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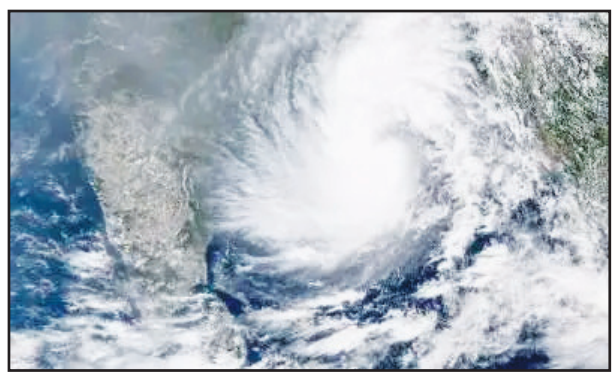


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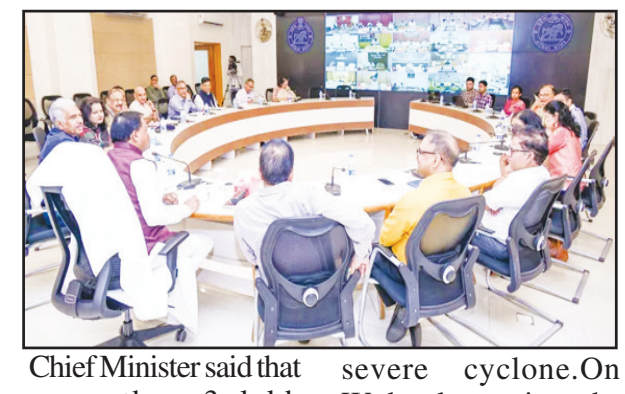
Cyclone 'Dana' Located 150km Southeast Of Paradip, Moving With 10 Kmph Speed

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted extremely heavy rainfall in several districts of Odisha for two days starting today as the severe cyclonic storm 'Dana' is approaching the coast.The weather agency informed that scattered heavy to very heavy rainfall (7 to 20cm) with isolated extremely heavy rainfall (>20cm) rainfalls are very likely to occur in Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Balasore, and Mayurbhanj on October 24.Similar weather condition will be felt in Jajpur, Bhadrak, Puri, Dhenkanal, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada and Angul districts on October 25.The severe cyclonic storm "DANA" over northwest Bay of Bengal moved north-northwestwards with a speed of 10 kmph which is about 150 km southeast of Paradip (Odisha), 180 km south-southeast of Dhamara (Odisha) and 250 km south of Sagar Island (West Bengal).It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island close to Bhitarkanika and Dhamara (Odisha) during mid-night of 24th to morning of 25th October, 2024 as a severe Cyclonic Storm with a wind speed of 100-110 kmph gusting 120 kmph.Fishing operations have been completely suspended on October 24 and 25 over Central and North Bay of Bengal.Great danger signal no-10 (GD-10) has been hoisted at Puri, Dhamara/ Chandbali, Paradip while local cautionary signal no.3 (LC-3) at Gopalpur port.Storm surge is likely to be 1.0 to 2.0 m height above astronomical tide and very likely to inundate low-lying areas of Kendrapara, Bhadrak & Balasore districts of Odisha during the time of landfall.Storm surge of 0.5 to 1.0 m height above astronomical tide is very likely to inundate low-lying areas of Jagatsingpur district during the time of landfall.



Odisha CM Reviews Preparedness, Emphasises 'Zero Casualty'

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi today discussed the progress of cyclone preparedness with District Collectors of Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balswar, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Cuttack, Khurda and Jajpur at Lok Seva Bhawan.After the review, the Chief Minister told the media that 1,653 villages, 9 towns and 26 wards of 38 blocks of 11 districts are likely to be affected by this cyclone. A total of 3,62,000 people are targeted to be relocated from slums and vulnerable areas.The Chief Minister said that more than 3 lakh people have been safely shifted to the cyclone shelters by 11 am today. He said that 100 per cent evacuation is expected to be achieved in a few hours. He said that 2,338 pregnant women have been safely shifted to hospitals and maternity homes from the areas likely to be affected by the severe cyclone.On Wednesday evening at the Special Relief Commissioner's office, the Chief Minister directed the District Magistrates to speed up the evacuation process during the review of cyclone preparedness. At present, a total of 7285 shelters including 842 permanent shelters and 6443 temporary shelters are operational in all these districts.



17 Palestinians Killed By Israeli Bombing In Gaza

Gaza: At least 17 Palestinians were killed, including nine children, by Israeli bombing in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, the Hamas-run Gaza government media office said.The bomb attack on a compound that used to house the Shuhada al-Nuseirat school left more than 52 others injured and a number of persons missing.The media office said in a statement that the school sheltered thousands of displaced people, and the majority of them are children and women.The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said in a statement on Thursday that the Israeli Air Force conducted a strike on Hamas militants who were operating inside a command and control centre in the Shuhada al-Nuseirat school in Nuseirat, Xinhua news agency reported.The command and control centre, which was embedded inside a compound that previously served as the Shuhada al-Nuseirat School, was used to plan and execute attacks against IDF troops and the State of Israel, it added.Israel has been conducting a large-scale offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the Israeli border on October 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed and about 250 taken hostage.



Nine IS Militants Killed In Iraq

Baghdad: The Iraqi military said on Thursday that nine Islamic State (IS) militants were killed in a military operation in a desert in the Anbar province.The Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service carried out an airdrop of troops and engaged in clashes with IS militants in a desert area north of the town of al-Rutba, some 400 km west of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, according to a statement from the Security Media Cell, a media outlet affiliated with the Iraqi Joint Operations Command.The troops killed nine IS militants, including seven suicide bombers, and destroyed their weapons, ammunition, and other logistical equipment, the statement said, Xinhua news agency reported.On Tuesday, Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani said that security forces had killed the commander of the IS group for Iraq and eight other senior leaders in an operation in a mountainous area of northern Iraq.The security situation in Iraq has improved since the defeat of the IS in 2017. However, IS remnants have sneaked into urban centres, deserts, and rugged areas, carrying out frequent guerilla attacks against security forces and civilians.

PM Modi Calls for United Action Against Terrorism at 16th BRICS Summit

New Delhi :At the Closed Plenary Session of the 16th BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the urgent need for a united and cooperative approach to combat terrorism and its financing.

Addressing the leaders of Brazil, Russia, China, and South Africa, PM Modi highlighted the importance of eliminating double standards in dealing with such a critical issue."We all have to be united and cooperate strongly to deal with terrorism and terror financing. There is no place for double standards on such a serious issue. We should take active steps to prevent radicalization among the youth of our countries. We have to work together on the pending issue of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the UN," PM Modi stated.He stressed the necessity of taking active steps to prevent the radicalization of youth across BRICS nations, underscoring the role of collective action in addressing this challenge.



India is ready to welcome new countries as BRICS Partner Country. All decisions in this regard should be made unanimously and the views of the founding members of BRICS should be respected. The guiding principles, standards, criteria and procedures that we adopted at the Johannesburg Summit should be followed by all member and partner countries…We should move forward in a timely manner for reforms in global institutions like UN Security Council, Multilateral Development Banks, WTO. While taking forward the efforts of BRICS, we should keep in mind that the image of this organisation should not be such that we do not want to reform global institutions but want to replace them…," added the PM.PM Modi also called for renewed efforts to resolve the pending Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism at the United Nations, urging BRICS countries to work together to finalize this crucial agreement.

Delhi Pollution: Air Quality Remains In 'Very Poor' Category

New Delhi: The national capital's air quality remained in the 'very poor' category on Thursday as per the latest available data.The air quality index (AQI) was 336 at 7.30 a.m., according to Central Pollution Control Board data (CPCB).Various monitoring stations across the national capital recorded the air quality in the 'very poor' category — between 301 and 400.These locations include ITO, Mandir Marg, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Vivek Vihar, Anand Vihar, Burari Crossing, Wazirpur, Pusa, Nehru Nagar, Jahangirpuri, R K Puram, Loni and Sirifort.During the day, the air quality might drop to the 'severe' category at places where the AQI is near 400.

An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe,' as per the CPCB.On Wednesday, a layer of smog enveloped the Delhi-NCR as the air quality index (AQI) continued to be 'very poor'. The AQI was recorded at 349, according to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR).The pollution levels remain grim despite the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) invoking stage two of the anti-pollution plan GRAP.

Aadhaar, Per Se, Not Proof Of Date Of Birth: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday observed that an Aadhaar card, which can be used to establish identity, is not, per see, proof of date of birth.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and Ujjal Bhuyan was hearing an appeal filed by legal representatives of a deceased victim in a road accident challenging the reduction in award amount. The impugned decision reduced the award amount observing that the multiplier applicable would be 13, since the victim was aged 47 at the time of death, as per the Aadhaar card record. The claimant-appellants contended that the multiplier applicable would be 14 as the School Leaving Certificate recorded October 1970 as the date of birth of the deceased and he was 45 years old at the time of the accident.In view of the contentions raised, the SC framed the legal question of which of the two is to be taken authoritative in case of conflict of the dates of birth between the School Leaving Certificate and the Aadhar Card. It noted that a School Leaving Certificate has been



accorded statutory recognition under Section 94 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015."The Unique Identification Authority of India, by way of its Circular No. 08 of 2023, has stated, in reference to an Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology dated 20th December 2018, that an Aadhar Card, while can be used to establish identity, it is not per se proof of date of birth," it said. After citing several decisions of diverse high courts across the country, the apex court concluded that it has "no hesitation" in accepting the calculation of the age of deceased based on the School Leaving Certificate.Allowing the appeal, the SC ordered that the "total amount, i.e., Rs 14,41,500, in the interest of just compensation is rounded off to Rs 15,00,000 with 8 per cent interest from the date of filing of the claim petition to be released to the rightful claimants in the manner directed by the Tribunal".

Kedarnath Yatra Laced With Chaos And Disorder; Administration's Indifference Adds To Woes

New Delhi: Kedarnath Yatra is one of the most-revered Hindu pilgrimages which is undertaken by many devotees every year despite challenges arising due to inclement weather conditions. Even this year, though adverse weather conditions came as an obstacle for the pilgrims, the Yatra towards Kedarnath Temple resumed as soon as the weather turned conducive.Kedarnath Temple is located on the Garhwal Himalayan range near Mandakini river in Uttarakhand. Due to the region's extreme weather conditions, the temple remains open for the people only between April (Akshaya Tritiya) and November (Kartik



Purnima).Despite all the challenges, I decided to have a darshan of Baba Kedar and Badri Vishal, and set out on the journey towards Kedarnath Temple.All the news reports that I went through before stepping out for the Yatra gave positive vibes. However, little did I know that there would be confrontation with gloomy moments soon.On the first day of my Yatra, I began proceeding towards Sonprayag from Haridwar on a vehicle.The man who was behind the wheels threw indications that I was probably having the initial brushes with the challenges that were waiting for me."This is just the beginning. Hopefully, you don't abandon the journey mid-way by looking at the condition of the roads," he said, to which I replied: "That won't happen… according to local media, authorities have made proper arrangements for the Yatra."

