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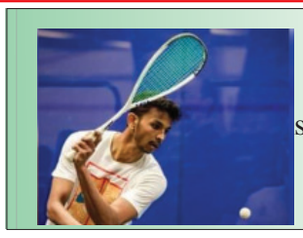
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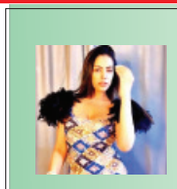
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Odisha CM Mohan Majhi, Two Deputy CMs, Cabinet Ministers Take Oath





Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): After two and a half decades, Odisha welcomed a new Chief Minister on Wednesday; as senior BJP leader and four-time MLA Mohan Charan Majhi sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Odisha.Along with the new CM, KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida also took the oath of office as the Deputy Chief Ministers. Governor Raghubar Das administered them the oath of office and secrecy. PM Narendra Modi was present at the oath-taking ceremony.CM Majhi's Council of Ministers comprising eight Cabinet Ministers and five Ministers of State (Independent Charge) also took the oath of office during the event.Suresh Pujari, Rabi Narayan Naik, Nityananda Gond, Krushna Chandra Patra, Prithviraj Harichandan, Mukesh Mahaling, Bibhuti Bhusan Jena and Krushna Chandra Mahapatra have been sworn in as Cabinet Ministers.Similarly, Ganesh Ram Singhkhuntia, Suryabanshi Suraj, Pradeep Bala Samant, Gokulananda Mallik and Sampad Chandra Swain have taken oaths for Ministers of State (Independent Charge).Among other dignitaries Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Dharmendra Pradhan, Jual Oram, JP Nadda and several Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled States were also present in the ceremony. Outgoing CM of Odisha and BJD president Naveen Patnaik also attended the swearing-in ceremony of the new CM.

Death Toll In Kuwait Building Blaze Climbs To 49



Kuwait City: The death toll in a fire that erupted on Wednesday in a building housing workers in Kuwait has risen to 49, the Gulf country's state news agency Kuna reported, citing the Interior Ministry.Local media said the fire broke out in a six-floor building crammed with migrant workers in al-Mangaf area, south of the capital Kuwait City.The blaze occurred while the workers were asleep and some residents had to jump from the building in an attempt to survive, Kuwaiti newspaper al-Qabas reported, citing witnesses.

Kuwait's Emir Meshal Al Ahmad has ordered investigations to determine the cause of the blaze and bring to account those found responsible, Kuna said.Interior Ministry spokesman Nasser Abu Salib said without elaborating that stringent measures would be taken against the building's owners.He added that the ministry was investigating the circumstances of the fire and identifying the victims.Initially, officials had put the death toll at more than 35.Most fatalities were caused by smoke inhalation, according to a security official.

The Health Ministry earlier Wednesday said at least 43 people had been transferred to hospitals for treatment.

It's A Historic Day In Odisha: PM Modi

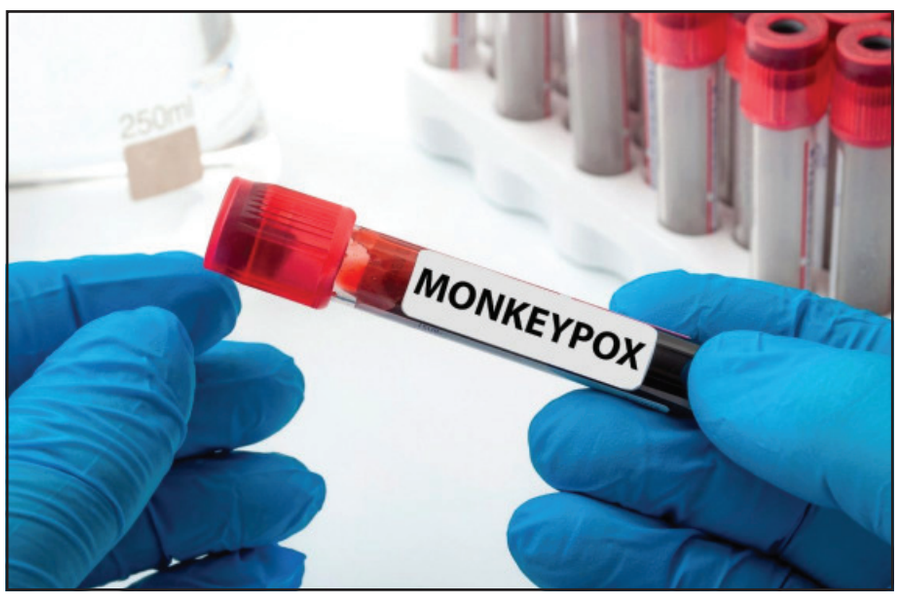
Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): After attending the swearing-in of the BJP-led government in Odisha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has termed it a historic day in the state and congratulated the new Chief Minister, Deputy CMs, and ministers."It's a historic day in Odisha! With the blessings of my sisters and brothers of Odisha, the BJP is forming its first-ever government in the state.I attended the swearing-in ceremony in Bhubaneswar. Congratulations to Shri Mohan Charan Majhi on taking oath as CM and to Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo as well as Smt. Pravati Parida on taking oath as Deputy CMs. Congratulations also to the others who took oath as Ministers.With the blessings of Mahaprabhu Jagannath, I am confident this team will usher in record development in Odisha and improve the lives of countless people," PM Modi wrote on X

Surama Padhy Likely To Be New Speaker Of Odisha Legislative Assembly



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Senior BJP leader and Ranpur MLA Surama Padhy is likely to become the new Speaker of the Odisha Legislative Assembly.Padhy has been named as the candidate for the Speaker's post in the 17th Assembly in Odisha by the BJP after the party formed government in the state by defeating the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD in the 2024 polls.Born on 29th December 1960, Smt Padhy is an Indian politician of Odisha. She is an MLA from Ranpur Assembly Constituency in Nayagarh district. She represents the Bharatiya Janata Party.Padhy won the 2024 Odisha Legislative Assembly election from Ranpur Assembly Constituency representing Bharatiya Janata Party. She defeated Satyanarayan Pradhan of Biju Janata Dal by a margin of 15,544 votes. Earlier, she lost the 2019 Odisha Legislative Assembly election to Pradhan by a narrow margin of 4,251 votes.

South Africa On High Alert After Five Confirmed Cases Of Monkeypox



Johannesburg: South Africa is on high alert following the outbreak of monkeypox in May, with five laboratory-confirmed cases including one death, Health Minister Joe Phaahla said on Wednesday.Phaahla told the media that all five patients diagnosed with monkeypox, also known as Mpox, three from KwaZulu-Natal Province and two from Gauteng Province, were men between the ages of 30 and 39 with no history of travel. Two remain hospitalized, two have been discharged, and one died on Monday in a hospital in Johannesburg, reported Xinhua News Agency."All five cases were classified as severe cases as per the World Health Organization (WHO) definition requiring hospitalization. Since the beginning of 2024, the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) has received 12 Mpox test requests, with three testing positive. The other two cases were diagnosed by private laboratories," said the minister. "Guidelines have been updated and shared widely across networks of healthcare workers using various platforms."According to him, the outbreak response team, consisting of experts from various government sectors, the WHO, and other stakeholders, has embarked on contact tracing and case finding in the affected provinces of Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal."We can disrupt the local transmission by supporting those diagnosed with this disease in taking their treatment to prevent infecting others. We can prevent avoidable deaths by cooperating with health officials when they conduct contact tracing and case finding," Phaahla said, adding that they have held webinars about Mpox disease with more than 500 healthcare workers.Fabian Ndenzako, a doctor with the WHO in South Africa, said they are working with the South African government to provide medicine for those infected with Mpox. A total of 10 doses of vaccine have been packaged in Geneva, Switzerland, and are awaiting paperwork to be processed and then shipped to South Africa.The WHO defines an outbreak of monkeypox when two cases are confirmed. Ndenzako noted that since all five cases have no travel history, the country could be sitting on a high number of Mpox cases.Monkeypox is an infectious disease caused by the monkeypox virus. Most people fully recover, but some get very sick. The virus can be transmitted to humans through physical contact with someone infectious, with contaminated materials, or with infected animals. Symptoms of monkeypox include an unexplained acute rash and back pain, swollen lymph nodes, acute onset of fever, headache, muscle and body aches, and low energy.According to the WHO, from January 1, 2022, to May 31, 2024, a total of 97,208 laboratory-confirmed cases of monkeypox were reported, including 186 deaths from 117 countries. South Africa recorded five cases of monkeypox in 2022, with no cases reported in 2023.

Defence Minister, Goa CM Visit Puri Srimandir



Puri(AoBureau): The Defence Minister of India Sri Rajnath Singh and the Chief Minister of Goa Sri Pramod Sawant visited Puri Srimandir today ahead of the oath-taking ceremony of the new Odisha CM Mohan Majhi in Bhubaneswar.Along with the Defence Minister, the Railway Minister Sri Ashwini Vaishnav, Puri MP Sambit Patra, Bhahmagiri MLA Upasana Mohapatra, Satyabadi MLA Om Prakash Mishra visited Srimandir today.Puri SP and Collector and the Servitors of Srimandir welcomed the Defence Minister and the Railway Minister.

The Chief Minister of Goa Sri Pramod Sawant also visited Lord Jagannath temple today. Ex-MLA of Puri Jayant Sarangi and the Servitors welcomed him.The ministers are scheduled to attend the oath-taking ceremony of Odisha CM Mohan Majhi at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar at 5:00 PM.

