material relating to Palestine that is in circulation. This is being used to recruit youth and also to paint a picture that India is not supportive of the Palestinian cause. The HuT is, however, not the first outfit to use this issue. Almost all terror groups do the same. The HuT is not an outfit that can be taken lightly. It has managed to build a strong base in Bangladesh and also has its presence in India. It was the HuT that had first plotted to topple Sheikh Hasina in 2015. The plan, however, did not go through. During that operation, the HuT had roped in 16 army officers of the

Bangladesh army. Today, the HuT seems to be having a free run in Bangladesh, and this only adds to India's worry. In India, the outfit has managed to create a support base. Its base mostly comprises students. However, its supporters are part of proxy groups, and they have organised seminars in New Delhi and other parts of the country. The topic of discussion has only been the Israel-Palestine conflict. Another incident that suggests that the HuT has a big base in India is when around 1,000 members of the group's proxy came out in protest against the Battle House encounter in 2010. Investigations into the group's activities have also revealed that it wants to set up hit squads. These hit squads would fall under their newly created Sharia courts.

Odisha Govt To Recruit 44,433 Teachers In Three Years, Announces CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government will fill 44,433 teacher posts over the next three years, with nearly 15,000 recruitments annually, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced on Thursday. He said the move is aimed at addressing vacancies and strengthening primary education in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Chairing a review meeting of the School and Mass Education Department at Lok

Seva Bhawan, Majhi said regularization of schematic primary school teachers and creation of additional posts are priorities for the state's education roadmap. Currently, Odisha has 45,292 primary schools with 1,60,319 sanctioned teacher posts. As per NEP 2020 requirements, 39,366 more posts will be created, while 5,067 vacancies are expected by December 2025. In a major structural reform, the government decided to merge the Board of



Secondary Education (BSE) and the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) into a single education board,

aimed at improving efficiency and governance. Majhi also announced that free textbooks will

be provided to all Class 9 and 10 students, extending the benefit beyond SC/ST students. To strengthen

health support in hostels, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) will be appointed, with one

multi-purpose health worker for every 300 students. The CM emphasized teaching tribal children in their mother tongue and directed steps to establish a multilingual education center in Koraput in collaboration with SCSTRTI. Additionally, B. Ed. - qualified teachers will be appointed as resource persons for differently-abled children. The approval process for private schools will be fully digitized, while the State Council of Educational Research

and Training (SCERT) will be revamped in line with the NCERT framework. The Directorate of Textbook Publication and Marketing will also be strengthened. The meeting was attended by School and Mass Education Minister Nityananda Gond, Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja, Principal Secretary to the CM Saswat Mishra, Finance Principal Secretary Sanjeev Mishra, School and Mass Education Secretary Shalini Pandit, and senior officials.

Chief Secy Manoj Ahuja Stresses On Robust Monitoring For Viksit Odisha Vision



Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Odisha government recently organised a State-level workshop on Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Development for "Viksit Odisha - Vision 2036 & 2047" at the State Convention Centre, Lok Seva Bhavan, in Bhubaneswar. The workshop aimed to collaboratively finalise a comprehensive KPI framework, a crucial step in implementing the Vision Document unveiled by the Prime Minister of India.

Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja emphasised that the Vision Document lays out an ambitious path for Odisha to emerge as a growth engine for India by 2047. He highlighted the importance of a growth mindset, shared understanding, accountability, and robust monitoring in achieving the vision. A high-frequency, data-driven Chief Minister's Dashboard will track progress, with the success of the Vision determined by the

quality and relevance of KPIs. The workshop featured a detailed presentation on a four-tier KPI framework, including Outcomes, Outputs, Processes, and Sub-processes, and demonstrated the KPI Development Toolkit. Three-member teams from each department, comprising the Departmental Secretary, Nodal Officer, and a Senior Officer, will ensure strategic leadership and technical inputs for developing a strong KPI framework.

Senior officials, including Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, and Commissioner-cum-Secretaries, stressed departmental ownership, convergence, and collaboration in KPI development for successful implementation. The Strategic Support Unit (SSU) led the presentation and discussion on KPI finalisation and integration into the Chief Minister's Dashboard.