The driver responded: "Sir, now that you have embarked upon the journey, maybe you should have a closer look… you will get a proper idea about the difference between the government's claims and actual action regarding the Yatra's arrangements."On my way to Rudraprayag, I began realising what my vehicle driver was actually talking about.During the beginning of my journey, I stopped at a roadside dhaba for a food break. I met a woman there, who turned a little emotional on learning that I am a journalist.

India-China Consensus Is Proof That Dialogue Brings Solutions: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday that the broad consensus achieved by India and China to resolve their differences is proof that continuous dialogue brings solutions. "Development and security are often viewed from separate perspectives, but are, in actuality, deeply interconnected and mutually reinforcing. Historically, the study of key factors for economic development such as land, labour, capital and entrepreneurship has been central to economic analysis," the Defence Minister said while delivering the keynote address at the Army's Chanakya Defence Dialogue in



New Delhi.He added that the impact of defence and security has traditionally been underexplored."This may be because security is often viewed as a necessary but non-economic factor. Defence spending, military infrastructure and national security can significantly affect economic growth and resource allocation, even in non-war periods or in peacetime," the Defence Minister said.He reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's resolve to bridge the gap between 'development' and 'security', stressing that economic development can only flourish when national security is ensured.He said that the government's consistent efforts to attain 'Aatmanirbharta' have directly linked the defence sector with the nation's development.

"If defence had been recognised as an integral component of development and studied more comprehensively in the past, India might have achieved self-reliance in the sector much earlier. The prolonged dependency on imports can be attributed, in part, to the lack of a coordinated approach between defence and development. Consequently, while our defence industry missed out on critical opportunities for growth and innovation, a significant portion of our defence budget flowed into other economies, limiting our ability to strengthen our own capabilities.

Civilian Porter Killed, Four Soldiers Injured In Terrorist Attack In J&K's Baramulla

Srinagar: A civilian porter was killed and four soldiers were injured when terrorists fired at an army vehicle in J&K's Baramulla district on Thursday, officials said.Official sources said that terrorists fired at a vehicle of Rashtriya Rifles (RR) at Nagin Chowk of Botapathri area near Gulmarg ski resort in the evening."One civilian porter working for the army was killed and four soldiers were injured in this attack. The area has been cordoned off and reinforcements have been rushed to the area," an official said.Earlier on Thursday, terrorists fired at and injured a labourer from UP in Tral area of Pulwama district. The labourer sustained a minor injury.Thursday's attack on an army vehicle comes in from a usually militancy-free area of the Valley. Gulmarg and its upper reaches like Botapathri are thronged by tourists and the place has been a choice destination for nature lovers.Earlier, Baramulla police said: "Some exchange of fire took place between forces and terrorists in Butapathri sector of district Baramulla around Nagin post. Further details will be shared after verifying facts."

J&K Govt To Bring Article 370 Resolution In Assembly, Restore 'Darbar Move'

Srinagar: The J&K government will bring a resolution on Article 370 in the upcoming session of the Legislative Assembly and also restore the practice of 'Darbar Move', NC MLA and party spokesperson, Tanvir Sadiq said on Thursday.Tanvir Sadiq, NC MLA from Srinagar's Zadibal constituency and party spokesman said today that the government will bring a resolution on Article 370 in the upcoming Assembly session and the government will also restore the practice of six-monthly shuttling of top government offices between the twin capitals of Jammu and Srinagar.J&K L-G Manoj Sinha has called a session of the Legislative Assembly on November 4.The practice called the 'Darbar Move' was started by the Dogra Maharajas and was abandoned by the L-G administration to cut the huge costs involved in shifting top offices including those of the chief minister, council of ministers, chief secretary, all other senior administrative officers and the police headquarters between Srinagar and Jammu.Speaking to media persons, Tanvir Sadiq called the abrogation of Article 370 'unconstitutional'.He hoped that opposition parties, including the BJP, would support the resolution on Article 370 in the Assembly."The government also plans to revive the Darbar Move practice, benefiting Jammu traders. Whatever, we have promised in the election manifesto, will be fulfilled," he said.Tanvir Sadiq alleged that the BJP was trying to divide Jammu and Kashmir by fuelling communal tensions for electoral gains."NC instead prioritises unity and inclusive representation. The Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah is currently in Delhi, engaging with ministers to address the people's pressing issues. Omar Abdullah means business this time and people will witness a sea of change," he said.Articles 370 and 35A were abrogated on August 5, 2019. by the Parliament and the state was divided into two union territories of J&K and Ladakh.NC made the restoration of Article 370 and statehood its main electoral plank.

Former J'khand CM Madhu Koda Petitions SC Seeking Suspension Of Conviction In Coal Scam

New Delhi: Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda has petitioned the Supreme Court seeking suspension of his conviction in the Rs 4,000 crore coal scam to enable him to contest forthcoming Assembly polls.On Thursday, a bench headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna decided to post the matter for hearing on October 25.The Bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kumar and R Mahadevan, said the judges were not able to go through the case file as it was sent to them late.Koda's special leave petition before the apex court contended that he could not be disqualified from contesting the elections due to the pendency of the criminal appeal and that "denial of suspension would have irreversible consequences which could not be compensated in monetary terms or otherwise."Last week, the Delhi High Court disposed of Koda's plea and agreed with the CBI's contention that Koda's fresh application filed under Sections 389(1) and 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) was non-maintainable since a similar plea seeking suspension of conviction was dismissed in 2020.

Omar Abdullah Meets PM Modi

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.This is Omar Abdullah's first meeting with PM Modi after being sworn in as the Chief Minister of J&K. It was also Omar's first visit to Delhi after becoming the Chief Minister.

On Wednesday, Omar Abdullah met the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and according to reports, Omar submitted the resolution passed by J&K Cabinet for restoration of statehood to the Home Minister.Omar was expected to submit the statehood resolution to the Prime Minister on Thursday however there is no confirmation as of yet whether he has submitted the resolution. The Chief Minister also met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and during the meeting, the Defence Minister



conveyed PM Modi's interest in ensuring progress and development of J&K.The Defence Minister also told the Chief Minister that the Union government is committed to support the initiatives that will bring prosperity and stability to the region.Omar Abdullah also met Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari and discussed the ongoing road projects and future developmental initiatives in J&K. Their meeting focused on the expansion of road infrastructure, including critical highway projects and the enhancement of transportation facilities across J&K.

NC headed by former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah had made the restoration of Article 370 and statehood for J&K the main electoral plank.

Restoration of statehood to J&K has been assured both by the Union Home Minister and the Prime Minister. Even before the Supreme Court, the union government filed an affidavit that statehood would be restored to J&K as soon as possible.NC won 42, BJP 29, Congress 6, PDP 3, CPI (M) 1, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) 1, Peoples Conference 1

RG Kar Tragedy: HM Amit Shah To Meet Victim's Parents

Kolkata: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has agreed to meet the parents of the woman junior doctor of state-run R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata who was raped and then murdered within the hospital premises in August this year. Sources said that after the father of the victim approached the Union Home Minister, he expressed willingness to meet the parents."The Home Minister was scheduled to arrive at Kolkata today only amid the forthcoming bypolls for six Assembly constituencies. However, his tour was postponed otherwise a meeting could have been arranged today only. Now there is a possibility that the Home Minister might arrive at the state on Sunday. His meeting with the victim's parents can be arranged then," said a state committee member of BJP in West Bengal.The victim's father in the letter to the Home Minister said that after the heinous unforeseen incident happened to their daughter they were going through tremendous mental pressure and were feeling helpless.The victim's father has maintained that he wants to meet the Union Home Minister "to discuss a few things regarding the situation" and pray for his guidance and help.Incidentally, his request for a meeting comes just a day after a group of junior doctors withdrew their fast-unto-death agitation in support of their demands following the rape and murder tragedy.The junior doctors have withdrawn their hunger strike following the requests from the victim's parents.The body of the victim was recovered from the seminar hall of R.G. Kar on the morning of August 9 this year. Kolkata Police started the initial investigation and arrested a civic volunteer Sanjay Roy.

Later the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) took over the charge of the probe following an order of the court. The CBI sleuths later arrested the former and controversial principal of R.G. Kar Sandip Ghosh and the former SHO of Tala Police Station Abhijit Mondal on charges of misleading the investigation and tempering of evidence.

Kerala ADM Suicide: Court Adjourns CPI-M Leader's Anticipatory Bail Plea Till Oct 29

Kannur: A court in Kerala's Kannur adjourned, to October 29, hearing on CPI-M leader P.P. Divya's pre-arrest bail plea in Kannur Additional District Magistrate Naveen Babu's suicide case after a preliminary hearing.Divya's counsel argued that she had no malicious intentions when she spoke about Babu and was just making a general statement against corruption.Meanwhile, the prosecution has strongly opposed her bail plea.The counsel of Babu's wife said that it has now become clear that the so-called complaint by Prasanthan to the Chief Minister was done after the suicide and moreover today they have not produced that complaint but came out with another complaint from a person named Gangadharan against Babu."There is no problem to arrest Divya. The entire episode of Divya was pre-planned," said the counsel of Babu's wife.Babu, who has been widely appreciated for his clean official life and was to retire in seven months, felt deeply humiliated by her remarks and took an extreme step.On October 13, Naveen Babu was found hanging in his home while his wife was waiting for him at the Chengannur railway station. He was recently transferred to his home district Pathanamthitta.Locals said that Babu was deeply hurt when at his send-off function held on Monday, Divya, the Kannur district panchayath president made serious corruption charges against him.

Schools In Kandhamal To Remain Closed Tomorrow Due To Cyclone 'Dana'

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): All government and private schools in Kandhamal district will remain closed on Friday due to cyclonic storm 'Dana' that is expected to hit the coast on Wednesday night or Thursday early morning.The District Education Officer (DEO) has written to all the BEOs and headmasters of the schools in the district.He mentioned in his letter that all the schools of the district have been declared holiday for tomorrow in view of the cyclone. The decision has been taken as a preventive measure as the cyclone is likely to trigger heavy rain in the district.Earlier, the government had announced the closure of schools, colleges and universities across 14 districts from October 23 to October 25 due to the cyclonic storm Dana.The Special Relief Commissioner on October 21 had announced the schools in Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Angul, Khurda, Nayagargh and Cuttack districts to remain closed.Notably, severe cyclonic storm Dana is expected to make landfall between Bhitarkanika and Dhamra on Thursday night and Friday morning.

