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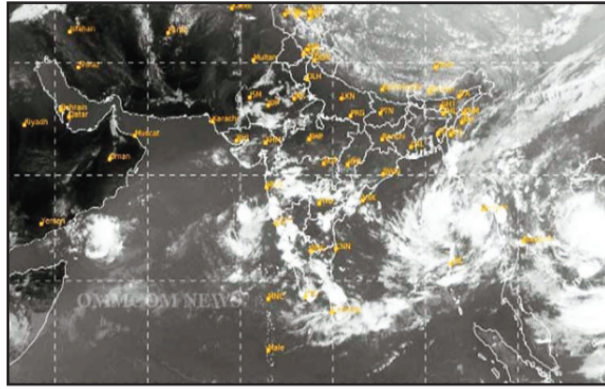
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## Cyclone Dana Likely To Make Landfall Between Puri & Sagar Island: IMD

Bhubaneswar: With the low-pressure area forming over the east-central Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Andaman Sea, is currently intensifying into depression by October 22 morning and into a cyclonic storm by October 23, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted the storm to make landfall between Puri and Sagar Island during the night of October 24 and early morning of October 25. Going by the IMD's latest prediction, the cyclonic storm Dana is very likely to cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island during the night of October 24 and early morning of October 25 as a severe Cyclonic Storm with a wind speed of 100-110 kmph



gusting 120 kmph. For October 23, the regional weather office has issued a yellow warning for heavy rainfall (7 to 11cm) to Balasore, Bhadrak, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and Puri. The weather office has issued red alerts to six districts for isolated extremely heavy rainfall. "Heavy to very heavy falls (7 to 20cm) with isolated extremely heavy rainfall (>20cm) very likely to occur at isolated places in the districts of Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak,

Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur and Cuttack," read the IMD forecast for October 24. For October 25, the weather office has issued a yellow warning for heavy to very heavy rainfall to Puri, Ganjam, Khurda, Nayagarh, Keonjhar, Angul and Dhenkanal. Besides, an orange warning for heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20 cm) has been issued to Puri, Ganjam, Khurda, Nayagarh, Keonjhar, Angul and Dhenkanal.

## Odisha Braces for Cyclone 'Dana'; CM Majhi Emphasizes Zero Casualty, 100% Evacuation

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi chaired a high-level meeting at Lok Seva Bhawan to deal with possible Cyclonic Storm and advised to ensure 'Zero Casualty'. Along with this, the Odisha CM ordered officials to identify all the vulnerable areas and ensure 100% evacuation of people. The Low-Pressure Area persists over the East-central Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Andaman Sea. It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a depression by the 22nd of October morning and into a cyclonic storm by the 23rd of October 2024 over the East-central Bay of Bengal. Thereafter, it is very

likely to move north westwards and reach the northwest Bay of Bengal off the Odisha-West Bengal coasts by 24th October morning. Continuing to move north westwards, it is very likely to cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island during the night of 24th and early morning of 25th October 2024 as a severe Cyclonic Storm with a wind speed of 100-110 mph gusting 120 kmph. "There is no need to be afraid of the cyclone. All concerned departments of the state government are fully prepared. Fire brigade, ODRAF team and NDRF team are all ready," the Chief Minister told media persons after the



meeting. In the meeting, the Chief Minister gave instructions to keep essential food items, drinking water, essential medicines, baby food immediately available in the cyclone shelters. Immediately after the storm, he advised to be prepared to clear the blockages on various roads so that basic services like electricity, water and telecommunication can be made functional. The CM also ordered uninterrupted power

supply in hospitals and other important institutions. He directed to monitor black marketeering and hoarding so that the prices of essential commodities stay stable. Along with this, he advised to pay attention to coordination between different districts so that vegetables and other essential items can come from unaffected areas. Advising the agriculture department, the chief minister said that

it is necessary to make an advance estimate of the damage after the cyclone. Along with this, the department's 'Contingency Plan' needs to be implemented immediately. He said that all kinds of inputs and other facilities should be provided to the farmers for Aqua Rabi cultivation. He said that it is necessary to regularly inform the media on behalf of the SRC to prevent any kind of rumors and misinformation during the cyclone. In addition to this, there is a need to regularly post information on social media handles of SRC, OSDMA, I&PR, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Agriculture Department, Home Department.

### Cyclone Dana: Schools To Remain Closed From Oct 23-25

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): With 14 districts expected to bear the brunt of the severe cyclonic storm Dana, the Odisha government declared the closure of schools in to-be-affected districts from October 23 to 25. Going by a notification issued by the Special Relief Commissioner, schools will remain closed in Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Angul, Khordha, Nayagarh and Cuttack districts which are likely to be affected by the cyclone.

### Revenue Minister Urges Tourists & Pilgrims To Leave Puri

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): With the cyclone approaching Odisha, the Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari has issued an urgent advisory for pilgrims and tourists from other states to depart Puri by October 23 for safety reasons. With the cyclone predicted to affect several districts,

## Amidst Global Instability, India Has Emerged As Beacon Of Hope, Says PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched 'NDTV World' - the new channel from the NDTV stable - as he inaugurated the two-day NDTV World Summit where he laid out his vision for a developed India by 2047. The 'NDTV World Summit 2024 - The India Century' features several distinguished dignitaries from all over the world, including Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay,



Barbados PM Mia Mottley, former UK Prime Minister David Cameron, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, discussing key global issues. "If we look at the current events, one thing is common in every discussion. It is a

concern related to the future. During Covid pandemic, the concern was how to deal with the global pandemic. Concerns about the global economy also rose in its aftermath. It also facilitated the concerns of inflation, unemployment, along with that of climate change. The wars and conflicts raised the concerns of ruining the global supply chain. Innocent lives have been lost due to the ongoing tensions and conflicts that have

become the point of discussions in various global summits," said PM Modi while opening the world summit. He pointed out that, even as the world is battling all these issues, India is discussing the 'The Indian Century.' "In the midst of global instability, India is a ray of hope. It is not that we are not affected by global concerns, but there is a sense of positivity that we feel in India. India has emerged as a beacon of hope," he stated.

## Odisha announces 3% DA hike for govt employees

BHUBANESWAR, (AoBureau): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has announced a three per cent increase in dearness allowance (DA) for state government employees. As a result, the DA of government employees increased from 50 per cent to 53 per cent. It will come into effect on a rolling basis from July 2024. This increased dearness allowance will be available in cash form in this October salary. Apart from this, the TI of pensioners has also increased by three per cent, which will be reflected in their October pension.

### Six Killed, Eight Injured In Israeli Airstrike

Beirut: Six people were killed and eight others injured on Monday in an Israeli drone attack on a house in eastern Lebanon's city of Baalbek, according to official Lebanese sources. An Israeli drone raided the house in the Nabi Inaam neighbourhood of central Baalbek, Lebanon's official National News Agency said, adding women and children were among the dead.

### President Droupadi Murmu's Three-Day Tour To Odisha Postponed

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): In light of the potential cyclone Dana, President Droupadi Murmu's proposed three-day visit to Odisha has been postponed. Considering the risks associated with the impending weather conditions, the state government has informed the President's Secretariat and the Union Home Ministry about the postponement. Still, no alternative arrangements have been announced yet. Initially, President Murmu was set to visit Mayurbhanj, Puri, and Bhubaneswar, participating in various events during her stay. As per the initial plan, President Murmu was expected to visit her native village in Mayurbhanj on October 23, attend the 75th annual celebration at the Gopabandhu Ayurvedic College in Puri on October 24 and return to Bhubaneswar for the 40th annual convocation of Utkal University on October 25. However, due to the anticipated impact of the cyclone along the coastal areas, the President's visit has been cancelled.

## Secularism A Core Feature Of Constitution, Observes SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday observed that secularism has been held to be a core feature of the Constitution. A bench, headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna, remarked that a catena of apex court judgments has held that secularism was always a part of the basic structure. The bench, also comprising Justice Sanjay Kumar, which was hearing a clutch of petitions challenging the insertion of "Socialist" and "Secular" in the Preamble, declined to issue notice and posted the matter for hearing in

mid-November. Several petitions have been filed before the Supreme Court challenging the 42nd Constitution Amendment Act, 1976 by which the words "Socialist" and "Secular" were inserted in the Preamble of the Constitution. One of the petitions said that such an amendment is against the "historical and cultural theme of the Great Republic of Bharat, the oldest civilisation of the world". It further contended that the concept of "Dharma" is different from the



concept of religion and the Communist theory of state cannot be applied in the Indian context, which has been a total failure and is not in tune with the religious sentiments and socio-economic conditions. "How can the citizens of India be

compelled to be secular when they have the fundamental right to Freedom of Religion under Article 25 of the Constitution of India to freely profess, practice and propagate religion," the plea said. The plea urged the top court to issue direction or

declaration that the concepts of "Socialism" and "Secularism" occurring in the Preamble of the Constitution refer to the nature of the Republic and are limited to the working of the sovereign function of the state and the same is not applicable to the citizens, political parties, and social organisations. The plea contended that in France and some other countries, a secular government is never involved in religious matters whereas the Indian Constitution itself has empowered the state

to indulge in religious matters and some special rights have been given even to religious minorities under Article 30 of the Constitution. The petition also challenged the insertion of the words 'Secular' and 'Socialist' in the Representation of the People Act, 1951, making it compulsory for the political parties applying for registration before the Election Commission to make a specific provision in its memorandum that the association will have true faith and allegiance to the Constitution.