Brothers In Arms: Pawan Kalyan's Swearing-In Makes Chiranjeevi Proud



Vijayawada: It was a moment Jana Sena leader and actor Konidala Pawan Kalyan had been waiting for years.Taking oath as a minister in the presence of his elder brother and megastar Konidala Chiranjeevi in front of thousands of people was a big achievement for the actor-politician.'Power star', as Pawan Kalyan is popularly known in film circles, was the first minister to take oath after Nara Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday.There were loud cheers from his fans and supporters as the Jana Sena leader took oath.Chiranjeevi, who was seated with superstar Rajinikanth and actor-politician N. Balakrishna on the adjacent dais, was seen clapping while his wife Konidala Lezhneva, who was present in one of the VIP galleries, was delighted.Chiranjeevi, whose political tryst ended in a disaster 15 years ago, was proud to see his younger brother taking oath, and the centre stage of Andhra Pradesh politics.After meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chandrababu Naidu, and Governor Abdul Nazeer, Pawan Kalyan headed to the adjacent dais to take the blessings of Chiranjeevi by touching his feet, as the megastar hugged his brother to congratulate him.Pawan Kalyan, after the completion of the swearing-in, went to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and requested him to meet his elder brother. The PM obliged and held the hands of the siblings and raised them in a show of bonhomie.Pawan Kalyan in a way gifted his win to Chiranjeevi. The victory came after his hard work of the last 10 years and the big setback of 2019 when he lost both the Assembly seats he contested.Jana Sena, which had fought the elections in alliance with the BSP and the Left parties, could win just one seat in the 175-member Assembly and even the lone MLA had later defected to the ruling YSR Congress Party.This time, Jana Sena changed its strategy to strike an alliance with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)

PM Modi Reviews Kuwait Fire Tragedy, Announces Rs 2L Ex-Gratia For Indian Victims



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a review meeting on the fire tragedy in Kuwait in which a number of Indian nationals died and many were injured, here at his residence on Wednesday.Prime Minister Modi also announced ex-gratia relief of Rs 2 lakh to the families of the deceased India nationals from the Prime Minister Relief Fund.The Prime Minister expressed his deep sorrow at the unfortunate incident and extended condolences to the families of the deceased. He wished speedy recovery of those injured.

Prime Minister Modi directed that the government should extend all possible assistance. "MoS External Affairs should immediately travel to Kuwait to oversee the relief measures and facilitate expeditious repatriation of the mortal remains," he said.External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Kirtivardhan Singh, Principal Secretary to PM Pramod Kumar Mishra, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and other senior officials were also present in the meeting.

Haryana CM Approves Allotment Of 976 'Khel' Nurseries



Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday approved the allotment of 976 'Khel' (sports) nurseries in government and private schools and institutions under the Khel Nursery Scheme.Previously, the government allotted 1,100 Khel nurseries each year. The number of nurseries has been increased to 1,500 from FY 2024-25, with about 500 of these nurseries being managed by government coaches on government infrastructure.

An official spokesperson said applications are invited annually from government and institutions, with the availability of a coach, adequate playground facilities, and the ability to accommodate up to 25 players who will receive scholarships. The selection process involves District Sports Officers conducting physical inspections of the applicant's premises.He said scholarships under this scheme are awarded at the rate of Rs 1,500 per month for players aged eight to 14 years and Rs 2,000 per month for players aged 15 to 19 years.Additionally, coaches of these Khel nurseries receive an honorarium of up to Rs 25,000 per month

Sachin Pilot To Address Students At Oxford University On Friday

Jaipur: Oxford University in the UK has invited senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot to address its students on June 14.The university has invited Pilot to share his views and have a detailed interaction with the students and the faculty on a wide range of issues.The event is open to the public and can be accessed online as well, said a member of Pilot'\s team."I will be speaking at the Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government on Friday, 14th June at 2 PM (UK) / 6.30 PM (India).

Chandrababu Naidu Takes Oath As Andhra Pradesh CM, Turns Emotional



Vijayawada: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president Nara Chandrababu Naidu turned emotional after taking oath as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh here on Wednesday.Naidu hugged Prime Minister Narendra Modi soon after being sworn in by Governor S. Abdul Nazeer in the presence of a galaxy of political leaders and celebrities at a ceremony attended by lakhs of people.Amid loud cheers from the audience, the 74-year-old took the oath of office and secrecy in Telugu. The Prime Minister presented him with a bouquet to congratulate him.Naidu was visibly emotional as he hugged PM Modi and returned to his chair next to his wife Bhuvaneswari.In 2021, Naidu walked out of the Assembly after his wife was allegedly insulted by some MLAs of the YSR Congress Party and vowed to return only after taking oath as the Chief Minister.After taking oath as a minister, Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan went up to his elder brother megastar Chiranjeevi and touched his feet.Chandrababu Naidu's son Nara Lokesh was the next to take oath as the minister. Lokesh, the TDP general secretary, took the blessings of his father, Prime Minister Modi and the Governor.A total of 24 ministers of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) took oath at the ceremony held at Kesarapalli IT Park near Gannavaram Airport.The ministers include three from Jana Sena and one from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).TDP's Andhra Pradesh unit president K. Atchannaidu and Jana Sena political affairs committee chairman Nadendla Manohar were among the key ministers.The other members of Naidu's ministerial team are Kollu Ravindra, P. Narayana, Vangalapudi Anitha, Satya Kumar Yadav, Nimmala Rama Naidu, N.M.D. Farooq, Anam Ramanarayan Reddy, Payyavula Kesav, Anagani Satya Prasad, Kolusu Parthsaradhi, Dola Balaveeranjaneya Swamy, Gottipati Ravi Kumar, Kandula Durgesh, Gummadi Sandhyarani, B.C. Jardhan Reddy, T.G. Bharath, S. Savitha, Vasamsetti Subhash, Kondapalli Srinivas and Mandipalli Ram Prasad Reddy.Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, former Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, Union Ministers Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda, Nitin Gadkari, Ram Mohan Naidu, Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Chirag Paswan, Kishan Reddy, Ramdas Athawale, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, state BJP president D. Purandeswari were present.Superstars Rajinikanth, Chiranjeevi, popular actor and TDP MLA N. Balakrishna were among those present on the dais.

Amaravati Farmers End Four-Year-Long Protest As Naidu Govt Sworn-In



Amaravati: With the formation of the Chandrababu Naidu-led government in Andhra Pradesh, farmers of Amaravati on Wednesday called off their four-year-long protest against three capitals move of the previous YSR Congress government.Hours after Naidu and his Council of Ministers took oath at a ceremony at Vijayawada, the farmers removed their protest camps in villages.The farmers, including women, had been protesting for 1,631 days, demanding the YSR Congress government to develop Amaravati as the sole capital.The protest started in December 2019 after Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy announced that his government would develop three state capitals, reversing the decision of the previous TDP government to develop Amaravati as the only state capital.

The Jagan Mohan Reddy government planned to develop Visakhapatnam as the administrative capital, Kurnool as the judicial capital, and keep Amaravati only as a legislative capital.The farmers of 29 villages, who had given 33,000 acres of their land under a land pooling system when the TDP was in power, came out on the streets. They had been continuing the protest in different forms.

The Amaravati Parirakshana Samithi (APS), which was spearheading the movement against three capitals, undertook two padyatras during the last two years to mobilise public support for their demand.Earlier in the day, the farmers watched on specially installed screens the live telecast of the swearing-in of Chandrababu Naidu and his Cabinet colleagues. At the meeting of newly-elected MLAs of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on Tuesday, Naidu declared that Amaravati will be developed as the sole state capital. He said Visakhapatnam will be developed as a financial capital and Kurnool will also be developed in all respects.TDP's allies Jana Sena and BJP are also for developing Amaravati as the sole state capital.The return of Naidu to power has given new hopes to farmers and others, who were fighting for justice. The TDP chief had envisioned Amaravati on the banks of the Krishna river as a dream capital and a world-class city about a decade ago. The works on residential quarters and other components of the mega project had come to an abrupt halt in 2019 a few months after the YSRCP came to power.The foundation stone for Amaravati was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October 2015 when TDP was part of the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre. Naidu had got the master plan for Amaravati prepared by Singapore.

Shivraj Chouhan Takes Up 100-Day Action Plan For Agriculture Sector

New Delhi: Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday held a detailed discussion with senior officials on the 100-day action plan of the ministry.Agriculture Minister Chouhan told the officials that they should focus their entire attention on farmer-oriented works so that work can be done speedily as per the sankalp (resolution) of the Prime Minister, the ministry said in a statement.He said that the availability of quality fertilizers, seeds and other inputs to farmers should be ensured on a priority basis. The Agriculture Minister asserted that the farmers should not face any problem in this regard and special care should be taken on this.He emphasized that agricultural production and productivity should increase in the country, and there is a need to implement a concrete action plan so that the country can export quality agricultural products to other countries of the world and meet domestic needs as well.In the meeting, senior officials gave presentations of department-wise schemes.Union Ministers of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ram Nath Thakur and Bhagirath Chaudhary, Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja and other senior officials were present at the meeting.

8 Terror Handlers Declared Proclaimed Offenders In J&K

Srinagar: Eight terror handlers from J&K have been declared proclaimed offenders by a court in Uri following an application moved by the Baramulla Police.Seven of them have been identified as Mohd Azad, ?Naseer Ahmad, Kareem Din, ?Mohd Hafeez Mir, ?Meer Ahmad, ?Showkat Ahmed Paswal, ?Ahad Bhat, and Bashir Ahmad."The said terror handlers are presently in Pakistan, working with different terrorist outfits," the police said."Proclamation orders under Section 87 of the CrPC have been obtained from the court against these eight terror handlers which have been pasted at their residences, and public places with the directions that they will present themselves before the court of law within one month, failing which process for attachment of property

Journalists Allowed Into Lok Seva Bhavan After Four-Year Hiatus



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): After a gap of around four years, journalists of various media organisations on Wednesday were allowed to enter the Lok Seva Bhavan to cover news.The development came hours after the new BJP government-led by Mohan Majhi took the oath of office.After the new decision, journalists expressed pleasure and congratulated the new government for the fresh move.Earlier, the government had imposed restriction on the entry of journalists into the Lok Seva Bhavan in the wake of Covid-19 outbreak in 2020. However, the government order continued till today even after the pandemic situation was over.The BJP and the Congress had demanded several times on various occasions in the past to curb the restrictions for the scribes.Not only the Lok Seva Bhavan, journalists were barred from entering the press gallery of the Assembly also.