Senior IPS Officer S.K Priyadarshi Given Additional Charge Of CMD, OPHWC

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Odisha Government today gave additional charge to senior IPS officer S.K. Priyadarshi as the CMD, Odisha Police Housing and Welfare Corporation (OPHWC) with his own position as additional DG of Police.A notification has been issued by the Home Department in this regard. He will remain in the additional charge until further orders."S.K. Priyadarshi, IPS (R.R. 1995), Additional D.G. of Police, Modernization, Odisha is allowed to remain in additional charge of CMD, OPHWC in addition to his own duties until further orders," the notification read.S.K. Priyadarshi had earlier served as the police commissioner of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Commissionerate police.

High Alert at Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda Airports Following Bomb Threat Call



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): A bomb threat call received at Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) in Bhubaneswar has prompted authorities to sound a high alert at both Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda airports. The call, which was later determined to be a hoax, led to intensified security measures and thorough inspections at the airports.Following the threat, security personnel, including bomb disposal squads and dog units, were deployed to ensure the safety of passengers and staff. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) conducted rigorous checks of baggage and passengers, causing delays but ensuring no risks were overlooked.Airport authorities have urged passengers to remain calm and cooperate with the security procedures. The incident is part of a recent spate of bomb threats affecting Indian airports, highlighting the need for heightened vigilance and robust security protocols.No flights were disrupted due to the hoax call, and operations have since returned to normal. However, the authorities remain on high alert, ready to respond to any further threats.For real-time updates, passengers are advised to follow official airport communications and news outlets.

Cyclone Dana Disrupts Rail and Air Travel, Over 200 Trains Cancelled

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): In anticipation of Cyclone Dana's impending landfall, the Indian Railways has announced the cancellation of over 200 trains, significantly impacting travel plans during the festive season.The East Coast Railways (ECoR) has taken this precautionary measure to ensure passenger safety as the cyclone approaches the Odisha coast.Train Cancellations and Flight SuspensionsThe cancellations span several dates, with the majority occurring on October 24th and 25th. The affected trains include both inter-zonal and intra-zonal services, disrupting travel across multiple states.

Bus Services Suspended In Balasore Due To Cyclone 'Dana'



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Private bus services from Balasore to Bhubaneswar have been halted as the severe cyclonic storm 'Dana' approaching coast.The private bus owners' association announced that services on Balasore-Bhubanswar and Balasore-Chandaneswar route have been suspended in view of the cyclone to ensure safety of passengers and prevent accidents.Decision to resume the service will be taken after the cyclone passed, the association said.The weather agency said that the Cyclone 'Dana' is moving with a speed of 10 kmph which is located about 150 km southeast of Paradip (Odisha), 180 km south-southeast of Dhamara (Odisha) and 250 km south of Sagar Island (West Bengal).It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island close to Bhitarkanika and Dhamara (Odisha) during mid-night of Thursday and morning of Friday.The cyclone also led to the suspension of flight and train services in Odisha.

Odisha CM Grievance Cell To Remain Closed On Oct 28

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha Chief Minister's Grievance Cell will be closed on October 28 in light of Cyclone Dana and the ensuing post-cyclone rescue and restoration efforts.As per an official press release, individuals who had registered online to meet the Chief Minister on that date do not need to re-register for the next public grievance hearing. They will be informed about the rescheduled date through newspapers and other mass media.
This announcement was made by the General Administration and Public Grievance Department.

Cuttack Is All Prepared To Combat Cyclone Dana: Law Minister

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan, appointed by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi to oversee Cuttack's preparations for Cyclone Dana, led a district-level review meeting at the District Collectorate today.After meeting with administrative officers, Minister Harichandan confirmed that the district is fully equipped to face the storm.Talking to mediapersons, Harichandan said, "As many as four blocks in the district are expected to be affected by the cyclone. However, the district administration is well-prepared, resolving any outstanding issues by this evening. We are also ready to evacuate pregnant women and have begun evacuations in rural areas. All departments including electricity and water supply apart from NDRF and ODRAF personnel are on alert."Minister Harichandan also alleviated concerns about waterlogging, stating that the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) has been instructed to address drainage related issues. Aequate pumps are in place to address water-logging issues.District Magistrate Dattatreya Bhausaheb Shinde, local MLAs, and various officials were present at the meeting.

Cyclone Preparedness: Minister Pujari Declares 48-Hour State Of Emergency As Dana Approaches

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): With Cyclone Dana's landfall imminent, Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari warned that the next 48 hours will be crucial. The Odisha government has issued a high alert in 13 districts.Pujari cautioned that the period between 8:30 pm today and 8:30 pm tomorrow will be crucial, urging citizens to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions.Talking to the mediapersons about government preparedness to combat the impending disaster, Pujari informed, "The Odisha government has issued a high alert in 13 districts, with evacuation efforts. Over 10 lakh people are being shifted to safety, with 6,500 relief centres set up. The government has made arrangements for food, shelter, and medical facilities. Moreover, NDRF, ODRAF, and fire department teams are on standby.""The cyclone is expected to bring 20 cm of rainfall, with strong winds gusting up to 150 kmph. The districts of Mayurbhanj, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, and Kendrapara are expected to be severely affected. The government has advised people to move to safety and not to panic. We are fully prepared to tackle the situation."He further said, "Administration, police, and local representatives are on the job. People have reached shelter homes. Those arriving at relief centres are tying up their domestic animals at home. Don't do this. Let them loose in a safe place. The Animal Husbandry department has arranged food for them. Pregnant women have been taken to hospitals and are safe. Preparations are satisfactory.""Don't panic. Many cyclones have come before, and Odisha residents have faced them successfully. The cyclone will cause discomfort for the next 48 hours, but afterwards, arrangements will be made to return you home from shelter centres. Police, including women personnel, are deployed at each village and relief centre. Patrolling is ongoing. After the cyclone, the administration will take adequate steps to send them back to your homes from relief centres. Adequate compensation will be provided. Cooperate with the government", Pujari stated.

Coastal Odisha Receives Heavy Rain As Severe Cyclone Dana Approaches

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): The coastal belt of Odisha is experiencing heavy rain and squally winds since Thursday morning with the sea condition remaining rough, as severe cyclonic storm 'Dana' approached closer to the state's coast.According to the IMD, the cyclone is likely to make landfall between Bhitarkanika National Park and Dhamra Port in Odisha between Thursday night and early Friday with wind speeds of up to 120 kmph.The highest rainfall of 62 mm was recorded at Paradip, while Rajnagar in Kendrapara district received 24 mm rain, in the last four hours, the Met Department said.Moderate to intense rain and thunderstorms with wind speeds of 30-40 kmph are likely to lash some parts of Bhadrak, Balasore, Jajpur, Cuttack, Khurda, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada and Puri districts during the day, it said.Meanwhile, roads in some areas of Balasore, Bhadrak, Bhitarkania and Puri were blocked, after trees were uprooted due to strong winds, officials said.

Senior IPS Officer S.K Priyadarshi Given Additional Charge Of CMD, OPHWC



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Odisha Government today gave additional charge to senior IPS officer S.K. Priyadarshi as the CMD, Odisha Police Housing and Welfare Corporation (OPHWC) with his own position as additional DG of Police. A notification has been issued by the Home Department in this regard. He will remain in the additional charge until further orders.
"S.K. Priyadarshi, IPS (R.R. 1995), Additional D.G. of Police, Modernization, Odisha is allowed to remain in additional charge of CMD, OPHWC in addition to his own duties until further orders," the notification read.S.K. Priyadarshi had earlier served as the police commissioner of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Commissionerate police.

Puri Jagannath Temple Ready To Combat Cyclone Dana With Safety Measures

Bhubaneswar: The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has taken necessary precautions to ensure the safety of devotees and the temple premises in view of the impending cyclone Dana.According to sources, the Chief Administrator has instructed officials and employees to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions to ensure the daily rituals of sibling deities are not disrupted. Additionally, the administrator has appealed to all servants and employees for their cooperation during this difficult time.As per reports, the administration has removed temporary tin sheds and palm fronds from Ananda Bazaar as part of measures to minimize the cyclone impact.It has also removed LED screens from the Singhadwar entrance and covered the information centre with plywood. The temple administration placed sandbags on the tin sheds of houses within the Koili Vaikuntha premises.Apart from that, canopies and decorative lights have been removed from the barricade area near Sata Pahacha. It has secured lightweight barricades and covered them with tarpaulins. It has kept generators and a JCB machine on reserve.The Chief Administrator of SJTA has directed officials to coordinate with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Odisha Bridge .

Cyclone Dana: Food Supply & Consumer Welfare Dept Issues Toll-free Number To Curb Black Marketing



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Prices of essential commodities have seen a sharp rise in Bhubaneswar and adjoining areas in view of the impending Cyclone Dana which is expected to make landfall between Bhitarkanika National Forest and Dhamra Port between Thursday night and Friday morning.After receiving complaints about the drastic increase in the prices of essential commodities, especially vegetables, the Consumer Welfare Department has issued a toll-free number for the consumers to lodge complaints against black marketers and unscrupulous traders. The toll-free number issued by the Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Department is 0674-2396227. Consumers can register their complaints on this toll-free number, Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Minister Krishna Chandra Patra said.The minister said that action will be taken against the traders as per the complaint. In addition, a central unit has been set up to address the grievances of the people. The department is vigilant to ensure that various essential items reach the consumers.

EDITORIAL

Academic Writing and the Impact of Social Media Language

Social media language and lingo have become ubiquitous, and its influence is creeping into academic writing. With researchers increasingly using academic social networks such as Twitter, ResearchGate, LinkedIn, and Facebook to share their science, we are seeing a shift in language and communication styles. Peppering text with acronyms, abbreviations, and even emojis are the norm when writing for social media, and this informal language style is seeping into the more factual, professional language required for research papers. While academic social networks have their benefits, PhD students and early career researchers who are unable to differentiate between these two communication styles may struggle when writing for academic and professional success. In this article, we delve into the impact of social media language on academic writing and list some tips for researchers to ensure they deliver high-quality academic writing.

The relationship between the language you use when writing for social media and in academic writing is complex and multifaceted. While academic social networks have facilitated the spread of information and the exchange of ideas, it has also led to the widespread use of informal language, including slang and fashionable abbreviations, which can have a negative impact on the quality of academic writing.Here are a few ways the excessive use of academic social networks and making a habit of using the language preferred on these channels can be detrimental to your academic writing. Lack of clarity and formal tone: Continually evolving lingo, abbreviations, acronyms, casual references, and even cultural influences when writing for social media can make the content difficult to understand, resulting in possible misinterpretations or misunderstandings. Using such informal language is inappropriate for academic writing, which requires you to be clear, precise, and more formal.Poor grammar and spelling: Writing for social media may come with character limits, which means people often rely on eliding (removing vowels in words) and overlook grammar rules. This could lead to the development of bad writing habits, which could gradually worsen your academic writing
Limited or reduced vocabulary: Heavy reliance and repetitive use of slang words or phrases and informal contractions (e.g., wanna instead of want to) may seem natural when speaking, but this can limit your overall vocabulary. This limited range may leave you struggling to find the right words when it comes to writing for academic and professional success.
Tips for researchers writing for academic and professional success
Academic writing requires high levels of clarity, precision, and professionalism and writing for social media can sometimes lead to confusion and misunderstandings. Blending the two writing styles may impact a researcher's credibility and create the impression that the writer is not taking the research seriously.