# Tripura To Get Rs 2800 Crore To Boost Economy, Surface Communication

New Delhi/Agartala: In a major boost to Tripura's economy and surface communication system, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on Monday decided to sanction projects worth over Rs 2800 crore for the state, officials said on Monday. A Tripura government official said that the MoRTH's development came after Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha attended a review meeting chaired by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, in Vanijya Bhawan on Monday. During the meeting, discussions were held on many projects that would be sanctioned by the



MIRTH for Tripura, the official said. Gadkari later in his posts of the X said: Reviewed the progress of 16 ongoing National Highway projects spanning 324 km in Tripura with Union MoS Shri Ajay Tamta Ji, Shri H D Malhotra Ji, Tripura CM Shri Manik Saha Ji, and senior officials in Delhi today." He said: "In the meeting, we emphasised fast-tracking the

development of highway infrastructure in Tripura, ensuring it is more sustainable and cost-efficient. These efforts will significantly improve connectivity, boost local economies, and further integrate the North-east into the national growth framework." "Revamping Tripura's highways with futuristic infrastructure, paving the way for growth, seamless mobility, and prosperity under PM Shri Narendra

Modi Ji's visionary leadership," Gadkari said. The Tripura government official said that the projects include Rs 800 crore for the Agartala eastern bypass, a four-lane road stretching 11 km, Rs 1,500 crore for widening the Amtali to Tripura Sundari Temple road, a 50 km stretch into a four-lane road, Rs 400 crore for converting the Ranibazar to Inter-State Bus terminus in

Chandrapur road into a four-lane 10 km stretch, and Rs 100 crore for the additional sanction under the Central Road Fund. According to the official, the Tripura Chief Minister also held discussions on a new National Highway from Kamalpur to Ambassa, Gandacherra, Amarpur to Sabroom to enhance international trade and tourism, a logistics park on the eastern bypass near Agartala over a 100-acre land, and the sanctioning of funds for restoring National Highways damaged by floods. Out of four proposals, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Ropeway from Maharani to Chabimura is expected to be sanctioned soon.

# RG Kar Protest: Hunger-Strike Withdrawn But Agitation To Continue, Says WBJDF

Kolkata: West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front (WBJDF), spearheading the movement against the rape and murder of a fellow junior doctor of R.G Kar Medical College & Hospital on Monday night announced to withdraw the hunger strike. The WBJDF had started the hunger strike on October 5 evening. However, the WBJDF representatives made it clear that despite withdrawing from the hunger strike they will not be withdrawing from the path of movement and demonstration on this issue. A representative of WBJDF said that the decision to withdraw the hunger strike was taken following the

request of the parents of the victim who arrived at the hunger-strike dais at Esplanade in central Kolkata on Monday evening. Debasish Halder, one of the leading faces of the junior doctors' association told media persons that despite withdrawing hunger strike, they will not be withdrawing from the path of agitation on this issue. "We have withdrawn the hunger strike following the request of the victim's parents and pleas from acclaimed personalities from the civil society. We have also decided to withdraw from our scheduled programme of a total strike from Tuesday. But we are

not withdrawing from the path of agitation. On October 26, we will be organising a mass convention at R.G Kar," Halder said. However, Halder expressed displeasure over the "body language" of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during the meeting of the representatives of the protesting junior doctors. "The body language of the Chief Minister was not positive. We were not even allowed to enter the meeting sporting our 'We want justice' badge. The principal of different medical colleges & hospitals there were not allowed to speak at the meeting," Halder said.

# Rahul Gandhi is Lawrence Bishnoi's Next Target': Odia Actor Buddhaditya Mohanty's Controversial Post Sparks Row

Bhubaneswar: Odia film actor Buddhaditya Mohanty has ignited a political firestorm with his recent social media post suggesting that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi could be the next targets of notorious gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. The post, which has since been deleted, has drawn widespread condemnation and led to a police complaint filed by the National Students' Union of India (NSUI). The Mossad... USA has

the CIA... now India has Lawrence Bishnoi... next in the list should be Owaisi and Rahul Gandhi." This statement quickly went viral, sparking outrage among political leaders and the public. NSUI President Udit Pradhan lodged a complaint at the Capital police station, demanding action against Mohanty for what he described as an incitement to violence. "We cannot tolerate such a remark against our leader,"

Pradhan stated, emphasizing the seriousness of the allegations. In response to the backlash, Mohanty issued a public apology on Facebook, clarifying that his intention was not to harm or demean Rahul Gandhi. "My last post regarding Rahul Gandhi... was never to target, harm, or demean him in any way... unintentionally if I affected anyone's sentiments... my intention was not this... I offer my sincere apologies," he wrote.

# Army Recovers Huge Ammunition In Restive Manipur

Imphal: Assam Rifles and Manipur Police in their continued operation recovered 12 weapons and a large cache of ammunition and war-like stores in the past week in Manipur, officials said on Monday. Defence sources said that in the intelligence-based joint operations in both the hill and valley regions in Manipur 12 weapons, ammunition and war-like stores were recovered from different places in Thoubal and Churachandpur Districts. The recovered arms and ammunition include one AK 56 Rifle, one SLR, one Carbine



Machine Gun, one .303 Rifle, six Single Barrel rifles, two pistols, a few grenades, different types of ammunition and war-like stores. The recovered items have been handed over to Manipur Police. An official statement said that the recent joint operations involving the Indian Army, Assam

Rifles, Manipur Police, and other security forces illustrate a remarkable synergy in their efforts to restore peace in the northeastern state. The successful recovery of arms, ammunition, and war-like stores underscores their unwavering commitment to ensure stability. This collaborative approach

not only enhances operational effectiveness but also fosters trust among local communities, paving the way for a quicker return to normalcy, the statement said. Manipur Director General of Police Rajiv Singh on Saturday said that arms and ammunition kept by a section of people must be returned to the authorities and dialogue between the warring communities would facilitate the restoration of peace and normalcy in the state. The DGP had said that the "reduction of

weaponisation of the society" would greatly help to normalise the situation and restore peace. He said that arms and ammunition which are still there in the society should return to the security forces, from where they were taken away or looted. "Manipur Police and other Central forces are working round the clock to recover the arms and ammunition that were looted from the police and other security forces after the ethnic violence started in the state in May last year," Singh told the media.

# Encouraged By India's Support For Our Right To Self-Defence: Israeli Envoy Reuven Azar

New Delhi: Israeli Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, on Monday said that his country is encouraged by the fact that New Delhi has supported their right to self-defence. Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of the 'NDTV World Summit 2024' here, Azar said: "We have been very encouraged by the fact that India has supported our right to self-defence. This is very natural. I think that both India and Israel are seeing sometimes similar

challenges that we have to deal with. So I'm happy that we can talk about it. We can cooperate in order to deal with the challenges, and, we also understand each other very well." "I think that people are people are very concentrated that we are fighting radicalism. I think that any form of radicalism coming from any religion is something very problematic. And what we have to, you know, promote is moderation. And we can promote moderation by,

first of all, fighting the terrorists and defeating them. And that will create the conditions, for the pragmatic people and the moderate people to build the building blocks of stability and prosperity," he added. On PM Modi, the Israeli Ambassador said: "India, and especially PM Modi, is a great friend of Israel. The personal friendship between Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been crucial in enhancing our relationship. We've

established various nexuses of relations, including defence cooperation, agriculture and food security, and water cooperation. We're also collaborating in innovation, and I increasingly want to bring Indian infrastructure companies to work in Israel..." India and Israel ties have been strengthening under PM Modi, who also became the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the country.

# NEET-UG Row: SC Grants Two Weeks More Time To Expert Panel For Submission Of Report

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday granted two weeks additional time to the High-Level Committee of Experts constituted by the Centre in the wake of the NEET-UG examination controversy for submission of its report. A bench, headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud and comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra allowed the application for the extension of time after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that the report of the expert panel is almost ready but requires a little more time for final submission. On June 26, the Union Ministry of Education established a seven-member High-Level Committee

of Experts - headed by Dr K. Radhakrishnan, former Chairman of ISRO and Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur - to recommend effective measures for the conduct of transparent, smooth and fair examinations by the National Testing Agency (NTA). The High-Level Committee of Experts was formed after the SC asked the Centre to detail the steps taken to ensure the sanctity of the NEET in the future. Declining to order a re-test, the Supreme Court, in its detailed judgement pronounced on August 2, directed the expert panel to formulate a standard operating

procedure (SOP) regarding the timeline for registration, change of exam centres, sealing of OMR sheets, and other processes related to the conduct of exams. "The report of the committee shall be submitted to the Union Ministry of Education by September 30. The Ministry of Education shall take a decision on the recommendations made by the committee within a period of one month from receiving the report," it had ordered. Further, the apex court deprecated the NTA's decision to award compensatory marks to 1,563 students on account of loss of time, which was later recalled after several petitions were filed before the top court.

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# Mafias Stopping SK Singh From Contesting Tarari Seat: Prashant Kishor

Patna: Jan Suraj chief Prashant Kishor on Monday accused land and sand mafia of creating obstacles for Lieutenant General SK Singh's candidacy in the Tarari Assembly by-election. "If a person stands against the system, the sand mafias who are looting thousands of crores will create

obstacles. Jan Suraj will not back down and General SK Singh will definitely fight to uproot the land and sand mafia from Tarari," said Kishor. He added that even if he is not allowed to contest the by-election, a promising candidate from Tarari will still contest on behalf of Jan Suraj. "We are fighting our battle, and

the situation will become clear by tomorrow or the day after," said the Jan Suraj chief. The district administration of Bhojpur had previously raised concerns about SK Singh's name missing from the voter list, making him ineligible to contest according to Election Commission rules. As per the rules, a

candidate must be registered as a voter in an Assembly constituency of the state to be eligible to contest state elections. Kishor highlighted Singh's significant military service, including leadership roles in Siachen and Operation Parakram, and his connection to Tarari, where he owns land and

property. He expressed frustration that Singh is being barred from contesting due to his name not being listed in the Bihar voter roll, despite having filled Form 8A to transfer his voter registration back to Bihar. "Singh's name was removed from the Bihar voter list after his wife's death and he moved to

Noida, where he voted in 2024. The district administration and Election Commission officials are using this technicality to prevent Singh from running," Kishor alleged. Kishor vowed to overcome these democratic obstacles, emphasising that such challenges are part of the political process. He also challenged RJD leader

Tejashwi Yadav, saying he (Prashant Kishor) would personally contest against him if Yadav decided to contest from Ramgarh in the by-election. "Ajit Kumar Singh, the RJD candidate and son of party state president Jagadanand Singh, would perform poorly, possibly finishing third or fourth in the election.

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## SOA ALUMNI CRACKS ODISHA CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): Mr. Saumyesh Acharya, a 2020 pass out of the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, faculty of agricultural sciences of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University here, has cracked the 2022 Odisha Civil Services examination results of which were published recently. He has been placed 83rd in the list of successful candidates. Mr. Acharya, who passed B.S.C. (Hons) in Agriculture from IAS in



2020, completed M.Sc. (Agriculture) in Agricultural Extension from the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya in West Bengal in 2022. He also cracked the UGC Net 2022 and ICAR Net in

2023. At present, Mr. Acharya is pursuing his Ph.D. in Agricultural Extension from Visva Bharati, West Bengal. A recipient of the Ganga Singh Chauhan Memorial Award for his research in the domain of extension,

Mr. Acharya has also co-authored a book titled 'Farmer Producer Organisation- The Neo Institutional Revolution in Indian farming.' Mr. Acharya was felicitated on his success by SOA Founder President Prof. (Dr.) Manojranjan Nayak at the university office on Monday. SOA Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, Dean of IAS, Prof. Santosh Kumar Rout, Dean (Students' Welfare) Prof. Jyoti Ranjan Das and senior professor of IAS Prof. Saroj Kumar Mohanty were present.