Mohan Majhi-led Team Will Usher In Record Development In Odisha: PM Modi



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today exuded confidence that the new BJP government in Odisha will usher in record development in the state.Terming the swearing-in of the first BJP government as historic, Modi congratulated new Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his deputies Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and Pravati Parida, besides other ministers during his participation in the oath-taking ceremony. .“It’s a historic day in Odisha! With the blessings of my sisters and brothers of Odisha, @BJP4Odisha is forming its first-ever government in the state,” Modi posted on ‘X’.“With the blessings of Mahaprabhu Jagannath, I am confident this team will usher in record development in Odisha and improve the lives of countless people,” the PM added.Notably, Keonjhar MLA Mohan Majhi took oath as the 15th chief minister of Odisha with two of his deputies KV Singh Deo and Pravati Parida. 13 other ministers also took the oath of office in the presence of a host of dignitaries at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar.

PM Modi, Others Attend Swearing-In Of New BJP-Led Govt In Odisha



Bhubaneswar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with several dignitaries witnessed the grand swearing-in ceremony of the first Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Odisha on Wednesday.The BJP managed to wrest power from the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) following a gruelling and intense poll campaign led by PM Modi himself.PM Modi, during the campaign, had asserted that “June 4 was the expiry date of Naveen Patnaik-led BJD government in Odisha”.During his speeches at almost every public meeting, the prime minister used to extend an invitation to the people of Odisha to attend the oath-taking ceremony on June 10 at Bhubaneswar.PM Modi along with other senior leaders of the party toured extensively to every part of the state and addressed a number of public gatherings during the campaign.On Wednesday, PM Modi, after reaching Bhubaneswar airport at around 2.10 p.m. went to the Raj Bhawan — the residence of Odisha Governor.Later, the Prime Minister reached the venue in a special carcade and attended the swearing-in ceremony as promised during the campaign.Various cultural programmes were performed along the road from Raj Bhawan to Janata Maidan during the movement of PM Modi’s convoy.Similarly, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan among others, were also present during the oath-taking ceremony. Former Odisha chief minister and Biju Janata Dal president Naveen Patnaik also attended the mega event.Besides Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Goa CM Pramod Sawant, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel, Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Uttaranchal CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, Tripura CM Manik Saha, Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini and Rajasthan CM Bhajan Lal Sharma also attended the swearing-in ceremony of new Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi and his council of ministers on Wednesday.Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma also played a pivotal role in the election campaign of the BJP in Odisha.More than 50,000 people witnessed the grand event at Janata Maidan.

Odisha Cabinet Decides To Open 4 Gates Of Shree Jagannath Temple From June 13 Morning



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): The Odisha Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi in its first meeting on Wednesday took four significant decisions in line with the BJP’s promises in its election manifesto.“The Cabinet has taken four decisions in its first meeting today, the first being the opening of the four gates of the Shree Jagannath Temple from tomorrow early morning at the time of mangala alati,” informed Chief Minister Mohan Majhi briefing reporters at the Lok Seva Bhawan after the Cabinet meeting.Majhi added that the gates will be opened in the presence of members of the Council of Ministers.The CM said that the Cabinet decided to create a corpus fund of Rs 500 crore for meeting any emergency situation and conservation of Shree Jagannath Temple. This will come into effect very soon, he added.The Cabinet today approved a proposal to bring soon a new policy for farmers -Samruddha Krushak Niti which will deal with the provision of a minimum support price of Rs 3100 per quintal of paddy, said Majhi. The policy will be brought within 100 days, he added.Majhi said that it was decided in the Cabinet meeting to implement Subhadra Yojana within 100 days for the empowerment of women. Under this Yojana women will get cash vouchers of Rs 50,000, he added.

Odisha Govt Revises Leave Order For Officers

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): The General Administration & Public Grievances Department on Wednesday modified its previous order regarding leaves of government employees.As per the latest decision, government officials will be allowed to avail leave, subject to the condition that they shall return from leave and join at their place of posting immediately in case of emergency. They shall be available on mobile without fail.Earlier, they were asked to remain available at their respective headquarters even on public holidays till June 30.The General Administration & Public Grievances Department of the Odisha government on June 11 issued a letter to all Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner-cum-Secretaries of all Department of the Government /All Heads of Departments /All Collectors & DMs in this regard.

Orissa HC Grants Bail To Khurda MLA Prashant Jagdev In EVM Vandalisation Case

Cuttack: The Orissa High Court on Wednesday granted bail to Prashant Jagdev, the newly elected Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA from Khurda constituency, who was arrested last month for allegedly vandalising an Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and misbehaving with polling officials.Jagdev was earlier released on a three-day interim bail to attend several programmes including his oath-taking ceremony as MLA. As per reports, the lower court will set conditions for granting bail to the newly-elected Khordha MLA.It is pertinent to mention here that Prashant Jagdev was arrested on the charges of toppling an Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) during the third phase of polling held in Odisha on May 25.

Mercury Breaches 40°C Or Above At 14 Places In Odisha



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): As many as 14 places in Odisha recorded maximum temperature of 40°C and above on Wednesday.According to the evening weather bulletin of the regional centre of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) here, Nuapada remained the hottest place in the State by recording a maximum temperature of 42.2°C followed by Jharsuguda 42.1°C, Boudh 42°C, Sambalpur 41.8°C, Rourkela 41.2°C, Keonjhar 41.2°C, Sundargarh 40.9°C, Baripada 40.6°C, Talcher 40.6°C, Bargarh 40.5°C, Sonepur 40.2°C, Hirakud 40.1°C, Angul 40.1°C and Dhenkanal 40°C.Similarly, the twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack recorded maximum temperatures of 38°C and 37.5°C respectively.The IMD in its midday weather bulletin has stated that conditions are favourable for further advance of Southwest Monsoon into some more parts of Odisha, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & northwest Bay of Bengal during the next 3-4 days.

BJD Supremo Naveen Patnaik Changes His Social Media Profile

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president and former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik changed his social media profile on Wednesday ahead of the swearing-in ceremony of the first BJP government in Odisha.Naveen changed his social media profile from Chief Minister of Odisha to BJD president.Naveen Patnaik’s BJD suffered a shock defeat at the hands of the opposition BJP, which won 78 of the 147 Assembly seats and 20 of the 21 Lok Sabha constituencies in Odisha in the recently held General Elections. Even Naveen suffered the first electoral defeat of his political career when he lost the Kantabanji Assembly seat to BJP’s Laxman Bag. He had won every election contested since 1998.



CEO Sanctions Rs 15 Lakh Ex-Gratia For Heirs Of 2 Poll Personnel Killed On Duty



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Odisha Nikunja Bihari Dhal has sanctioned ex-gratia of Rs 15 lakh each to the legally approved heirs of the two polling personnel killed on duty during the simultaneous General Elections-2024.The deceased polling personnel have been identified as Late Eso Majhi (Gajapati) and Late Manoranjan Sahu (Jajpur). They were deployed at booth no. 204 in Gajapati district and booth no. 157 in Jajpur district respectively.Dhal has directed the Collector-cum-District Electoral Officers of Gajapati and Jajpur districts to extend sympathies to the bereaved families and hand over the ex-gratia amounts as per rules.

EDITORIAL

Don't kill trees with concrete at the base

The phenomenon of trees falling during a gusty spell of rain in Bengaluru is common. Worryingly, around 1,000 trees and many branches fell in the span of a week, while 206 trees were uprooted on one rainy night alone. What is causing this new trend in Bengaluru, where civic authorities are unable to prevent big trees from crashing down on vehicles and walls, compromising the safety of passersby? The poet Gieve Patel had declared, "It takes much time to kill a tree"; but the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is doing it with ease.The culprit is the concretisation of roads and footpaths—the way of many other metros—that is slowly strangling full-grown trees. Thick layers of concrete or tar are poured on the base of trees, depriving them of water and nutrition. Older trees with deeper roots are able to sustain themselves for some time, but younger ones dry out. The National Green Tribunal has ruled that a 1-metre radius of earth around a tree should be kept free of construction, but our civic authorities fail to follow it. They are either axing trees for infrastructure projects or killing them with concrete, often in cahoots with the timber lobby.Not that they are unaware of the effects. Environment minister Eshwar Khandre has himself admitted that concretisation of pavements is preventing rainwater from seeping into the soil, causing trees to fall. Concrete may be convenient, but is detrimental to civic ecology. Town planners should realise that concretising roads causes flooding during the monsoons, and it is preferable to lay pavers on pavements to allow rainwater to percolate down. This ensures that the water table remains high and trees healthy.The other reason given is that the uprooted trees belong to exotic species, and it is preferable to plant hardy native varieties that have a higher survival rate. To its credit, the BBMP takes up sapling planting drives along arterial roads; but it should also ensure that they survive. The Palike's tree officers should team up with residents to survey each ward and save dying trees. Killing trees is a self-defeating exercise which will turn the city into a heat island, and its citizens will have to pay a high price in the long run. We are only hastening the process of climate change and inviting extreme weather events.