Honor Your Ancestors & Change Your Destiny

Shyam Sundar Samal

During the 15 days of Pitru Paksha your ancestors will visit the earth plane to bless their relations. After you propitiate them, they are more willing and able to make a full crossing to the other worlds. They are especially satisfied and pleased when honored and given the food they love (rice, black sesame seeds, dharba grass, tulsi, and sandalwood). When they cross over completely and successfully, they grow into family deities, bringing you many blessings and significantly improving your life. Hindu Puranas are full of details about Tarpanam, especially Agni Purana, Garuda Purana and Matysa Purana. It is Yama, the god of death in Hindu mythology, who explained the importance of Tarpanam performed on Pitru Paksha.

In cultures where Ancestor Worship is regularly practiced, the profound influence the ancestors have over their lives is understood and they take advantage of any opportunity to propitiate them. Unhappy and confused ancestral spirits can cause serious problems, including physical harm. It is common knowledge that the main reason for failure in finances, relationships, health, and/or career are due to dissatisfied ancestors. Ancestral influence affects you even if you are not aware of them. 8 Signs of Unsettled Ancestor Spirits are: Accidents that cause serious injury or death / Addictions to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, certain behavior / Always running out of Money, (i.e., Poor) / Chronic debilitating disease / Constant fighting in a relationship - quarrels, lack of peace / Early or untimely death in the family line / Mental illness, depression and even Violent attacks/ abuse. Pitru Paksha Tarpanam is also offered by people to ancestors whose death dates they have forgotten. To relatives who had no children and who met with violent death like accidents or murder. Those people who failed to perform the annual shraddh (performed on the death date) also offer Tarpanam during Pitru Paksha. Performing Tarpanam brings immediate and lasting relief for all involved. A simple, yet powerful remedy that will bring honor and status to your ancestors is to feed people who are starving. Of all the charities, giving food and clothes to those in need is considered to be the greatest. It ensures that you and your ancestors will achieve an "Elevated Status". You can personally participate and communicate with your departed loved ones by performing the following steps: 4 Simple Steps to Connect with your Ancestors. Put their picture near you when you sleep. Light a lamp. Say prayers for them Feed them their favorite foods (offer tarpanam). Perform the above practice and your ancestors and departed loved ones will come to you in your dreams. This simple practice can help heal the heart's sorrow over their departure. Ancestor worship will bring immediate benefit to you and everyone in your family. Your Ancestors will be able to help you, especially when you help them move to a higher dimension.

Paramahansa Yogananda's synthesis of yoga

Dr. Dillip Kumar Moharana

Human beings are invariably haunted by inner emptiness and the repetitive sufferings of life in this unintelligible sphere of mortality. Albert Camus found a parallelism of this human plight in the myth of the Greek king, Sisyphus, who was punished by the angry gods to push a huge boulder to the mountain top, only for it to roll down again and again, even as Sisyphus repeatedly pushed it up the mountain. To solve this metaphysical plight, Eastern spirituality directs us to our eternal quest to know our real Self and the purpose of life. It directs us to a shortcut to Self-realisation through yoga. Paramahansa Yogananda, was a great exponent of the profound tradition of yoga; he chalked out a systematic curriculum out of the philosophy, psychology and secret scientific techniques of yoga.

Yoga is a practical science meant for cosmic union with the ultimate in divine oneness at every level of micro existence: physical, pranic, psychic and spiritual. The process involves intense aspiration, removal of barriers, acceptance of the tools and surrender of the ego to the cosmic Self. Yogananda's lessons on Self-realisation, covering the entire gamut of life, carefully takes care of every aspect needed for progress and for overcoming pitfalls.

Spiritual aspiration flows from knowledge. Each lesson of Yogananda induces inspiration and motivation. So the practices never become dull, mechanical and repetitive. The practice of Kriya Yoga is intensely knowledge based. It teaches us about the vibratory nature of entire creation, springing from consciousness as a cosmic dream. The end of delusion lies in self-expansion beyond the mind, intellect and ego which are nature's tool for human bondage in delusive reality. The initial impediment in the path of sadhana lies in the body in which we live and which keeps us earthbound. To rejuvenate the body, cutting through its blocks and knots, and to make us feel its vibration with cosmic dance, Yogananda gave us 38 hathayoga pranayama called Energisation Exercises which cover every body part and nerve. This is an excellent preparation for meditation with an energised body, filled with conscious vital force. In yoga, micro level existence needs to be merged with its cosmic counterpart. Yogananda's process calls for continuous affirmation, "I am That". The tool enables us to withdraw our mind from scattered externals to the finest body-essence, breathing with concentrated affirmation. This mindful technique with mantra and meditation, is highly effective. Cosmic vibration symbolised by the root sound 'Aum' resonating in the entire creation is felt within our own body, life-force and mind with Om technique.

Yogananda taught Kriya Yoga which is a combination of svadhyaya, tapasya and Ishwarapranidhana, mingled together. Tapasya consists of truth, non-violence, non-acceptance of favours, non-stealing and sexual restraint. The rest consist of internal and external cleanliness, Self-inquiry, contentment and penance. Usually, Kriya Yoga means a simple, psychophysical process which decarbonises blood and vitalises brain and spinal centres to facilitate withdrawal of senses from divisive reality to merge with cosmic consciousness. The practice is perfectly compatible with the life of a householder. Yogananda made significant contribution to the traditional path by combining it with selfless service to beings and unconditional love for God. He never accepted scholarly knowledge of scriptures as divine wisdom and taught to assimilate wisdom through meditation. He synthesised Raja Yoga, Jnana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, and Karma Yoga.

Manipur's ethnic violence, a litmus test for officers

Priyanka Saurabh

Violence and ethnic divisions have strained esprit de corps (unity and mutual respect among officers), weakening cooperation and trust among officers. The conflict has had a profound impact on interpersonal relationships among AIS officers, with social exchange and cooperation becoming rare. Hate speech, propaganda, and the polarisation of public discourse, both online and offline, have further strained relationships, making it difficult for officers from different ethnic backgrounds to work together. The ethnic violence in Manipur has exposed the weakness of India's administrative system in dealing with deep-rooted communal conflicts. While the situation presents serious challenges to the integrity of All India Services, it also provides a unique opportunity to rethink and reform the approach to governance in conflict-prone areas. By focusing on capacity building, research, and innovative policy measures, the IAS and other services can turn the crisis into a learning experience that strengthens the resilience of the "steel frame" in future conflicts.

Ethnic violence between the Meitei and Kuki communities in Manipur erupted on May 3, 2023. The conflict resulted in over 200 deaths and displaced 60,000 people. The roots of the conflict between the Meitei and Kuki communities are deeply embedded in the ethnic and historical context of Manipur. There are long-standing socio-political and land disputes between the Meitei, who live mainly in the valley areas, and the Kuki community, who live in the hill districts. Competition for political power, land, and government resources has increased tensions between these communities. Policies related to reservation, land ownership, and autonomy are at the heart of this conflict. British-era policies of classifying tribal and non-tribal groups created divisions that still resonate today.The law and order situation deteriorated sharply, communal tensions escalated and violent incidents broke out. Communal divisions have deeply affected the functioning of All India Services (AIS) officers, creating geographical and psychological barriers between them, with the hill and valley districts becoming inaccessible due to the conflict. The current situation threatens the "steel frame" envisaged by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, with All India Services forming the backbone of India's administrative machinery. Esprit de corps (unity and mutual respect among officers) is under strain due to violence and ethnic divisions, weakening cooperation and trust among officers. The conflict has had a profound impact on interpersonal relationships among AIS officers, with social exchanges and collaboration becoming rare. Hate speech, propaganda, and the polarisation of public discourse, both online and offline, have further strained relationships, making it difficult for officers from different ethnic backgrounds to work together.Non-kinetic elements such as psychological warfare, disinformation, and economic disruption have played a significant role in escalating tensions in Manipur. These tactics, as part of hybrid warfare, have undermined public morale and confidence in governance, posing a significant challenge for the IAS and other services responsible for maintaining law and order. Civil servants from various ethnic backgrounds face dilemmas in balancing their professional duties with their ethnic identities. The pressure of community expectations and loyalty versus the need to maintain administrative neutrality presents a significant ethical challenge. Many officials face personal security threats due to their ethnicity. Reports of government officials being targeted by mobs and requiring protection underscore the grave threats they face. This has caused psychological stress and hindered their ability to carry out their duties.

The role of social media platforms in spreading disinformation, hate speech, and inflammatory content has exacerbated the conflict. Videos of violence and inflammatory speeches have further polarised communities, making it difficult for civil authorities to manage the narrative. Despite the challenges, the Manipur conflict can be seen as an opportunity for research and documentation by institutions such as the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) and the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). Training modules and capacity-building workshops on conflict management, reconciliation, and administrative neutrality can be developed based on this case. Such case studies will provide practical insights into dealing with ethnic-centric conflicts within a democratic framework, contributing to academic and practical understanding of governance in conflict zones.

The impersonal nature of bureaucracy as propounded by Barr can be leveraged to restore normalcy in a conflict-torn state. Professional team spirit among batchmates and the neutral role of AIS officers as agents of national integration provide a flexible framework for resolving conflicts. Implementation of innovative personnel management policies to involve officers in peace-building efforts. Regular virtual meetings among officers from different ethnic communities can foster better relations and reduce psychological isolation caused by conflict. Such measures can help break down administrative silos that have emerged in Manipur, facilitate better cooperation within the civil services, and contribute to the peace process. The conflict also underlines the importance of federal unity in India. Strengthening communication channels and fostering a sense of shared responsibility between the state and central governments can help mitigate future crises.

