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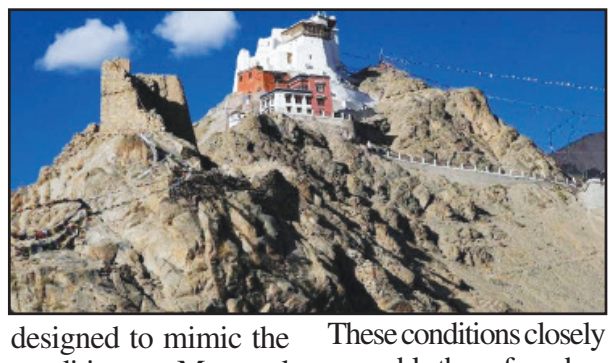


Washington: Former US President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump on Thursday condemned the "barbaric violence" against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh, and took a dig at Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden in his Diwali post on X.In a Diwali message, he accused Harris – his Democratic presidential rival – and Biden of "ignoring Hindus" across the world and in the US. "I strongly condemn the barbaric violence against Hindus, Christians and other minorities who are getting attacked and looted by mobs in Bangladesh, which remains in a total state of chaos," he tweeted."It would never have happened on my watch. Kamala and Joe have ignored Hindus across the world and in America. They have been a disaster from Israel to Ukraine to our own Southern Border but we will Make America Strong Again and bring back peace through strength," the post further read."It would never have happened on my watch. Kamala and Joe have ignored Hindus across the world and in America. They have been a disaster from Israel to Ukraine to our own Southern Border but we will Make America Strong Again and bring back peace through strength," the post further read.The 78-year-old also vowed to strengthen his ties with India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whom he called a "good friend", if he was elected again."We will also protect Hindu Americans against the anti-religious agenda of the radical left. We will fight for your freedom. Under my administration, we will also strengthen our great partnership with India and my good friend, Prime Minister Modi," Trump said.

Electoral Bonds, EVM-VVPAT Tally: A Look At Key Judgments Authored By CJI-Designate Justice Sanjiv Khanna

New Delhi: After 10 days, Justice Sanjiv Khanna of the Supreme Court will be sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI).Justice Khanna will have a tenure of around 6 months as the country's top judge.CJI D.Y. Chandrachud, who is due to retire on November 10, recommended Justice Khanna as his successor last month. Thereafter, the Centre has appointed Justice Khanna as the CJI with effect from November 11.Before his elevation to the Supreme Court, Justice Khanna served as a judge in the Delhi High Court till January 2019.Born in May 1960, he obtained his law degree from the Campus Law Centre, Delhi University. He enrolled as an advocate in the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983 and primarily practised taxation, arbitration, commercial law, environmental law, medical negligence law, and company law in the Delhi High Court.In the Supreme Court, Justice Khanna has been part of the landmark judgments on Article 370, decriminalisation of adultery, electoral bonds scheme, EVM-VVPAT tally etc. Here are the key judgments authored by him as an apex court judge.A bench headed by Justice Khanna had said that while it acknowledged the fundamental right of voters to ensure their vote is accurately recorded and counted, the same cannot be equated .

India's First Analog Space Mission Launches in Leh



Leh: In a groundbreaking step for India's space exploration efforts, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched its first analog space mission in Leh, Ladakh.This mission aims to simulate the conditions of extraterrestrial environments, providing crucial insights into the challenges of living and working on other planets.The mission, a collaborative effort between ISRO, its Human Spaceflight Centre, the University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, and Aaka Space Studio, involves a simulated interplanetary habitat designed to mimic the conditions on Mars and the Moon.The habitat, known as Hab-1, is an inflatable structure that can be easily transported and deployed, offering a compact living space for one occupant.Ladakh's unique geographical features, including its high altitude, low humidity, and barren landscapes, make it an ideal location for such analog missions. These conditions closely resemble those found on Mars, allowing researchers to conduct experiments that will help prepare for future human spaceflights .The mission will involve a series of experiments to study the effects of isolation, confinement, and other stressors on human performance and health. The data collected will be invaluable for planning long-duration space missions, such as those to the Moon and Mars. The habitat includes essential facilities like a working desk, bed, hydroponics farm, kitchen area, sanitation, and an airlock, ensuring a self-sufficient environment for the occupant. Sudarshan Gopinath, the Rajnagar Divisional Forest Officer, emphasized the importance of this mission, stating, "This analog mission is a significant step towards understanding the complexities of living on other planets. The insights gained will be crucial for the success of future space missions."