Consumption is more balanced, but inequity rises in many pockets

The Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) for 2022-23, released after 11 years, shows the average spend on non-food items in rural India exceeded 50 per cent of household expenses for the first time. Money spent on food items decreased from 52.9 per cent in 2011-12 to 46.4 per cent in 2023. A lower spend on food shows not only that the average income has risen, but that the consumption pattern has become more balanced between food and non-food items.Typically, higher food spend is an indicator of poorer communities. The thumb rule is that households spending over 75 per cent on food are considered food-insecure, whereas those spending less than 50 per cent on food have higher food security.Urban India performed better in this regard, with the proportion of food in household consumption declining further to 39.2 per cent in 2022 from 42.62 per cent in 2011-12. India has therefore followed the trajectory of Engel's law—rising incomes are followed by increases in food expenditure, but an even higher rise in expenditure of non-food goods. The government's free foodgrains scheme in the Covid and post-Covid periods has also worked well; ultimately, the share of income spent on food has declined.However, what is worrisome is that the data also showed a marked rise in consumption inequality. This was indicated by a rising Gini coefficient of consumption expenditure in the rural areas of 11 of the 25 states surveyed. The Gini index is used to determine the level of income inequality. A higher Gini consumption coefficient indicates greater consumption inequality, with high-income households skewing consumption in their favour.The highest Gini coefficients were in historically poorer states like Jharkhand, Nagaland and Chhattisgarh, while it was a surprise that Maharashtra, a more egalitarian state with a much higher output, showed the Gini coefficient rising to 0.291 from 0.253 over the decade under review.Spending on conveyance also showed a sharp increase over the decade—up to 7.6 per cent from 4.2 per cent in rural areas, and 8.6 per cent from 6.5 per cent in urban areas. While it is a positive that households are spending more on mobility, it also needs to be probed whether the expenses have risen because of an increase in distance people are made to commute between where they live and where they work.

Climate Change is affecting people all over the world

Vidya Das

The Ecological and Functional Literacy for Climate Friendly and Sustainable Livelihoods Project has been take up Rayagada and Koraput to address the two main causes of underdevelopment in the tribal regions, namely, illiteracy and environmental degradation. With generous support from the Signet Excipient Private Limited (SEPL), the projects reaches out to 1200 farmers in 150 villages, with the objectives of helping them to improve their production and address adverse effects of climate change while also improving education and literacy levels through youth training.

The districts under the project form part of the Eastern Ghat regions, a discontinuous range of mountains spread over 75,000 sq. km., and 1700 kms long along the east coast of India. Described as a water tower, a carbon sink, a perennial food basket and a gene reservoir, the region has more than 100 different indigenous communities, who despite the richness of the region are amongst the poorest in the country. More than 70% of the population of these districts is below the official poverty line. 43% children below 5yrs of are stunted and nearly 40% underweight, as reported in the National Family Health Survey, 2021. Much of the poverty and hunger is aggravated by loss of forest cover and goes hand in hand with environmental degradation.

The tribal communities traditionally practiced shifting cultivation, which supplemented their hunting and food gathering from the forest. A wide range of crop combinations, including millets, pulses, squash, would be cultivated in a swidden patch, providing a diverse and rich nutrition. Tribals consider the forest run off as vital for fertilizing the swidden land, while also enabling the cultivated patch to regain its forest cover patch in a matter of few years. Now, all these functions have been severely affected due to deforestation.In addition, climate change has also affected rainfall patterns. The long periods of gentle continuous rain characteristic of the Koraput monsoons in the past, has been replaced largely by much more erratic, short heavy showers, including cloud bursts leading to landslides, and severely impacting upland cultivation.

All this has lead tribal farmers to give up much of their traditional crops, and turn to commercial monocrops, that necessitate excessive use of chemicals, pesticides and herbicides. There has thus been a loss of agricultural biodiversity, with many of local traditional crop varieties that were cultivated and preserved over generations being seriously endangered. The traditional seeds and traditional cropping patterns were decided by women. With change to commercial crops, women's decision making role in agriculture has also been severely affected.Through the SEPL support, the project seeks to channelise youth energy to help farmers develop sustainable and integrated family farms, as a model for addressing the impact of climate change in upland tribal regions. The project will train youth to work as eco-leaders, that is it will enable them to provide inputs to farmers in their village and neighbouring villages for improved and sustainable land use, development and maintenance of plantations, and over all establishing a family farm that meets most of the livelihood needs of the family. In addition, the youth will also be trained and supported for running learning centres for dropouts and children in their own villages. Each youth will be encouraged to develop one acre of their land, as a Farmers' Field Schools, for training and demonstration of approaches and methods for sustainable land use and management.

The project thus seeks to demonstrate, as also build up the skills for an alternate and integrated method of land use in the tribal regions that can have multiple benefits for impoverished tribal families. It is envisaged that the visible success of the efforts will motivate other farmer neighbours to also develop their lands into sustainable family farms, and be able to stop distress migration, as also eucalyptus cultivation which dries up the water table and spoils the land for any cultivation, over the long run.

Competent leaders transcend personal bias

Swami Swaroopananda

Visionaries alone can lead a generation. Only those with the foresight to anticipate future needs can be true guides to others. Intelligence is a prerequisite, without which farsightedness is not possible. A vision provides direction and the incentive to reach the goal, which cannot happen without intelligence.We all work hard and set targets for ourselves, but often lack the vision to back up our work and goals. Understanding the ultimate purpose of our endeavours is essential. For instance, the opening of a school may fulfil immediate goals. However, it is essential to know its ultimate purpose. Is it to earn money or fame, to achieve power, or for social welfare? A visionary leader possesses clarity of purpose and a long-term perspective. His wisdom-empowered decisions benefit the community, society, and the world.When confronted with eagerness and commitment – obstacles fade away. True leaders face difficulties head-on, devising solutions without succumbing to setbacks. They are exceptional motivators with an unending zest for life and the desire to live and handle challenges. Equanimous, regardless of external circumstances, they inspire confidence in others. They take learnings from all experiences and appropriately apply them to deal with the vicissitudes of life.

Upholding values is crucial for effective leadership. Leaders who demonstrate integrity, honesty, and ethical conduct inspire respect and set examples for others. They must be humble enough to listen to and accept other opinions when appropriate.

Listening is important for gaining knowledge, whether in one's profession or on the path of spirituality. Often, we become so inflexible that we do not listen to others. Sometimes, opportunities come, but we become blind to them; sometimes, solutions are simple, but we do not listen.There is a case that illustrates this point. A Japanese company received complaints from customers that some of their cartons were arriving empty. After an investigation, they found a defect in the packaging unit. Every hundredth carton would go empty. Numerous engineers were approached to find a solution to repair the machine. Meanwhile, a worker in the department requested an audience with the CEO. The CEO thought the worker was approaching him for personal gain or favour and disregarded him. Eventually, the worker barged into the CEO's office and told him that he had a solution to the packaging problem – only a hundred dollars were needed to install a powerful fan that would compel the empty cartons to fly off. Sometimes solutions are straightforward if only we pay attention; a CEO, a leader, must listen.A competent leader reflects on the obvious, larger issues and detects subtle and hidden concerns. He transcends personal biases, exercising control over his ego to ensure impartial decisionmaking. In an organisation, the evaluation of a person should be based on the quality of his work and not on the boss' likes and dislikes.Favouritism can cause immense damage to any organisation.The above key attributes of leadership apply to those in formal positions and to anyone who aspires to lead by example.

New cabinet? Heck, I've a new cosmic address

Narayani Ganesh

Had i been a child, i would have sat and written out postcards to all my friends, updating them on my revised coordinates. For who knows, otherwise, snail mails might get delivered to another galaxy. Why the change? Well, i just re-read a decade-old report in Nature that Earth has a new address: 'Solar System, Milky Way, Laniakea.' Astronomers have discovered that the local supercluster of galaxies – which includes the Milky Way and Earth – is, in fact, one hundred times bigger in volume and mass than it was previously thought, "160 million parsecs (520 million light years) across and contains the mass of 100 million billion Suns". They have mapped the huge region and decided to name it Laniakea, a Hawaiian word that means 'immeasurable heaven'.I can see myself writing out my address after my name, door number, street, city, and country coordinates, to finish with a flourish as follows:The Earth, Solar System, Milky Way, Laniakea – Immeasurable Heaven. So what if it sounds like something out of A Midsummer Night's Dream, Alice in Wonderland, or Cosmic Tales From Here? At least it gives you the much-needed respite from yammering over, say, jail terms, the general election results, political parties slinging mud at each other, Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel at loggerheads, or even climate change and global warming. Turning towards the universe out there is so much more edifying than subjecting oneself to missile fire exchanged between insufferable netas, think-tankers, and rude talk-show hosts.

Therefore, let's return to my revised cosmic coordinates: There's another twist in the tale. Researchers say that this address, too, is not permanent (naturally!), for these "massive cosmic structures" tend to be free-floaters. Moreover, it is very difficult to ascertain where one supercluster ends and another begins! But they do say that one can attempt to chart galaxy movements by inferring the "gravitational landscape of the local universe and then redraw its map". That would involve a lot of math, computing velocities of thousands of galaxies, and subtracting from that the average rate of cosmic expansion. But even that kind of mathematical model would fall short of the whys and wherefores and still not be able to give an exact figure or position.Researchers at Hawaii University led by Brent Tully used an algorithm to translate these velocities into a three-dimensional field of galaxy flow and density, reports Nature. "We really can't claim to have a good understanding of cosmology if we cannot explain this motion," says Tully.The point is: why split hairs, reducing the cosmos to algorithms and grids, when the macro picture is incredibly beautiful? Embrace your new cosmic coordinate while it lasts, a temporary but charming reprieve from all earthly shenanigans and tragedies, conflicts, and miseries. Enjoy, at least for a while, before you get your hands dirty once again with boring earthly affairs.

One more thing: once we map and chart, and explain everything there is, will that signal the end of human imagination? It will certainly end mystery, magic, and wonder, leaving us with only cold maps and tables, models and grids to chew on. Ouch.

