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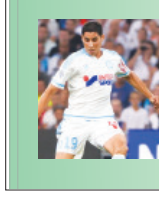
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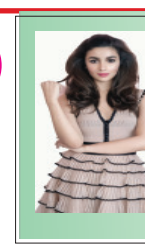
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Calcium Supplement, Antacid Pan D Among CDSCO's List Of Spurious Drugs



New Delhi: Commonly used calcium supplement Shelcal 500 and antacid Pan D are among the four drugs flagged as spurious by the Central Drug Standards Control Organisation (CDSCO) on Friday.Urimax D, used to treat Benign Prostate Hyperplasia (BPH) or enlargement of the prostate gland, and Deca-Durabolin 25 Injection, used to treat osteoporosis in postmenopausal women are the other drugs flagged as spurious in CDSCO's recent monthly update for September.As per the regulator, the four medicines were being made by fake companies.The regulator's monthly action against false medications also listed 49 drugs and formulations, manufactured by 40 companies, as not of standard quality (NSQ). NSQ drugs are those that do not meet the quality standards set by national or international authorities. These 49 were out of the 3,000 drugs, which have been recalled batch-wise by CDSCO.Antibiotic Clavam 625 and antacid Pan 40 tablets, manufactured by Alkem Health Science, are some of these drugs on the list. It also includes other antibiotics Monocef and Ciprodac 500, manufactured by Aristo Pharmaceuticals and Cadila Pharmaceuticals, respectively.A spokesperson for Alkem Laboratories reportedly defended the company stating that the drug samples picked by the CDSCO were spurious and not manufactured by Alkem. He stated that the company is committed to offering quality drugs to patients."We have informed the regulator of the same and will continue to work with the authorities to help curb the spurious drug menace in the country," media reports quoted the spokesperson as saying.Further, the regulatory body also released a state list of 18 drugs, manufactured by 14 companies that were found to be NSQ under various degrees of counts. These include seven drugs manufactured out of Uttarakhand and five from Kerala, including four drugs manufactured by the Kerala Medical Services Corporation.

Cyclone Dana: Govt achieves its 'zero causality' target, says Odisha CM Majhi



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Cyclone Dana made landfall between Bhitarkanika and Dhamra in Odisha, with the process continuing until 7 AM today.In a review meeting at the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) office, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi confirmed that the state's vigilant administration and preparedness have resulted in zero casualties."Due to vigilant administration and preparedness, there has been no casualty. The government has achieved its 'zero casualty' target," stated CM Majhi. He also assured that all roads affected by the cyclone will be cleared by 1 PM today. District Collectors have been directed to carry out a thorough damage assessment to ensure swift recovery and relief operations.The cyclone, which brought heavy rain and strong winds to the coastal districts, caused minor infrastructural damage, including uprooted trees and disrupted power lines. However, the proactive measures taken by the state government, including the evacuation of over 5.84 lakh people from high-risk areas, have significantly mitigated the impact of the storm.

Sushant Singh Rajput death: Supreme Court rejects CBI plea against actor Rhea Chakraborty

New Delhi: In a relief for Rhea Chakraborty, the Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a petition filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), state of Maharashtra and the Bureau of Immigration challenging Bombay high court's quashing of look-out-circulars (LOCs) issued against the actress, her brother Showik and her father Lt Col Indrajit Chakraborty (retd) in connection with the Sushant Singh Rajput death case.A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan orally observed that the petition was "frivolous" and was filed merely because the accused were "high-profile"

18 Killed In Israeli Airstrikes Across Lebanon

Beirut: At least 18 people were killed and several others injured in Israeli airstrikes on different areas of Lebanon, the media reported.According to the National News Agency on Thursday, Israeli warplanes launched an airstrike on the southern village of Kfar Tebnit, killing four people, destroying buildings and houses, and turning neighbourhoods into ruins.It said Israeli warplanes also launched a raid on a house in the village of Hallaniya in the eastern Bekaa Valley, killing five and wounding several others, who were later transported to the Rayak hospital, Xinhua news agency reported.

Zeeshan Siddique Joins Ajit Pawar's NCP, to Contest from Bandra East

Mumbai: Ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly elections, Zeeshan Siddique, son of former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique, has joined the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) led by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.Zeeshan, who was previously associated with the Congress, will now contest from the Bandra East constituency.Zeeshan Siddique's induction into the NCP was announced at a press conference in Mumbai, where he expressed his commitment to serving the people of Bandra East. "I am honored to join the NCP and look forward to working under the leadership of Ajit Pawar to bring positive change to my constituency," said Zeeshan.The NCP has fielded Zeeshan as their candidate for Bandra East, a seat he previously won in the 2019 Assembly elections as a Congress candidate.However, he was expelled from the Congress in August 2024 for allegedly voting against the party during the Maharashtra legislative council elections, a claim he has denied.

Philippines: 46 Killed, 20 Missing Due To Tropical Storm Trami

Manila: The death toll from tropical storm Trami that slammed into the Philippines this week has risen to 46, with at least 20 other people still missing, authorities said on Friday.In a report, Office of Civil Defence administrator Ariel Nepomuceno said nine regions across the country have reported deaths related to Trami.Bicol, a region southeast of Manila that bore the brunt of the storm, reported most of the deaths, at 28, followed by Calabarzon region with 15.Other regions in the Philippines also reported Trami-related deaths, Xinhua news agency reported.Trami, the 11th typhoon to hit the Philippines this year, barrelled across the main Luzon island, leaving a trail of destruction with disastrous flooding and landslides in the Bicol and Calabarzon regions. Flash floods and landslides hit several regions in the Philippines on Tuesday, as Trami brought heavy rains and left many areas without power.The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said the storm impacted over 2.6 million people in at least 15 regions across the Southeast Asian country.The figures, including the death toll, could rise as the police and other agencies continue to assess Trami's impact as access opens to some isolated villages.As of Friday, the agency said 293 roads and 67 bridges nationwide remain not passable. Power has yet to be restored in some regions.The state weather bureau said Trami was spotted 255 km southwest of Ilocos Sur province in the northern Philippines on Friday morning. It was moving west-northwestward, packing 95 km per hour winds and gusts of up to 151 km per hour.

PM Modi, Amit Shah, JP Nadda, Rajnath Singh Among BJP's Star Campaigners For Jharkhand Elections



Ranchi: The BJP has unveiled a list of 40-star campaigners for the Jharkhand Assembly elections which includes top leaders of the party such as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National President JP Nadda, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Union Road and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari.The party's National General Secretary and Headquarters In-charge, Arun Singh, has informed the Election Commission of India about the star campaigners list.The state's 81 assembly seats will be contested in two phases, with voting for 43 seats set to take place on November 13 for the first phase, giving parties and candidates just 18 days to campaign for this phase.Among the leaders announced as star campaigners, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma have already started campaigning on the ground, holding 10-12 meetings every day in the last three days.Other key BJP Chief Ministers set to campaign include Uttar Pradesh's Yogi Adityanath, Madhya Pradesh's Mohan Yadav, Odisha's Mohan Charan Majhi, Haryana's Nayab Singh Saini, and Chhattisgarh's Vishnu Deo Sai.Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Annapurna Devi, along with Ministers of State Nityanand Rai and Sanjay Seth, will also play prominent roles in the campaign.

Central Government Employees to Receive Additional Compassionate Pension After 80



New Delhi: In a significant move aimed at supporting elderly pensioners, the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has announced that central government employees aged 80 and above will now be eligible for an additional compassionate pension. This initiative is designed to help senior citizens manage the rising cost of living associated with aging.According to the new guidelines, the additional compassionate pension will be provided as follows:– 80 to 85 years: 20% of the basic pension/compassionate allowance– 85 to 90 years: 30% of the basic pension/compassionate allowance– 90 to 95 years: 40% of the basic pension/compassionate allowance– 95 to 100 years: 50% of the basic pension/compassionate allowance– 100 years or more: 100% of the basic pension/compassionate allowanceThe additional pension will be effective from the first day of the month in which the pensioner reaches the designated age. For instance, a pensioner born on August 20, 1942, will become eligible for the additional 20% pension starting from August 1, 2022.This compassionate allowance aims to alleviate financial pressures on elderly pensioners, ensuring they receive adequate support in their later years. The DoPPW has instructed all relevant departments and banks involved in pension disbursement to promptly inform eligible pensioners about these changes to ensure timely benefits.

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.

IIT Jodhpur To Host India's Centre Of Excellence In AI

Jaipur: IIT Jodhpur will host India's Centre of Excellence for Generative AI which has been named 'Srijan'.It will foster collaboration in the field of Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies, aiming at encouraging students and young developers to use open-source AI models to solve real-world problems and drive positive social and economic impact.The initiative is entirely funded by Global social media major Meta, who is supporting the Center for Generative AI ("GenAI CoE") by providing its Open Space technologies also and is a part of MoU commitment with AICTE & MeitY.It will be led by IndiaAI IBD under the ambit of its YuvaAI (Youth for Unnati and Vikas with AI) initiative.The CoE will identify and empower the next generation of AI innovators and entrepreneurs using open-source AI and exploring possibilities in Large Language Model (LLMs).The research under its aegis will be shared with students via AICTE and via direct connection with colleges.Srijan will engage young developers to deploy open-source LLMs across India & unearth indigenous use cases through Hackathons by conducting Master Training activation workshops for select colleges, data labs, and ITIs, introducing them to foundations of LLMs to ignite interest.It will help support the creation of Student-led Startups experimenting with Open Source LLMs by identifying young developers.The Centre of Excellence was announced under the aegis of Meity on July 27th, 2023. Srijan will ensure the long-term sustainability of the GenAI research beyond the initial phase supported by seed funding from Meta and support from IndiaAI.IIT Jodhpur will devise a comprehensive plan that encompasses diverse revenue streams, strategic partnerships and continuous innovation. Its progress will be monitored annually by the joint committee of MeitY and Meta for the duration of the funding support.Srijan will nurture the startup ecosystem of AI and other Emerging Technologies and in doing so, IIT Jodhpur will enhance accessibility to AI compute resources for researchers, startups, and all the other organisations with limited resources.It will also enable knowledge sharing and collaboration through workshops, seminars, conferences, and similar platforms.Programs developed and initiatives taken by Srijan will enhance AI and emerging technologies skills and expertise among researchers, professionals and students in India, contributing to the growth of AI talent in the country with a focus on developing responsible AI through collaborative development of comprehensive tools and guidelines.