21 Patients, Largely Minors, Reported At PGI Chandigarh With Firecracker Injuries

Chandigarh: Twenty-one patients, largely minors, came to the PGI's Advanced Eye Centre here with a history of firecracker injuries in the past 48 hours, the hospital said on Friday. There were 16 males and five females.The decline in numbers, paired with rapid intervention by specialised teams at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) reflected ongoing improvements in public awareness and swift medical readiness, it said in a statement.

Several Killed, 9 Injured In Major Fire At Cooking Oil Factory Near Jakarta

Jakarta: Several people were killed, and nine others were injured when a major fire broke out at a cooking oil factory near Jakarta, Indonesia's largest city, on Friday, according to Agung Priambodo, head of the Jakarta Search and Rescue Office.Approximately 20 fire trucks are currently working to contain the blaze at an industrial complex in Bekasi, a town near Jakarta."So far, about half of the fire has been brought under control," Priambodo told Xinhua.

JSW & POSCO to Establish Mega Steel Plant in Keonjhar: CM Majhi



Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi confirmed on Friday that a major steel plant is to be established in Keonjhar district through a joint venture between JSW Group and South Korean company Posco."During the Utkarsha Odisha 2025 roadshows in Delhi and Mumbai, I had discussions with JSW and Posco. Subsequently, they signed an MoU to establish an integrated steel plant, which they have decided to set up jointly in Keonjhar. It's currently in the pipeline and is expected to materialize," said Majhi, who is visiting Keonjhar for a two-day Diwali celebration, to the press.On Tuesday, the two corporations revealed their intention to construct an integrated steel plant in India. They also plan to collaborate on green energy production and the creation of battery materials for electric vehicles (EVs). The MoU was signed on October 21 in Mumbai, witnessed by Posco Chairman and CEO Chang In-hwa and JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal.Reportedly, two land parcels have been earmarked for the upcoming project: approximately 2,500 acres near Odisha Tea Plantation Ltd (OTPL) in the Taramakant area of Banspal block, and another 1,956 acres at Patna, initially reserved for ArcelorMittal. "The OTPL land survey is complete. After a high-level joint venture team's visit, one of the two sites will be chosen for the steel plant. If all proceeds smoothly, an MoU is expected to be signed at the Utkarsh Odisha: Make-in-Odisha Conclave 2025 this January," revealed a source to The New Indian Express.This marks the second attempt by the South Korean steel giant to establish a steel plant in Odisha. Previously, the company abandoned its plan for a 12-million-tonne steel mill in Paradip due to public opposition and regulatory challenges.Additionally, on October 30, Industries Minister Sampad Chandra Swain mentioned that a number of industries are keen to invest in Odisha with the recent change in government.

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Rajesh Kumar Singh Takes Over as Defence Secretary

New Delhi: Rajesh Kumar Singh has officially taken charge as the Defence Secretary at South Block, New Delhi. A 1989-batch IAS officer of the Kerala cadre, Singh has been serving as the Officer on Special Duty (Defence Secretary-designate) since August 20, 2024.On his inaugural day, Singh honoured the nation's martyrs by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.He acknowledged the sacrifices of Indian soldiers, remarking, "The nation will always be indebted to our valiant soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the motherland. Their exceptional courage and sacrifice fortify us and inspire efforts to secure and prosper India."Prior to this role, Singh was the Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry from April 2023 until August 2024.His government tenure includes roles such as Secretary of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Director of Works and Urban Transport in the Ministry of Urban Development.

Two Delhi NCB Investigators Win Award For Exposing Mexican Darknet Cartel

New Delhi: Two investigators of the Delhi Zonal Unit of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) have won recognition from the Ministry of Home Affairs for their efforts in busting cases involving the Mexican Zambada Cartel, the largest and highest-rated darknet vendor in India, a statement said on Friday.

Inspector Chetan Sharma and Inspector Sachin Kumar of Delhi Zonal Unit were awarded the Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in investigation for 2024 as they retrieved evidence from darknet forums, decoded encrypted messaging apps like Wickr Me, Session, Jabber and established crypto-currency transaction chains to successfully link Zambada cartel members to their real-world identity.