## IIM Sambalpur Unveils Annual Conclave on Women Leadership for Economic Growth at its Delhi Campus

Sambalpur, (AoBureau): To foster the representation of women in leadership roles across various sectors, IIM Sambalpur, one of the premier management institutions, has unveiled Marmagya 9.0: Annual Business Conclave with a roundtable conference on "Women Leadership for Business Excellence," its IIM Sambalpur Delhi Campus, ISID Vasant Kunj. The objective of the conclave is to



promote women participation in leadership as that will be one of the key drivers boosting economic growth globally. Business leaders worldwide concur that gender equality in work constitutes cornerstone

of any business. According to the World Economic Forum 2024, with a population exceeding 1.4 billion, India has closed 64.1% of its gender gap. Despite the substantial representation of women in education enrollment, the increase in their participation has been modest. This roundtable discussion addressed key questions such as why the gender gap exists, how it can be mitigated, and the best practices in India and abroad. The roundtable convened key stakeholders from government, media, thought leaders, and the corporate sector, providing a platform for dialogue on gender inclusivity and leadership.

## Canara Bank New Branch opened at Chandbali, Odisha

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): With the aim of providing convenient opportunities to the customers, Canara Bank has opened its 174th Branch in Odisha at Chandbali on Monday. Canara Bank's Odisha Head & General Manager Shri Jagdish Chandra inaugurated the Branch in presence of hundreds of customers along with Bhadrak Regional Head, Assistant General Manager Mr. V. Agilan, LDM Mr. Nageswar Rao. Bank is planning to open more new Branches in Odisha State within next few months. On this occasion GM Shri Jagdish Chander said that Canara Bank is providing social banking and digital banking services to enable the customers to make cashless transactions in tune with Govt. of India initiative viz. BHIM APP, QR CODE, POS MACHINES etc. Canara Bank shall offer all basic banking services and will cater all specific needs of customers through wide varieties of Retail, MSME and Agricultural products.



## This time the winner of 'Pay and Win' is Sukanti



SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau): Sukanti Sahu of Sonapur Maharana Padma is the lucky winner of the 'Pay and Win' competition

organized by the Department of Electricity (TPWODL). On this occasion, a modern sound system was presented to Sukanti in the award ceremony held at Sonapur Sub-Divisional Office. Senior journalist Dharanidhar Mishra joined the program as the chief guest and said that this will encourage consumers to pay their electricity bills on time. Sonapur Electricity Department SDO Bibekananda Dixit presided over the said program, ESO Balmiki Biswal, Commercial Officer Pabitra Patnaik, Kailash Chandra Sahu, Bhimsen Kumbhar, Sanjay Panigrahi and other employees of Electricity Department were present. On behalf of the informed TPWODL, three customers who pay their electricity bills on time every month and who do not have outstanding electricity bills are selected through a lucky draw. Pay and Win has been going on for the past three months.

## Parliamentary Panel on Welfare of SCs and STs Visits KIIT and KISS

Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (2024-25), led by Dr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, paid a study visit to KIIT and KISS on Sunday. The committee members toured various campuses of KIIT University and inspected multiple departments at the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). Addressing a gathering of 40,000 students at KISS, Dr. Kulaste remarked, "I have visited numerous institutions across India and abroad, but



I have never seen anything like KISS. The energy and skills displayed by the students here are truly inspiring for others. It is a monumental task to educate so many children in one place while also nurturing their talents." He praised the institute's efforts to enable tribal students to preserve their culture and traditions

while excelling academically and in sports. "KISS is a wonder and a model institution for India. Other states should replicate this model, and the Parliamentary Committee will work towards implementing the KISS model nationwide," Dr. Kulaste added. Another committee member, MP Pratima Mondal, expressed

her admiration, saying, "I am deeply impressed by the visit to KISS. Education is the only path to social and national development, and KISS sets an example in promoting the education and overall development of tribal communities. Visiting this institute felt like a divine experience, as I saw Lord Jagannath in the faces of these children."

## TPSODL Gears Up for Cyclone 'Dana' with Robust Preparedness Plan

Berhampur, (AoBureau): As Cyclone 'Dana' looms over the Bay of Bengal, TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) has activated its comprehensive Business Continuity and Disaster Management Plan (BCDMP) to ensure uninterrupted power supply and minimize disruptions. TPSODL's BCDMP is designed to tackle varying levels of disasters with corresponding action plans, featuring a dedicated Disaster Management Structure. This plan enables the company to systematically receive and analyze alerts, initiate pre-disaster warnings, and manage the invocation and revocation of the BCDMP. A mock drill has also been conducted to test the readiness of the response teams. 24x7 Emergency Helpline Available TPSODL urges consumers to report any electricity-related emergencies by contacting the 24x7 toll-free helpline numbers: 1912 or 1800-345-6797. The company has deployed specialized quick-response teams at strategic locations across its licensed areas to address any power-related issues promptly.

## Robbery attempt: Villagers nab 2 robbers during robbery

SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau): 3 robbers stopped a biker on Sunday night near the football field of Singhijuba-Khairmal Road Binika Police Station of Subarnapur District. However, the biker escaped and informed the villagers. The villagers caught 2 robbers while another escaped. Later, he was detained in a Dharmashala near Palasapali village and reported to the police. The police arrived at the scene and rescued 2 looters and brought them to the police station for questioning. A case has been filed in the police station and an investigation is underway



## Bini Muduli will be the first female OAS officer from the primitive Bonda tribe

Malkangiri, AO Bureau : 5 youth from Malkangiri district, a tribal district, have achieved success in the OPSC examination. It is known that there are 4 women and one man among them. They are Bini Muduli, a young woman from the Banda tribe of Khemaguru village, Shyama Madhi from the Koya community of Potrel village, Mamata Taudia, a tribal woman from Girikanpali village, Bhagyashree Mishra from Mendukoli village, Pilholika Priyadarini from Malkangiri Sadar. Bini Muduli from the Banda tribe will be the first OAS. His father works as a school cook while his mother is an Anganwadi worker. As the financial situation of the family was not good, Binni prepared for OAS exam through YouTube sitting at home without taking any other coaching. She is the first girl from Bonda Ghati region who has passed the OAS examination. She said that she will give importance to education and women empowerment in tribal areas. Money should never be a barrier to one's passion for reading. Bini Muduli said that he will first serve the poor and helpless as an OAS officer and give them justice. As the Bonda girl of Bonda Ghati is going to become an OAS officer, the entire Malkangiri district is in awe. To Bini, the poor Bonda caste girl has become an example for others. There is talk in the palace of intellectuals that this success of hers will inspire other young women. Earlier, from this Bandaghati area have a bonda youth passed the NEET examination and considered qualified to study medicine.

## Residents Demand Police Action Against Illegal Scrap Godown Amid Rising Crime

Jharsuguda, (AoBureau): Residents of Jharsuguda have raised serious concerns over escalating criminal activities linked to an illegal scrap godown operating along NH 49, between Biju Nagar Chhak and Bombay Chowk. Despite numerous complaints, the police have yet to take any concrete action, leaving the community vulnerable to anti-social elements. The area has become a hotspot for criminal activity, with locals reporting frequent gatherings of unsavory individuals at the scrap godown. This has led to heightened fear among residents, who now hesitate to pass through the vicinity, particularly at night. One notable incident occurred in August, when a woman traveling through the area was followed by suspicious individuals. This event triggered widespread outrage in the community, prompting residents to lodge formal complaints at both the Jharsuguda Sadar and Town police stations. However, despite these efforts, no steps have been taken to close down the godown, which continues to operate unchecked. The illegal scrap godown is located near the Amrut Ganga Residential Complex, a densely populated area with industrial units, shops, and hotels. The proximity to residential areas has amplified concerns, as residents feel increasingly unsafe due to the rising criminal activity allegedly associated with the godown's operations. Frustrated by the police's inaction, locals have warned of large-scale protests if authorities fail to address the issue. They have also appealed directly to the Superintendent of Police, urging swift intervention to dismantle the godown and restore safety in the neighborhood. As of now, the district police have not responded to the residents' appeals, and tensions continue to rise within the community. Residents demand immediate action to curb the illegal operations and ensure law and order in the area.

## 8 villages under the dark for about 3 months. No electricity

Malkangiri AO Bureau:- There is no electricity for three months, not for a day or two. Therefore, the children of 18 villages of Ghazalmamudi panchayat under Swaviman area of Chitrakonda block of Malkangiri district are reading their books by lighting kerosine lamp. Likewise, the villagers are also living in darkness as there is no electricity in the villages. The 18 village of Ghazalmamudi Panchayat is situated on

the other side of Balimela Reservoir. The water level of Balimela reservoir has increased due to heavy rains in the past few days. As a result, the electricity poles connecting Gazulmamudi Panchayat were submerged in water and the electricity connection to Gazulmamudi Panchayat was disconnected. Due to the lack of electricity in the village, the plight of the villagers increases at night.

As these villages are located in the forest, there is a fear of wild animals in the evening. Debris-Kerosine lamp burning is also becoming difficult as kerosene is not available from the government supply department or in the market. So the local residents set fire to the wood and said. Due to the fear of wild animals, house to house is closed in the evening. Panchayat residents said that especially the children are



having difficulty in reading. On the contrary, the people of the panchayat said that the water level of the Balimela reservoir has

reduced but the electricity has not been connected yet. Sarpanch, ward members and local people of Gazulmamudi

Panchayat said that they complained to Tata Power and the administration many times, but no one listens. Sarpanch has warned that if electricity does not come within 7 days, we will go down to the highway. It remains to be seen when the administration and the Tata power company will awaken their sleep and when the 18 villages of Gazulmamudi panchayat will be connected electrification.