Odisha Strengthens Global Tourism Position With Three Key MoUs





Bhubaneswar(KCN): In a significant step towards establishing Odisha as a premier global tourism destination, the state government has signed three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with renowned institutions. The MoU signing ceremony took place at Lok Seva Bhavan, attended by Deputy Chief Minister Pravat Parida, Minister of Odia Language, Literature & Culture Department Suryabanshi Suraj, and Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja. The MoUs aim to promote heritage conservation, adventure tourism, and Buddhist pilgrimage circuits in the

state. According to Parida, these agreements represent Odisha's comprehensive vision to conserve its rich heritage, diversify tourism offerings, and expand its global presence. She emphasized the need to implement these projects efficiently to achieve meaningful outcomes. The three partnerships are with the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M), the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS), Goa, and the Light of Buddhism Foundation International (LBDFI). Here's a breakdown of each MoU

Odisha will utilise advanced scientific techniques for structural audits and conservation of heritage monuments through its partnership with IIT-M. This collaboration includes detailed documentation, material testing, geo-technical investigations, and preparation of project reports, as well as sustainable reuse plans and project management consultancy support. The partnership with NIWS, Goa, aims to introduce globally accepted safety standards, safety audits, and capacity-building programs for adventure tourism operators, lifeguards, and service providers. With Odisha's extensive coastline and

abundant water resources, the government sees immense potential for developing adventure tourism, creating livelihood opportunities for the state's youth. The MoU with LBDFI focuses on reviving Odisha's Buddhist heritage and pilgrimage tourism. Key initiatives include organizing annual prayer ceremonies at prominent Buddhist sites like Ratnagiri, Udayagiri, Lalitagiri, and Dhauli. The partnership will also enhance visitor amenities, develop digital engagement infrastructure, and curate cultural and academic programs showcasing Odisha's Buddhist legacy.

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NILD Observes Swachhta Pakhwada



Kolkata, (KCN): National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), Kolkata observed "Swachhta Pakhwada" from July 16 to 31, 2025 under the Swachh Bharat Mission. Swachhta Pakhwada started on July 16, 2025 by taking a pledge of cleanliness. During the Swachhta Pakhwada, various cleanliness programmes were organised to keep the institute clean and green

environment: awareness play on cleanliness by students, poster-slogan competition, special cleanliness drive in the campus, a workshop on cleanliness and health was also organised in collaboration with Baranagar Municipality. The students of the institute staged an inspiring awareness play that highlighted the importance of cleanliness and health. Through their energetic performance,

they conveyed the message of keeping the environment around them clean and motivated people to take responsibility for a healthy environment. With the aim of making the institute campus clean, a special cleanliness drive was organised in the campus on July 30, 2025, in which Dr. Lalit Narayan, Director, NILD and the staff of the Institute actively participated.

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneshwar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs,18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD

Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India. The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products

on Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, "By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touch-points to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations."

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the

first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study

across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

JSW BPSL Becomes First in Indian Steel Sector to Launch SPEED - Initiative for Energy Efficiency & Sustainability

Sambalpur: 22/08 KCN(Sudhansu Sekhar Moharana) JSW BPSL has launched its flagship initiative – SPEED (Sustainability Planning for Energy Efficiency and Decarbonization) – at its Sambalpur Works. The program is unique&one of its kind in India's steel sector to adopt a structured, theme-based roadmap for energy efficiency and decarbonization. The initiative was inaugurated by Shri Umesh Rai, Chief Operating Officer, JSW BPSL, in the presence of senior leadership team, including



Shri Prakash Sapa, Sr. VP-Operations, Shri J.P. Singh, VP & Head HR, Shri Manoj Patwari - VP, Shri Vikas Jain – VP and Shri Manoj Kumar Singh - VP along with departmental heads and employees. Speaking at the launch, Shri Rai emphasized that SPEED would serve as a structured roadmap to drive

energy efficiency, optimize resource utilization, reduce emissions& embed sustainability practices across operations. As the first step, JSW BPSL, in collaboration with Forbes Marshall as Knowledge Partner, conducted a Workshop on Steam Energy Conservation– the first

SBI now offers Real Time Xpress Credit on YONO app

Mumbai : With an aim to digitally empower customers and offer additional convenience, the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) on YONO. The bank's flagship personal loan product for salaried customers – Xpress Credit has a Digital Avatar now. Customers can now avail RTXC from the comfort of their homes through YONO – which is going to be 100% paperless and digital. The end-to-end 8 step journey would be easy and instant for the customers.

UnderReal Time Xpress Credit, Central/ State Government and Defence salaried customers of SBI will no longer be required to visit the branch for availing a personal loan. The credit checks, eligibility, sanction & documentation will now be done digitally in real-time.