Cyclone Dana: Kharif Crops In Bengal May Be Affected By Excessive Rains



Kolkata: With excessive rainfall due to the post-landfall impact of Cyclone Dana, starting from early Friday morning and continuing till evening in different districts in south Bengal, the West Bengal Agriculture Department is apprehending a major negative impact on the production of Kharif crop amid the ongoing harvesting season.As per estimates of the officials of the Agriculture Department, the negative impact is apprehended to be maximum in the two coastal districts of East Midnapore and South 24 Parganas, as well as in the West Midnapore and North 24 Parganas districts."The maximum impact will be on production of paddy as well as vegetables," a state Agriculture Department official said.In case the heavy rains continue and there is more water-logging, there is a high possibility of the farm products being destroyed on the farmland due to their remaining under accumulated water for a long time.The inevitable impact, according to the officials of the Agriculture Department, will be on the prices of essential food items in the retail markets of the state."Generally, the prices of vegetables come down sharply during the winter because of ample production. But if large amounts of crops are destroyed because of the post-landfall rains, the possibilities of downward movement of vegetable prices during the winter season might not be possible," the official said.In fact, the office of the Regional Meteorological Office in Kolkata has already predicted continuing heavy rainfall for a major part of Friday, which in some pockets might continue till Saturday. And if that happens, the apprehension of crop loss will become even more acute. Even the same apprehension has been expressed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee earlier in the day.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna Appointed Next Chief Justice of India

NEWDELHI: Justice Sanjiv Khanna has been appointed as the 51st Chief Justice of India. His oath-taking ceremony is scheduled for November 11, following the retirement of the incumbent Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, who will step down upon reaching the age of 65.Justice Chandrachud assumed the role of CJI on November 8, 2022. Justice Khanna's tenure as the Chief Justice will extend just beyond six months, concluding on May 13, 2025."In exercise of the power conferred by the Constitution of India, Hon'ble President, after consultation with Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Sanjiv Khanna

Centre Issues Regulations To Rate Buildings For Digital Connectivity



New Delhi: In a bid to provide a seamless internet experience to millions of people, the government on Friday released new regulations that will rate buildings for digital connectivity and boost the collaboration between telecom service providers and property managers.The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released regulations titled 'Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024,' that came into effect from today.A rating platform, an information technology system and associated applications would be set up or authorised by TRAI for the purpose of managing the rating of properties for digital connectivity as per provisions of the regulations."Property manager, who intends to apply for the rating of his/her property of minimum specified size, shall register on the rating platform, in such manner and format and upon payment of such fees, as may be specified by the Authority," the TRAI said.The properties, for the purpose of rating for digital connectivity, are classified into different categories – residential, government properties, commercial establishments, other private or public areas, stadiums or sports arenas or spaces of frequent gathering and transport corridors. According to the telecom regulator, despite significant coverage of the 4G (LTE) network and the rollout of the 5G network, the availability of more spectrum bands, the coverage and quality of digital connectivity inside buildings remain a major issue which needs to be addressed largely through the collaboration of service providers and property managers.The new regulations are being notified to encourage and nudge property managers to provide a good digital connectivity experience to their existing and prospective customers."A property with better ratings shall attract more users, buyers or investors and thereby add value to the properties," said the telecom regulator.In India, there are 927.56 million wireless internet subscribers against 42.04 million internet subscribers

Kendrapara: Two Officers Suspended For Negligence Of Cyclone Date

Garadpur, (AoBureau) : In a major development, two officers suspended for negligence of cyclone duty in Kendrapara district. Collector suspended Aul block Punchayat samiti office PEO Sanjay Pradhan and Garadpur block Punchayat samiti office PEO Jasmin Soren.

Pune Cops Seize Tempo With Rs 138 Crore Gold Jewellery, Probe Started

Pune: In another seizure, the Pune Police swooped on a tempo and recovered gold ornaments worth a staggering Rs 138 crore it was ferrying, a top official said here on Friday.An official of the Sahakar Nagar Police said that at a check-post near the Padmavati complex, they noticed a suspicious-looking temp, intercepted it and subjected it to a thorough search.Rummaging through the vehicle, the police came across several white bags in which there were boxes concealed and they were opened to reveal the large quantity of glittering gold jewellery, Deputy Commissioner of Police (II) (Mrs) Smartana Patil told media persons.She said that they questioned the driver on the consignment in the tempo (MH-02-ER-8112), he said that it had originated from Mumbai and was bound for Pune, though the papers found with him are purportedly in order.

Centre Notifies New Norms For Import Of Live Seaweeds Into Country

New Delhi: To bolster the development of seaweed enterprises as a key economic driver for coastal villages, the government on Friday notified new guidelines for the import of live seaweeds into the country.

In a notification, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying said the guidelines will facilitate the import of high-quality seed materials or germplasm from abroad, enabling domestic multiplication for ensuring farmers have access to quality seed stock.Currently, the growth of seaweed enterprises in India faces the challenge of seed availability in sufficient quantity for the commercially valuable species, and quality degradation in the seed materials of 'Kappaphycus', the most commonly farmed seaweed species.

According to new guidelines, for the import of live seaweed into India, the importers may submit a detailed application to the Department of Fisheries, which will be reviewed by the National Committee on Introduction of Exotic Aquatic Species into Indian Waters. Once approved, the department will issue an import permit within four weeks, facilitating the import of high-quality seaweed germplasm, said the ministry."The initiative aims to ensure livelihood sustainability and socio-economic upliftment of the fisher community, while upholding environmental protection and biosecurity concerns at the core of all actions," said the ministry.The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yoiana (PMMSY) aims to revolutionise the seaweed sector, aiming to increase seaweed production in the country by over 1.12 million tonnes by 2025.

Gyanvapi Case: Varanasi Court Rejects Hindu Side's Plea For Additional ASI Survey



Varanasi: In a setback to petitioners representing the Hindu side, a court in Varanasi on Friday rejected a plea seeking additional survey by the Archaeological Survey of India at the Gyanvapi complex.Civil Judge (senior division), of Fast Track Court, Varanasi, dismissed the petition filed by Vijay Shankar Rastogi.Talking to media persons after the court proceedings, Rastogi said, "We are planning to move High Court against the decision of the court rejecting our petition for additional survey.""We had said in our petition that the earlier ASI survey was incomplete... it did not cover the Wuzukhana and central dome. Also, the 2021 direction of the High Court to form a five-member team, including a representative of a central university, was not followed during the earlier survey," he said.Lawyer Subhash Nandan Chaturvedi, who also appeared for the Hindu side, "The court did not accept our plea to allow an additional survey in areas like the cover of the Wuzukhana and central dome of the complex."The Gyanvapi Mosque has been at the centre of controversy with some believing it was built on the remains of the Kashi Vishwanath temple. Several petitions have been filed in different courts, including the Supreme Court, Allahabad High Court, and Varanasi District Court, to address different angles of this dispute.

The legal tussle dates back to 1991 when a petition was filed in Varanasi, seeking the restoration of Gyanvapi land to the Kashi Vishwanath temple. A claim was made that the mosque was constructed under the orders of Aurangzeb, who allegedly tore down a part of the temple in the 16th century.Lawyer Vijay Shankar Rastogi filed a petition immediately after the Supreme Court's Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi dispute verdict in 2019. The court directed the ASI to conduct a scientific survey, sparking a series of legal actions and reactions.The case saw various court interventions, including stays, extensions, and challenges to different orders. The Allahabad High Court in 2021 put a halt to proceedings in the Varanasi court, emphasising the Places of Worship Act, 1991, preventing changes in the religious character of a place of worship as of August 15, 1947.

Do Not Ignore Your Health, Work With Compassion: President Murmu To Doctors

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday urged doctors to not ignore their health and to work with compassion and sensitivity.She said this while addressing the second convocation of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur today."On many occasions, you will be working in a stressful environment. Take care of your health and don't ignore it. To increase trust and betterment of patients, it is important for you to be healthy and look healthy," Murmu said.She noted that the government is enhancing access to health care for all citizens of the country."In the last decade, several steps have been taken to provide Universal Health coverage. Affordable and quality medicines are available to the people through Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP). In the last ten years, there has been an increase in the number of seats in medical colleges for MBBS and PG. New AIIMS has also been established," the President said.Further, Murmu also stressed the need for modern technologies in the medical sector for the welfare of people living in remote areas of the country, citing the impact of such advancements on human lives.

Odisha Govt Cancels Leave Of Officers On Oct 26 & 27

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): In the wake of Severe Cyclonic Storm Dana's devastating impact on Odisha, the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) has cancelled official holidays of government Officers on October 26 and 27 to prioritize disaster management and other response.The SRC in a letter issued on Friday directed that all concerned Departments are required to open their office and the concerned Officers are required to perform duty on October 26 and 27."Due to the impact of the Severe Cyclonic Storm "DANA", the Disaster Management and other response activities need to be undertaken on top priority. Keeping in this view the Government has been pleased to declare that the concerned Departments are required to open their office and the concerned Officers shall perform duty on 26.10.2024 and 27.10.2024 as usual. The concerned Administrative Departments are requested to take necessary action on the matter," reads the letter issued by Deoranjan Kumar Singh, SRC to all Departments on Friday.