## EDITORIAL

## Stubble disposal measures

Disposal of stubble is a serious problem. Claims are made every year to tackle pollution caused by stubble burning, but the irony is that till date a permanent solution to this problem has not been found. Claims may be made in this regard, but in reality this problem is becoming more acute every year. The sad thing is that governments become aware of this only when due to the huge increase in air pollution due to this problem, it becomes difficult for people to breathe. If seen, every year due to burning of stubble National Capital Region Delhi, western part of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab remain in the grip of severe air pollution from October to December. These months come as a problem for the people here, because all the efforts, campaigns and all the steps taken by the governments of these states to stop it prove to be futile. As a result, the severity of air pollution is increasing day by day and governments appear helpless in front of it. All this happens when there is a ban on stubble burning. The is. The Supreme Court has also expressed serious concern about what kind of management it is that stubble is being burnt despite the ban. This also proves that they are adept at preventing pollution. Breathing poisonous air: Due to increasing air pollution in the capital, people here are forced to breathe poisonous air. Due to this, a large number of people in Delhi are suffering from asthma. As a result, increasing air pollution becomes fatal for people already suffering from asthma. Increase in asthma patients in such circumstances It is a dangerous sign. Anyway, due to changes in weather, pollution is increasing. So far, a nine-fold increase in incidents of stubble burning has been recorded in Punjab. It is believed that this time after harvesting of paddy in Punjab, 200 lakh tonnes of stubble will be left, whereas the state aims to manage only about 20 lakh tonnes of stubble. Obviously, the remaining stubble will be burnt due to lack of management. Although the Punjab government has given approval to set up 58 compressed left gas plants for stubble disposal, but it does not have land to store the stubble. It is not. Environmental cleanliness: It is the responsibility of all of us to keep the environment clean. Ensuring a clean environment is the joint responsibility of the Centre, State, society and people. Everyone should do this honestly. But in this we have failed. There is a need to make a coordinated action plan to control air pollution not only at that time, especially during winter when the sky is covered with smog and toxic gases, but for the entire year. The situation of air pollution in the entire country can be easily estimated. Last year, a petition was filed in the Delhi High Court in which it was said that the level of air pollution in the National Capital Region increases every year due to burning of stubble by farmers in neighboring states. This should be controlled and emphasis should be laid on making compost from stubble. Doing this will have double benefits. Making compost will curb the increasing pollution and on the other hand, farmers will be able to get better and chemical-free yields by using this compost.

## Divine qualities for a spiritual aspirant

Ajaya Kumar Behera

help him. He will have to come back to the world to develop that quality which would enable him to face and accept the world as it is. Very often his path lies through the world that he has to serve despite not liking its ways.

If the aspirant is to love and serve the world that does not understand him or even is intolerant towards him, he must develop infinite forbearance. Having seen higher truths, it is his duty to stand by them, even if the whole world opposes him. Loyalty to higher truths demands unshakeable moral courage and readiness to face criticism, scorn and even hatred of those who have not yet begun to open up to these truths.

Although in his uneven struggle he does get unflinching help from a perfect Master, he has to develop the capacity to fight for these truths singlehandedly. This supreme moral courage can only come with supreme confidence in oneself and in the Master. To love the world and serve it is

not for the weak and fainthearted. Moral courage and self-confidence should be accompanied by freedom from worry. Worry is the product of feverish imagination working under the stimulus of desires. Among the many qualities the aspirant needs to cultivate, cheerfulness, enthusiasm and equipoise are very important. All these qualities are rendered impossible unless the aspirant succeeds in eliminating worry from his life.

The supreme condition for sure and steady progress on the path is the benefit of guidance from the Master who gives guidance and help which is necessary according to the immediate needs of the aspirant. All he expects is that the aspirant will try his best for spiritual advancement. He does not expect immediate transformation of consciousness except where the ground has been previously made ready. Time is an important factor in spiritual advancement, as it is in all material endeavours. When the Master has given a spiritual push to the aspirant, he waits till the help thus given is fully assimilated by him.

## Pain is a given, but suffering is a choice

In the Bhagwad Gita Krishna emphatically declares there is no place for grief in life. We invite grief into our lives by unintelligent identification. We further compound the problem by suffering in anticipation of pain, anguish during the experience and agonising in memory of past trauma. The root cause is ignorance. The Gita says the world is a mix of pairs of opposites, is ever-changing, and is unpredictable. Understand the world as it is. Enjoy it, but never depend on it. Then the same world that now gives stress, will become pleasurable. You will be happy.

Grief and delusion come from identification with body, mind and intellect – the little self. When you view everything from a personal angle, there is grief. View the same thing from a larger perspective; there is peace. Arjuna, the mighty prince and warrior, is reduced to tears when he looks at the entire scenario from his personal viewpoint. He lays down his bow and arrow and refuses to fight. He surrenders to Krishna and says, “I am

your disciple. Please teach me.” Krishna does not comfort Arjuna. He speaks the Truth –

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uncompromising and forthright. It removes the despair and prepares Arjuna for the philosophy that is to come. Krishna’s opening words are – Arjuna, you speak words of wisdom but you mourn for those that should not be mourned for. The wise grieve neither for the living nor for the dead. From verses 11 to 53 Krishna presents Arjuna with the highest knowledge – indestructibility of the Soul. Arjuna is worried about dying. So are we all. Krishna explains what happens at death. Atman, the real you, never dies. Even the mind and intellect do not perish. You only leave behind the body and environment that no longer meet with your needs and move to another body and circumstances more suited to the fulfilment of your desires. Just as a man gives up tattered clothes, to don new ones. Thus your journey to Truth continues. Krishna says – There was never a time when

you and I did not exist nor will there ever come a time when we shall cease to be. Everything around us, changes. One who is not troubled by these fluctuations and remains steady, equal to joy and sorrow, is fit for immortality.

In the midst of this cycle of birth and death it is your duty to act. For a kshatriya, there is nothing more sacred than a righteous cause. You are fortunate to have such an opportunity that is a win-win situation. If victorious, you will gain the vast kingdom. If slain, you will attain heaven. We are all warriors in the battle of life. Each one has obligations to perform. Do what you have to do, without attachment. Your right is to action only, not to its fruit. If you act thus you will be freed from the sorrow and bondage of birth and death. Perfection in action is yoga. Also, serenity is yoga. And excellence is peace in the midst of intense exertion. When the mind is calm, the intellect is sharp, and action brilliant. If the mind is disturbed, thinking gets fuzzy and action becomes flawed. A tranquil mind is fit for meditation. In deep meditation mind and intellect vanish. Only Atman remains. You have moved to the state of godhood!

## Try to build fulfilling relationships

When faced with a problem, do we become defensive, self-protective, and blame others, or do we use obstacles as opportunities to become stronger, to learn and to expand? Meditation is a process of expanding our awareness. Through meditation, we discover deep within ourselves the soul qualities of peace, calmness and love – and an underlying joy that doesn’t change under any circumstances.

This expansion of consciousness is the essence of spiritual growth, and our relationships can be an excellent catalyst in that

to help us learn and grow, especially in our ability to accept and to love. Relationships lived in this manner hold the promise of

Jajati Keshari Nayak



deep fulfilment.

Friendship is the purest form of relationship. We choose friends for the sheer pleasure of spending time with them. You will strengthen all of your relationships if you make friendship the foundation. We automatically want the best for our friends; we take delight in their strengths, and overlook their weaknesses. We can laugh together with a friend, and, at times, cry together, and we understand that our friendship is more important than getting our own way. Close and enduring relationships like marriage need to be

grounded in a strong foundation of friendship. Usually the first sign of the breakdown of a marriage is that the partners are no longer friends. Very important for all long-lasting relationships is an attitude of respect. Respect and love grow from the same root. Try to bring out the best: Unrealistic expectations are poison for relationships. It is only you, not others, who can make you happy or sad. The fewer demands you make, the better. If you want a person to change, don’t criticise what is wrong. Instead try to create a “magnetic opening” by modelling the right behaviour.

True intimacy develops only in an atmosphere of trust. It is only when people feel secure that they are able to change. Share uplifting experiences: Your bonds with others will be greatly strengthened if you share experiences that are uplifting and expansive – things like walking in nature, helping others in need, or attending events where the mind is uplifted. When we are inspired, our auras begin to merge with those of our loved ones. One of the most bonding practices for a couple is to meditate together. By returning daily to your own centre, you will gather the strength you need to face all of life’s demands.

## The ‘end’ could be a new beginning

Dr. Umesh Chandra Patra

When the perimeters of failure are hidden the seeds of new beginnings. Often, we reach a point where we seem to have explored all possible options and then reach a place where we think we cannot go any further. It may be that we have failed in a certain subject in school or at university and cannot seem to make any progress in that area. Perhaps we opted for a new career and find that it was a wrong choice or that we have reached a point of stagnation. What do we do in these circumstances? We could either give up hope or we could see in that failure, an opportunity to begin anew. To assume that it is the path of no return, is to lose hope. To see our place of stagnation or failure as an invitation to grow in some other direction, is life-giving.

When we think it’s a dead end, life is really inviting us to stretch ourselves. By stretching, I mean exploring other options and looking at things differently. If we go along with the flow of life and see beneath our life situations, however good or bad they may seem, we will develop an attitude of welcoming things as they come. New beginnings are presenting themselves to us every moment. By changing our attitudes and adopting a positive outlook on even the most negative things that happen to us, and learning to be positive, we create new neural pathways in our brain. If we think that we have reached a dead end in our careers, we might train again and acquire skills that could lead to a number of other openings in life. It is the same with spiritual growth. If we halt in our tracks at a certain point, thinking that we have arrived, suddenly, we may find ourselves facing big obstacles that have to be overcome, which are really inviting us to stretch ourselves.

To ask meaningful and life-giving questions means that we stir ourselves from our inertia and overcome boredom, stagnation, negativity and bleakness. We have to review our past in such a way, that we find hidden in the very conditions that seem to bring us defeat the seeds of hope in the future, and to grow strong. Most of us experience brokenness at some point in our lives. Whether it is a physical, mental, emotional or spiritual moment of brokenness, we can emerge from the experience by building on our very weaknesses and become stronger. The human condition is not one of continuously going uphill. In moments of grief, loss, unhappiness, despair, insolvency, bankruptcy, or any other negative development, we will find that we are not really at the end of the road. Instead, we might be invited to take a detour, to begin afresh. New beginnings are possible for every one of us. Nature is all about endings and beginnings, the cycle goes on. The more closely we live with it and resonate to its cycles, the more easily will we find new openings. To those who seem to have nothing going for them at the moment, there is life’s invitation to begin anew. The process may take its time, but if we hold on to our hopes and dreams, we will be creating the very conditions that allow new life to spring forth.