Let's put the polite back into the polity

Jug Suraiya

The protagonist in a John Barth novel always puts on his best clothes when he has to perform a manual chore, particularly if it's a messy one, like topping up the engine oil in his car.He does this in a conscious departure from the convention of having separate 'work clothes', rough and ready wear, often stained and grubby, that we put on when we have to, literally and metaphorically, roll up our sleeves to perform a task that involves getting ourselves a bit mucky and grimy.His reason for doing this is that sloppy clothes lead to sloppy work. When he puts on his best shirt and suit before performing a job that involves getting his hands dirty, he makes himself mindful of what he's doing, and how he's doing it, with precision and care, both for the work at hand and for the need to keep his clothes clean.he words we use are said to be the clothes of our thought, of what we think and feel, or what we might call our mental wardrobe. This wardrobe, so to speak, often reflects what we think and do. This is why different clothes are deemed suitable for different occasions. The festive finery we would sport at a celebratory event such as a wedding is very different from the sober raiment we would don to attend a memorial service, and in each case we would modulate what we say and do to suit the situation.Such reflections on how we clothe our thoughts and deeds, how we address ourselves in public life, are not mistimed when we emerge from the heat and dust, the sound and the fury, of the biggest battlefield of the ballot box ever witnessed on earth, a Kurukshetra of democracy involving a billion participants.Now, as "The tumult and the shouting dies;/ The Captains and the Kings depart", it might be appropriate to take a pause to consider and distinguish between the rough and ready verbal garb of the polemics of the electoral fray, and the original meaning of the word 'politics'.The term is derived from the Greek 'politika', affairs of the city or polis. When Greece was made up of city states, like Athens and Sparta, the citizens were 'polites', residents of the polis.

Law Awareness Camp in Schools on World Day Against Child Labour

Ranpur, (AoBureau) : Every year, 12th of June is observed as World Day Against Child Labour. No child labour shall be employed below the age of 18 years. If they are employed, it is a criminal offence. States like Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar are witnessing high levels of child labor. In 1986, a law was enacted in the country that there will be no child labour. Free education from 6 to 14 years is compulsory, no one can deprive a child of this right, Ranpur Court



Judge and Taluk Legal Service Committee Chairman Shri Gauri Shankar Panda expressed his opinion.In this context, Ranpur Taluk Legal Service Committee has organized an awareness camp on World Day Against Child Labour at Hansra Upper Primary School of Narsinghpur Cluster of Ranpur Block . Ranpur Court Judge and Taluk Legal Service Committee Chairman Mr. Gauri Shankar Panda as the chief guest, Ranpur Bar Association President and senior lawyer Subash Chandra Jena as the chief guest, Ranpur Bar Association senior lawyer Girija Shankar Samantray as the guest of honor, Krupasindhu Behera, senior lawyer, school Headmaster Niladri Subudhi, CRCC Susil Kumar Rana, Senior Journalist Biswaranjan Acharya were prominently present. In this awareness camp, the guests taught the school students that child labor is a crime under the law and also talked about the rights of children under the constitution. Taluk Legal Service Committee member Rajesh Kumar Mallick, Siddharth Shankar Swain, Para-Legal Volunteer Pramod Kumar Sahu, Jitendra Swain and school teachers assisted in conducting the programme.

Friendly Invitation Cup Badminton tournament held by Paradip Badminton Association

PARADEEP.(AoBureau): Inaugural Friendly Invitation Cup Badminton tournament organised by Paradip Badminton Association was successfully conducted on 9th June 2024 at Paradip Port Authority Officers' Club.The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of players showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship.With 34 players divided into 4 groups, the tournament featured intense matches in various categories, including Open Singles, Veteran Singles, Open Doubles, Veteran Doubles etc. From Bokaro steel plant 3 teams, Rourkela steel plant 2 teams, 1 team from SAIL office and 11 teams from Paradip Badminton Association joined the proceedings.The event was graced by the presence of SAIL ED Logistics Shri Subash Kumar Das & Shri A.K. Bose, Advisor, Traffic, PPA, who presented the awards and expressed his admiration for the players' commitment & sportsmanship. In the final match played by Bokaro vs Paradip, Bokaro Steel Plant emerged as the overall winner.

Wild Elephant Tramples Elderly Woman To Death In Athagarh

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): An elderly woman was trampled to death in Tnguri Reserve Forest under Badamba Range in Athagarh, on Tuesday.The deceased has been identified as Gayadhar Dehuri, a resident of Khalimati village under Badamba police limits.According to sources, the elderly woman had gone to Tanguri Reserve Forest to collect wood on Tuesday. As she delayed returning home, her family members made a frantic search for her.They informed the forest department after they failed to trace Gayadhar. Forest officials found her mutilated body lying in the forest and seized it. It is suspected from the circumstantial evidence that the woman died after being attacked by an elephant."The body has been sent to Badamba Community Health Centre for post-mortem. Her kin will be provided ex-gratia as per the government provision", said forester Krushna Chandra Swain.

Two Students Drown In Hadagarh Dam In Keonjhar

Keonjhar(AoBureau): In a tragic incident, two students drowned while bathing in the Hadagarh dam on Salandi river under Soso police limits in Keonjhar district on Wednesday.According to Soso police, the deceased students have been identified as Soumyajit Nayak of Tihidi and Iswar Das of Barpada. Both were aged about 19 years.Five students had gone to take a bath in the dam when the mishap took place.

Chhattisgarh Minor Drowns In Indravati River



Koraput(AoBureau): In a tragic incident, a minor boy drowned in the Indravati River near Sadaranga village under Kotpad police limits in Odisha's Koraput district on Wednesday morning.The deceased is a native of Ukanpali village in the neighbouring Chhattisgarh State.According to reports, the deceased was visiting his relative's house in Sadaranga village on the occasion of a local festival called Baliyatra. He bathed in the Indiravati River with his relatives this morning. While bathing, he slipped into deep water and went missing. His body was recovered after an hour's search. On being informed, the local police reached the spot and started an investigation. They sent the body of the minor for postmortem.

Man Convicted In Murder Case Escapes From Karanjia Sub-Jail

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): In a shocking incident, a prisoner serving a life sentence in the Karanjia sub-jail of Mayurbhanj district escaped on Wednesday.The absconding prisoner, identified as Laxman Mohanty, was serving life in a murder case registered under the Thakurmunda police station.In the absence of the jailer, who is currently on leave, the sub-jailer of Karanjia Jail lodged a written complaint at Karanjia police station.A similar case was reported from the Karanjia sub-jail in 2019 when a prisoner named Bhagwan Tudu who was also serving a life term in a murder case, escaped from the prison for which the then-serving jailer blamed the jail warder for the incident.The jail warder, not being able to handle public humiliation had committed suicide.

BSF Personnel Bust Maoist Dump In Malkangiri

Malkangiri (AoBureau): BSF personnel busted a Maoist dump on Tulsi hill under Mathili block in Malkangiri district on Tuesday.According to reports, BSF personnel during a routine search operation on Tulsi hill near Kermiti village in Temrupalli panchayat in the afternoon today recovered tiffin bombs, Maoist uniforms, belts, solar plates, electric wire, iron cutters, torchlights and other utility items from the dump. The explosives were found hidden in crevices of large rocks.Following the recovery BSF have intensified combing operations in the area.

District level coordination meetings are held for effective management of natural calamities

SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau): To deal with the possible flood situation in the district, a district-level coordination meeting has been held at the conference hall of the Collectorate under the chairmanship of Mrs. Anya Das, Collector. In this meeting convened by the District Emergency Branch, various departments presented detailed information on departmental programs on pre-flood, post-flood and post-flood measures on departmental preparedness and action to deal with possible floods in the district. Discussed in detail and directed all departments to be prepared keeping in mind the very serious impact of the disaster for proper and successful response to the possible floods and stressed on wide public awareness of any advance information related to floods and



keeping all essential items available in flood shelters ahead of time. In this context, he advised the officials to work in harmony with each other and emphasize on zero casualty in the district. Every officer and employee of the district should be fully prepared to deal with the possible flood and take urgent measures based on the situation. Directed the concerned officers and BDOs to ensure functioning of 24-hour control room at district level, sub-division level, block level and various departmental offices for management. In this regard, Collector advised to ensure necessary preparation at all block level and Municipalities Sonepur, NAC Binika and Tarva and related departments at their respective levels.Collector Mrs. Das has instructed to take a table top in two stages from 18/06/24 morning to 10:00 am to 01:00 am at the district level and from 02:00 to 05:00 am at the block and ULB level in order to ensure a successful and systematic response to the disaster. While the exercise will be held on 19/06/24 at 9 am, a mock drill will be held at 6 multipurpose flood shelters in the district. In the meeting held, Additional District Magistrate Rajendra Majhi, Additional District Magistrate Anjalina Pradhan, CDO and Executive Officer Zilla Parishad Ashwini Kumar Meher. Sub Collector Sonepur Suraj Kumar Patnaik, Birmaharajpur Sub Collector Lalatendu C major participated and expressed their well-thought-out views and expressed their views on maintaining good coordination between departments and working with a strong mentality to deal with potential floods. Officers, all Block Development Officers, Tehsildars, Executive Officers Municipality Sonepur and Notified Area Councils Binika and Tarva, district representatives of various media were prominently present. Deputy Collector K. Richi Kumar welcomed the meeting and highlighted the approach and rationale of the program. District Emergency Branch Project Officer Biswanath Nayak gave information on program outline, systematic work.

Woman 'Poisoned' To Death In Sundargarh; Husband Booked

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): A woman was found dead under mysterious circumstances at a slum under Banai police limits, on Wednesday.The deceased has been identified as Raindra Sekhar Deo's daughter Mani of Rajgangpur.Mani's family alleged that she was poisoned to death by her in-laws.According to the deceased's family, Mani was married to Amit Singh of Tola slum under Banai police limits four months back. From very first day of her marriage, she was meted out torture by her in-laws and family. Her in-laws killed her by giving her food laced with poison.Mani's parents also accused her in-laws of not disclosing about her death."They did not think it necessary to inform us about her death. We got to know about it from other sources and were shocked to find our daughter lying dead on a hospital bed", alleged Mani's mother.Mani's death sparked tension at the hospital as the deceased's father and husband engaged in a serious altercation. Mani's father is alleged to have assaulted his son-in-law who is meanwhile undergoing treatment at the hospital.On the other hand, Mani's husband Amit declining the allegations levelled against him and his family stated that Mani committed suicide by consuming poison. We rushed her to the hospital after knowing that. However, doctors declared her brought dead on arrival. My in-laws without understanding the fact accused us of killing Mani and assaulted us.Acting on a complaint filed by Mani's parents, Banai police began an investigation into it.