Bhadrak Woman Gives Birth To Newborn, Names After Cyclone 'Dana'

Bhadrak(AoBureau): An expecting mother evacuated hours before the landfall of severe cyclonic storm 'Dana delivered a baby boy at a health centre in the district on Thursday.The parents celebrated the moment amidst fear of cyclone. The elated parents named the baby after Cyclone 'Dana'. Due to increasing rain and wind speed, the administration brought a woman named Shubha Mallik of Kantika village of Raipur panchayat under Dhamnagar Block to Dhushuri Health Centre where she gave birth to a baby boy at 2 PM on Thursday.Both the mother and the newborn are doing well, reports said. The good news came amid the hectic preparation of the government for the cyclonic storm.The Bhadrak district adminis tration evacuated several pregnant women to nearby health centres and Maa Gruha among whom Shubha Mallik was about to deliver.On Thursday, around 4,421 pregnant women were shifted to hospitals from vulnerable areas in Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara and other districts. Of the evacuated pregnant women, 1600 deliveries were done by Thursday evening, government sources said.

Nandankanan Zoo To Reopen Today ,Similipal Shut Till Oct 28

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): The Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) and State Botanical Garden in Bhubaneswar will reopen for visitors on October 26, following a two-day closure due to Cyclone Dana.However, the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Mayurbhanj district will remain closed for visitors until October 28, as heavy rains following Cyclone Dana continue to impact the area.NZP and the State Botanical Garden, two popular tourist spots in Odisha's capital, were closed on October 24 and 25 as a precaution against the cyclone's effects.Zoo authorities implemented several safety measures to protect animals, including moving them to feeding cells and secure shelters, ensuring ample food and fodder supplies, and deploying 25 teams with 100 employees throughout the park to monitor and safeguard the animals.Additionally, seven mobile teams with 45 staff members were on standby for emergency operations, equipped with vehicles and essential tools to handle any situation.Four control rooms operated during the cyclone to facilitate coordinated actions, ensuring the safety of the animals and the park facilities.The STR, initially closed from October 23, will remain shut for three more days due to continued heavy rainfall.

Two Dead, One Critically Injured After SUV Overturns In Dhenkanal

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): In a tragic accident near Gobinda Prasad under the Bhapur police outpost limits in Dhenkanal district, two people lost their lives and one sustained critical injuries when their SUV overturned on Friday.According to reports, the deceased, identified as Sagar Parida and Silu Behera from Kandabindha village, died on the spot. The injured person, Bubuna Rout, who also hails from Kandabindha, was initially rushed by locals to Dhenkanal District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) but was later transferred to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack as his condition worsened.The accident occurred when the driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle while approaching an uphill section of the road.

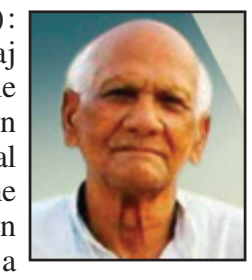
Dy CM KV Singh Deo Visits Cyclone-Hit Village In Kendrapara, Inspects Cyclone Shelter

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Deputy Chief Minister KV Singh Deo made a visit to Talachua village in Rajnagar constituency of Kendrapara, which was severely affected by Cyclone 'Dana'.During his visit, he inspected the cyclone shelter facilities and interacted with local residents to address their concerns.Singh



Deo ensured that government services are being properly provided to the people and directed officials to resolve any issues faced by the cyclone victims immediately. He expressed gratitude to everyone for their resilience and cooperation in navigating the aftermath of the disaster.KV Singh Deo was assigned to monitor relief and rescue operations in Kendrapara district during and after the cyclone.

Centenarian Former MLA Makardhwaj Pradhan Passes Away



Jharsuguda(AoBureau): Former MLA Makardhwaj Pradhan passed away at the age of 102 at his residence in Jharsuguda.In the first general election of Odisha in 1952, he became an MLA from the then Mura-Ambhabhona constituency and was a member of the house till 1957. Makardhwaj was born on January 14, 1924 and died today at his residence in Baghamunda in Jharsuguda district.

Pradhan's journey into politics began during his college days at Ravenshaw College in Cuttack. It was there that he became influenced by the ideology of the Socialist party, which emphasizes democratic socialism. This inspiration led him to contest the Vidhan Sabha election in 1952 as an Independent from the then Ambabhona-Mura constituency.

Pradhan went on to be elected as the MLA of the constituency during Chief Minister Nabakrushna Choudhury's tenure.

Cyclone Dana Weakens Over Odisha, Likely To Turn Into Depression Soon

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): The remnants of Cyclone Dana, now downgraded to a deep depression, continue to move westward over north coastal Odisha. As of 5:30 PM IST on October 25, the system was positioned near latitude 21.4°N and longitude 86.2°E, approximately 50 km northwest of Bhadrak and 70 km east-southeast of Keonjhar.According to the latest update shared by India Meteorological Department (IMD),



with a current speed of 7 kmph, the deep depression is expected to continue moving westward across northern Odisha and gradually weaken into a depression over the next 12 hours.The system remains under close observation by the Doppler weather radar at Paradip, which is tracking its progression to ensure timely updates.

Cyclone Dana Disrupts Power Supply In Odisha; Rapid Restoration Efforts Underway

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): In the wake of Cyclone Dana, power infrastructure has sustained extensive damage in Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Jajpur, Kendrapada, and Jagatsinghpur districts.According to an official press release from office of the Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, DISCOMs (power distribution companies) have mobilized manpower and resources immediately following the cyclone, aiming to restore power to affected areas.As of 2 PM, power restoration efforts were in progress for nearly one million consumers, with 90% restoration expected by tonight.Out of 106 affected 33KV feeders, 72 have been restored. Of the 201 impacted primary substations, 116 are now operational, while 504 of the 909 affected 11KV feeders have been brought back online.Out of 80,135 impacted distribution transformers, 39,903 have been restored, resulting in power restoration for over 1.14 million consumers.

Security Forces Neutralize Senior-ranked Maoist Cadre in Odisha's Kandhamal

KANDHAMAL(AoBureau): A senior-ranked Maoist cadre was neutralized during an exchange of gunfire with security forces in the Budanai Reserve Forest, located within the Baliguda police limits of Kandhmal district on Friday.On October 23, based on actionable intelligence, two teams from the Special Operations Group (SOG)—an elite commando unit of the Odisha Police—launched an operation in the area, which resulted in an exchange of fire at 9 AM. Following the skirmish, security forces recovered the body of a male Maoist cadre, who was found in uniform and equipped with an AK-47 rifle.Preliminary investigations revealed that the deceased was a senior-ranking cadre of the Communist Party of India (Maoist), affiliated with the Kandhmal-Kalahandi-Boudh-Nayagarh (KKBN) Division operating in the region. A thorough combing operation is currently ongoing. Odisha DGP Y.B. Khurania praised the Kandhmal Police, the Intelligence Directorate, and the Operational Headquarters for their successful operation. So far this year, five Maoists have been neutralized in Odisha.

Jailer, 2 Warders Of Jharpada Jail Injured In Attack

Bhubaneswar: In a violent incident at Bhubaneswar's Jharpada Jail on Friday, the jailer and two warders sustained injuries after being attacked by three high-security inmates.The incident unfolded when a scuffle broke out between two groups of inmates, prompting the jailer to intervene and restore order.The inmates allegedly slashed the jailer's hand with a blade, causing injuries. Two warders who rushed to assist were also hurt during the clash.As the situation intensified, prison staff sounded the emergency siren, summoning Laxmisagar police to the scene for additional support.According to a senior jail official, the three inmates were already classified as habitual offenders and had been confined to a high-security ward, which reportedly fueled their agitation and aggression.Following the incident, a case has been registered with the Laxmisagar police station, and further investigation is underway.

District-Level Children's Festival 'Utsah' and 'Mahak' Begins in Belpahar

Jharsuguda, (AoBureau)– The two-day district-level children's festival, 'Utsah' and 'Mahak' 2024, commenced at the Thakkar Bappa Seva Sadan premises in Belpahar. Organized by the Department of Women and Child Development, in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit, the festival aims to nurture and showcase the talents of children residing in local childcare institutions.The inaugural day featured a series of sports competitions under 'Utsah,' where children participated in events like 100m and 200m races, long jump, high throw,



chess, carom, drawing, dance, and singing. Activities were conducted across boys' and girls' categories, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and creativity. Primary and junior high school sports instructor Tajan guided the sports events.Belpahar Municipal Chairman NC Panda, attending as the chief guest, awarded certificates and prizes to standout participants, encouraging them to cultivate their unique abilities. He emphasized the importance of supporting children's inner talents through such platforms.The event saw an impressive lineup of guests, including District Child Welfare Committee Chairman Ashish Kumar Panda, District Child Protection Officer Sunand Maharana, and District Information and Public Relations Officer Ajay Kumar Jena. The dedicated team of Thakkar Bappa Seva Sadan counselors and district officials, including Manas Kumar Mallik and Sameer Kumar Mishra, contributed to the event's organization, ensuring smooth proceedings.This festival continues today with more activities aimed at inspiring and empowering young residents of the district's childcare institutions.\

Odisha Govt To Complete Cyclone Damage Assessment Within 7 Days: Revenue Minister

Bhubaneswar: The assessment of damage to crops and houses caused by Cyclone Dana is expected to be completed within seven days, according to Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari.Field staff will begin assessing the damage caused by cyclone Dana on Sunday, with officials from revenue, agriculture, and cooperative departments conducting on-site inspections to determine crop and property damage, informed Pujari."Cyclone Dana's landfall has affected various districts in Odisha, with strong winds and heavy rainfall causing widespread disruption. The cyclone's impact is being assessed, and relief efforts are underway to provide aid to those affected.

Ragging Allegations Rock MKCG Medical College, NMC Intervenes

Bhubaneswar: A second-year MBBS student at MKCG Medical College in Berhampur alleged ragging by senior students. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the college has initiated an investigation into the matter.According to sources, several students across different hostels have allegedly been subjected to physical and mental harassment by their seniors.Meanwhile, the National Medical Council (NMC) has taken cognizance of the complaints filed by the parents of the victims and has directed the Dean of the medical college to initiate an investigation. The college authorities have assured cooperation and have formed an internal committee to probe the allegations.Reportedly, a few months ago, Rudra Raut, a second-year student at MKCG Medical College, was subjected to ragging and assault. Action was taken against four senior students for their alleged involvement in the matter.