# Malyabanta festival preparation meeting held at Malkangiri

Malkangiri, AO Bureau: This year Malyabanta Festival-2024 will be held at the local DNK playground for three days from December 13th to 15th. Today in the local district council conference room, a meeting was held by the district culture council to prepare for the Malyabanta festival. The meeting was presided over by District Collector and District Culture Council Chairman Ashish Iswar Patil, while Malkangiri MLA, Narsingh Madkani, District Council Chairman, Samari Tantul, Vice Chairman, patit Pavan Vaidya, DFO, Pratap Kattapalli, Additional District Magistrate Revenue, Vedabar



Pradhan, District Council Chief Development Officers cum Executive Officers, Naresh Chandra Shabar, Additional Superintendent of Police Tapan Narayan Rath, MP Representative and Chitrakonda MLA representative were present. The District collector has emphasized to celebrate this festival by maintaining the traditional folk art and

folk dance, traditional tribal language and cultural traditions. The District Collector sought everyone's cooperation to organize the festival with dignity and peace. It has been decided here to celebrate the block level festival on December 2, 3 and 4. Out of the seven blocks, the block which organizes the best block level event will be honored at the district level main event.

Similarly, it has been decided that the best folk dance group of the block level will also be given an opportunity to perform at the district level festival. Like previous years, this year too, a two-day folk dance competition will be held at Kult Bhawan. Competitions will also be organized for school students and SHGs. Like previous years, mini marathon, boat ride and road festival will be organised. Pallishri Mela will be held from December 16th to 17th through Ormas. Local artistes will perform dance songs in this two-day Pallashri Mela. Many district level officers, Tribal leaders, GP representative were present in the event.

# BJD Workers Block Collectorate and Block Office, Demand Date for No Confidence Motion

Jharsuguda (AoBureau): Biju Janata Dal (BJD) workers, led by former MLA Deepali Das, staged protests at the Kirmira Block office and Jharsuguda Collectorate on Monday, demanding immediate action on a no confidence motion against Kirmira Panchayat Samiti Chairperson, Krushnapriya Sahoo. The motion, filed over allegations of corruption and misuse of government funds, has been pending without a set date for discussion, sparking unrest within the party. The BJD, frustrated by what they describe as the district administration's "delaying tactics," began their protest this morning by blocking the Kirmira Block office, followed by a sit-in



demonstration outside the Collectorate in the afternoon. Former MLA Deepali Das led the agitation, criticizing the administration's indifference to public opinion and accusing it of attempting to suppress democratic processes. Speaking at the protest, Das warned that if a date for the special session to discuss the no confidence motion is not announced within the next 12 hours, the BJD

would escalate its actions, with plans for continuous day and night protests. She called on the District Collector to act swiftly, urging him to respect the people's mandate and avoid political pressure. The no confidence motion, submitted by the Sarpanch and Samiti Members on September 13, cites allegations of corruption, including misuse of government grants and poor quality

of construction in Kirmira Block's development projects. According to procedural rules, a date for discussion should have been set within a month of the application, but the district administration has yet to take action. In the absence of the District Collector, ADM Brajabandhu Bhoi received a memorandum from the BJD leaders. Several key BJD figures, including Jharsuguda Municipality Chairperson Rani Hati and District BJD President Ravi Singh, were present at the protest, joined by hundreds of party workers from the Kirmira locality. The BJD leaders have vowed to continue their agitation until their demands are met.

# DM holds Grievance Camp at Khordha Block

Khordha (AoBureau): The Khordha district administration on Monday held a joint grievance hearing camp at Haladia GP office of Khordha block. Collector and District Magistrate Chanchal Rana received a total of 280 grievance cases from block and municipality. All cases were referred to the relevant departments. SP Sagarika Nath, ADM Pratap Chandra Beura, CDMO Dr Rajyasri Patnaik, CEO ZP Kasturi Bala Jena, SDM Diptiranjana Sethi, BDO Sarpanch, Talsildar, DEO and line department staff were present at the event.

# 'Book is the real friend' & it is proven by the 6 Scholars of Boudh who cracked the OPSC Exam

Boudh (AoBureau): As we know that, the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) has announced the final result of the Odisha Civil Service Examination 2022. A total of 683 candidates have been recommended for appointment against 683 notified vacancies. And it's a great news for Boudh that, there are 6 deserving candidates got their reward in this examination. These diamonds are Mr. Azadku Sahu (5th rank) from Kantamal Block, Mr. Satya Sanatan

Panigrahi (12th rank) from Kantamal Block, Mr. Samudra Mishra (33rd rank) from Boudh Block, Mr. Prabhakar Dip (154th rank) from Harbhanga block, Miss. Shoveena Bhoi (488th rank) from Kantamal Block & Niranjana Baghad (513th rank) from Kantamal Block. These talented students of Boudh district are extremely happy after receiving the result. These highly talented guys are ready both physically and mentally with full of

excitement, energy and happiness to serve the people. There is a happy environment in Intellectual mass for these scholars in Boudh. Family members & friends of these achievers expressed their thanks with happiness. The intellectual mass is also extremely satisfied that the deserved generation have gotten their reward. And it must encourage the youth. And this type of achievement proves that, 'Book' is the real friend who pushes for successful careers.

# Villagers Evacuation Started In Kendrapara On Alert Of Cyclone

Kendrapara (AO Bureau): On alert of heavy cyclone 'DANA' district administration started evacuation of the villagers from coastal Rajnagar and Mahakalpara block. Loudspeaker declaration continues in coastal areas for not to venture into the sea and stay alert for cyclonic storm. One hundred seventeen cyclone shelter center's kept ready for evacuation of villagers. If necessary more shelters will arranged said collector Smruti Ranjan Pradhan to the media today. More than 290 pregnant women and handicraft persons will be shifted to the hospital and cyclone shelters.



Around 375 villages of Rajnagar and Mahakalpara block areas on the target of evacuation in the district. Those are from Satabhaya, Talchua, Ragini, Bagapatia, Jambu and Kharanasi panchayat areas. Eighty peoples of twenty five families in satabhaya village evacuated to Bagapatia cyclone shelter and fifty families of Nagarkanta village also shifted in

Rajnagar block. More than hundred peoples evacuation process started in Batighar areas of Mahakalpara block sources said. Around 38 boats, 6 ODRAF team, ten fire brigade team and thirteen forest department boats also available near district administration. 250 quintals of flattened rice was stocked by district civil supply department sources added.

# Miscreants Rob Woman Of Rs 50K While Returning Home In Sundargarh

Bhubaneswar: A woman was robbed of her money bag containing Rs 40,000 to Rs 50,000 while returning home from a customer service center on Sunday night. The incident occurred near a church in the Tensa police outpost of Odisha's Sundargarh district. According to reports, the woman was heading home around 9.00 pm with her bag, which contained between Rs 40,000 to Rs 50,000. While she was walking, a group of miscreants on a bike snatched the bag from her. After the robbery, the woman reported the incident at the Tensa outpost. The police have since begun an investigation to identify and apprehend the culprits.

# Khandapada Police SI In Vigilance Net For Accepting Bribe

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Vigilance personnel arrested Sheikh Habibul Rehman, Sub-Inspector (SI) of Khandapada police station in Nayagarh district while demanding and taking a bribe of Rs 3.000 from a complainant as a part of a monthly installment to allow him to carry out his business. The entire bribe money has been recovered from accused Rehman and seized. Earlier, he had taken a bribe Rs 15,000 from the complainant and was regularly harassing the complainant for more money. A case has been registered in this connection at the Bhubaneswar Vigilance police station under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018. An investigation into the case is in progress against the accused.

# Police Commemoration Day observed at Khordha

Khordha (AoBureau): The 65th Police Commemoration Day was observed at Taratua Reserve Police Ground in Khordha on Monday. Khordha SP Sagarika Nath paid tributes to the police officers who lost their lives on duty. She

also salute the "Bravehearts" who have sacrificed their life in the line of duty. On this occasion, the message of Odisha Governor and Chief Minister was read out by the SP. The Police Commemoration Day is also called Martyr's

Day. On October 21, Police Commemoration Day is observed across the country and homage is paid to police personnel who lost their lives for the country. The said event was attended by all the police officers of the DPO.

# Dussehra Celebrations at JKPM, JK Pur, Odisha: A Grand Success

Rayagada (AoBureau): JKPM, JK Pur, Odisha witnessed a spectacular Dussehra celebration this year, thanks to the innovative efforts of the JKPM Durga Pooja Committee 2024. This year's event was designed to be grander and more inclusive than ever before. Beginning on the first day of Navratri, the event featured vibrant dandiya nights and engaging stalls, attracting not just the local community but also participants from across Rayagada district and nearby villages. The event not only provided entertainment but also offered an economic boost to many local vendors and businesses, giving them the opportunity to earn



during this extended celebration. The JK Durga Pooja Committee 2024 played a pivotal role in the event's success. Key members, including Chairman Mr. Vinay Dwivedi, Vice-Chairman Mr. Biswajeet Dwivedi,

Secretary Mr. Sundeep Pandey, Assistant Secretary Mr. S. K. Samantroy, Treasurer Mr. Rashmi Ranjan Pattnaik, and the Advisory Board, worked tirelessly to make the celebrations both lively and well-organized. Special

mention goes to Mr. Shiv Prasad Rath, whose energetic anchoring added to the excitement, and his contributions to the administrative aspects of the event were highly appreciated. The security arrangements, managed by JKPM's dedicated team led by Mr. Deepak Kumar Samal, Mr. Mohd Aavesh, and Mr. Venkat Rao, ensured a safe and secure environment for all attendees. Additionally, Chandili Police IIC Mr. Prasanna Behera and his team, in collaboration with the Rayagada District Police, provided constant surveillance, ensuring smooth proceedings throughout the Dussehra celebrations.