It was also the operation where the largest number of LSD blots (29,013) were seized in India, said Anand Prakash Tiwari, Deputy Director General (Special Wing), NCB, in the statement.In all, NCB's 14 officers have been awarded the Home Minister's Medal for Excellence for the year 2024 – nine for conducting Special Operations and five for excellence in investigation.The Special Operations Medal has been awarded to nine officers for conducting Operation Sagarmanthan-1 in February, in which a total of 3,272 kg of drugs including charas (hashish), heroin and methamphetamine were seized from an Iranian fishing vessel off the coast of Porbandar in coordination with officers of Indian Navy and Gujarat Police.Gyaneshwar Singh, DDG (OEC), S.D. Jambotkar (Additional Director, Ops), Sagar Pratap Kaushik (Assistant Director, OPS), Sandeep (Inspector), Yogendra Singh (Inspector) for the operation for excellence in planning and execution of the operation in coordination with other agencies.

Hi Tech Group lends helping hand to cyclone(DANA) Victims



Bhubaneswar:(Correspondence):- Mr. Suresh Kumar Panigrahi, Managing Trustee of Vigyan Bharati Charitable Trust or Hitech Group. Today met Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi and handed over a check of Rs. 10,00,000. Mr. Panigrahi said that the health care of the victims coming from the cyclone(DANA) affected areas to Hitech Hospital will be provided free of cost. The chairman of Hi-Tech Group, which has been helping the poor and low-class people. Everyone thanked Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi and Managing Trustee Suresh Kumar Panigrahi.

Delhi Records Over 300 Fire-Related Incidents on Diwali

New Delhi: The Delhi Fire Service (DFS) reported over 300 fire-related incidents during Diwali, with no life-threatening situations, according to an official on Friday.DFS Director Atul Garg noted that approximately 158 incidents were reported between midnight and 6 am."We didn't have any major calls, but there were many. From 5 pm yesterday until midnight, we logged around 192 calls, and from midnight to 6 am, another 158 calls were reported. In just 12 hours, from 5 PM to 5 AM, we surpassed the 300 mark," Garg explained.He also mentioned that the increased fire force presence during Diwali resulted in no major fires."Minor fire incidents occurred, including one in Vikaspuri where two individuals became unconscious. In Mangolpuri, another incident left a woman and two children injured," added Garg.In a separate event, a Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus was involved. The DFS responded to a call about a man carrying potash on a bus, which led to a fire.A call from the Najafgarh area around 6:30 PM reported that a man carrying potash on a DTC bus was involved in a blast. Potash, commonly used in firecracker manufacturing, is highly flammable. The incident resulted in two injuries, and two fire tenders were dispatched to the location.Previously, the Delhi police noted burn injuries to a passenger and a co-passenger due to firecrackers igniting on a DTC bus. Further investigation revealed that the passenger was in possession of a small amount of firecrackers that ignited.The Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) for Dwarka stated, "Upon inquiry, it was discovered that a passenger was on a bus with a small quantity of firecrackers. These firecrackers ignited, causing minor burn injuries to the individual carrying them and to another passenger seated nearby."Post-Diwali, pollution levels in Delhi soared, with several areas registering an Air Quality Index (AQI) exceeding 350, leading to heightened health concerns. Notably affected areas included Anand Vihar, Aya Nagar, Jahangirpuri, and Dwarka. The spike in pollution was not limited to Delhi but was also seen in other major cities such as Chennai and Mumbai.

Anish Sarkar Becomes Youngest FIDE-Rated Chess Player

New Delhi: Anish Sarkar, became the youngest-ever FIDE-rated player, after an impressive Elo rating of 1555 on Friday.At just three years, eight months, and 19 days old, he has claimed the title of the youngest FIDE-rated chess player. Anish debuted at the 1st All Bengal Rapid Rating Open 2024, where he scored an impressive 5 points from 11 games.Just weeks later, Anish had the incredible opportunity to play against Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi, India's top player and world-ranked No. 4, during a rapid rating tournament. Though he initially did not qualify, a last-minute opening allowed him to participate as a substitute. This stroke of luck put Anish on a fast track, exposing him to high-level competition and igniting his drive to earn his first official rating.Following his match with Erigaisi, Anish took on another significant challenge in the West Bengal State Under-9 Open Rating 2024, where he scored an impressive 5.5 out of 8 and secured 24th place out of 140 participants.He showed his determination by defeating two rated players in the final rounds, a feat remarkable for someone his age and experience.In pursuit of his FIDE rating, Anish continued his participation in additional rated tournaments to meet the official requirements.