Shri Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said, "We are pleased to introduce Real Time Xpress Credit (RTXC) Loan facility for our eligible salaried customers on YONO.The Xpress Credit product will enable our customers to experience adigital, hassle-free, and paperless loan process. We at SBI constantly endeavour to offer technology-led enhanced digital banking experience to the customers in order to simplify banking."Thedigitalization of Xpress Credit delivery will also help the bank to do away with theneed to handle and store enormous paperwork.

Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow.Bhubaneswar's'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history.In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group– from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – theshow encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way.The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers& influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate &take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals whotake Pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

Bank of Baroda and FSSAI Sign MoU to Launch Customised Web-Based Payment Solution

New Delhi, (KCN): Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to provide a customised web-based payment solution – 'FSSAI Payment Solution'.

The MoU was signed by Cdr Sharad Aggarwal, Director, FSSAI, and Ms. Mini TM, Chief General Manager & Zonal Head, New Delhi Zone, Bank of Baroda, in the presence of Ms. Rachna Mishra, General Manager, Govt Relationship, Shri M.V.S Sudhakar, DGM (Business Development), Shri Baljeet Singh, DGM, Govt Relationship, New Delhi, Shri Samir Kumar Ojha, DGM & Regional Manager, South Delhi Region and Shri Manish



Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director, FSSAI.

This collaboration aims to promote ease of doing business by streamlining the digital payment interface with various stakeholders engaging with FSSAI. The solution will simplify and automate the disbursement of grants, vendor payments, and M a n a g e m e n t Information System

(MIS) functionalities.The implementation of this IT-based platform will enable FSSAI and its affiliated agencies to manage grants and payments efficiently. It will also ensure effective monitoring and control over the Nodal Account, including seamless fund flow to State Child Accounts and District Sub-Child Accounts for improved financial oversight and transparency.

realme launches the Stylish realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and the revolutionary realme Buds Wireless 3

Bhubaneswar(KCN) : realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider in India, unveiled its latest offerings today, the realmenarzo60 Series 5G and realme Buds Wireless 3. These newest additions to realme's legacy of innovation are crafted to provide users with an unrivaled experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G introduces two standout smartphones: the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G and the realmenarzo 60 5G, accompanied by the cutting-edge realme Buds Wireless 3 for an immersive audio experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is the first and only smartphone in the segment to come with 1TB storage. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is a groundbreaking lineup that revolutionizes the smartphone industry with its cutting-edge features. realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G is equipped with up to 12GB + 12GB of dynamic RAM and is the only smartphone in the segment with 1TB of ROM storage. It runs on the Dimensity 7050 5G chipset and boasts a massive 5000mAh battery with 67W SUPERVOOC charging support. The realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black andthree

storage variants: 8GB + 128GB which will be priced at INR 23999, 12GB + 256GB priced at INR 26999 and 12GB + 1TB priced at INR 29999. realmenarzo 60 5G also showcases a Premium Vegan Leather and Martian Horizon design. The device offers a remarkable 90Hz Super AMOLED Display with 20,000-level auto brightnessadjustment. The 64MP Street Photography Camera, equipped with 2X in-sensor zoom, DIS Snapshot, and 20X digital zoom, capturing stunning images with ease. Powered by the Dimensity 6020 5G Chipset, thenarzo 60 5G gives you a worthwhile experience. The narzo 60 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Blackand two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999. Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI and 18 month warranty on pre-booking starting from 6th July 1 PM on Amazon.in. and realme.com. Users can also avail bank offers of INR 1500 on therealmenarzo 60 Pro 5G with 6 months No Cost EMI on first sale

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Jindal Stainless signs MoU with SCTEVT, Odisha to train future-ready stainless steel professionals

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTEVT) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jindal Stainless to promote technical education in the field of stainless steel and its various applications. Under this MoU, stainless steel courses will be introduced in all the Polytechnic colleges in Odisha from June 2022. The MoU was signed byVice Chairman,

SCTE&VT, Shri Reghu G (IAS) and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL), Shri Deepak Agrawal. Dignitaries present at the ceremony included Chairman, SCTE&VT and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said,"This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry.

Upadhyay, and General Manager, Sales & Distribution, Mr Ranit Rana. Commending the development,Chairman, SCTEV&T and Principal Secretary to Government, SDTE and Industries Departments, Shri Hemant Sharma (IAS) said,"This collaboration with Jindal Stainless will enhance the learning experience for students and faculty both, as it will give them insights about and practical exposure to the stainless steel industry.

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