# 65th Police Martyr's Day Observed in Subarnapur

Subarnapur (AoBureau): On Monday, a parade has been organized for the purpose of commemoration of Martyr's at the district head quarter Reserve Police Ground in Subarnapur district. Collector Mrs. Anya Das attended the program as an invited guest. In this program, a parade was performed under the leadership of District Police Inspector Saroj Kumar Behera. Supdt. of Police Mr. Ramprasad Sahu recalled the sacrifice and memory of martyr's and heartily appreciated his sacrifice. In this program, the family members of two brave martyrs of the district Late Narsingh Mahakur and Late Bibhishan Sahu were honored by giving Supdt. Of Police awards. All administrative officers and senior police officers and other staff members of the district including Additional Supdt. Of Police Birendra Kumar Naik were present on Police Martyr's Day. President of Police Habildar and Constable Association, Dinesh Mishra, Santosh Patra, Manoj Panda Major all staff members participated in the celebration.



# Young Woman Killed, 5 Injured As Auto Rickshaw Overturns

Rayagada: A young woman died, while five passengers sustained severe injuries after an auto rickshaw transporting 12 people overturned near Don Bosco School at Hirwa village under Muniguda police limits in Odisha's Rayagada district on Monday morning. The deceased woman was identified as Tulsi Kusulia. According to reports, today being the first Monday of the Kartik month, 12 devotees were on their way to a Shiva temple on an autorickshaw en route to Kumudabali village under Piskapanga panchayat.

## Katrina Kaif Turns 'Adarsh Bahu' On Karwa Chauth

Katrina Kaif took to her Instagram handle to share glimpses of her Karwa Chauth celebrations with her in-laws. The pictures feature heartwarming moments between Katrina and her mother-in-law, Veena Kaushal. One candid shot shows Veena blessing Katrina with affection, while another touching moment captures Vicky Kaushal's mother gently caressing Katrina's face. The collection of photos also includes a group shot of the entire family, featuring Katrina alongside her husband, Vicky Kaushal, as well as Sunny, Sham Kaushal, and Isabelle Kaif. The 'Tiger 3' actress looked lovely in pink saree, complemented by sindoor and a mangalsutra. She captioned the Instagram post with a simple yet heartfelt message: "Happy Karwa Chauth." The images beautifully captured candid moments between Katrina and her mother-in-law, revealing the depth of their affectionate connection. Reacting to the post, one fan commented, "Vicky Kaushal is the luckiest man alive." Another said, "Look at them... super, super cute." A third user wrote, "Such lovely pictures." For the unversed, Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif tied the knot in December 2021 in an intimate ceremony in Rajasthan. This marks their third Karwa Chauth celebration. The couple has sparked pregnancy rumours on multiple occasions. However, during the trailer launch event for 'Bad Newz' in August, Vicky was asked about these persistent rumours. He responded, "When there is good news, I will definitely share it with you all. When the time comes, we won't hesitate to announce it."

## Say goodbye to sagging skin: This skincare solution is the new anti-ageing must-have



In the world of skincare, the quest for radiant, youthful complexion is an endless pursuit and one product that has gained significant attention in recently is Wonder Face, a comprehensive facial treatment system designed to address a variety of skin concerns. Read on as we explore the key features of Wonder Face and how it can transform your skin.

What is Wonder Face?

In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Rickson Pereira, Dermatologist at Dermatherapie Clinic in Mumbai, explained, "Wonder Face is the new device capable of combining synchronised Inductive Monopolar Radiofrequency with Neuromuscular emissions. It has undergone rigorous clinical trials and its ergonomic design and ease of use allow beauty professionals to easily integrate it into their procedures. Neuromuscular emissions work directly on facial muscles, helping to tone them and improve firmness, especially in problematic areas such as the zygomatic, frontal

and platysma muscles (double chin)." She elaborated, "It is the new treatment for facial sagging and lack of skin firmness. It simultaneously treats the skin and facial muscles thanks to the unique combination of synchronised Radiofrequency (RF) and Neuromuscular technologies. In this way, it reshapes and tightens the skin by heating the dermis and increasing the levels of collagen and elastin fibres."

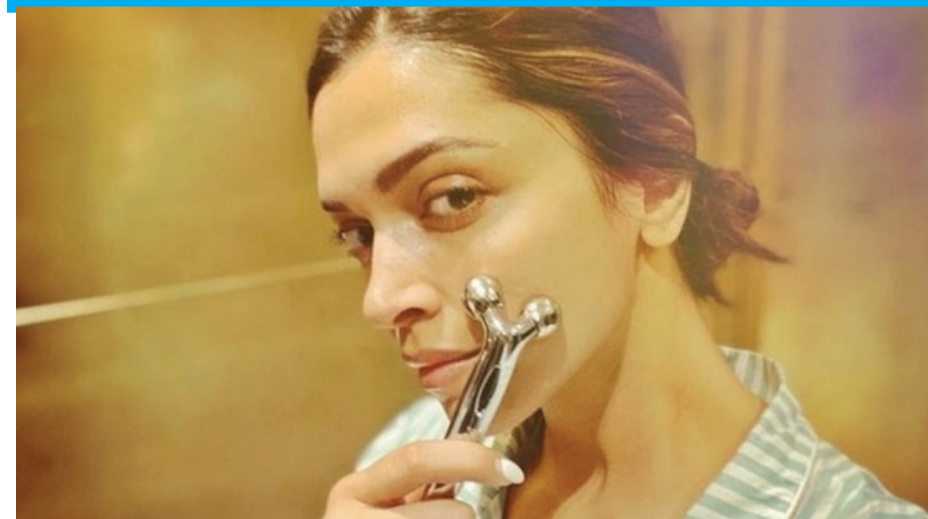
### The Benefits of Wonder Face

According to Dr Rickson Pereira, using the Wonder Face system can provide a host of benefits for your skin, including

- **Deep Facial Rejuvenation:** Radiofrequency generates heat in the deepest layers of the skin, which promotes the production of collagen and elastin.
  - **Muscle Stimulation:** Neuromuscular technology stimulates facial muscles, which can help tone and improve facial contour.
  - **Improved Circulation:** The heat generated by radiofrequency can increase blood circulation in the treated area, leading to more radiant and better-looking skin.
  - **Non-Invasive Treatment:** No cuts or surgeries are required, reducing recovery time and the risks associated with invasive procedures.
  - **Visible Results:** Softer, firmer, and rejuvenated skin after undergoing treatments with synchronized neuromuscular technology and radiofrequency.
- Remember, skincare is a journey, and it may take several sessions to see the full benefits of the Wonder Face system. Be patient, follow the instructions and enjoy the transformation of your skin.



## Festive glow goals: Transform your skin with these pre-Diwali beauty treatments



As Diwali approaches, the quest for radiant skin intensifies and the changing weather, late-night celebrations plus exposure to pollution can take a toll on your skin, making a pre-festive skincare routine essential. Whether it is hydration, exfoliation or rejuvenation, starting early ensures you will achieve that flawless, festive glow in time for the celebrations. With numerous skin rejuvenation techniques gaining popularity, many people are turning to hydrating fillers, microneedling and PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma) therapy. In an interview

with HT Lifestyle, Dr Shweta Mishra, Facial Cosmetic and Aesthetic Surgeon at Sharva Clinic in New Delhi, shared, "These treatments not only restore moisture and boost collagen production but also address issues like fine lines, uneven texture, and dullness. Whether you're looking to achieve a natural glow or tackle specific skin concerns, these advanced therapies can provide long-lasting results. With proper aftercare and guidance from a certified doctor, you'll be ready to shine bright this festive

season, radiating beauty from within."

1. **Hydrating fillers:** To achieve that glow Hydrating fillers, often made from hyaluronic acid, are injectable treatments that add volume to the skin and provide deep hydration. Unlike traditional fillers that primarily focus on contouring, hydrating fillers enhance the skin's overall texture and glow.

**Its benefits:**  
Instant hydration: Hydrating fillers attract water molecules, providing immediate hydration to the skin.  
Plumpness: They

restore lost volume, making the skin appear fuller and more youthful.  
Improved texture: These fillers can smooth out fine lines and wrinkles, resulting in a more even skin surface.  
Long-lasting effects: While results are not permanent, they can last several months, providing ample time to enjoy a luminous complexion for festive celebrations.

### 2. Microneedling:

Microneedling, is also known as collagen induction therapy. This process stimulates the body's natural healing response, promoting collagen and elastin production.  
Enhanced collagen production: The micro-injuries trigger collagen synthesis, improving skin elasticity and firmness.  
Minimised scars and pores: It effectively reduces the appearance of acne scars, enlarged pores, and uneven texture.  
Improved absorption: Microneedling increases the absorption of topical products, enhancing their effectiveness.

**Quick recovery:** Most patients experience minimal downtime, making it a convenient option for those preparing for festive gatherings.

3. **PRP Therapy:** Harnessing your body's healing power  
Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) therapy involves drawing a small amount of the patient's blood, processing it to isolate the platelets, and then injecting the concentrated platelets back into the skin. This treatment harnesses the body's natural healing properties to rejuvenate the skin.

**Its benefits:**

**Natural rejuvenation:** PRP uses your body's own growth factors to promote healing, making it a safe and natural option.  
**Diminished fine lines:** It effectively reduces fine lines, wrinkles, and sagging skin.  
**Improved skin tone:** PRP can enhance skin texture and tone, resulting in a youthful, radiant appearance.



**Long lasting results:** The results can last for several months, especially when combined with other treatments.  
**Choosing the Right Treatment**  
When considering skin rejuvenation treatments, it is crucial to consult a professional as they can assess your skin type, concerns and goals to recommend the most suitable option. Each treatment has its unique advantages and may be used in combination for optimal results.  
Dr Shweta Mishra said, "I can confidently say that hydrating fillers, microneedling and PRP therapy each offer unique benefits for achieving radiant skin. Hydrating fillers provide instant hydration and volume, smoothing fine lines for a youthful glow. Microneedling stimulates collagen production, minimizes scars and pores, and enhances product absorption, all with minimal downtime. PRP therapy utilises your body's own platelets to rejuvenate the skin naturally, reducing fine lines and improving overall tone."  
She concluded, "Together, these techniques can effectively transform your skin, making them ideal choices for special occasions and festive celebrations. Always consult a qualified professional to find the best option for your skin type and goals. With Diwali around the corner, investing in skin rejuvenation techniques like hydrating fillers, microneedling, and PRP therapy can help you achieve the glowing skin you desire. By understanding these treatments and their benefits, you can make informed choices to look your best during the festivities. Remember to prioritise professional guidance to ensure safe and effective results."