BMC To Clean Bhubaneswar Lanes To Combat Mosquito Menace

Bhubaneswr(AoBureau): The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) recently undertook a GIS-based survey of the capital city of Bhubaneswar and divided it into 13,000 lanes to take up cleaning activities at regular intervals to combat mosquito menace.As a part of the initiative ahead of the monsoon, the BMC has trained 800 sanitary workers to ensure the destruction of mosquito breeding sources. Each sanitary worker has been asked to cover 350 households for inspection and awareness.According to reports, the civic body plans to clean up stagnant water from abandoned vehicles that hinder sanitation activities and result in traffic jams and impose fines on owners after identifying them.In addition, the BMC plans to deploy at least three staff in each ward to eliminate mosquito larvae from the breeding sources.It is worth mentioning here that about 235 dengue cases have been detected in Odisha this year. According to the Health Department, one dengue case was detected in Bhubaneswar and two others in Puri on Monday.

Woman beheaded: son-in-law attested

Ranpur, 12/06: Ranpur Police has cracked the case of killing the wife of a CRPF soldier in Ranpur police station area of ??Nayagarh district. The Superintendent of Police, Nayagarh, Rahul Jain held a press conference at Ranpur police station today and exposed the murder.Namitha Behura was shot dead in Kotnishila village under Rajsunakhla outpost of Nayagarh district yesterday. Namitha's son Shaswat registered the case at the police station. At the same time, Shaswat informed the CRPF who is Namita's husband living outside. In this incident, the Ranpur police initiated a case in Case No. 213 and conducted an investigation.With this, three teams were formed under the leadership of DSP and the investigation was



started. The senior officers along with the scientific team started the investigation. From the preliminary investigation, evidence has been found that Sharat Kumar Swain of the said village, who is the younger son-in-law of deceased Namita, has committed the murder. Ranpur IIC Nihar Ranjan Mohanty intensified the investigation in this case. Investigations were conducted from various angles. Who else is involved in this case is still under investigation. The charge sheet will be provided to the court within a month, said the Superintendent of Police. A knife has been seized from the murderer's son-in-law Sharat Kumar Swain. Police are still investigating who else is involved in this murder case. The superintendent of Police has informed that the cause of murder will be revealed in a few days. In the preliminary investigation, information has been found that the son-in-law killed the woman. The police have informed that the charge sheet of the murder will be submitted to the court within 30 days. All policemen of Ranpur police station,



Kajol's 'The Trial' Co-Actress Noor Malabika Das Found Dead At Home; Suicide Suspected

Actress Noor Malabika Das, who worked with Kajol in the streaming show 'The Trial', was found dead at her residence in the Lokhandwala area of Mumbai.Police suspect it to be a case of suicide, according to media reports.Noor, originally from Assam, had previously worked as an air hostess with Qatar Airways.Her body was recovered from her flat after her neighbours noticed a foul smell and alerted the authorities.Mumbai police personnel had to break open the door after receiving no response from inside. Upon entering, they found her body in a decomposed state, hanging from a ceiling fan. Following standard procedures, the police filed a complaint and attempted to contact her family, but no immediate family members came forward to claim her body.Media reports indicate that the police have collected samples, including medicines and mobile phones, from her home as part of the investigation.

5 must-have breathable fabrics for a cool summer wardrobe

As the summer season continues to soar, the heat has entirely engulfed us. With temperatures soaring up to 52 degrees, breaking all records in certain parts of the country, this year's heatwave feels like a personal hell for many. For those who find themselves sweating buckets even during a 20-minute commute, dressing appropriately can make a world of difference. If you're someone always in a hurry to hit the office on time and end up drenched in sweat, it's crucial to wear fabrics that will help you survive this scorching heat. Kanupriya, Designer at Latin Quarters, shared with HT Lifestyle the five best fabric materials to keep you fresh and stylish, no matter how high the temperatures rise.

It's time to get ready to refresh your wardrobe with these summer-friendly fabrics to overcome the heat with ease.

5 must-have fabrics for summers

First things first, bid farewell to your thick, tight jeans and opt for lightweight, natural, and breathable fabrics. While cotton has long been a staple of summer wardrobes, there are other fabrics worth considering to expand your summer-friendly collection. Here's a breakdown of the best fabrics and where to find your summer style. (Also read: Summer fashion trends 2024: 5 chic looks you must try for effortless style and comfort)

1) Cotton: An all-time summer saviour

Cotton is a summer wardrobe champion for a reason. It's breathable, lightweight, and comfortable. As a natural fibre, cotton allows air to circulate freely, ensuring airflow that dries damp areas of the body. A good quality lightweight cotton absorbs moisture, helping you cool down quickly. It also comes in a variety of styles and colours, making it a versatile choice.

2) The Three 'C' Rule of Linen: Cool, comfortable and classic

Linen is another excellent choice for hot weather. This loosely woven, natural fibre allows heat to escape from the body, absorbs moisture, and dries quickly, keeping you cool and comfortable. Linen is also malleable and doesn't stick to the body, though it can wrinkle easily. If you prefer a smoother look, consider linen blends.

For the everyday working individual, linen is a practical and stylish option. Its breathability makes it ideal for long hours at the office, ensuring you stay cool during commutes and meetings. Linen's versatility means it can be dressed up or down, making it perfect for both professional settings and casual outings.

3) Shed with weight with Chambray

Chambray often comes in a higher thread count, resulting in a finer weave and more breathable fabric. Chambray has a similar look to denim, allowing you to achieve the denim look without the weight and heat of actual denim. Chambray is often mistaken for denim because of its similar weave: a blue warp and a white weft woven together. But while denim is sturdy and can be stiff, Chambray is the opposite: lightweight and airy with a softer feel. This makes Chambray a perfect summer fabric.

4) A centuries-old summer companion: Muslin

In the sweltering heat, Muslin stands out as the go-to fabric for staying cool and chic. Crafted with a single weft thread alternating over and under a single warp thread, Muslin's soft and feather-like texture makes it a no-brainer for summers. Its breathability and lightweight nature ensure comfort in both dry heat and humidity. Derived from natural fibres like cotton, Muslin allows for excellent airflow, keeping the body cool and comfortable during hot weather while providing utmost comfort in wear.

5) Hemp: For all-time comfort and seasonal style

Hemp boasts antimicrobial properties and durability, making it an ideal choice for summer. Its high breathability and high absorbency make it a winning contender for summer. If that's not enough to convince you, hemp is stronger and better insulating than cotton. Hemp fabric has a natural resistance to UV rays, protecting it from the sun's harmful rays. Its ability to swiftly absorb and wick away moisture ensures you stay dry and comfortable on any summer adventure. With hemp, both you and your attire can breathe easy and stay cool throughout the season.



Mango Millet Cheesecake Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

For Cheesecake
Cream Cheese 300 gms
Sweetened Condensed Milk 120 gms
White Chocolate 40 gms
Heavy Cream 130 gms
For Millet Crumble
Millet Biscuits 200 gms
Butter 50 gms
For Glaze
Vegetarian Gelatin 30 gms
Castor Sugar 400 gms
Mango juice 400 gms



METHOD:

For the Base

Crush millet cookies, add melted butter, and mix the ingredients thoroughly. Grease a cheesecake mould, line the bottom of the cake mould with the mixture and flatten equally.

For the Batter

1) Whisk Philadelphia-style cream cheese in a kitchen aid with a paddle attachment for 5-6 minutes until soft and smooth. Using a spatula, scrape down the sides regularly.

2) Chop the white chocolate into small pieces. In a saucepan, bring the heavy cream to a 35% boil, pour it over the chopped white chocolate, and make a ganache.

3) Stir the condensed milk into the ganache. Fold small amounts of ganache mix into the cream cheese. Do the process continuously to avoid making any lumps.

Tips for crafting the perfect AM skincare routine



The dewy hours of the morning bring forth a new day filled with endless possibilities and a chance to wake up your skin from its slumber. Skin that feels fresh and rejuvenated sets the tone for your entire day, acting as the foundation of a positive journey that awaits you. The key to healthy skin and an uplifted mood is none other than curating a consistent morning skincare regimen, which is nothing short of a love letter dedicated solely to your skin. After awakening from the night's tedious process of repairing and regeneration, it's certain that your skin requires that dose of extra attention in the morning.

Tips for Morning Skincare

Dr. Simal Soin, Founder and Chief Dermatologist, AAYNA Clinics and Chief Medical Officer, Clinikally shared with HT Lifestyle an easy morning skincare regime designed to keep your skin singing praises all day long.

1. Starting Off with Cleansing

After a long night, the skin tends to produce sebum, sweat and dead skin cells, which build up on the skin and clog the pores. By cleansing the skin in the morning, you can not only rid these impurities but wake up to revitalised skin. Having said that, it's pivotal to use a mild cleanser that refreshes the skin without stripping off its natural oil.

As a result, individuals dealing with oily and acne-prone skin should surely use a cleanser with salicylic acid or benzoyl peroxide, crafted to prevent excessive oil and breakouts. At the same time, for dry or sensitive skin, a gentle hydrating cleanser will work best without causing any irritation.

2. Applying Serums

When it comes to the morning skincare regimen, serums are the unsung heroes that can bind the skin together in a blend of brightness and hydration. These lightweight formulas go a long mile in delivering potent ingredients to your skin. Packed with concentrated active elements that are known for targeting specific skin concerns, whether it's skin plumping or tightening, serums are an entire package. Spanning from peptide gel serums to Vitamin C, there's an endless number of serums available in the market.