SS-UBT MP's 'Maal' Jibe: Shiv Sena Candidate Shaina NC Lodges Police Complaint

Mumbai: Shiv Sena-UBT Mumbai South MP Arvind Sawant's reference as 'maal' to fashionista Shaina NC, the Shiv Sena woman candidate for Mumbadevi Assembly seat, snowballed into a political controversy with the police lodging an FIR, here on Friday.Based on a complaint by Shaina NC, 52, the Nagpada Police Station filed an FIR against Sawant, 72, under various sections of the BNS."I am not some 'maal' (goods). I am a daughter of Mumbai and working dedicatedly for the past 20 years. This is a crass comment by Sawant. I am a 'mahila', not a 'maal'. Everyone knows that Maha Vinash Aghadi has no respect for women. The MahaYuti government is doing a lot for our womenfolk like the 'Ladki Bahin' scheme," said an indignant Shaina NC.She warned that the people of Mumbadevi constituency will give an appropriate reply to Sawant who had won the (2019) Lok Sabha elections using the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party, but has now stooped to making such remarks against women.During a media interaction in the poll campaign a couple of days ago, Sawant was quizzed about the prospects of Shaina NC vis-a-vis Congress three-term Mumbadevi MLA Amin Patel.Though a senior BJP leader, owing to seat adjustments, Shaina NC has joined the Shiv Sena and was given the ticket to the prestigious Mumbadevi seat where she is fighting Patel and a strong BJP rebel Atul H. Shah.

PM Modi Pays Tribute to Sardar Patel at Statue of Unity, Emphasizes Enduring Legacy



Gujarat: On October 31, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat, marking the birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister. This day, celebrated as National Unity Day, honors Patel's monumental role in unifying the nation.In a solemn ceremony, PM Modi offered floral tributes at the world's tallest statue, dedicated to the Iron Man of India. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted Patel's unwavering commitment to national unity and sovereignty. "The unity and sovereignty of the nation were his utmost priorities in life. His personality and deeds will continue to inspire every generation of our country," Modi stated.The Prime Minister also administered the 'Ekta Pledge' to reaffirm the nation's commitment to unity and integrity. The event featured the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, showcasing 16 marching contingents from various states, Union Territories, and Central Armed Police Forces.President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar also paid their respects to Patel at Patel Chowk in New Delhi, underscoring his pivotal role in shaping modern India. Across the country, various events and activities were organized to celebrate Patel's vision and dedication to a united India.National Unity Day, observed annually since 2014, serves as a reminder of Patel's efforts to integrate over 565 princely states into the Indian Union, laying the foundation for a cohesive and strong nation.

Delhi's Air Quality Plummets to World's Worst Post-Diwali

New Delhi: The morning after Diwali, Delhi woke up to a blanket of toxic smog, making it the world's most polluted city. The Air Quality Index (AQI) soared to alarming levels, with Anand Vihar recording an AQI of 395 at 6 AM, placing it in the "very poor" category.Despite a ban on firecrackers, widespread defiance led to severe air pollution, exacerbated by stubble burning and unfavorable weather conditions. Residents in Delhi, Noida, and Gurugram reported reduced visibility and respiratory issues as the smog enveloped the region.The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) noted that several areas, including Jahangirpuri and Dwarka, recorded AQI levels above 350, posing significant health risks.The Delhi government had deployed 377 enforcement teams to curb firecracker usage, but the efforts fell short as many neighborhoods witnessed large-scale violations.

Maternal, Child Mortality Rates In Sudan Rise Due To Ongoing War



Port Sudan: Sudan's Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) has risen to 295 per 100,000 births, and the child mortality rate to 51 per 1,000 live births amid ongoing armed conflict, Sudanese Health Minister Haitham Mohamed Ibrahim said."The health of mothers and children requires special care after the increase in maternal and child mortality rates due to the ongoing war," Ibrahim said in a statement.The global MMR in 2020 was 223 per 100,000 live births, while the global under-5 mortality rate was 37 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2022, according to the World Health Organization, reports Xinhua news agency.The minister revealed a strategic plan for 2025 to improve the health of mothers and children at a total cost of more than $200 million, stressing the need to integrate the efforts of the health ministry and international partners to reduce maternal and child mortalities. Meanwhile, the Sudan Family Planning Association (SFPA), a government organisation, reported on Thursday that miscarriage cases in shelters for displaced persons were on the rise."Hundreds of displaced women in displacement shelters suffer from a severe shortage of reproductive health services, while miscarriages have increased due to the lack of adequate medical care," the SFPA said in a statement.It noted that poor care during pregnancy and childbirth and insufficient healthcare for newborns have further increased maternal and child mortality rates.The association added that inadequate health facilities and medical equipment heightened the risk of the spread of infectious diseases.A report from the International Organisation for Migration on Tuesday stated that over 14 million people have fled their homes since the beginning of the ongoing conflict in Sudan, with women making up more than half of those affected.Sudan has been ravaged by a deadly conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces since mid-April 2023. According to a situation report issued by the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project on October 14, the deadly conflict has resulted in more than 24,850 deaths.