EDITORIAL

Pt.Godabarish Mishra & Satyabadi Literary-Era

Pt.Godabarish Mishra is the most learned and famous writer of the Satyabadi literary-era of Odia Literature. Although he is a successful poet and dramatist, he is equally adept as a novelist.

Pandit Godabarish Mishra was born on 26 October 1886 in Srinibaspur sasan near Banapur in present Khordha district to Lingaraj Mishra & Apsara Devi Mishra. They were very poor who struggled to educate their son. He completed his primary education in his village school and went to Puri District School where he completed his entrance examination in 1906. Then he was enrolled in Ravenshaw College. He completed his BA in Philosophy in 1910 and obtained his M.A. in Economics from University of Calcutta in 1912.When he was a student in Puri High School those were eventful for him in many respects which aroused his patriotism and anti-British sentiment. He was a student of Chandramohan Maharana, the headmaster of Puri High School whose character inspired him very much. There he was introduced to Sashibhusan Roychaudhury, a revolutionary terrorist having links with the Jugantar group who became very close to Godavarish and many other Odia students who were inspired by his commitment to the freedom struggle. He was also inspired by Gopabandhu Das' commitment to the nation. When he was a postgraduate student at Calcutta University, Sashibhusan introduced him to many more revolutionary leaders who worked secretly to manufacture bombs or assassinate selective English officials. Though Godavarish had contact with them he did not actively participate in their activities. It was limited to attending their meetings, transmitting messages, teaching in evening classes, and nursing the injured. After completing his post-graduation he came to Satyabadi in 1913 to join the National School started by Gopabandhu Das there. When Satyabadi became the epicenter of the non-cooperation movement, Godavarish by the order of Gopabandhu came to Chakradharpur to open and run a national school and lead the non-cooperation movement there in 1920. Since Singhbhoom was an Odia majority district, his activities were responded to well by the local people. They donated him handsomely to the cause of the Chakradharpur High School which became a national school. There he moved from village to village with local volunteers to spread the message of non-cooperation and Mahatma Gandhi who responded to him well. After the suspension of the non-cooperation movement, he returned to his native village Banpur where he found that the awareness about the freedom struggle, non-cooperation movement under Gandhian leadership, and constructive programs of Congress like charkha and khadi had not reached the core section of the population of that area. Since non-cooperation was suspended, Godavarish, therefore, chose Banapur as the center of his activities for a constructive program of Congress.

Thrift in Modern Times

Bruhaspati Samal

Thrift, the virtue of saving money and using resources carefully, is deeply rooted in Indian tradition. Passed down from one generation to another, the idea of "cutting your coat according to your cloth" is a mantra that many Indian families have followed for centuries. World Thrift Day, celebrated on October 31st, reminds us of the importance of financial prudence. However, the landscape of saving has undergone a seismic shift, and with the convenience of modern financial instruments comes the growing menace of threats and theft. As we observe World Thrift Day, it's crucial to reflect on the history and importance of thrift, the changing behaviour of people towards savings, and the present-day risks that endanger our hard-earned money.

For generations, Indians have been taught to live within their means, avoiding debt and securing the future by putting aside surplus earnings for the lean days. In agrarian societies, saving was not just a financial habit but a survival mechanism. People stored grains and saved money for unforeseen events like crop failures or natural calamities. This ingrained habit of saving led to a society that valued financial security over reckless spending. Even in the early 20th century, when formal banking institutions were limited, Indians relied on informal saving methods such as gold hoarding, land acquisition, and community lending systems like chit funds. Thrift was not just about hoarding wealth; it was about judicious use of resources and minimizing waste. The emphasis was on careful planning, avoiding extravagance, and investing in long-term, stable assets.

As India transitioned from a largely agrarian economy to an industrial and service-based one, the attitude toward savings has also changed. The liberalization of the Indian economy in the 1990s opened up new avenues for investment, such as the stock market, mutual funds, and insurance products. The surge in disposable incomes, rising consumerism, and the easy availability of credit have, however, led to a shift from traditional thrift to more complex financial planning. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), household financial savings as a percentage of GDP dropped from around 23.6% in 2011-12 to 18.2% in 2020-21. This decline highlights how consumer-driven spending, real estate investments, and higher household debt have taken precedence over saving for the future. Younger generations, especially millennials and Gen Z, are more inclined towards "buy now, pay later" schemes and credit cards, deviating from the age-old practice of saving first and spending later. The advent of digital technology has also brought significant changes in how people save and invest. With just a few clicks, one can invest in stocks, mutual funds, or even crypto-currencies. While technology has democratized access to financial tools, it has also introduced an element of risk, making people more susceptible to fraud and cyber theft.

Banking institutions have traditionally been viewed as safe havens for savings, but they are no longer immune to financial crimes. In 2022, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reported a staggering 11,000 cases of banking fraud in India. Many of these cases involved online transactions, phishing scams, ATM card cloning, and unauthorized access to customer accounts. For example, the infamous Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud in 2018, where Nirav Modi swindled the bank of approximately Rs.13,000 crores using fraudulent Letters of Understanding (LoUs), exposed the vulnerabilities in the banking sector. The scam shook the nation's trust in the banking system and raised questions about regulatory oversight and internal controls in financial institutions. The stock market, once reserved for the affluent, is now accessible to the common man thanks to online trading platforms. However, this increased access comes with risks. Market manipulation, insider trading, and fraudulent schemes such as Ponzi scams have eroded investor confidence. One of the most infamous cases is the 1992 Harshad Mehta securities scam, where Mehta manipulated the stock market, causing a major crash and leading to losses worth Rs.5,000 crores. More recently, the rise of unregulated financial products, such as crypto-currencies, has led to a new wave of scams. Between 2017 and 2022, it was reported that over Rs.1,000 crores were lost by Indian investors in fraudulent crypto-currency schemes.

The rise of digital payment platforms like Paytm, Google Pay, and PhonePe has revolutionized how people save and spend money. However, the convenience of UPI (Unified Payments Interface) has also led to an increase in cybercrimes. In 2023 alone, India saw a 40% increase in UPI-related fraud cases. These include phishing scams, where fraudsters send fake payment links to unsuspecting users, leading to unauthorized withdrawals from their accounts. According to the RBI, the number of registered cases of banking frauds in 2023 rose by 15% compared to 2022. The stock market witnessed over Rs.500 crores in losses due to pump-and-dump schemes in 2023 alone. A report by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) highlighted that 82% of cybercrimes related to financial transactions in 2023 were linked to UPI and other digital payment platforms. In the case of postal savings fraud, over Rs.50 crore in frauds were reported across India from 2018 to 2022.

While threats to savings have increased in recent years, there are several measures individuals, financial institutions, and the government can take to mitigate these risks and protect people's hard-earned money. One of the primary ways to encourage better saving habits is to increase financial literacy. Educational programs in schools and colleges on personal finance, investments, and cyber safety can help people make informed decisions. It is essential for individuals to use trusted and secure financial platforms. Always ensure that online transactions are conducted on authenticated websites and apps. Rather than putting all savings in one basket, diversification is key. Balancing investments in low-risk options like fixed deposits, post office schemes, and moderate-to-high risk investments in mutual funds or stocks can help mitigate losses. Regularly checking bank and investment accounts helps detect any unauthorized activity. Financial institutions now offer SMS and email alerts for every transaction, which should be closely monitored. The government should strengthen regulations around cyber security, and improve law enforcement responses to financial crimes. Institutions like the RBI, SEBI, and NPCI should implement stronger regulations to protect consumers. Dedicated cybercrime cells in police departments should be empowered with better tools and training to handle financial crimes. The creation of more cyber-police stations will help address the rising incidents of cyber fraud.

While the essence of thrift remains timeless, the approach to saving has evolved with modern times. With this evolution comes the responsibility of safeguarding our savings from the increasing threats posed by cybercriminals, fraudsters, and market manipulators. On this World Thrift Day, it is important to revisit the values of thrift, adapt to modern tools for better financial management, and remain vigilant against potential threats. By working together-individuals, institutions, and the government-we can secure our financial future and carry forward the age-old wisdom of thrift into the digital age.

Pollution Control: Innovative Strategies for a Healthier Planet

Dr Annada Tripathy

Pollution control has become a global priority as the environmental impacts of industrialization, urbanization and modern living pose an increasing threat to ecosystems and human health. Innovative strategies are now at the forefront of combating pollution, providing hope for a healthier planet. Here, we explore some of the groundbreaking approaches being developed and implemented worldwide.

1. Circular Economy and Waste Management

One of the most promising strategies is the shift towards a circular economy, where resources are reused, recycled and recovered to minimize waste. Traditional linear economies—where products are made, used, and discarded—are no longer sustainable. Industries are now designing products for longevity, repairability and recyclability. Companies are turning waste into new products, reducing the burden on landfills and decreasing the pollution caused by manufacturing new materials. This shift not only controls pollution but also conserves natural resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Bioremediation: Nature's Own Cleanup Crew

Bioremediation involves the use of natural organisms—like bacteria, fungi, and plants—to break down pollutants and restore ecosystems. These organisms metabolize harmful substances such as oil spills, heavy metals and chemical contaminants, turning them into less harmful byproducts. This eco-friendly method is increasingly used in contaminated soil and water cleanups. Innovations in this field, such as genetically engineered microorganisms, are enhancing the efficiency and scope of bioremediation efforts.

3. Green Energy Solutions

The burning of fossil fuels for energy is one of the largest contributors to air pollution and climate change. Green energy technologies, such as solar, wind and geothermal power, are at the heart of pollution control strategies. These renewable energy sources produce little to no pollution, offering a sustainable alternative to coal and natural gas. Additionally, the development of energy storage solutions and smart grids ensures that green energy can meet large-scale energy demands. Transitioning to clean energy will drastically reduce air pollutants like sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter, improving air quality globally.

4. Carbon Capture and Utilization

Carbon capture and utilization (CCU) technologies are revolutionizing the fight against air pollution and climate change. Instead of simply capturing carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions from industrial processes and storing them underground, CCU aims to repurpose CO_2 as a raw material for the production of fuels, chemicals and building materials. This approach transforms CO_2 from a waste product into a valuable resource, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and offering a new avenue for economic growth in a sustainable manner.