Tips to reduce chronic low-grade inflammation: Nutritionist explains



Processed foods contain artificial sweeteners, additives, colouring and added sugars. These are all sources of inflammation. We should reduce processed food intakeWhole, nutrient-dense foods contain antioxidants that help in reducing levels of free radicals responsible for causing inflammation. We can stimulate the vagus nerve with breathwork, cold exposure and humming – this helps in reducing the production of proinflammatory cytokines. Food items rich in Omega-3 fatty acids should be included in the diet. Foods such as fatty fish, flaxseeds and walnuts have anti-inflammatory properties. Consumption of prebiotic and probiotic food items can help the gut to strengthen against inflammation. Regulating blood sugar in the body also helps in combatting inflammation.

India Men And Women Make Winning Start In Asian Team Squash Championships



Dalian (China): The Indian men's and women's teams made a winning start in the Asian Team Squash Championships 2024 here on Tuesday. The teams began positively in the group stages. The men were without the promising Abhay Singh, who pulled out due to injury.The women, spearheaded by Rathika Suthanthira Seelan, beat Macau and Mongolia, while the men, headed by Velavan Senthikumar, began with a convincing 3-1 win over Kuwait, before falling short against Japan, according to information provided by the SFI on Wednesday.India's results (scores received so far):Men: India bt Kuwait 2-1 (Velavan Senthilkumar bt Athbi Hamad 11-4, 11-5, 11-4; Rahul Baitha lost to Md Alkhanfar 8-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-9, 2-11; Suraj Kumar Chand bt Bader Almoghrebi 11-6, 11-7, 11-6).Women: India bt Macau 2-1 (Rathika Suthanthira Seelan bt Liu Kwai Chi 11-4, 11-4, 11-5; Pooja Arthi Raghu lost to Yeung Weng Chi 6-11, 5-11, 2-11; Janet Vidhi bt Yeung Wai Leng 11-9, 6-11, 14-12, 11-9).

India bt Mongolia 3-0 (Rathika bt Ariunbileg Altankhuyag 11-2, 11-3, 11-4; Pooja bt Myadagaa Dogsom 11-1, 11-1, 11-1; Sunita Patel bt Saran Khishigbaatar 11-1, 11-1, 11-1).

ICC Rankings: Mohammad Nabi Topples Shakib Al Hasan As No. 1 T20I All-Rounder



Dubai: Afghanistan's unbeaten start to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup has reshaped the ICC Men's T20I All-Rounder Rankings, with veteran star Mohammad Nabi leading the charge as the No. 1 all-rounder in the latest ICC T20I rankings.Nabi's two-wicket haul against New Zealand in Guyana catapulted him to the No. 1 spot on the T20I all-rounder list. Climbing two places, Nabi displaced previous top-ranked Shakib Al Hasan, who tumbled to fifth place amid a significant reshuffling. Australia's Marcus Stoinis also capitalised on the shake-up, jumping three spots to secure second place.Rahmanullah Gurbaz, the dynamic opener, is making headlines as the leading run-scorer in the T20 World Cup with 156 runs from two innings. His explosive form has elevated him eight places to a career-high 12th on the T20I batters' rankings. Meanwhile, India's Suryakumar Yadav maintains a commanding lead, with other notable movements including Pakistan's Babar Azam climbing to third, England's Jos Buttler moving to fifth, and Australia's Travis Head entering the top 10.Afghanistan's prowess is also reflected in the bowling rankings. The ever-impressive Rashid Khan has moved up four spots to third, while Fazalhaq Farooqi's stellar performances have seen him rise six places to a shared fourth position with South Africa's Anrich Nortje, who also ascended four rungs.Not to be outdone, Bangladesh's bowlers too made significant strides as Mustafizur Rahman leapt 10 spots to 13th, Taskin Ahmed is up eight places to 19th, and Rishad Hossain has surged 24 places to 30th, following commendable performances against Sri Lanka and South Africa.

'No One Will Hand Us Anything...', Captain Gurpreet Reacts To India Controversial Loss To Qatar



Doha: Indian football took a huge hit on Tuesday night with a 2-1 loss against Asian Champions Qatar despite being in front for a majority of the game.The loss against Qatar ended the fans' dreams of seeing the team qualify for the third round of the FIFA WC Qualifiers, a stage which the team has never reached before.The loss also means that India will not receive automatic qualification to the AFC Asian Cup 2027.Following the game, newly appointed Indian captain, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu took to Instagram to express his thoughts on the game and to assure fans that better things are coming."We had the belief, we had the chance to make amends even after everything. The boys gave everything on the pitch last night to make it happen but yet it didn't. Yesterday's unfortunate result and the incident of the equalizer is a lesson that where we want to go, you don't just need the hook but the crook as well. No one will hand us anything, we have to take it," read the post on Instagram.Sandhu also went on to applaud the fans of the team who have supported the side despite not having much motivation to do so.

"For all the people who supported us throughout this campaign even with lows and the highs, thank you, we hear you and we will make you proud," concluded the Indian skipper.

Shardul undergoes foot surgery in London

New Delhi: His performance in the recent times was not very impressive, excepting the Ranji Trophy last season. Ether playing occasionally for India or for his Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Chennai Super Kings (CSK), all-rounder Shardul Thakur appeared a pale shadow of his potentials in last few months. However, in the meantime Thakur has undergone a successful foot surgery in London. The surgery, which took place in London, was necessitated by a foot injury he sustained during the previous IPL season. In a social media post on 'Instagram' Thakur shared his post-surgery photograph and wrote in the caption, "Operated successfully."During his debut Test against the West Indies, Thakur sustained a groin injury, and a hamstring issue kept him out of the iconic Lord's Test against England in 2021. Earlier this year, an ankle injury during the South Africa tour forced him to miss a crucial Ranji Trophy clash against Kerala.Despite these setbacks, Thakur made a strong return to India's premier first-class tournament, the Ranji Trophy, and asked for the BCCI to provide longer breaks in the schedule to ensure players have adequate recovery and preparation time.The IPL 2024 season was a tough one for Thakur. In nine matches, he managed to take only five wickets, with an economy rate of 9.76 and an average of 61.80, far below his usual

T20 World Cup: Arshdeep's Four-Fer Restricts USA To 110/8 In Key Clash



New York: A clinical bowling performances by pacer Arshdeep Singh (4-9) and Hardik Pandya (2 for 14) helped India restrict host the United States to 110 for 8 in a Group A match of ICC Men's T20 World Cup at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium here on Wednesday.Put in to bat first, the host had a disappointing start on a track that offered plenty of swing and seam movement. It took Arshdeep all of one delivery to strike Shayan Jahangir's pad with a superb in-swinger.With three overs on the scoreboard, USA were yet to score a boundary and had already lost two wickets, both in the first over to Arshdeep Singh. Andries Gous tried to slap a short-of-length delivery but was defeated by an extra bounce.The USA's only boundary in the Power-play came off a top edge that flew over fine-leg for six when Aaron Jones attempted to hook a Mohammed Siraj bumper. After scores of 94* and 36*, Jones couldn't get going against India. He got away with a short ball that he top-edged for six off Siraj, but fell trying to pull Hardik as the ball skidded on quicker than he anticipated. It's Siraj who took the catch at fine leg to effect the dismissal.Shivam Dube, who bowled all of one over in IPL 2024, was given the ball and USA went after him immediately with eleven runs in the over. Steven Taylor cut loose by walloping a 122kph half-tracker over deep midwicket. The USA were 42 for 3 after the halfway mark.Axar Patel was handed the ball ahead of Ravindra Jadeja and he got the dangerus Steven Taylor (24) off his second over, after conceding 12 runs in the over. A ball after he was dismissed into the stands off a slot ball, Axar slowed it down and shortened his length nicely to have Taylor chop on while attempting a cut shot.Nitish Kumar, who hit the last ball for a four to take their game against Pakistan into a Super Over, had a clean swing. It didn't take him long to find his hitting range. Hardik kept bowling length and short-of-a-length but got punished at the first instance of bowling. Two balls later, he drilled another straight hit off a full delivery.In the following over, Corey Anderson slog-swept Axar to the deep midwicket fence. After a crawl of a first half, USA finally got momentum towards the end and were eyeing a score of 120. However, Kumar's (27) journey was cut short by Arshdeep Singh courtesy of Mohammad Siraj picking a blinder at deep mid-wicket.

Shooting World Cup: Bhowneesh In Line For Men's Trap Final At Lonato



New Delhi: Paris Olympic quota winner Bhowneesh Mendiratta shot a three-round qualification score of 74 out of 75 in Men's Trap, to stay in contention for a top-six finish in qualifying round and finals berth at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun in Lonato, Italy on Wednesday.The 24-year-old Indian shotgun shooter will come back on Thursday for the last two rounds of qualification, with the final slated later in the day. Yu Haicheng of China was on top of the leaderboard with a perfect 75 at this stage.Bhowneesh was the best Indian on the show on Wednesday as the others in Men's Trap, namely, Prithviraj Tondaiman (71) was in 21st and Vivaan Kapoor (70) was in 33rd position had quite a lot of ground to cover.In the Women's Trap, Shreyasi Singh (67) and Rajeshwari Kumari (67) shot identical scores to occupy the 15th and 17th positions respectively while Manish Keer shot 64 to lie 43rd at this stage.