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INDIAN NAVY'S PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR HADR OPS - CYCLONE DANA



PARADEEP,(AoBureau): In anticipation of the severe impact of Cyclone _Dana_ along the coast of Odisha and West Bengal, the Indian Navy is preparing to conduct Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations. Eastern Naval Command, in coordination with Naval Officers-in-Charge (NOIC) in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and West Bengal, have activated a comprehensive disaster response mechanism. The command is working closely with units such as the Base Victualling Yard (BVY), Material Organisation and the naval hospital INHS _Kalyani_ to provide essential supplies and medical support if sought by the State administration.As part of this preparation, HADR pallets, including *essential clothing, drinking water, food, medicines, and emergency relief materials* , have been deployed by road to key locations in the areas that are likely to be affected. In addition, *Flood Relief and Diving Teams* are being mobilised to assist in coordinated rescue and relief operations if needed.To support relief efforts from Sea, *two ships of the Eastern Fleet are standing by with supplies and rescue and diving teams* .The Indian Navy continues to monitor the situation closely and remains on high alert, ready to extend its support to the civil authorities and the people affected by Cyclone _Dana

Capacity building program on vigilance awareness held at KV Malkangiri



Malkangiri AO Bureau : A workshop on Vigilance Awareness Week was held today at Kendriya vidyalaya Malkangiri. The program was conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Ram Bir Singh, Senior Lecturer of Central School. District Legal Services Authority Malkangiri Hon'ble Chief Justice Ms. Sangeeta Patra attended the program as the Chief Guest. District Legal Services Authority Advocate Mr. Ashok Kumar Patnaik, Mr. Rajesh Patnaik, Mr. Sagar Panigrahi and Ms. Sanjukta Dutt participated in the program on various types of corruption and how it harms the country and what is the duty of the common citizen to prevent corruption. Aware the Central School Staff . Justice Mrs. Sangita made everyone read the anti-corruption oath .It is worth noting that Vigilance Awareness Week is observed in the country from October 28 to November 3 .

All the staff members of the Kendriya vidyalaya School were present in the workshop and Mr. Amit Das, the teacher conducted the program and gave vote of thanks at the end of the meeting.

A Joint Interface Meeting of Alibha Mahasangha and Block Administration was Held



SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau): A joint interface meeting of Alibha Mahasangha and block administration has been held on behalf of the hungar Project at Tarva Block Panchayat Samithi confrence hall. Gunanidhi Majhi, the training instructor of the Hunger Project, welcomed everyone and explained its aims and objectives. Panchayat Samiti Chairman Saroj Kumar Kampa joined the meeting as the chief guest and said that it is a welcome initiative to support the program that is being put in place to empower women.Tarva Block Development Officer Anil Kumar Kulu attend as the guest of honour. Alibha welcomed the Mahasangha program and asked for a lot of work ahead. Additional Block Education Officer Krishnachandra Panda commented on their role in school education, quality education, school visits. Sunanda Mishra, a visitor of the Child Development Project, joined the Mukhy Mantri Prusti Sampurna Yojana and discussed about the Adwika Yojana, advocacy program, and discussed various government schemes aimed at various aspects implemented in the Panchayat. On behalf of Alibha Mahasangha, he presented a demand letter to the administration on various problems of the Panchayat. The demands were - regarding education system, management of Gaon Kalyan Samiti , Mahila and Sishu Gramsabha , role of ward representatives in supervision of Anganwadi, school and Anganwadi center boundaries and girls' toilets, roads, drinking water and electricity system. At this time all the women representatives were present.

ADM visited Chattua preparation Center and inspected it



Malkangiri, AO Bureau:- Unexpectedly the Additional District Magistrate visited the Chattua preparation center of SHG groups in Malkangiri and Mathili block and checked the status of Chattua. In Malkangari district, Additional District Collector Mr Vedbar Pradhan visited three Chattu preparation centers of Malkangiri and Mathili blocks. Malkangiri Block M.V. 8 Chattua Kendra prepared by Maa saraswati Self Help Group in villages and Maa Subleshwari and Jai Jagannath of Mathili block visited Chattua centre. During the inspection, it was found that the quality of almonds was not good. According to the government rules, for the preparation of chhatua, high quality wheat, almonds, butter, sugar should be mixed and nutritious chhatua should be prepared. However, the Additional District Collector Mr. Pradhan has said that after mixing the sugar, the quality of the sugar will be tested properly. There are 1330 Anganwadi centers in 7 blocks of Malkangiri district. 11 SHG Group has been entrusted with the responsibility of Chattua preparation centers. They prepare chhatua and supply it to Anganwadi Centre.

Ten Thousand People Evacuated to 596 Cyclone Shelter In K'pada



Kendrapara(AO Bureau): Influence of cyclone 'DANA' starts from today's night in Kendrapara with light rain and wind. Which intensify in Bay of Bengal and landfall in Bhitarkanika sanctuary of the district on Thursday night or Friday morning.Two hundred kilometres surroundings with mangrove forest Bhitarkanika situated around the triangular base of river Mahanadi,Baitarani and Brahmani. Due to the mangrove forest in Bhitarkanika it protects the high wind of cyclone,which impacts can low in Kendrapara district but Rajnagar,Mahakalpara and Garadpur block areas affects more. Though the high tide and fear sound see in sea of Bhitarkanika sanctuary, crocodiles may entered into the nearest villages and takes shelter in ponds, cricks forest department warnings. After cyclone villagers when return to their villages they should avoid ponds and cricks till Forest department employees visit. Villagers without any hesitate comes forward to the cyclone shelter center's. Police will guide their home's in the villages district administration declared. District administration evacuation process running smoothly with other arrangements. In target of 32 thousand of target ten thousand five hundred evacuation completed till today evening. 596 cyclone shelter center's ready for evacuation said collector Smruti Ranjan Pradhan in a press meet today at night. Public complained about Cooking gas scarcity but collector denied it.

Bodies Of Suspected 'Love Birds' Found In Bolangir Forest



Bolangir(AoBureau): Bodies of a young couple were found in a forest under Puintala Police Station in Bolangir district.Locals discovered the bodies of a young man and woman lying in Tandamunda forest and informed the police.On being informed, a team of police led by Puintala IIC and Bolangir SDPO arrived at the scene and initiate investigation.Though the identity of the couple remains unclear, police are investigating to trace their address.Locals, on the other hand, suspect foul play with some alleging that the victims may have been a couple.They also believe the couple might have been from another location. Police have sent the bodies for autopsy. The reason of death can be ascertained only after the post-mortem, police said.

Banpur Court sentenced Wildlife offender three years for leopard skin smuggling

Khordha (AoBureau):Ratnakar Sahoo , who was arrested by STF Bhubaneswar from Gambharimunda area under Banpur PS 3 years ago on the charge of illegal transportation of leopard skin, has been found guilty on Wednesday by Banpur JMFC, Snataki Dash, who sentenced the accused to 3 years of rigorous imprisonment with a fine of 10,000 rupees. According to information, on December 29, 2021, accused Ratnakar was arrested from Gambharimunda Road along with leopard skin by STF Bhubaneswar. While the hearing of the said case is continuing in Banpur JMFC Court , the accused has been convicted on the strength of 10 witnesses and 24 documents. The case was handled by APP Banpur JMFC Court Prachiprabha Swain and Jaladhar Pradhan.

Vigilance Arrests Baitarani Basin Manager For Possessing Disproportionate Assets

Bhubaneswar: Vigilance today arrested the Chief Engineer and Basin Manager of Baitarani Basin in Keonjhar, for possessing disproportionate assets (DA) exceeding 112% of his known sources of income.Balasore Vigilance registered a case against accused engineer Kailash Chandra Sahu under Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(b) of the PC Amendment Act, 2018.During searches, movable and immovable assets were seized in Sahu's and his family members' names, including

Woman Maoist Surrenders In Odisha's Kalahandi



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): A 22-year-old female member of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) laid down her arms before the police in Odisha's Kalahandi district on Wednesday.According to reports, Debe Sari, alias Geeta, was a member of the Kalahandi-Kandhamal-Boudh-Nayagarh division of CPI (Maoists). DIG (SWR) Niti Sekhar said that Geeta is a native of Sukma in Chhattisgarh and became a member of Chitra Natya Mandali in 2018. She later joined the banned Maoist outfit.After working in Chhattisgarh for three years, she was sent to Odisha in 2022. Prior to surrendering, she was active in Odisha's Boudh district, the DIG said.Geeta was allegedly involved in five gunfights with the police –in Nuapada and three in Boudh. She mainly provided first aid to injured Maoists.

Minor Girl Beaten To Death By Stepmother For Eating Dahi Bara

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau): In a shocking incident, a 14-year-old girl was allegedly killed by her stepmother for eating Dahi Bara at Podasahu under Fategarh police limits in Nayagarh district, on Thursday.The accused, whose identity has not been disclosed, reportedly beat her stepdaughter to death in a fit of rage after the teenager ate Dahi Bara, a popular Odia snack.Preliminary investigations revealed that the stepmother got angry as her stepdaughter ate Dahi Bara which the former had kept for herself. In a fit of rage, she assaulted her stepdaughter like anything which subsequently led to the latter's death. Following the crime, she attempted to dispose of the body in an isolated area but was caught by police.The accused has been detained and is currently being interrogated. Police are conducting further investigations to determine the exact circumstances surrounding the incident.

BSF Troops Unearth Maoist Dump In Malkangiri



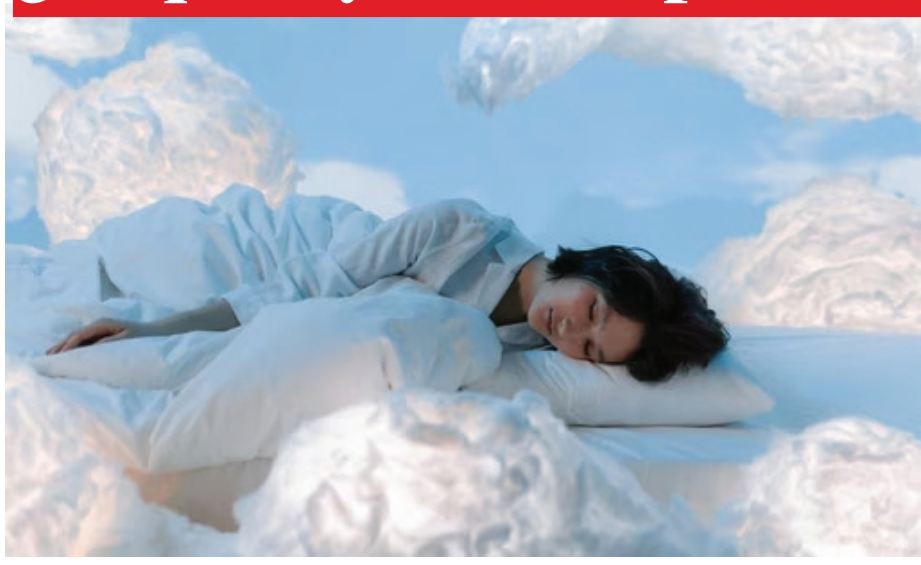
Malkangiri(AoBureau): BSF personnel on Wednesday unearthed a Maoist dump in Kondakamberu Reserve Forest near Arapadar village under Jodambo police limits in Malkangiri district.The BSF personnel have seized a cache of explosives including 2 Steel Tiffin IEDs, 3 Improvised Directional Pipe Bomb, 9 Electric Detonators, 9 Gelatin Sticks, 1 Battery, Solar Plate, Plastic Drums, etc.According to an official press release, the explosives and other materials which were kept inside a plastic drum buried beneath a tree inside the jungle were discovered following a thorough search by BSF troops during a Special Operation based on specific intelligence inside Kondakamberu Reserve Forest.The IEDs were safely neutralized by the Bomb Disposal Squad of the Border Security Force (BSF). This region has been a known Maoist stronghold for over a decade, where Maoist cadres and their sympathizers have used the area for shelter and sustenance. These groups have historically planted IEDs, stored bomb-making materials, and concealed arms in isolated locations to target Security Forces (SFs) and police personnel operating in the region.The BSF is actively conducting operations in Malkangiri district, maintaining a strong presence and bolstering the sense of security among local residents.