# ICC Board Recommends Change In Terms For Chairman, Independent Director

New Delhi: The Board of the International Cricket Council (ICC) has recommended changes in the term of its Chair and Independent Director to two terms of three years, adding that this proposal will now be circulated to members for approval. As of now, the two posts were set a maximum of three terms of two years each. Now with the recommended rule change to amend the tenures of chair and independent director to a maximum of two terms of three years each, cricket's global governing body is in sync with how the terms

at the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) last. Following the approval from the ICC members, Jay Shah will begin his first term as ICC Chair from December 1 for three years after departing as BCCI Secretary. ICC also said Dr. John Maclean has been included in the Medical Advisory Committee following the retirement of Dr Roger Hawkes. In its Board meeting held in Dubai on Monday, the ICC also said New Zealand Cricket (NZC) CEO Scott Weenink has been appointed as Full Member representative, while the

Netherlands skipper Scott Edwards is named as Associate Member representative. Another big outcome from the ICC Board is its approval of a series of women's Associate Member T20 competitions to boost the competitiveness of the teams. The development comes with an eye towards the expansion of teams in the ICC women's events in the 2028-2031 cycle. The ICC Board said the strategy includes creating two annual T20I tournaments between 2025 and 2028 which would offer

structured cricket with context to 24 teams in the pathway ahead of the 16-team ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2030. The ICC added further details that will be announced in due course while saying the 2025-2029 women's FTP and calendar have been approved and will be published in the coming days. The ICC Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) has okayed the change in women's rankings annual update – it will now move to May 1 from October 1 of each year. As part of the updates to the rankings, teams will now

need to have played a minimum of eight matches, which is up from six, due to the significant increase in women's international cricket calendar. The ICC CEC also confirmed the pathway for granting ODI status for the five Associate Member women's teams of the 16 for the 2025-2029 cycle. It will consist of a maximum of two associate teams that qualify for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2025 with the remaining slots determined by the ICC T20I team rankings at the time of annual update.

# India Captain Harmanpreet Kaur Included In Women's T20 WC Team Of The Tournament

New Delhi: India captain Harmanpreet Kaur has been included in 2024 Women's T20 World Cup team of the tournament, which includes champions New Zealand and runners-up South Africa being represented by three players each, along with players from West Indies, Bangladesh, England and Australia.



Though India didn't enter the semi-finals under her leadership, Harmanpreet ended the tournament with 150 runs in four matches and being dismissed just once in four innings. The right-handed batter also made unbeaten half-centuries against Sri Lanka and Australia at Dubai and Sharjah respectively. The team includes New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr, who picked up Player of the Match in the final as well as the Player of the Tournament trophy. Amelia, 24, took 15

wickets – the most by any player in an edition of Women's T20 World Cup – and scored 135 runs, including top-scoring with 43 in the final to help New Zealand lift the trophy for the first time. She is joined in the side by her team-mates – pacer Rosemary Mair, who took 10 wickets at an average of 11.70, including three in the final, and off-spinner Eden Carson, listed as 12th player in this team after picking nine

wickets. South Africa's opening pair of captain Laura Wolvaardt and Tazmin Brits – the two highest run-scorers in the competition – have been selected too. Laura was remarkably consistent, with four scores of 40 or above including a best of 59 not out in the opener against West Indies and ending with a tally of 223 runs at 44.60 and strike-rate of 113.19 in six innings. Tazmin, meanwhile, made 187 runs in total with a best of 57 not out.

# Ruturaj Gaikwad To Lead 15-Member India A Squad On Australia Tour

Mumbai: The national Men's Selection Committee has picked a 15-member India A squad for the upcoming tour of Australia, with Ruturaj Gaikwad named as captain for this tour by the fringe players of the country. Bengal Ranji Trophy opener Abhimanyu Easwaran will be Gaikwad's deputy for this red-ball tour with the likes of Nitish Kumar Reddy, Devdutt Padikkal, and Sai Sudharsan as other members of the squad. Mukesh Kumar, Khaleel Ahmed, Yash Dayal and Navdeep Saini will lead the India A attack on the tour which will coincide with the Border Gavaskar Trophy series between the senior teams of India and Australia. Ishan Kishan and Abhishek Porel are the two wicketkeepers in the 15-member India A squad that will play two first-class matches against Australia A in Mackay and Melbourne respectively. India A will also take part in a three-day intra-squad game against Team India (Senior Men) in Perth, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah informed in a release on Monday. The India A tour of Australia will start with a four-day First-class match against Australia A at Mackay from October 31 to November 3. The second match will be played in Melbourne from November 7 to 10.

# ISL 2024-25: East Bengal Eye Season's First Win Against Strong Odisha FC

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): The Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 steps into a new matchweek that kicks off with a potentially blistering face-off between Odisha FC and East Bengal FC at the Kalinga Stadium here on Tuesday. The two teams must be determined to immediately find their footing in this campaign since the Red & Gold Brigade has yet to open its account, whereas the Juggernauts sit at the 10th spot with four points from as many encounters. However, a duel between these two eastern outfits often produces fireworks, and the fans on the



home turf of Odisha FC must be gearing up for an end-to-end battle that pushes each team to put their best efforts forward to walk away with three points. The two teams have locked horns eight times against each other in the Indian Super League (ISL), with Odisha FC winning six matches and East Bengal FC emerging victorious once. A solitary game has resulted in a draw,

with the Juggernauts scoring 24 goals as compared to the 17 of the Red & Gold Brigade. The Odisha FC head coach Sergio Lobera called upon the entire squad to step up to the task whenever required. He stressed the need for a strong bench and insisted that a variety of options allows him to mold his plans differently and have greater chances of winning the game.

# Women's T20 WC Final: New Zealand Beat South Africa By 32 Runs To Lift Maiden Title

Dubai: Clinical bowling by Amelia Kerr and Rosemary Mair helped New Zealand beat South Africa by 32 runs to lift their maiden title in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at the Dubai International Stadium here on Sunday. Kerr and Mair picked three wickets each to restrict the Proteas to 126/9 in the second innings after New Zealand had posted a challenging 158/5 after they were asked to bat first in the final. New Zealand women erased the bitter memories of their past T20 World Cup finals as they eventually triumphed in their third trip to the finals. The Proteas on the other hand have lost in the final for a second year



running after having lost to Australia in the 2023 Women's T20 WC. Asked to bat first, Amelia Kerr, Brooke Halliday, and Suzi Bates helped New Zealand post 158/5 in 20 overs. Georgia Plimmer and Bates opened with a strong start, but Plimmer's attempted six off Marizanne Kapp was caught by Sune Luus. Bates soon followed, bowled by Nonkululeko Mlaba. Captain Sophie Devine was removed for six after a successful

review by Nadine de Klerk. South Africa's bowlers tightened control, with no boundaries hit between overs 5.4 and 13.5. Halliday (38) broke the shackles, raised a 57-run stand with Kerr before being caught by Anneke Bosch. Kerr hit consecutive boundaries before falling in the penultimate over to Nonkululeko Mlaba, the only bowler with multiple wickets. Maddy Green's late six helped New Zealand set a 159-run target for SA.

# Women's T20 WC: Victory Over India Set Tone For Winning The Title, Says Devine

Dubai: After New Zealand got its first-ever Women's T20 World Cup title with a 32-run win over South Africa, captain Sophie Devine said their dominating 58-run victory over India was the game which set the tone for them to go all the way to the trophy at the Dubai International Stadium. New Zealand had come into the tournament on the back of losing 10 successive T20Is, but punched firmly above their weight to win the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup. "It's really hard to

pinpoint one moment or one game. Probably most recently is that India game, though. It was probably the most complete performance we've had since the World Cup in South Africa and everything did come together." "As I said, it showed that belief and confidence in this group, and to put it together and to know that we could do it, I think was a massive moment for us and helped us on our journey to being here tonight with this (trophy) in front of us. So hard to pinpoint



because there's so much that goes into it." "I mean everyone thinks about the games, but it's the work that goes on behind the scenes that a lot of people don't see. But I think if you're talking about performances, that India one probably set the tone for us," said Sophie

after the final ended. It was a case of being third time lucky for Sophie after having runners-up finishes with New Zealand in 2009 and 2010 editions of the competition. With the win in Dubai their second World Cup after 2000 Women's ODI World Cup,

Sophie hopes the triumph of October 20 will inspire the future generations to achieve greater heights. "The impact is going to take a bit of time to sink in. We've spoken about it before, the 2000 World Cup and the impact that had and that took years to see the swell of numbers and the interest in cricket grow and fingers crossed we can do that too back home as inspire that next generation of players." "But the great thing about being a Kiwi is we all get in behind each other.

# Ranji Trophy: Abdul Samad scripts history for Jammu & Kashmir with twin hundreds

Srinagar: Abdul Samad scripted history for Jammu and Kashmir in the Ranji Trophy on Monday, October 21. The 22-year-old batter became the first J & K batter to hit two hundreds in the same match in the premier domestic first-class tournament. The SunRisers Hyderabad star dominated Odisha at the Barabati Stadium, helping his team move into a position of

strength in the morning session on the final day. Abdul Samad batted with purpose and pace as he hit 108 in as many balls, smashing six sixes and five boundaries in the second innings. Samad's blitz helped Jammu and Kashmir declare at 270 for 7 and ask Odisha to bat on the final day. J & K set a 269-run target to Odisha, who were reeling at 14 for 3 after 10 overs.