People crowded at cracker soap

Kalahandi Dharamgarh (AO bureau) peoples were seen to be in great enthusiasm to accolade Dipavali the festival of lights There was vigorous rush in cracker shop at Dharamgarh. The fire brigadeswere deployed for an emergency to protect the people from any sudden untoward incident. Habildar of fire station Dharamgarh Mr Keshav Behera with his 5 brigadier were in action to control the crowd of cracker buyers . Dharamgarh Police petroling staff also had a sharp eyes over the crowd

Ganjai, 2 bikes seized and 4 arrested in separate incidents

SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau): In separate incidents, Lachhipur police and Subalaya police seized two bikes and arrested 4 persons and seized total 8 kg of 800 grams of ganja from them. Lupursingha seized 4 kg of 500 grams of ganja from Triveni Chhak and arrested 2 persons.Also seized a bike (Honda Shine No.-OD-17 M 6846) involved in the sale of ganja. Mukesh Kumar (52), son of Rajendra Prasad Kumar, and Aju Kumar Barjhai (34), son of Ranu Kumar Barjhai of Barjhai village, Panagar police station, Jabalpur district, state of Madhyapradesh. According to information, the police stopped and checked the said bike while patrolling at Lupurasingha Triveni Chhak The ganja was recovered. Two mobiles were also seized from the accused. The ganja was weighed in the presence of the magistrate. Lachhipur PS case no. 154/29/10/24 U/s -20(b)(ii) B 25/29 NDPS Act. According to the police sources who took the two accused to court yesterday after filing a case. Similarly, Subalaya police seized 4 kg of 300 grams of ganja and one motorcycle and arrested two accused. Ganja 4 kg of 300 gm weight and black, blue colour HF Deluxe motorcycle bearing number OD-31H 1407 and two mobiles have been seized from Lakshmikanta Rana Tileimal village Kantamal PS and Shashikant Rana of Khambeswaripali village Manamunda PS under Boudh district.Subalaya PS case no. 229/30/10/2024 U/s -20(b)(ii)29 NDPS Act.based police report released.



CM Grievance Cell To Remain Closed On November 4, 11

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): The Odisha Chief Minister's Grievance Cell will be closed on November 4 and 11.As per an official press release, the date of the next hearing will be announced to the public through newspapers and other mediaThis announcement was made by the General Administration and Public Grievance Department.

Dance Shows Prohibited In Bars Across Odisha, Violation Can Lead To License Cancellation: Min

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan clarified on Friday that dance shows are now strictly prohibited in bars across the state, with establishments allowed to hold only musical programs under the new guidelines.Bars found violating this rule will face severe consequences, including possible license revocation, Harichandan warned.Speaking to reporters, Harichandan stated that the Odisha Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2024, were recently updated to permit licensed bars to conduct only orchestras and musical performances, ensuring that entertainment adheres to Odia cultural values.The Minister emphasized that all programs must reflect these standards and follow the strict regulations set forth for musical events.According to a notification from the Excise Department, bars may employ women performers aged 21 and above for musical programs or orchestras, provided they have prior written permission from the Excise Commissioner.However, several conditions must be met for such permissions, including the installation of CCTV cameras at appropriate locations on the premises, particularly near performance areas, to ensure surveillance footage remains intact and functional.Bar owners are required to keep footage available for the IIC of the local police station and the officer in charge of the Excise Station. In the event of camera malfunctions, the establishment must promptly notify both Excise and police authorities, and performances must be halted until cameras are restored.

Bhitarkanika To Dhamara Fishing Ban From Today

Kendrapara(AO Bureau): Forest department ban on fishing and movement of traller in Bhitarkanika Gahiramatha to Dhamara port from first November. It will be continuing till month of May due to olive ridley turtle's nesting and hatchlings. For upcoming olive ridley turtle's mating season world famous Bhitarkanika wildlife sanctuary prepared for it. Annually olive ridley turtle's come to beaches of the Odisha coast between November to December and stay in



until April and May for nesting. One sixty kilometres long Bhitarkanika Gahiramatha sea mouth to Dhamara port and sea beach to twenty kilometres in the sea fishing and movement of traller ban by state forest department. During the period from nesting to born and released in to the sea forest department bans visitors to olive ridley nesting sites. Around 14 security camp's set-up near Satabhaya, Jatadhara, Agaranasi, Dobandhi, Jaudia, Sasanpeta,Talanga, Sandhakuda, Ramarao,Hawakhana and Babubali. Three to five staff engaged for petroling. Except them APR force,coast guard and marine police, fishing department also petroling in the sea for keep qualm and quiet environment for the turtle's.