Allu Arjun-Starrer "Pushpa: The Rule" To Now Release On December 5



The release date for Allu Arjun-starrer "Pushpa: The Rule" has been changed again and will now release on December 5.Originally set for December 6, the film is now expected to hit theaters a day earlier, on December 5. The film went through several ups and downs related to the release date as it was initially planned to hit the screens in April 2024 and later was pushed for August 15.Allu Arjun took to Instagram, where he shared a new poster of the film. In the poster, the star is seen smoking a pipe and looking at his gun very seriously.The producers of "Pushpa: The Rule" on Thursday held a press conference to announce the new date.Directed by Sukumar, "Pushpa: The Rule" also stars Rashmika Mandanna, who will be seen reprising her role of Srivalli. The first installment "Pushpa: The Rise" released in 2021. The Telugu action drama had Allu Arjun as Pushpa Raj, a coolie who rises in a syndicate that smuggles red sandalwood, a rare wood that grows only in the Seshachalam Hills of Andhra Pradesh.The film also stars Fahadh Faasil, Dhananjaya, Jagadeesh Prathap Bandari, Sunil, and Ajay Ghosh.In September, the makers of the film had dropped a new poster from the film. The new poster of the film featuring Allu with his back towards the camera as he looks over the ruins in the aftermath of a possible destruction. The poster has a monochromatic hue of crimson with the text, "75 days to go" written over it.

Tips to maintain a healthy sleep routine to get quality rest despite the festivities



Currently, people are enjoying the run-up to Diwali, the 'Festival Of Lights' and with Dhanteras, Halloween, Kali Puja and Chhath Puja too around the corner, one can't help but crave a sound sleep at night amid the chaos of the festive season. However, one's sleep schedule can go haywire amid the excitement of the festivals.

Many people fail to get enough sleep during this time of the peak festive calendar in India hence, they tend to become cranky, irritated, fatigued and may experience headaches. In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Manjusha Agarwal, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine at Gleneagles Hospitals in Parel Mumbai, suggested that when your sleep schedule goes awry, make sure to follow these fool-proof strategies -

1. Follow a structured sleep routine:
Prioritising a consistent sleep routine can significantly enhance your well-being. Stick to the same sleep and awake timings. Try to avoid sleeping late at night and ensure to get a good 8-9 hours of sleep daily. This will help you to feel fresh and energetic.

2. Don't eat heavy meals before hitting the sack:
Eating heavy meals during festivals can keep you awake at night as you may end up suffering from acidity and heartburn, it's better to eat lighter meals. Make sure to avoid alcohol before bed. Also, don't drink water before sleeping or else you will have to make continuous trips to the bathroom. Hence, one's sleep will be affected. So, better to drink water 2-3 hours before hitting the sack. Stay away from caffeine right before going to bed as it can keep you awake at night.

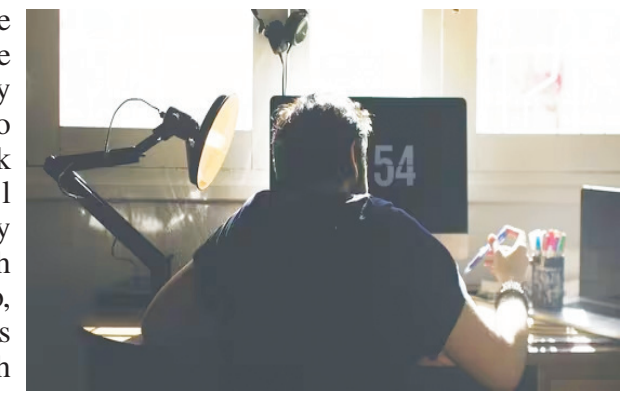
3. Adhere to these pre-sleep rituals to sleep well:
You can read books, sip herbal tea and listen to calm music just before sleeping. This will help you to improve your sleep quality.

4. Limit the usage of electronic gadgets:
It is essential to stay away from electronics like phones, tablets, and computers for at least two hours before bed. Limit that blue light exposure.

5. Say NO to those long daytime naps:
If you are sleeping for 1-2 hours during the day then stop doing that right away! These naps may interfere with your nighttime sleep.

6. Ensure appropriate bedroom environment:
Set the proper room temperature, and use a good pillow and mattress to ensure you sleep well without any disturbance. This will enhance your sleep quality and keep you fresh in the morning.

Study reveals secrets to better mental health for professionals



Our work life may not be as impersonal as we thought, and a new study proves this. According to the research 'Work Culture and Mental Wellbeing', conducted by US-based mind research organisation Sapiens Lab, work culture impacts employee mental health and wellbeing.

Work culture and mental wellbeing

The research took into account things that impact employee engagement, well-being, and stressers like 'control and flexibility over time, control & flexibility over job, workload, learning and growth opportunities, relationship with manager/supervisor, relationship with colleagues, being informed about what's going on, being valued and recognized, and pride and purpose in work'. They used data from 54,831 employed, internet-enabled respondents across 65 countries, including India, where the sample size was 5,090 employees.

The study found several interesting aspects. One was how our work life is every bit as personal as our home or family life. In other words, the relationships and meaning we find or fail to find at work are important to our mental well-being, like our relationships at home. Additionally, working at office might just be better for your mental health as compared to a remote working setup.

According to the research, people working remotely fared worse in the nine factors important for workplace well-being as compared to those working from the office or hybrid. Additionally, people working in larger teams fared better than those working alone. Lastly, those in jobs involving customer service and physical labour fared worse than those in human care, knowledge work and business management jobs.

The report found that "having poor relationships with colleagues and a low sense of pride and purpose in one's work are associated with the biggest decreases in overall mental wellbeing, on par with having challenges with family relationships."

Additionally, respondents who rated the nine aspects listed in the research poorly suffered the most with 'feelings of sadness and hopelessness, unwanted, strange thoughts, reduced energy, decreased drive and motivation, physical health issues and a sense of being detached from reality, even after controlling for other factors'.

Additionally, workload and flexibility over time - two important work-life balance factors - had different impacts. While excess workload resulted in poor sleep, diminished self-worth, worse appetite regulation, and even increased nightmares, lack of flexibility over time had much smaller impacts on these factors.

From lip prep to going easy on the blush: Top dos and don'ts from celebrity MUA to look your best this Diwali

Your festive beauty routine should be all about effortless glamour, with a radiant glow that allows you to enjoy every moment of the season. Whether you're attending parties, indulging in delicious food or spending quality time with loved ones, do it all with a flawless face. It's the perfect time to embrace glitter, sharp winged eyeliner and bold makeup looks, but without the fuss of long, complicated routines.

While the festive season is perfect for experimenting with makeup, keeping your look fresh and flawless all day can be tricky. The excitement and busyness of the festivals often lead to common beauty blunders. The last thing you want is your makeup looking cakey or your smoky eye looking more like you've had a rough night than a glam evening. Don't worry, ladies! We are here to help. Aafreen Petiwala, celebrity makeup artist and hairstylist, shares with HT Lifestyle top dos and don'ts of festive makeup to ensure you look your best without the stress.

Dos:

1. Prep with primer
Always apply a primer before your makeup to ensure your base stays intact throughout the day. It smooths the skin and helps your foundation last longer, even during long festive celebrations.

2. Hydrate for dewy skin

Hydration is key for that fresh, dewy glow. Opt for moisturizers and hydrating foundations that leave your skin looking plump and radiant. Dewy skin is trending, so go light on powder to let the natural glow shine through.

3. Sheen on the eyes
Shimmering eyelids are a must for festive looks. Play with metallic or glitter eyeshadows to add a



touch of glamour. For an extra pop, apply highlighter to the inner corners of your eyes.

4. Long-lasting liquid lipstick
Choose a long-lasting matte liquid lipstick that stays put throughout the festivities. To avoid dryness, add a layer of lip balm or lip gloss on top for a hydrated, glossy finish.

5. Set it with fixer spray
Use a setting spray or fixer to lock in your makeup, ensuring it lasts from day to night without touch-ups. This is your secret weapon for keeping your makeup fresh and intact.

Don'ts:

1. Skipping the primer
Never skip primer! Without it, your makeup won't last as long and can start to fade or look uneven, especially in the festive heat or humidity.

2. Smudge-prone mascara
Avoid using regular mascara that might smudge after a few hours. Instead, opt for waterproof mascara to prevent any running, especially if you'll be dancing or indulging in festive drinks.

3. Overloading on blush or highlighter

4. Skipping lip prep
Don't forget to prep your lips! Applying matte lipstick on dry lips can result in a cracked look. Always hydrate them first with a lip balm before applying your lipstick.

5. Neglecting a setting spray
Without a setting spray, your makeup can start to fade halfway through the celebration. Don't miss this final step to make your look last all day and night.

By following these tips, you'll be sure to rock your festive makeup look with confidence and elegance. Keep it fresh, keep it fun, and most importantly, let your radiant personality shine through!

Focused On Hitting Particular Areas, Changed My Pace Here And There: Washington Sundar On Career-Best 7-59



Pune: All-rounder Washington Sundar stole the show on the first day of the second Test against New Zealand with career-best bowling figures of 7-59 to bundle out visitors for 259 on Thursday.Sundar, who was added to India's squad for the remainder of the series on Sunday, replaced Kuldeep Yadav and went on to prove his mettle in the game. Last match's centurion Rachin Ravindra (65) became his first scalp of the day as Sundar broke his fourth wicket partnership with Daryl Mitchell before unleashing his spin brilliance.Veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin bagged the first three wickets of the day as Sundar went on to snare the remaining seven wickets for India. Sundar credited his adjustments to length and pace for the achievement."I wanted to be very accurate no matter what situation I was bowling or which batsman I was coming across. It was God's plan, just came through really well. I just focused on hitting the particular areas, changed my pace here and there, just really grateful," he told broadcasters after the end of the day's play.Sundar revealed the side thought of getting turn from the pitch from the first day itself which eventually did. "We genuinely felt it will start spinning from day one. It did spin in the first session but don't think it did a lot in the second. The pitch settled down from the third session, but eventually, it did spin," the Tamil Nadu all-rounder said.The 25-year-old expressed his excitement on getting a chance to play for India after not being part of the opening Test in Bengaluru."The way it came through, fact that I wasn't part of the first Test and I was called for this particular Test and given the opportunity to play in the XI, I was really grateful to the coach and captain. Unbelievable feeling," Sundar said.When asked about his favourite wicket of the day, the spinner picked the dismissals of Rachin Ravindra and Daryl Mitchell which shifted the momentum in India's favour."Unfair for me to choose one. Certainly, Rachin Ravindra because he was batting well.