5. Electric and Hydrogen-Powered Transportation

Transportation is a major source of pollution, particularly in urban areas. Electric vehicles (EVs) and hydrogen-powered transportation systems are leading the way in reducing emissions. EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions and are increasingly powered by renewable energy, making them a key solution for reducing urban air pollution. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are another promising technology, especially for long-haul transportation and heavy-duty vehicles, as they only emit water vapor. Expanding infrastructure for electric charging and hydrogen fueling stations is essential for widespread adoption.

6. Smart Cities and Pollution Monitoring

The development of smart cities is playing a significant role in pollution control. Equipped with real-time air and water quality monitoring systems, smart cities use data analytics to detect pollution hotspots, predict trends, and implement timely interventions. These systems allow for rapid response to pollution events, optimizing traffic flows to reduce emissions or adjusting industrial processes to limit waste. In addition, smart cities promote energy efficiency, green spaces and sustainable urban planning, all of which contribute to a cleaner environment.

7. Plastic Alternatives and Biodegradable Materials

The proliferation of plastic waste in oceans and ecosystems is a critical environmental issue. Innovations in biodegradable materials and plastic alternatives are crucial to pollution control. Researchers are developing bio-based plastics from renewable sources such as corn, sugarcane and algae that break down more quickly than traditional plastics. In addition, innovative materials like edible packaging and plant-based polymers are reducing reliance on single-use plastics, which take centuries to decompose. These alternatives help combat plastic pollution and protect marine life.

8. Regenerative Agriculture

Agriculture is both a victim and contributor to pollution through practices that lead to soil degradation, pesticide runoff, and greenhouse gas emissions. Regenerative agriculture focuses on restoring soil health and biodiversity while reducing chemical inputs. Practices such as cover cropping, no-till farming, and rotational grazing increase the soil's ability to sequester carbon and reduce water runoff, thus minimizing pollution. Regenerative farming not only controls pollution but also helps build resilience to climate change.

Conclusion

The fight against pollution requires a multi-faceted approach, combining technological innovation with sustainable practices and policies. By embracing these strategies, we can not only mitigate the harmful effects of pollution but also create a cleaner, more resilient planet. Collaborative efforts from governments, industries and individuals are essential in driving these solutions forward, ensuring a healthier environment for future generations.

District Level Dumal Mahasabha Inagurated



SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau): District level Dumal Mahasabha Hon'ble Kantamal MLA Kanhei Charan Dang joined as the chief guest in the courtyard of Baunsuni Maheshwari Temple of Boudh Block and inaugurated the auspicious event. After coming to the Maheshwari temple with Patar Soura dance, placing the pot and offering prayers, the inagurated was held under the chairmanship of District President Sitanshu Shekhar Mahakul and the coordination of Adarsh teacher Pramod Kumar Pradhan. Promised to improve our nation in agriculture, business and to improve every Maheshwari temple and Peethas. On behalf of the Dumal Parishad , the guests and workers presented the chief guest Mr. Dang with land and financial grants from the state government for the construction of Maheshwari culture buildings in Boudh town, Puri and Bhubaneswar. State Youth President and Deogaon Block Chairman Dayanidhi Khamari, Zilla Parishad Member Padmalaya Pradhan, Senior Social Worker Maguni Charan Gaigaria, Former District President Ramani Ranjan Pradhan and Purnachandra Mahakud, Former State President Sudhir Kumar Karna, State Vice President Sudam Charan Khamari,Vice Chairman of Boudh Zilla Parishad Sankarsan Pradhan, attended and gave a speech to strive for improvement in all areas including economic growth, political rights and constitutional rights of the dumal cast . In the end, District Secretary Kanhu Charan Mesua gave a vote of thanks. On this occasion, the Zilla Dumal Parishad who made the first effort to form the Dumal Parishad in Odisha, the Boudh Advocate Bibhu Prasad Kheti, the social worker Anand Kumar Gaigaria, the teacher Satya Narayan Pradhan, the social worker Prabhat Chandra Pradhan , Hitendra Bhushan Mendili and Krutibas Palia were honored as organizers. Finally, the chief guest graced the talents in various fields of caste such as Sarpanch Dahya Bibhuti Bhushan Dang, Gundulia Sarpanch Dhableswar Singh, Shagada Sarpanch Subrata Karmiwere honored as the chief guests.

'Distance' causes the huddles & the Intellectual Group Pushes with hope for Kantamal Block's Upgrade to 'Subdivision' as soon as possible



Boudh: (AoBureau): As we know that, Kantamal block holds the distinction of being the largest in Boudh district, Odisha, covering the most area and housing the highest population. Kantamal Block comprises 24 Panchayats,3 Police Stations.These panchayats cover a total of 218 villages within the Kantamal Tehsil. With Boudh having only one sub-division, the demand for another is urgent.And the people of Kantamal have been demanding for subdivision since a long time.Because,The daunting 75-76 km distance between Kantamal and Boudh,100-105 km between Khuntigora and Boudh poses significant challenges. With Boudh having only one sub-division, the demand for another is urgent. Kantamal's upgradation to a subdivision is crucial, despite former CM Naveen Patnaik declaring it a Notified Area Council (NAC). The people of Kantamal and its surrounding areas are eagerly awaiting the upgrade of Kantamal's administrative status, and they're pinning their hopes on the new MLA, Mr. Kanhei Charan Dang, and the Chief Minister, Mr. Mohan Charan Majhi, to make it happen soon.Now, it's crucial that the new administration translates it into action.The significant distance between Kantamal and Boudh, upgrading Kantamal to a sub-division would greatly enhance governance and public convenience. The local community is optimistic that Mr. Dang and Mr. Majhi will prioritise this issue and drive progress. The people of Kantamal and its surrounding areas push their hope on Mr. Kanhei Charan Dang & and the Chief Minister, Mr. Mohan Charan Majhi, to make a historic decision that will upgrade Kantamal's administrative status. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the necessary steps will be taken as soon as possible.

Instead of jawan the Maoist attacked his brother



Malkangiri AO Bureau:- In Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh, the Maoists went to kill a DRG Jawan and attacked his brother to death. Laxman Kunjam, brother of DRG jawan Dev Kunjam, was living with his family in Hiroli village under Kirandul police station, Dantewada district, when some armed Maoist attacked him with sharp weapons. Later, Laxman's condition became critical. After first aid, he was sent to a medical center in Jagdalpur. The Maoists attacked Laxman thinking that he was going to give death. Eyewitnesses said that they heard some of the Maoists saying that they were firing at us during the search operation attack. So it is suspected that jawan Dev came to kill his brother and mistakenly attacked him. However, after the family informed the police, the police reached the spot and continued the investigation. However, it has been informed by the police that it will be clear after the proper investigation whether it was an attack by the Maoists or by someone else.

Private organization forcing people to convert Religion



Malkangiri, AO Bureau : The Banda tribe of Malkangiri district is in danger of existential crisis. A memorandum has been issued to the Mudulipada police station and Khairput Tehsildar, who are forcing the tribals to convert to religion by preaching religion in the guise of health care and education.The Banda community complained that the government was spending billions of rupees for the development of the tribes, but nothing much had changed. Taking advantage of this, a private organization started medical facilities and teaching in Bandaghati. People expressed their faith in this private organization as they get free services. However, the purpose of this organization was not good. Now village to village is persuading people to convert the religion .Children are trained in other religions in schools built by the organization Giving misleading information to create hatred towards their own religion in the mind of the child. Earlier, the said organization demand to ban by the Banda Samaj many times. However, the society has expressed concern that the organization has not changed its behavior. The organization has been demanded to be removed from Bandaghati immediately. Otherwise, the Banda tribe will move away from their culture and traditions and lose their uniqueness in their lifestyle. The police have been demanded to intervene before any mishap takes place.

2500 Peoples Suffering By High Tide After Cyclone Landfall In Coastal Kendrapara



Kendrapara(AO Bureau): Cyclone 'DANA' landfall at Habelikhati in Bhitarkanika sanctuary with heavy wind and 792mm highest rainfall in the district on Thursday midnight. Around 2/3mtr high tide cross the sea beach and enter into the Bagapatia village and its cyclone shelter. In which 2500 peoples takes shelter. They are in surroundings of the water. District administration try to rescue and rehabilitation them. One person died after felt illness in Bankual Kalyan Mandap cyclone shelter. She was 80 years old Hemalata Behera of Bankual village under Dangamal punchayat in Rajnagar block. Her death due to old age was said. Talchua, Pentha village of Rajnagar block also affected more in this Cyclone. NDRF and ODRAF teams continuing their rescue works. Due to heavy tide in the sea Baitarani river embarkment in Bhitarkanika on dangerous position. Local villagers kept the sand packets on the embarkment for its protection. Rajkanika block also more affected in this Cyclone. Cooking food will provided for next two days Deputy chief minister Kanak bardhan Singhdeo announced here and told damaged assessment will be very soon. Today's weather in Kendrapara not so normal due to light rain and winds flow. On negligence of cyclone duty collector Smruti Ranjan Pradhan suspended two officers today. They are Aul block Punchayat samiti office PEO Sanjay Pradhan and Garadpur block Punchayat samiti office PEO Jasmin Soren. All praises to Rajnagar block Asha worker Shivani Mandal for her rescue work. She has shifted seven old peoples to the cyclone shelter on her shoulder. In a earlier assessment by the district administration 1593 villages of 249 grampanchayat and its 1584387 peoples affected in this Cyclone 'DANA'.Total 121116 peoples evacuated to 646 cyclone shelters. 85 buildings of Rajnagar block and 19 buildings of Aul block damaged report said. Earlier cultivate paddy crops more affected due to heavy wind in the district but report couldn't available from district agriculture office.

schools In Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore & Keonjhar To Remain Closed Today

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Schools and Anganwadi centres in Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore and Keonjhar districts will remain closed tomorrow (October 26) in the wake of heavy rain under the influence of cyclone 'Dana'.The Collectors of the respective district announced the closure of schools and Anganwadi centres due to rain and operation of temporary cyclone shelters.Bhadrak Collector today announced that all schools in the district will remain closed on Saturday due to the heavy rain caused by the cyclonic storm.Similarly, the administration has announced that all schools and Anganwadi Centres in Jajpur will remain shut tomorrow amid the heavy rainfall alert for the district.Balasore Collector announced holiday for schools, colleges and Anganwadi centres as these places have been used as temporary cyclone centres.As the IMD predicted heavy rain in Keonjhar the district administration has decided to close down all schools and Anganwadi centres.According to reports, coastal districts are likely to witness heavy rain under the influence of the cyclonic storm 'Dana' that made landfall at Habalikhati Nature Camp in Bhitarkanika in Kendrapara district in the early hours of Friday.