FIFA WC Qualifiers: India Lose Out On Qualification Dreams With Controversial 1-2 Loss Against Qatar



Doha: Indian football fans were again left seething in frustration as the side fell against Asian Champions Qatar despite taking the lead in the first half. The scoreline ended 2-1 in favour of the home side at the Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium in a game surrounded by controversy.In their first game without former skipper Sunil Chhetri, Gurpreet Sandhu started the game with the captain's armband and came agonizingly close to leading the team to their first-ever trip to the third round of the FIFA WC Qualifiers. The loss also means that India will not receive automatic qualification to the AFC Asian Cup 2027.Qatar started the game on the front foot and almost took the lead through a well-worked corner which was saved by the vigilant skipper in goal. Mahtab Singh rescued the side in the opening minutes as Qatari forward Alrawi was in an excellent position to score but a brilliant block by the defender led to a goal-line clearance.Despite a rocky start India grew into the game and came close to scoring on multiple occasions with Manvir Singh, Rahim Ali, and Lallianzuala Chhangte coming close to opening the scoring. The breakthrough came in the 37th minute through a brilliant pass by Brandon Fernandes who found Chhangte inside the box which the 27-year-old slotted into the back of the net.Controversy broke out during the 75th minute as Yousef Aymen scored a goal despite the ball having clearly rolled out of the pitch in the build-up. The Indian players and captain Sandhu all pleaded with the referee, but the absence of VAR led to the goal standing which meant the game remained tied. All hopes ended for India as the side lost all momentum and ended up conceding the second goal in the 85th minute through a brilliant finish by Alrawi from outside the box.Kuwait won their fixture against Afghanistan (1-0), securing their progress to the next round. It was a brilliant turnaround by the side that started the day from the bottom of the table.It is back to the drawing board for India who will have to take the result with a pinch of salt. A new era of the sport awaits the team,

Jindal Stainless launches Warrior' campaign, addressesissues of women inequality, child labour, andsocial injustice



Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturer,today launched the (Corrosion) Warrior'brand campaign to coincide with the World Day Against Child Labour. The campaign aims at building skills for sustainable societal change by showcasing a positive social impact on the lives of fabricators through the company's Stainless Academyinitiative. The Academy aimsto develop an ecosystem that drives awareness and appropriate adoption of stainless steel,under which Jindal Stainless provides free fabrication trainingto fabricators.The 'Warrior' brand campaign, as part of the larger 'Jindal Saathi 5.0' project, includes three heart-warming videos that put the spotlight on prevalent social issuesin India such as women inequality, social injustice,besides child labour. The videos unravel theemotional stories of individuals who have found a path to economic independence and self-reliance through the Stainless Academy. The first video highlights how the programme empowers women to achieve economic independence and break gender barriers in the fabrication industry. The second video focuses on equipping fabricators with unique skillsets to build a brighter future for themselves and their families by ensuring their children's well-being and education, in turn helping eradicate child labour. The third video, meanwhile, showcases the opportunities created through these fabricator training programmes for individuals from underprivileged backgrounds to gain acceptance and respect in the society.Talking about the campaign, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, said, "At Jindal Stainless, we believe everyone deserves a chance to build a successful future for themselves and their families. The 'Warrior' campaign is an expression of this core value. It is dedicated to all those warriors who are fighting against societal evils.We are proud to see the Stainless Academy empowering individuals to overcome social barriers and achieve self-reliance.So far, more than 32,000 fabricators have benefitted from them, and we plan to target as many as 16,000 fabricatorsin FY25 alone.

TPSODL Bags Kalinga Environment Excellence Award



Berhampur- TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) has been honored with the prestigious Kalinga Environment Excellence Award. The accolade was presented during the 9th National Conclave on Environment, Energy, and Climate Change - 2024, held in Bhubaneswar.The event, organized by the Institute of Quality and Environment Management Services (IQEMS) and the Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE), Hyderabad, recognized TPSODL in the esteemed Four-Star category for its outstanding performance in environmental conservation and sustainable development practices in 2023. Her Excellency Lebohang Valentine Mochaba, High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Lesotho, presented the award to TPSODL, acknowledging the company's significant contributions and achievements in implementing innovative and effective environmental conservation practices. TPSODL's initiatives have not only enhanced operational efficiency but have also positively impacted the communities it serves by promoting sustainable practices and reducing the environmental footprint. The company's dedication to environmental stewardship is evident in its continuous efforts to integrate sustainability into its core operations.

India's CPI Inflation Eases To 12-Month Low Of 4.75 Per Cent In May

New Delhi: India's consumer price inflation eased to a 12-month low of 4.75 per cent in May, compared to the same month of the previous year as declining fuel and cooking oil prices helped to bring down the burden on household budgets, figures released by the Ministry of Statistics on Wednesday showed.
CPI inflation had come down to 4.83 per cent in April, which was an 11-month low and the declining trend is continuing."Spices has shown a considerable decline at sub-group level in year-on-year inflation as compared to April 2024. Among the groups, inflation corresponding to 'Clothing & Footwear', 'Housing', and 'Miscellaneous' has decreased since last month," the Ministry said.The declining trend in cooking oil prices continued in May with a 6.7 per cent fall during the month. The price rise in spices slowed to 4.27 per cent from 11.4 per cent in April.The inflation in pulses, however, stayed high at 17.14 per cent.Vegetable prices, too, shot up by as much as 27.33 per cent, albeit a tad lower than 27.8 per cent in April which remains a pain point for consumers. The prices of cereals also increased by 8.65 per cent during the month.Food inflation, which accounts for nearly half of the overall consumer price basket, rose 7.87 per cent in April, compared with an 8.52 per cent rise in the previous month.The country's CPI inflation has been showing a declining trend in recent months as it fell to 4.85 per cent in March from 5.09 per cent in February and 5.1 per cent in January this year.However, it is still above the RBI's mid-term target of 4 per cent and is the main reason why the central bank has not gone in for a cut in interest rates to rev up growth.The RBI is keen to keep inflation under control to ensure growth with stability and held the repo rate steady at 6.5 per cent for the eighth consecutive time in a row in its bi-monthly monetary policy review on Friday.While the RBI has raised its projected GDP growth estimate to 7.2 per cent

Tata Steel Joda Hosts Conclave on Sustainable Mining Practices



Joda, (AoBureau): In a bid to create a cohesive strategy for sustainable development of the mining-rich Joda, Barbil and Koira region, Tata Steel Joda organised EcoVista-2024 conclave on - Exploring Sustainable Mining Practices and Fostering Industrial Collaboration for Regional Development at Joda on Wednesday.The day-long event, attended by around 200 enthusiasts from 25 mining, industrial units and technology solutions providers of the region, was organised under the aegis of Mining Engineers' Association of India (MEAI), Barajamda Chapter. The event witnessed presence of Atul Kumar Bhatnagar, General Manager, Ore Mines and Quarries Division, Tata Steel, Rajesh Kumar, Chief, Joda, Tata Steel, PravinSrivastav, Chief, Slurry Project, Tata Steel, DipakBehera, Chief, Kalamang& Gandhalpada Project, Anurag Ojha, Regional Manager, Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC), Abanikant Pradhan, Regional Manager, OMC, AnukulBiswal, Associate Vice President (Mining), JSW, Pramod Kumar Patra, Unit Head, Kasia Mine, JSPL and AjitPatra, Cluster Head, Iron Mine, Adani Group among others.At the outset, renowned social activist and Padma Shri Tulasi Munda and, Padma Shri Daitari Naik, popularly known as Canal Man of Odisha, were felicitated for their immense contribution towards the society.Along with video messages from D B SundaraRamam, Vice President, Raw Materials Tata Steel & Vice President-I MEAI, S N Mathur, President, MEAI, Laxman Singh Shekhawat, Vice President - III, MEAI, the event featured welcome adress by DipakBehera, Chief Kalamang & Gandhalpada Project and keynote presentations by industry stalwarts covering diversified topics including use of green energy and remote drilling technology in mines, blast-free mining, mine digitalization and automation and, socio economic development of the region by effective policy execution and empowerment of communities. During interactive session it was observed that implementation of robust environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies can help mining companies to mitigate risks and achieve long-term sustainability goals along with economic growth and social inclusion of the communities.Besides, participants stressed on digital transformation and adoption of applications as crucial for thriving in the future across all industries, particularly for mining companies.

Real Estate And Construction Stocks Jump After Announcement Of 3 Crore Houses Under PMAY



Mumbai: Real estate and construction sector shares were trading in the green on Wednesday after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new cabinet announced the construction of 3 crore additional houses in rural and urban areas under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).This is the third consecutive session when real estate and sector stocks have remained bullish.Shares of Godrej Properties, UltraTech Cement, Mahindra Lifespace, LIC Housing, ShreeCement and NCC were in the green.In the last five trading sessions, UltraTech Cement shot up nearly 10 per cent, Ambuja and Shree Cement each rallied 6 per cent, Godrej Properties soared 5 per cent, Mahindra Lifespace Jumped 9 per cent, LIC Housing shot up 11 per cent and NCC soared nearly 10 per cent.Buying is seen in the broader market. At 1 p.m., Sensex was up 399 points or 0.52 per cent, at 76,855 and Nifty was up 134 points or 0.58 per cent, at 23,399.

Sensex Jumps 149 Points, Nifty Closes Above 23,300



Mumbai: Indian equity benchmark indices closed in the green on Wednesday following a volatile session.At closing, Sensex settled at 76,606, up 149 points or 0.20 per cent, and Nifty was at 23,322, up 58 points or 0.25 per cent.During the day, the NSE benchmark hit an all-time high of 23,441 after breaching an earlier high of 23,411.Buying was seen in small and medium stocks. The Nifty midcap 100 index closed 559 points or 1.02 per cent higher at 54,226 and the Nifty smallcap 100 index closed 216 points or 1.23 per cent higher at 17,788.Among the sectoral indices, PSU Bank, Metal, Media, Energy, Infra, Healthcare, and PSE were major gainers while Auto, FMCG and Realty were major losers.India volatility index (India VIX) was down 2.64 per cent, at 14.38 points.Power Grid, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, NTPC, UltraTech Cement, L&T, Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, and Bajaj Finserv were the top gainers. M&M, HUL, Titan, Infosys, Axis Bank, Nestle, TCS, and Kotak Mahindra Bank were the top losers.Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst, LKP Securities said, "The Nifty closed flat after a strong initial hour of trading, encountering resistance around 23,400. However, the short-term trend remains positive as the index stayed above 23,300.""In the near term, the index might continue consolidating within the 23,300-23,500 range. A decisive breakout above 23,500 could trigger a rally towards 23,800," he added.

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