# ICC Names Nimali Perera, Claire Polosak As Match Officials For Final

Dubai: Sri Lanka's Nimali Perera and Claire Polosak of Australia will umpire their first ICC Women's T20 World Cup final as they take charge of South Africa v New Zealand on Sunday. Anna Harris will act as the third umpire, with Jacqueline Williams serving as the fourth umpire while G.S. Lakshmi has been selected as the match referee for

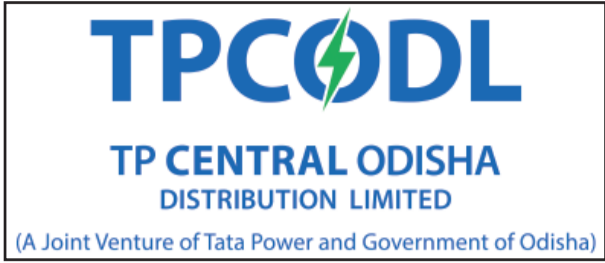
the final in Dubai, the ICC informed in a release on Saturday. Perera stood in the semifinal between Australia and South Africa earlier in the tournament, having also officiated last year's semifinal between Australia and India. Claire Polosak is a highly experienced umpire, with Sunday marking her 64th career women's T20

international, and the 2024 final marks the first time she will oversee an ICC World Cup final. Polosak was one of the on-field umpires during the 2023 edition of the Women's T20 World Cup semifinals in South Africa, as well as this year's semifinal between West Indies and New Zealand in Sharjah. The ICC Women's T20 World Cup is set to have

a first-time winner when New Zealand and South Africa play the final on Sunday/Sophie Devine's New Zealand completed a narrow win over West Indies in Sharjah on Friday to seal their place in Sunday's showpiece, where they will hope to lift the trophy for the first time. Their opponents South Africa defeated six-time champions Australia

in the first semifinal on Thursday and will be looking to go one better than the last edition, when they were losing finalists on home soil. This will be just the second time that the Proteas have reached the final of a major tournament, following their run in 2023, which ended with a 19-run loss to Australia in Cape Town.

# TPCODL activates extensive Cyclone 'Dana' preparedness plan to ensure uninterrupted power supply



Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau) - TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), a joint venture of Tata Power and Government of Odisha, has implemented a comprehensive preparedness plan to mitigate the potential impacts of the cyclone 'Dana' on power supply and ensure the safety of its consumers. The company is committed to delivering uninterrupted electricity while prioritizing public safety during this

challenging time. TPCODL has activated its Business Continuity and Disaster Management Plan (BCDMP), which includes an organized disaster response framework to handle varying levels of emergencies. The plan outlines clear action

steps to monitor and assess real-time weather alerts, trigger timely pre-disaster warnings and execute a swift restoration process, should the power supply be disrupted. "As Cyclone Dana approaches, we are fully prepared to

ensure minimal disruption to the power supply. We have activated decentralized central room for real time monitoring of network and have implemented proactive measures to ensure sufficient arrangement of manpower and material at site. We are working closely with government agencies to safeguard both infrastructure and public safety. We urge everyone to follow safety guidelines and report any emergencies immediately," said

# Establishment of spice making unit by rural women in collaboration with Jindal Stainless Limited

Kalinganagar, (AoBureau): Jindal Stainless Limited is proud to announce the establishment of the "Sanjivani" Pure Spice Manufacturing Institute and Sales Center in Jakhpura village, located under the Dangadi Panchayat Samiti. This initiative, part of the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, focuses on empowering rural women by providing them with comprehensive training to operate their spice industry. The women of the village have come



together and under the direct supervision of the Corporate Social Responsibility Department of Jindal Stainless Limited have been able to carry out all the operations of this spice industry themselves and make their own living. The

institute specializes in producing Turmeric powder and Chilli Powder spices, ensuring that residents of the Jajpur and other adjacent districts have access to pure, high-quality spices. The process involves sourcing raw materials directly

from local farmers, followed by meticulous cleaning, grinding, and packaging under stringent hygienic practices. Sanjivani's products are not only eco-friendly but have also been rigorously tested and certified by government-registered laboratories, securing FSSAI certification from the Food Safety Department of the Odisha Government. In a market often filled with adulterated alternatives, Sanjivani stands out, providing unadulterated, flavorful spice options that have quickly gained popularity among local families.

# iDestiny opens 2 new Apple Destinations for Tech enthusiasts in Odisha



Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): iDestiny is thrilled to announce the grand opening of not just one but two Apple Authorised Reseller stores in Odisha. The new locations at Kavaka complex, Ainthapalli Main Road, Sambalpur and Dharma Nagar, Brahmapur mark a significant expansion in our mission to provide the best apple to Odisha's tech lovers. As East India's only Apple Premium partner, iDestiny is now even closer to becoming the go-to destination for all things Apple. "This is an exciting milestone for iDestiny as we open two new stores in Odisha. Our focus remains on elevating the customer experience by ensuring availability, serviceability, reliability, affordability, and seamless device exchange options. We

are confident that these stores will become the favorite Apple destinations for Sambalpur and Brahmapur's tech savvy citizens" said Vijay Dugar, Director iDestiny - Apple Authorised Reseller. With these new stores, iDestiny brings an extensive selection of Apple products and third-party accessories to a wider audience. "Our stores will showcase the largest assortment of Apple accessories to help customers get the most

out of their Apple products. From MacBook sleeves to the latest music accessories, we have everything an Apple fan could need. The store displays Apple's full range of desktops, laptops, iPhones and iPads designed as per Apple India's high standards," added Shounak Roy, Business Head iDestiny-Apple Authorised Reseller. Our staff is fully trained to offer expert advice on Apple products and accessories.

# 9th International Congress & Exhibition on Arsenic in the Environment Inaugurated at KIIT



Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): The prestigious 9th International Congress & Exhibition on Arsenic in the Environment was inaugurated today at KIIT-DU, bringing together over 100 international delegates and 300 participants, including scientists from 50 countries. Prof. John Cherry, Professor Emeritus of Hydrogeology at the University of Waterloo, Canada and the chief guest, remarked on the complexities of groundwater management. "Groundwater is one of the most complicated elements of our environment, and the arsenic crisis results from humanity's own failures," he noted, urging vigilance and innovation to address these

challenges. It is a very well organised conference with many different scientific specialties. He said the KIIT University was an amazing creation by Prof. Achyuta Samanta. This institute is a role model for the world and ranked high in the world despite being relatively new. The congress also saw Prof. Abhijit Mukherjee, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awardee from IIT Kharagpur, stress the importance of water in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGs). "Water is the central pillar of all SDGs, and by 2030, we aim to accomplish these targets," he stated. Prof. Prosun Bhattacharya from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, and the Organizing Chair of the event, underscored the global scope of the conference. "This platform allows us to address an urgent environmental challenge and exchange diverse ideas," he said, adding that delegates from Sweden, Taiwan, the Netherlands, and India are actively

participating. The Vice-Chancellor of KIIT, Prof. Saranjit Singh, added that the congress is particularly relevant given the emerging challenges of water contamination. Prof. Dipankar Saha, former member of the Central Ground Water Board, highlighted India's position as the largest extractor of groundwater, with 250 cubic kilometers extracted annually. He warned that groundwater contamination and depletion remain serious concerns for the country. At the inaugural ceremony, the International Society of Groundwater for Sustainable Development (ISGSD) conferred Honorary Lifetime Membership upon Prof. Achyuta Samanta, the Founder of

KIIT and KISS, recognizing his contributions to education and environmental sustainability. KIIT was also honoured with the Green Campus Award 2024 for its outstanding green initiatives. In his address, Prof. Samanta highlighted the relevance of the congress, stating, "Water contamination is a serious issue, and pollution levels are high, yet India continues to progress. However, the burden on future generations will be immense." During the event, the Centre for Water Research and Climate Change at KIIT was inaugurated. Speaking on the occasion, KIIT Registrar, Prof. J.R. Mohanty, said the center aligns with KIIT's dedication

# Jindal Foundation Observes Seva Divas on Chairperson Smt. Shallu Jindal's Birthday



Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): Jindal Foundation, the social arm of Jindal Steel & Power, observed the Seva Divas nationwide to mark the birthday of its chairperson, Smt. Shallu Jindal, a renowned philanthropist, social leader, and Kuchipudi Danseuse. The Jindal Foundation dedicated the day to reaffirming its mission to build an inclusive India, enabling the underprivileged and socially vulnerable to live a life of dignity and fulfilment. Every institution and unit of the Jindal Foundation across the country organized numerous social programs at ground zero to mark the occasion, embodying the commitment of Smt. Jindal to empower

communities and provide opportunity for an equitable society, addressing the needs of the deprived and socially vulnerable, and thereby ensuring holistic social upliftment. Expressing her gratitude to the community service partners through an inspiring message, Smt. Jindal said, "I am truly grateful for your kind wishes and the thoughtful service activities in observation of my birthday. Your support strengthens my resolve to work even harder for the

betterment of society. Together, we can make a positive impact and bring smiles to those in need." Jindal Foundation across Odisha, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, and other parts of India organized medical camps, veterinary health services, and nutrition services to senior citizens, patients in hospitals, and children in children's homes. In an effort to restore the ecology, community volunteers, students from OP Jindal

University, and community eco leaders planted thousands of plants. Jindal Foundation provided mosquito nets and blankets to the underprivileged. The OP Jindal Hospitals in Chhatisgarh reinforced its commitment to reach the unreached and provided health care services through multiple camps in senior citizen homes, orphanages, and other shelter homes. O.P. Jindal Schools in Raigarh, Angul, Patratu, and Barbil also organized tree plantation drives, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, art & craft creative activities, cow and stray animal care services, and provided food and clothes to orphanages and hospitals. The Jindal

Foundation extended its efforts to tribal areas in Tensa and Kasia, organizing friendly football matches for tribal youths and dedicating a new ambulance to serve the local communities. The children from the Jindal Sports Hostel in tribal-predominant Deojhar and Barbil participated in several creative activities, including a poster-making competition, to express their creative talents in honor of Smt. Jindal. Other events included Nukkad Nataks, which promote skill development, community property repair by Skill Centre students, health checkups at orphanages, football matches, and Kabbadi training camps, all of which reflected the values of teamwork and service.

# SUMUM conducts Medical Thoracoscopy CME and Workshop



Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): Medical thoracoscopy, which has emerged as a highly important intervention in the field of Pulmonary Medicine to diagnose Pleuropulmonary diseases, has both diagnostic and therapeutic uses. It was the subject of a day-long Continuing Medical Education (CME) program and workshop at the SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM) here on Sunday where several experts shared their views. Among corporate institutions, SUMUM stands out in having fully functional bronchoscopy and thoracoscopy suite facilities. "We believe that knowledge is power and sharing the same is a

continuous process", Dr. Swetapadma Dash, Chief Executive Officer of SUMUM, said. "It's a proud moment for us to have pioneered Odisha's first Medical Thoracoscopy CME and Workshop, offering hands-on experience with live animal models," she said. The enthusiastic participation of HODs, students, and faculty reaffirms SUMUM's dedication to pushing the

boundaries of medical education and fostering a culture of excellence, Dr. Dash said. The hospital's department of Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine organised the event which was the first of its kind in the state till date. There were lecture sessions which were crisp and informative along with one to one interactions with eminent faculties.