Odisha Yatri: To Pioneer the Future of Mobility for VIKSIT Odisha



BBSR(AoBureau);In a major step towards fostering seamless and sustainable urban mobility, the Housing and Urban Development of Odisha has initiated preparations for the launch of Odisha Yatri, a transformative mobility app. This landmark initiative aligns with the state's broader vision of VIKSIT Odisha, aiming for social upliftment of drivers and enhancing customer experiences across the state. In this regard an MoU was signed between Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), Moving Tech, the parent company of Namma Yatri, ONDC, and Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (ORSS). The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is an initiative by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, aimed at democratizing digital commerce by establishing an interoperable open network, enabling digital transactions in goods and services. This integrated mobility platform aims to empower drivers while providing a seamless and convenient travel experience for passengers across Odisha. A preparatory meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary Smt. Usha Padhee outlining the strategic roadmap for successful implementation. Odisha Yatri, modelled on principles of transparency and community-driven innovation, is set to revolutionize urban transport with extended last-mile connectivity. Powered by an open network for digital commerce, it will operate on a subscription model for drivers, ensuring they keep 100% of their ride earnings.Through forward-looking policies that prioritize sustainable development, Odisha Yatri will enhance the livelihoods of thousands of drivers while offering citizens affordable, eco-friendly transport solutions. One of the primary objectives of Odisha Yatri is to create a balanced ecosystem where "Drivers can earn more while customers pay less".Odisha Yatri To operate on a Zero Commission Model, eliminating middlemen and ensuring a no-commission basis for all transactions. This structure guarantees Direct Payment to Drivers, enhancing transparency and significantly increasing earnings for them. For customers, the platform is to offer Affordable Pricing, providing fair and transparent rates. Additionally, Odisha Yatri is to promote Integrated Mobility by uniting various transportation options on a single, user-friendly platform. Safety is also a top priority; the initiative collaborates with local Police and Transport Departments to provide Superior Safety measures, ensuring a secure travel experience for all users.Odisha Yatri will introduce services such as Non-AC and AC mini cabs, sedans, XL cabs, and will soon expand to offer inter-city rides, rentals, and scheduled services. The app will also accommodate special needs like disability-friendly vehicles, pet-friendly trips, and extra luggage, making it inclusive for all. Drivers can join the Odisha Yatri platform at no cost after completing a simple verification process. Over 4,000 drivers have already signed up, showcasing strong support from driver unions and associations. Going forward Odisha Yatri would facilitate the onboarding of all the ticketing facilities to promote tourism and increase the footfall in the iconic sites including state museum. The platform is expected to help the dignitaries visiting Odisha during "Prabasi Bharatiya Diwas" to be scheduled in January.Among others, Transport Commissioner Shri Amitav Thakur and senior officers from Housing and Urban Development, Commerce and Transport Department were present during the meeting. Odisha Yatri marks an important milestone in the state's journey to becoming a leading example of digital innovation, sustainable growth, and inclusive mobility under the VIKSIT Odisha vision.

Alia Bhatt Wishes "Centre Of Her Universe" Soni Razdan On Her Birthday



Alia Bhatt took to social media to wish her mother, Soni Razdan, on her birthday with a heartfelt post.

The 'Raazi' actress shared two endearing photos, where she and Soni are seen sharing a joyful moment together. Captioning the images, Alia wrote, "The center of our universe – happy birthday, mothership." In the photos, Alia is dressed in a pink salwar kameez, while Soni looks radiant in a light pink and sea green suit. The heartwarming post gave fans major mother-daughter goals. Reacting to Bhatt's post, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni commented, "Soni aunty," alongside a heart emoji. Alia's sister, Shaheen Bhatt, also celebrated their mother's birthday with a loving post.Sharing several photos, she wrote, "Happy Birthday to my mother from another mother, my bro, my vacation buddy, my favorite resident weirdo, and maker of the best scrambled eggs on earth. I love you, @sonirazdan." Razdan responded warmly, jokingly adding, "Ha ha, thank you, darling. You forgot to mention my mac and cheese, but I'll proudly own the best scrambled eggs compliment… until Christmas, that is!" Veteran actress Neetu Kapoor also extended her wishes to Soni, sharing a lovely photo of the two beaming with smiles. She captioned it, "Happy birthday, Samdhanji." Alia and Soni shared screen space in Meghna Gulzar's spy thriller 'Raazi,' where Razdan played Alia's on-screen mother.Reflecting on a possible future collaboration, Soni shared in an interview that a new project would have to be "truly special and distinct" to bring them together again, as Raazi had set a unique standard in their on-screen

the hidden dangers of air pollution on heart health

Air Quality Index is getting worse by the day. Pollutants in the air act as triggers for multiple diseases. From skin, to eyes to heart, air pollution can affect every part of the body. In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr. Niranjan Hiremath, senior consultant in cardiovascular and aortic surgery, Apollo Hospital, Indraprastha, spoke of the drastic effects of air pollution on heart health.



Increased risk of heart attacks:

Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) found in polluted air enters the bloodstream, leading to inflammation in the arteries. This inflammation can result in blood clots, significantly raising the risk of heart attacks.

Worsening of pre-existing heart conditions:

For people with high blood pressure or hardened arteries, exposure to polluted air can make problems worse. The strain on the heart increases, making it difficult to pump blood efficiently, which can lead to serious complications like cardiac arrest.

Rising blood pressure and inflammation:

Pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and ozone (O3) cause oxidative stress, which triggers inflammation in the blood vessels. This inflammation leads to higher blood pressure and speeds up the buildup of plaque in the arteries. This can increase the risk of strokes and other heart-related events.

Heart rate fluctuations:

Exposure to polluted air can affect the autonomic nervous system responsible for controlling the heart rate. This results in reduced heart rate variability - a sign of poor heart health, further increasing the risk of serious cardiovascular problems.

Impact on children and the elderly:

Both children and elderly adults are sensitive to changes in air quality, making them more vulnerable to the dangers of pollution including heart problems and risk of heart failure.

"Air pollution goes beyond respiratory issues—it poses a significant threat to cardiovascular health. Protecting the heart from the effects of pollution requires reducing exposure, promoting cleaner air initiatives, and increasing public awareness about the hidden dangers to heart health," said Dr. Niranjan Hiremath.

Lemon rice



"Lemon rice is a South Indian recipe which is a good appetiser and good source of vitamin C. Lemon rice is rich in vitamins which prevents heart diseases and helps produce red blood cells. It plays a major role in brain functioning and mental health," says Khanna.

Ingredients

2 cups cooked rice

1 tsp chana daal

1 tsp mustard seeds

1/4 cup raw Peanuts

1/4 cup curry leaves, roughly chopped

1 tsp grated ginger

2 green chillies (finely chopped)

1 tsp turmeric powder

1/2 tsp salt

1 tablespoon sesame oil

1/4 cup coriander

Method

- Heat oil in a pan and add mustard seeds, urad dal and peanuts. Allow them to crackle and the dal and the peanuts to get roasted well until it acquires a golden brown colour.

Now add the curry leaves, ginger, green chillies, turmeric powder and stir for a few seconds. Add the cooked rice, sprinkle some salt and give it a good stir now on the low heat.





- Cover the pan and allow the lemon rice to steam along with the seasonings for a couple of minutes.

- Squeeze the lemon juice and mix well. Garnish it with chopped coriander leaves and serve.

- Serve the lemon rice with with papad.

Could poor AQI be behind your mood swings?



Air quality can have a significant impact on one's overall health as well as daily life and experts reveal this can also include an individual's emotional well-being and mood. Constantly inhaling the air that is polluted can increase your risk of contracting various infections and health complications like asthma, bronchitis, difficulty in breathing, skin allergies, nausea and fatigue.

"Falling ill too often and frequent doctor visits can create feelings of irritation, frustration, anxiety, stress, and agitation. Over time, this can negatively affect one's mental health leading to depression, stress, and anxiety."

This is why it has become a need of the hour to take proactive steps to improve the air quality index in India for better mental health and physical well-being. People should constantly take initiatives to improve the air quality index by avoiding smoking in public places and not using personal vehicles even for covering short distances. If you feel stressed or anxious due to pollution or poor AQI then consider consulting a therapist to seek professional help."

The link between poor AQI and mental health

Poor air quality index is often the byproduct of high levels of air pollution. This can have significant effects on one's physical health making them frequently ill. Frequent exposure to pollutants and allergens in the air can lead to several respiratory problems and conditions such as asthma and bronchitis. This can highly affect the overall functioning of your lungs while aggravating your condition.

Several studies highlight the surprising link between poor AQI and mental health problems in individuals. Increased pollution and poor AQI can interfere with one's mental health resulting in anxiety, depression, and stress. Long-term exposure to air pollution can lead to cognitive decline in many.

When the AQI is poor it can increase stress and anxiety levels in individuals. Living in a polluted area that frequently has poor AI can be stressful as they constantly keep worrying about their and their family members' overall health. Too much stress combined with fear of being ill can heighten one's anxiety.

Depression can be a common mental health condition in people with low/ high AQI areas. There's a significant link between increased cases of depression and air pollution. The pathogens, dirt, and dust particles in the air can influence the neurotransmitter system in the brain. Some studies have shown that poor air quality can lower Dopamine and Serotonin levels in the striatum .This can lead to mood swings and a deteriorated mental state.