Former India Captain Rani Rampal Bids Farewell; Hockey India Retires No. 28 Jersey



New Delhi: Rani Rampal, the former captain of the Indian women's hockey team, announced her retirement from international hockey on Thursday, marking the end of an illustrious 16-year career. Hockey India honoured her remarkable contributions by retiring her iconic No.28 jersey in a ceremony held after the India versus Germany bilateral series.Rani, who debuted at just 15, became a beacon of hope and inspiration in Indian hockey, famously leading the national team to a historic fourth-place finish in the re-scheduled Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021. She will serve as a mentor and coach with the Soorma Hockey Club of Punjab and Haryana, ahead of the inaugural women's Hockey India League (HIL) later this year.Reflecting on her farewell, Rani said, "I am very emotional. I don't know where to begin. I thank Hockey India for letting me say my goodbye from this ground. I know all the spectators in the stadium are hockey lovers. When I started at the age of seven, maybe the people in the crowd saw my journey and gave me love. I thank all of you for coming here."I consider myself as a very lucky person, I believe it's the end of one chapter but the beginning of another. I will be mentoring in the women's HIL so I will work as hard in my next chapter so that I can help all women who want to compete for the nation," said Rani Rampal in her farewell speech after the conclusion of India vs New Zealand bilateral hockey series," she said.Rani's impact on Indian hockey has been nothing short of extraordinary. Over her career, she played more than 250 matches for India and scored over 100 goals, leading the team to several historic victories. She was a driving force behind India's silver medals at the 2017 Women's Asian Cup and the 2018 Asian Games, where she also had the honour of serving as India's flag-bearer during the closing ceremony.Rani's rise to stardom began when she made her international debut in 2008 at the age of 15, becoming the youngest player to represent India at that time.

Bilateral Hockey Series: India Beat Germany 5-3, But Lose Series In A Shootout

New Delhi: The Indian men's hockey team defeated Germany 5-3 in regulation time but lost the bilateral test series to the reigning world champions after coming short in the shootout. Germans triumphed 3-1 in the shootout to bag the series.In the regulation time in the second test match, Sukhjeet Singh (34', 48') and Harmanpreet Singh (42', 43') scored a brace each while Abhishek (45') contributed one goal to India's tally. Elian Mazkour (7', 57') and Henrik Mertgens (60') were successful for Germany.Though India began the match with a penalty corner in the fourth minute, it was Germany who drew the first blood following a quickfire counter-attack launched in the 7th minute. Abhishek had made a circle entry from the left flank, but his shot on goal was unsuccessful. The Germans took this opportunity to strike.The reigning world champions entered the match riding on a 2-0 win in the first match and bagged another opportunity to score in the 12th minute through a PC, but failed to convert. Though India had an opportunity to score in the 14th minute through a PC too, Danneberg made a fine save.In the second quarter, Vishnu Kant and Shamsher played tag-team to trouble the German defence but couldn't find an equaliser. In the following minutes, both India and Germany won PCs but neither could convert. While India hunted for a goal in this quarter, the German defence stayed resolute, particularly in PC defence. With the scoreline reading 1-0 at half-time, India had to align their attack and come up with an improvised tactic to score. And that's exactly what they did in the third quarter.

1st ODI: India Women's Team Bowled Out For 227 As Kerr Sisters Shine For NZ In Series Opener



Ahmedabad: The Indian batting faltered in the first women's One-dayer of the three-match series against New Zealand as they were bowled out for 227 all out with 33 balls remaining at the Narendra Modi Stadium. The Kerr sisters, Amelia and Melie, were exceptional with the ball, combining to take seven wickets. Eden Carson and Suzie Bates chipped in with two and one wickets respectively, helping the White Ferns restrict India in the series opener.After opting to bat first, India's poor start was marked by the early dismissal of stand-in captain Smriti Mandhana (5). Shafali Verma (33) briefly ignited hopes with an attacking approach, taking on the New Zealand pacers, but her downfall came soon, courtesy of Carson's spin. Dayalan Hemalatha followed shortly after, further denting India's hopes of a big total.Yastika Bhatia, making her return to the side, injected some positivity into India's innings with a composed (37), but she too was undone by Amelia Kerr. Debutant Tejal Hasabnis and Jemimah Rodrigues then steadied the ship, adding 61 runs for the fifth wicket. Hasabnis impressed in her first outing, crafting a composed (42) before falling to Melie Kerr, while Bates ended Rodrigues' (35) promising stay.Deepti Sharma's resilient knock of 41 from 51 balls held India together for a while, but a lack of support from the other end saw India collapse towards the end.The New Zealand spinners maintained control throughout the innings, suffocating India's run flow and striking at regular intervals. Leg-spinner Amelia Kerr (4-42) and medium pacer Jess Kerr (3-49) spearheaded New Zealand's bowling attack, with solid backing from off-spinner Eden Carson, who chipped in with figures of 2/42.India are taking on the newly-crowned Women's T20 World Cup winner, New Zealand in three One-day Internationals, with all matches being played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

BCCI Rejects Bengal's Plea To Defer Domestic Matches Due To Cyclone Dana

New Delhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has rejected a request from the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) to reschedule two of its home domestic games due to the threat of Cyclone Dana.The CAB had urged BCCI to defer their Ranji Trophy and U-23 Col CK Naidu Trophy matches against Kerala and Railways, respectively, scheduled to be played this week in Kolkata and Kalyani, according to a report in ESPNcricinfo.Bengal's senior team will host Kerala at the Jadavpur University Campus' second Ground in Kolkata as the third round of the Ranji Trophy begins on Saturday. The CAB was hopeful that BCCI would accommodate their request with a slightly longer gap between matches for this season.After the conclusion of the match between Bengal and Kerala, both teams will have a week-long gap before their next encounter. Kerala will travel back home for their fourth-round fixture to host Uttar Pradesh from November 6

2nd Test: India Reach 16/1 At Stumps After Washington's 7-59 Bowls Out New Zealand For 259



Pune: India lost skipper Rohit Sharma for a nine-ball duck, before Yashasvi Jaiswal (six not out) and Shubman Gill (ten not out) took the hosts' to 16/1 and trail New Zealand by 243 runs at stumps on day one of second Test at the MCA Stadium on Thursday.Previously, off-spin all-rounder Washington Sundar justified his selection in the playing eleven at the expense of Kuldeep Yadav through picking career-best figures of 7-59 in his 23.1 overs as New Zealand were bowled for 259.Electing to bat first, New Zealand were 197/3 at one stage and it felt like they would go past 300. But Washington displayed an exhibition of drift and dip, while varying his pace well and turned the game on its head for India and keep New Zealand to one below 260.His fellow Chennai mate, senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin chipped in with 3-64 as the innings marked first-ever instance of all ten wickets taken by India's right-arm off-spinners in a Test match.Post-tea, Washington asked for a review after rapping Daryl Mitchell on the pads with a sharp turning delivery, which proved to be a good decision as replays showed ball going on to clip leg-stump. Mitchell Santner tried upping the ante by hitting five boundaries, but Washington continued to hurt New Zealand.Glenn Phillips holed out to long-off off him, while Tim Southee and Ajaz Patel were castled by the young all-rounder, and Washington wrapped up the New Zealand innings in style by ratting Santner with grip and turn to take out the off-stump, as the visitors' lost their last seven wickets for 62 runs.In reply, India didn't have the greatest of starts as Rohit to defend a delivery from Southee which nipped off the seam, but the ball went past the edge to hit top of off-stump. Left-arm spinners Ajaz Patel and Mitchell Santner got help to create jeopardy in minds of Jaiswal and Gill, but the duo ensured there wasn't any more loss of wickets till stumps arrived.

merging Teams Asia Cup: Badoni's Fifty Helps India A To Victory Over Oman

Muscat (Oman): Middle-order batter Ayush Badoni slammed a half-century to help India A beat Oman and seal a place in the semifinals of the ACC T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024 in Al Amarat, near here on Wednesday.India A maintained their unbeaten streak in the event with a clinical six-wicket victory over hosts Oman in the final Group B match. With this win India A finished on top of Group B with six points and set up a date with Afghanistan in the semifinals on Friday. Pakistan, on four points, also qualified as Group B runners-up and will take on Sri Lanka A in the other semifinal.Electing to bat first, Oman put up a modest 140/5 in their 20 overs. In reply, India chased down the target in 15.2 overs thanks to an 85-run partnership between skipper Tilak Varma (36 off 30) and Badoni (51 off 27).
The hosts started well against India and were moving at a rate of over eight runs in the first four overs. India's Aaqib Khan, Nishant Sindhu and Ramandeep Singh picked up the wickets in the Powerplay to reduce Oman's scoring rate and keep them to 46/3 in six overs. Mohammad Nadeem and Wasim Ali raised a 47-run partnership for the fourth wicket but the stand came at the expense of the scoring rate, taking 60 balls. Wasim Ali was out leg before wicket to Sai Kishore in the 15th over with Oman at 80/4. Hammad Mirza's 28 off 15 added much-need impetus as Oman eventually ended on 140/5 in their 20 overs.Tilak Varma once used eight bowlers in the 20 overs. Aaqib Khan, Rasikh Salam, Nishant Sindhu, Ramandeep Singh and Sai Kishore picked up a wicket each.In the chase of 141, Anuj Rawat (8 off 11) lost his wicket early but Abhishek Sharma's 34 off 15 got India off to a flyer. Abhishek Sharma's brief innings included five fours and a maximum and helped India reach 44/2 in five overs. Captain Tilak Varma and Ayush Badoni began their 85-run partnership at a steady pace. India A's score was 80/2 in nine overs with the team still needing 61 runs from 66 balls. However, Badoni targeted the 10th over by Samay Shrivastav and hit him for 4,4,6,6,4 on the first five balls to bring the required rate down to less than four runs in the last 10 overs.Badoni brought up his fifty in the 13th over. Though he lost his wicket soon after, Tilak Varma and Co. ensured India A strolled to victory with ample balls to spare.