2nd Test: Santner's Seven-Fer And Latham's 86 Put New Zealand On Verge Of A Series Win

Pune: Left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner grabbed career-best figures of 7-53, while Tom Latham played a fine captain's knock of 86 as New Zealand put themselves on the verge of a historic series win after ending day two's play at 198/5 in 53 overs and lead India by 301 runs in the second Test at MCA Stadium here on Friday.A day after Washington Sundar blew away New Zealand with his 7-59, it was Santner's turn to torment the Indian batters on a spin-friendly pitch through a stunning exhibition of varying his pace, line and length, flight and dip to pick his maiden five-wicket haul in Tests by bowling 17.3 overs relentlessly and unchanged from the commentary box end. He was also well-supported by Glenn Phillips' 2-26 and helped by some rash shot selection and lack of gumption from the Indian batters.Armed with a 103-run first-innings lead, Latham was enterprising in his stay at the crease and hit ten boundaries in his vital 133-ball knock of 86. Tom Blundell also looked solid in his unbeaten 30, after putting a stand of 60 runs with Latham for the fifth wicket. The onus will be on him and Glenn Phillips (nine not out) to bat India out of the match, and try to force a result on Saturday.For India, whose tactics and fielding placements bordered on the defensive, Washington Sundar again emerged to be the pick of bowlers with 4-56,



while Ravichandran Ashwin took a wicket, and the rest of the bowlers couldn't step up to stop New Zealand's charge.In the morning, resuming from 16/1, Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal stitched a 49-run stand for the second wicket. But once Gill was trapped lbw by a quicker delivery from Santner, the wickets started tumbling for India. The crowd at Pune was stunned into silence when Virat Kohli went for a pre-mediated slog-sweep off Santner, but he missed the low full toss which went below his bat to hit the stumps, leaving the ace batter shell-shocked.Phillips struck in the first over of part-time off-spin as Jaiswal came forward to defend, but gave an outside edge to the first slip. Rishabh Pant was next to fall, after his pre-mediated pull off Phillips went past his bat to hit the stumps.With a chance to play sweep-shot blocked, Sarfaraz Khan aimed to go inside-out against Santner but miscued to mid-off. Santner had another moment of absolute joy when he trapped Ravichandran Ashwin lbw with a quicker delivery and cap off a brilliant session for New Zealand to leave India in disarray yet again.Jadeja could have been out first ball post lunch when short leg dived forward to take the catch off his inside edge, which New Zealand didn't review and replays later showed a spike on the ultra edge. He then put pressure back on Santner with two boundaries, before dancing down the pitch to hit Ajaz Patel for two sixes.But Santner got his fifth wicket of the innings by getting a length ball to spin in from outside off-stump and caught Jadeja on the crease by trapping him lbw. Jadeja went for the review, but replays showed the ball clipping leg-stump, as he walked back for 38.Despite Sundar smashing two fours and a six off Ajaz, Santner swiftly ended India's innings by knocking over Akash Deep's off-stump and trapping Jasprit Bumrah lbw to lead the team off the field in the ascendancy.After India conceded a lead of 103 runs, it wasn't a surprise to see them start with a spin from both ends. But New Zealand were positive in their batting approach – taking singles to keep the scoreboard moving, using their feet well, and pouncing on anything that fetched them boundaries.Latham's proactiveness was evident from the time he brought out the cover drive and glance off Ravichandran Ashwin for two fours, followed by Devon Conway nailing a loft down the ground and sweep off him for a similar result.Though Conway was trapped lbw on a sweep off Washington Sundar, Latham and Will Young dazzled with their exhibition of the reverse sweep, paddle sweep, conventional sweep and drives. But Young was caught in the crease by a straighter delivery from Ashwin and trapped lbw. The final session began with Sundar's arm ball sneaking under Rachin Ravindra's bat and hitting the top of the off-stump. While Latham got his fifty, after being dropped on 49 by Rishabh Pant, Daryl Mitchell got going with a sweep and down the ground boundaries.But in a bid to hit a big shot off Washington's slower ball, Mitchell holed out to long-on.

Former Morocco Midfielder Abdelaziz Barrada Dies At 35

New Delhi: Former Morocco and Marseille midfielder Abdelaziz Barrada died at the age of 35, the Royal Moroccan Football Federation said.Barrada has made 26 international appearances for his country, including playing at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, before he retired from football in 2021."The Royal Moroccan Football Federation extends its sincere condolences to the family of the former Moroccan international, the late Abdelaziz Berrada, and through them to all his family and relatives, as well as the national football family, on this great loss," it said in statement.Barrada, who also played for Spanish club Getafe between 2011-2013, has scored twice for Marseille during his two



seasons there between 2014-2016."Arriving in the summer of 2014, the attacking midfielder wore the colours of OM for 2 seasons. The club would like to extend its sincere condolences to his family and share in the grief of his loved ones," Marseille said in an X post.Paris Saint-Germain, with whom arrada started his career, said, "Paris Saint-Germain is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Abdelaziz Barrada, Moroccan international and a product of the Club's academy, on Thursday evening. The Club extends its heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time."

1st ODI: Nice To Win Opening Match After Tough 1.5-2 Months, Says Mandhana After India Beat NZ

Ahmedabad: Smriti Mandhana, the vice-captain of the Indian women's cricket team, said it was nice to win the first ODI against New Zealand after a tough period in white-ball cricket during which the team failed to reach the semifinals of the T20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates.The difficult period for the Indian team started with a morale-shattering defeat to New Zealand in its opening match of the T20 World Cup. On Thursday, the team exacted revenge of sorts by beating the recently-crowned World Champions and taking a



1-0 lead in the three-match series.Asked to bat first by New Zealand, India were bowled out for 227 with the Kerr sisters Amelia and Jess sharing seven wickets between them. The Indian team came back strongly to bundle out New Zealand for 168 and registered a 59-run win."It has been a tough 1.5-2 months, so nice to start with a win. If you don't believe in cricket, you won't be able to do it. We had a talk that we were under-par but if we field well, we could add 20-30 runs," said Smriti Mandhana, who was leading India as skipper Harmanpreet Kaur was unavailable due to a niggle.Mandhana also praised pacer Saima Thakor, who bagged an early wicket for India. "Saima set the tone for us with Suzie's wicket. She was brilliant. She has been around with us (for the past couple of months). She has been brilliant throughout and we have seen her work really hard. Really happy for her and hope this is just the start for her. Whoever batted today, we asked them what is the right length," said Smriti in the post-game presentation. Mandhana called all-rounder Deepti Sharma, who contributed a vital 41 runs and also claimed a crucial wicket. "Deepti is a superstar – she knows what to do. Radha also came in (and bowled well), Hemalatha also chipped in," she said.Deepti Sharma, who was adjudged as the Player of the Match, said it was an important win as it set the tone for the series. "It is important how you start because it sets the tone. I had belief in myself, whether it was bowling in the powerplay or when I was batting. We talked about not thinking about the total, and were just focusing on bowling in partnerships," said Deepti.

Arjun Erigaisi crosses 2800, makes history

Bengaluru: For the greater part of this year, Arjun Erigaisi has been doing inexplicable things. He lived dangerously playing a bunch of open tournaments at the risk of losing rating points after he wasn't invited to top closed super tournaments. He went into terminator-mode on Board 3 at the Olympiad and finished with an individual gold and an unbeaten, eye-popping 10/11 run and a career-high world No 3. This, from being ranked 30 in the world in December 2023.Bengaluru: For the greater part of this year, Arjun Erigaisi has been doing inexplicable things. He lived dangerously playing a bunch of open tournaments at the risk of losing rating points after he wasn't invited to top closed super tournaments. He went into terminator-mode on Board 3 at the Olympiad and finished with an individual gold and an unbeaten, eye-popping 10/11 run and a career-high world No 3. This, from being ranked 30 in the world in December 2023.On Thursday, Arjun became only the second Indian player to cross the 2800 mark, after five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand. Fellow Indian and World Championship challenger D Gukesh is on the brink of joining him. It's a marker of how far Indian chess has travelled. The 2800 club is a rarefied one. Only 14 players in history have crossed 2800 Elo in published ratings.Arjun had a flawless 3/3 start to the European Club Cup and touched a live rating of 2799.6 on Tuesday with a win against his former coach Victor Mikhalevski with the Black pieces. A draw on Wednesday against Alexandr Predke put the brakes briefly on his 2800 climb.
He got there anyway a day later.On Thursday, turning out for his club Alkaloid with the White pieces in Round 5, Arjun didn't find much of an edge out of the opening. The game meandered into a complex position Dmitry Andreikin had a strong bishop stationed in the centre while

Neeraj Chopra calls for improving sports infrastructure

NEWDELHI: Neeraj Chopra urged better sports infrastructure and coach empowerment at a Sports Ministry meeting on the Draft National Sports Governance Bill.New Delhi: Neeraj Chopra called for an improvement in sports infrastructure while coaches stressed on the need to empower Indian coaches during a consultation meeting with the Sports Ministry on the Draft National Sports Governance Bill on Wednesday.Top athletes and coaches from across the country gave suggestions on improving the sports ecosystem in India through the proposed legislation. The meeting was chaired by union sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya. Around 40 athletes and coaches attended the meeting while around 120 joined virtually. Chopra, Nikhat Zareen, Bhavani Devi, Gagan Narang, Samaresh Jung and Ashok Kumar were among the prominent current and former sportspersons who were present.Double Olympic medallist Chopra said the athletics track at Patiala's National Institute of Sports has been awaiting replacement for a long time. "He said he has been saying for a few years that the track in NIS Patiala needs to be replaced with a new quality track but that has not happened. He said that sports facilities should be improved and that infrastructure should be built at the grassroots," according to an athlete and coach who were at the meeting.There were also suggestions that coaches should be empowered. "We are constantly hiring foreign coaches but not doing enough to train quality coaches at home. There is nothing about coaches' development in the bill," said a coach who attended the meeting.

On hard courts, Sinner has Novak's number

Mumbai: The day before Novak Djokovic was to take on Jannik Sinner for the ATP Shanghai Masters title on October 13, the Serb made a rather un-Novak-like remark.Not something you hear too often from the 24-time Grand Slam champion, more so going into a Masters final on a hard court. But that's the kind of mental zone in which Jannik Sinner has managed to push the master of the mind over the course of their battles this year so far.Sinner beat Djokovic in Shanghai in straight sets on that Sunday. Sinner beat Djokovic in Saudi Arabia 6-2, 6-7(0), 6-4 at the Six Kings Slam a few days later on Thursday. That's the two-time Slam champion defeating the statistical "GOAT" twice over in five



days.And even though little ought to be read into the results at the money-spinning exhibition event in Saudi, it does extend a pattern. Sinner has now beaten Djokovic in their four previous contests and in five of their last six (the Saudi event is not counted in their official ATP records) over the past one year. Sinner has snuck up to get level with Djokovic at 4-4 in their head-to-head count after going down in their first three clashes. The 23-year-old Italian has been all over the 37-year-old Serb this year — in Australia, Shanghai and SaudiIn the twilight of his career with his fellow Big Three club members moving into the shadows, Djokovic stares at a significant Sinner-sized challenge, especially on hard courts.Djokovic versus Carlos Alcaraz, which rests at 4-3 in favour of the veteran, is equally fascinating in its clash of styles. But there, aside from Wimbledon where the Spaniard came out on top for two straight years, Djokovic has a clear edge. He has also won three of their past four meetings.

Vigilance Department, MCL Organizes Gram Sabha & Bidders' Meet as Part of Vigilance Awareness Week

Sambalpur:(Correspondence) :- As part of a three-month Preventive Vigilance campaign, a Gram Sabha was organized in Kardola village on October 23, 2024, under the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity" by MCL. The program was presided over by Mr. M.M. Sarewar, GM (MM/Vigilance), along with Mr. V.S. Timaiya, GM (Mining/ Vigilance), TS to CVO, Mr. D. Sethi, CM (E&M), Mr. Gorakh Raut, Village Sarpanch, Mr. Sudhanshu Shekhar Panigrahi and others. The program was attended by a large number of villagers.During the



Gram Sabha, Vigilance officials and village representatives explained the importance of vigilance in fighting corruption. MCL officers also administered the Integrity Pledge to all participants. On this occasion, a street play was performed by a local group, focusing on the elimination of corruption through integrity and honesty.MCL also organized a bidders' meet on October 24, 2024, under the chairmanship of Shri P. K. Patel, Chief Vigilance Officer. Bidders from various sectors, including mining, telecommunications, civil works, coal loading, and transportation, interacted with MCL officials, raised issues related to existing processes, and submitted suggestions for systemic improvements. CVO, MCL advised all HODs to address the issues raised and administered the Integrity Pledge to the gathering.

Khimji Jewellers' 'Raunak Wali Diwali' set to Brighten Up Festive Shopping for Odisha

Bhubaneswar (AoBureau)- Khimji Jewellers, Odisha's most trusted jeweller since 1936, is on a quest to make this Diwali unforgettable with their campaign titled 'RaunakWali Diwali'.As a glittering continuation of their viral ad film featuring National Award-winning artiste Prakruti Mishra, the brand now guarantees superb deals on gold, diamond, silver, CZ, fashion jewellery, and



luxury watches for jewellery buyers this Diwali.This Diwali, Khimji Jewellers is offering a flat 50% off on gold jewellery making charges, a flat 20% off on diamond jewellery making charges, a generous 25% off on the making charges for silver jewellery, and a flat 15% off on silver MRP items. In the semi-precious category, the brand is offering a flat 20% off on MRP of fashion jewellery and a flat 10% off on MRP of 18k CZ jewellery. In the segment of luxury watches, the jewellery brand has announced a grand offer of up to 70% off on the said items. The renowned jewellery brand has been cherished for generations for their unmatched quality, design aesthetics, and finesse in gold, diamond, platinum, temple, studded jewellery segments as well as the CZ and fashion jewellery categories which find huge traction amongst the youth. Their latest campaign titled 'Raunak Hai Tumse' has created enormous buzz across the state with over 15 million views on YouTube.

Tata Power-led Odisha Discoms accelerate restoring electricity network post-Cyclone Dana

Bhubaneswar, Balasore, Berhampur(AoBureau): Tata Power-led Odisha Discoms have launched intensive efforts to restore power in the areas impacted by Cyclone Dana, which severely affected the electricity network in the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, and Kendrapara.Cyclone Dana's powerful winds and torrential rains have caused widespread damage to the power infrastructure across three districts including surrounding areas.Despite extreme challenging conditions,



the restoration efforts are being carried out by 15000 dedicated linemen and engineers from TP Northern Odisha Distribution Ltd. (TPNODL), TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd. (TPCODL), and TP Southern Odisha Distribution Ltd. (TPSODL) in close coordination with government agencies and local authorities. Restoration began when wind speeds lowered, enabling teams from discoms to safely initiate repairs. Following the cyclone's peak on October 24, restoration began as soon as wind speed subsided, allowing teams from the discoms to begin repair work safely. The operations have been closely guided by the Odisha Government Officials and the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC), with continued support from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF).These linemen and engineers, along with other agencies, are working non-stop despite challenging conditions, including waterlogged areas and blocked roads. To ensure the safety of the public, Discoms have implemented precautions measures. Senior officials from all three impacted discoms are actively monitoring the progress in all affected areas.

OPGC Organizes Multi-Specialty Health Camp in Kushraloi for Local Community

Jharsuguda, (AoBureau): The Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd (OPGC) held a multi-specialty preventive health camp on Friday at Kushraloi Gram Panchayat in Lakhanpur block, Jharsuguda district. This initiative, aimed at providing essential healthcare services to the local community, was organized as part of OPGC's ongoing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts.The camp was inaugurated by Sarpanch Raghumani Pradhan, with Dr.



Ratikanta Dash, Head of HR and Admin at the IB Thermal Power Station, in attendance. Villagers and IB Thermal Hospital staff members were also present.A team of doctors provided comprehensive medical services at the camp. Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi and Dr. R.K. Mishra from IB Thermal Hospital, along with guest specialists Dr. Babita Ramani (Gynecology) and Dr. B.N. Kashyap (Pediatrics) from Jharsuguda, offered consultations and treatment to community members.Support staff from IB Thermal Hospital, including Sujata Nayak, Sanjukta Mahanand, Pravat Kumar Barik, Sourav Kumar Nayak, Dillip Deep, Abhimanyu Bhoi, Karna Bag, Parbin Padhan, Suryakanta Bag, and Jyoti Dash, provided assistance to ensure the camp ran smoothly.OPGC plans to conduct additional multi-specialty health camps in the coming months as part of its CSR outreach, addressing healthcare needs and improving medical access for residents in the surrounding areas.

Utkal Builders Limited, Bhubaneswar conferred with prestigious "Trusted Developer of the Year"

Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau)- Odisha's premier real estate brand, Utkal Builders, was conferred with the prestigious "Trusted Developer of the Year Award" at Times Business Awards. This esteemed recognition, presented by the Honourable Chief Minister of Odisha, Sh. Mohan Charan Majhi, recognises and celebrates the legacy of trust that Utkal Builders has earned over its 34-year presence in Odisha's real estate industry. This award, presented for stellar achievements across sectors in Odisha,



highlights Utkal Builders' commitment to excellence in design, quality, amenities, and service. Mr. Subhash Bhura, Founder and Chairperson of Utkal Builders expressed his heartfelt gratitude, stating "We are extremely grateful for this honour. The trust placed in us by our customers has been the truest reward of our journey and constantly drives us to do better. We are grateful to have contributed to the progress of our state and be admired for the impact we aim to create in our customers' lives." Mr Sharad Baid, Managing Director of Utkal Builders, added, "We have always focussed on creating pioneering, quality residential, commercial and retail developments and enabling urban transformation. The award further fuels our drive to continue offering world-class real estate experiences and drive innovation." Utkal Builders' recognition highlights their contributions towards shaping the real estate landscape in Odisha. Their commitment to value creation and community well-being demonstrates a forward- thinking approach, cementing their position as the leading developer in Odisha.

Cyclone Dana: FACOR joins in relief operations

Bhadrak, (AoBureau): In response to the devastating impact of Cyclone Dana, Ferro Alloys Corporation Limited (FACOR), one of India's oldest and most reputable producers of Charge Chrome, has activated relief operations in Bhadrak, Odisha. The company has deployed its team and mobile health units to provide essential support to affected communities.Taking proactive measures, FACOR has distributed 400 kg of essential fodder to ensure the survival of stray cattle during the cyclone. The company also established a Mobile Health Camps for individuals in need of medical assistance. Additionally, FACOR has provided shelter, food, and drinking



water to more than 100 villagers affected by the disaster.

In light of the extreme weather conditions, which have uprooted numerous trees throughout the city, FACOR's rescue team has commenced clearing efforts to remove fallen trees and restore safe passage for emergency services. Volunteers and personnel from the company are actively engaged in community welfare and rescue operations, including the distribution of essential food items to nearby villages.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.FACOR stands ready to assist the community during this challenging time and will continue to support relief efforts as needed.

Canara Bank is expanding Branch network in Odisha

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): With the aim of providing convenient banking solution to the customers, Canara Bank is expanding Branch network in Odisha by opening new branches across the state. Earlier this financial year, Bank has already opened its branches at 42 Mouza Cuttack District, NIST Berhampur and Chandbali. In last 2 days, Bank has opened two new branches at Padmapur Town and Talcher respectively. Padmapur Town Branch has been inaugurated by Circle Head and General Manager Jagdish Chander on 23.10.2024. Regional Head Shri Manoj SR along with 100 numbers of local People were present at the occasion. MLA of Padampur Constituency Mrs. Barsha Singh Bariha has attended the ceremony as Chief Guest. In the branch expansion series, Talcher Branch also got inaugurated by Shri Jagdish Chander ji on 24.10.2024. MLA of Talcher Constituency Mr. Braja Kishore Pradhan has attended the ceremony as Chief Guest. While addressing during the event, Shri Chander Sir



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