FACOR activates comprehensive preparedness for Cyclone 'Dana'

Bhadrak:(Correspondence):- Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR) has implemented a comprehensive preparedness plan to take precautionary actions for the cyclone 'Dana' in Odisha for the community in and around FACOR and for cattle's in the locality. This initiative emphasizes providing essential fodder support to ensure the survival of stray cattle during cyclonic conditions, helping to mitigate the impact on livestock welfare. To address the urgent health needs, a dedicated mobile health camp team has been in



place, ready to deliver emergency healthcare services. The team is equipped with necessary medicines, first-aid supplies, and a Mobile Health Unit (MHU) vehicle, ensuring prompt medical support and transportation to nearby hospitals for critical cases. By integrating animal welfare with community health services, this proactive approach not only enhances the resilience of both livestock and community but also fosters a supportive environment during emergencies.Ferro Alloys Corporation Limited (FACOR), is one of the oldest & reputed producers of Charge Chrome in India, an essential ingredient to produce Steel & Stainless Steel. It was established in 1983 and recently became a part of Vedanta Group in September 2020. As a responsible corporate FACOR is also working towards the Socio-Economic development of the community through structured CSR interventions. It has a robust mechanism in place to execute community development programs for the benefit of the community at large.

Advanced Engineering Solutions, AI Must To Ensure Road Safety: Nitin Gadkari

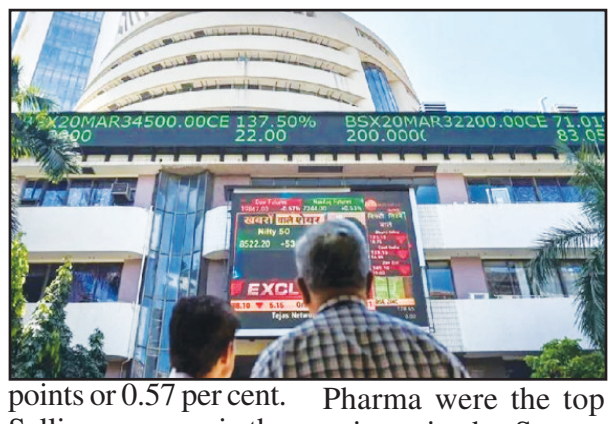
New Delhi: Road safety cannot be achieved without integrating advanced engineering solutions, enforcement of laws, and the adoption of cutting-edge technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, said on Thursday.Addressing the 'Traffic InfraTech Expo' in the national capital, the minister emphasised the critical need to improve road safety and the adoption of advanced technologies in the transportation sector."The country experiences around 5



lakh accidents each year, resulting in numerous fatalities. More than half of these casualties are in the age group of 18-36 years. The economic loss due to road accidents is estimated at 3 per cent of the country's GDP," he said.The minister mentioned efforts to identify traffic violations through AI and other innovative methods, allowing authorities to enforce penalties accurately.Gadkari also outlined plans for upgrading toll collection methods, including the exploration of satellite toll systems, which would improve efficiency and ensure transparency in toll collection. Highlighting the approach to enhancing road safety, the minister further stated that the government has decided to appoint experts from the private sector to collaborate on developing technological solutions."A dedicated expert committee will evaluate proposals from startups and industry leaders, ensuring that the best ideas are implemented. The committee has been directed to finalise its evaluations within three months, aiming for rapid improvements in the sector," Gadkari said.The Road Transport Minister encouraged small firms with innovative technologies to participate in government tenders, stressing the importance of cost-effectiveness while maintaining profit margins without exploitation.

Sensex Ends Flat, Hindustan Unilever Among Top Losers

Mumbai: The Indian stock market closed flat on Thursday as selling was seen in the auto and IT sectors, with Hindustan Unilever Ltd being among the top losers, after it reported a 4 per cent drop in standalone net profit for Q2 at Rs 2,612 crore.The Sensex closed at 80,065.16 after falling 16.82 points or 0.02 per cent.At the same time, Nifty closed at 24,399.40 after falling 36.10 points or 0.15 per cent. The Nifty Midcap 100 index closed at 56,349.75 at the end of trading after slipping 183.80 points or 0.33 per cent. The Nifty Smallcap 100 index closed at 18,249.15 after slipping 37.50 points or 0.20 per cent. Nifty Bank closed at 51,531.15 after climbing 292.15



points or 0.57 per cent. Selling was seen in the auto, IT, MCG, metal, realty and media sectors of Nifty. At the same time, buying was seen in PSU banks, fin services, pharma, energy, private banks, infra, and commodities.On the BSE, 1,590 stocks were trading in the green, 2,343 stocks in the red, and 100 stocks closed without any change.UltraTech Cement, M&M, Titan, Adani Ports, SBI, Bajaj Finance, PowerGrid, HDFC Bank, NTPC, and Sun Pharma were the top gainers in the Sensex pack. At the same time, Hindustan Unilever Limited, Nestle India, ITC, Maruti, and Asian Paints were the top losers. UltraTech Cement, Shriram Finance, M&M, Grasim, Titan, Adani Ports, BEL, SBI, Bajaj Finance and Power Grid were the top gainers in the Nifty pack. Hindustan Unilever Ltd, SBI Life, Hindalco, Nestle India, Bajaj Auto, Britannia and Maruti were the top losers.

Paytm Gets NPCI Nod To Onboard New UPI Users

New Delhi: One97 Communications (OCL), the company that operates Paytm, said on Tuesday that it received a



nod from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to onboard new UPI users.The permission was granted by NPCI Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dilip Asbe following a request made by OCL on August 1.In a letter to OCL founder and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma, the NPCI chief stated: "Upon examination of your request, we hereby accord our approval and permit One97 Communications Private Limited (OCL) to onboard new users on their UPI (Paytm) application."The approval is subject to NPCI's procedural guidelines and requirements outlined in the tri-partite agreement with Payment Service Provider (PSP) banks.According to the letter, the approval is subject to adherence "to all laws and regulatory guidelines as applicable and issued from time to time including Payments and Settlement Act 2007, Information Technology Act, 2000, Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and circular on Storage of Payment System Data, 2018".OCL was stopped from adding new UPI users on the Paytm app following RBI directions issued on January 31 and February 16.

Not Complacent Amid Rapidly Evolving Global Conditions: Shaktikanta Das

New Delhi: As the Indian economy continues to present a picture of stability and strength, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has stressed that they are not complacent, especially amid rapidly evolving global conditions. According to him, the balance between inflation and growth is well-poised and India's growth story remains intact."Inflation is on a declining path, although we still have a distance to cover. The external sector demonstrates the strength of the economy. Forex reserves are scaling new peaks. Fiscal consolidation is underway. The financial sector remains sound and resilient," he said in the latest RBI monthly bulletin.Das further added that global investor optimism in India's prospects is perhaps at its highest ever.

"We are, however, not complacent, especially amid rapidly evolving global conditions," he said, adding that "we stand unambiguously committed to ensure durable alignment of inflation with the target".According to the Central Bank, private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) – the mainstay of aggregate demand – has rebounded strongly, growing at 7.4 per cent in Q1 FY25 and contributing 4.2 percentage points to the overall GDP growth."Rural demand is showing a gradual pickup. While motorcycle sales continued to record upbeat growth in April-August 2024, tractor sales expanded in June-July 2024," according to the RBI.Moreover, the demand for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) contracted by 16.6 per cent in Q2 FY 2024-25, reflecting an improvement in farm sector employment. "Spending on fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) in the rural areas bodes well for rural demand. The positive outlook for agriculture, supported by above normal south-west monsoon (SWM) rainfall, higher cumulative kharif sowing and improved reservoir levels augurs well for sustaining the revival in rural demand," the RBI document emphasised.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds Unveils Exciting Diwali Offers Including Gold Coins and Rate Protection

NEWDELHI: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the world's largest jewellery retailers, has launched special offers for Diwali. Customers will receive guaranteed gold coins with every purchase, and a gold rate protection plan to safeguard against price changes. These offers are available on gold, diamond, and precious stone jewellery.The festive offers were unveiled by Bollywood star and Malabar Gold & Diamonds brand ambassador, Anil Kapoor, at a special event held in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The event was attended by O. Asher, Managing Director of India Operations, N. K. Jishad, Regional Head



(North), and K.P. Anees Basheer, Zonal Head (North), along with other dignitaries.

MP Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Group, said, "As a jeweller that prioritises customer satisfaction, we are delighted to introduce these exclusive Diwali offers. We aim to make the festive season even more special for our customers by offering them unparalleled benefits and an exceptional shopping experience. Our success in becoming a leading jeweller globally is a testament to the continued trust and support of our valued customers."The Diwali offers, valid at all Malabar Gold & Diamonds showrooms until November 3rd, include gold coins for purchases starting from Rs. 50,000

India's Annual GDP Growth Projected To Be Between 7-7.2 Pc In FY25: Deloitte

New Delhi: India's annual GDP growth is projected to be between 7 and 7.2 per cent in FY 2024-2025, a Deloitte report said on Tuesday, which is in line with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) prediction of the country witnessing real GDP growth at 7.2 per cent for FY25.Dr. Rumki Majumdar from Deloitte India said that India's economy is emerging with resilience as the dust settles after a high-stakes elections period."Its gross domestic product grew 6.7 per cent year over year in the April-to-June quarter. While that was the slowest rate in five quarters, India remains one of the world's fastest-growing large economies, and Deloitte's analysis predicts continued strength in the year ahead," she mentioned in the 'India economic outlook, October 2024'Growth is likely to pick up, driven by increasing consumer spending, especially in rural India, as inflation subsides, and agricultural output improves after favourable monsoon conditions."India may benefit from higher capital inflows, translating into long-term investment and job opportunities as multinational companies around the world look to reduce operational costs further," said the report.The government's focus on boosting manufacturing and improving youth employability, coupled with India's young and aspirational population, presents a unique opportunity for economic growth.As the country advances toward becoming a $5 trillion economy by fiscal 2027 to 2028, expanding manufacturing and emerging industries and transitioning toward clean-energy alternatives are likely to create high-quality, formal, and green jobs."This will help many Indian states that are aspiring to grow rapidly, as they are already investing in these areas to tap into India's demographic advantage. Subsequently, the improvements in the labour market will likely be reflected in future surveys," said Dr Majumdar, a Director and economist with Deloitte India.Rural consumption spending is rebounding due to moderating inflation, specifically in food. Besides, better rainfall (over June to September, precipitation in the country as a whole was 109 per cent of its long-period average in 2020, and it has been the third highest since 1994) and all-time high production and stock of kharif crops (such as rice and paddy sown during the monsoon season from June to August) point to robust agricultural output this year, thereby further pushing rural demand.This will likely factor into spending during festive months and beyond, said the report. Manufacturing sector capacity utilisation is at an all-time high of 76.4 per cent, which suggests that private investments in the sector will pick up. Higher capex will also crowd in investments."

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