One More Case Registered Against Kaniguma PEO for Possessing DA

Kalahandi: One more case has been initiated against Sanyasi Nayak, former PEO of Kaniguma GP under Th. Rampur Block, in Kalahandi district (currently suspended), for holding assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.According to reports, Nayak was found in possession of disproportionate assets worth Rs 68,06,278 after being caught on 27.05.2024 and during subsequent house searches related to his properties by Odisha Vigilance.In relation to this, Odisha Vigilance has filed a case under Koraput Vigilance PS case No.20 dated 31.10.2024 against Nayak and his spouse under Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(b)/12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.Nayak was arrested today, on 01.11.2024, and is being presented before the Special Judge for Vigilance, Bhawanipatna.

Two Go Missing In Ib River In Jharsuguda; Search Ops On

Bhubaneswar(AoBureau): Two persons went missing in the Ib River at Brajrajnagar in Jharsuguda while bathing. According to police, the missing persons are Sohan Palewal and Mangilal Palewal, residents of Rajasthan.Sohan and Mangilal, accompanied by friends, had gone to bathe in the river when they slipped into deep water.A search operation was conducted by Gandhichak police and the fire department, but their whereabouts remained unknown until evening.The police said that the duo had come from Rajasthan and established small jalebi shops at Gandhi Chhak area in Brajrajnagar.

The nostalgic attitude of R&B officer's crossed the border line

Kalahandi Dharamgarh (AO bureau) The works department R&B Dharamgarh has manifested it's nude picture of corruption on construction of a bridge at Khamar Haldi. The bridge constructed over a Runnel at khamar Haldi Village 2 to 3 years ago on Baiju 4 way express road towards Sinapali beside River TEL advocates itself the irresponsibility of R&B Department Dharamgarh. The steel bar laid as for RCC on the surface of the bridge on the left side towards Sinapali has left uncut till today .The vehicle passing through this side drove in utmost care there. so



many journeyer has become injured during these year's there by striking with the steel bar which has been left uncut standing horizontally and vertically up to 6" to 8" height on the side surface of the bridge.The bike riders heaves a euphoric sigh of relief after crossing this side of the bridge.The passersby also felt difficulties while going through this side .The villagers of KHAMAR HALDI suffer a lot on going through this side of the road which is indispensable for them to maintain their daily lives.The villagers pointed at the irresponsibility of R&B officer's improper construction .The local intellects reacts upon the open misconduct as a blow to democracy by the Contractor and the concern JE & AE of R&B department DHARAMGARH.

2 Dead, 6 Critical After Consuming Mango Kernel

Kandhamal: Two women died while six others are critical after consuming mango kernels in Mandipanka village, within the Daringbadi block of Kandhamal district.The women initially experienced stomach pain and discomfort post-consumption of the kernels. They were taken to Godapur Community Health Centre and later transferred to MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur as their health deteriorated.Tragically, one woman succumbed during treatment, and another young girl passed away en route to MKCG. The exact cause of death remains unconfirmed by medical professionals, but food poisoning from mango kernel consumption is suspected by the community.

Uproar Mars Dulduli Festival Meeting in Jharsuguda, Senior Members Protest Committee Changes

Jharsuguda, (AoBureau): The annual planning meeting for the district's "Dulduli" festival saw heated exchanges from the outset as senior members voiced dissatisfaction over recent changes in committee formations. Convened by the District Collector and Chairman of the District Culture Council, the meeting intended to finalize arrangements for the district's foundation day and cultural festival but quickly turned contentious.Senior members protested the dissolution of long-standing committees, with prominent cultural leader and educationist Gokul Mohan Patel



accusing the administration of adopting undemocratic procedures that sidelined veteran contributors. Expressing his disapproval, Patel exited the meeting, prompting Chief Coordinator Tapas Ray Choudhury to also protest the alleged political interference. However, after an appeal from the Collector, Choudhury returned to his seat.The District Collector clarified that the new committee structure was based on inputs from the local MP and MLA but assured attendees that the structure was not yet finalized. In response, several senior members demanded a more inclusive approach, emphasizing that the committees should reflect collective input.To address concerns, the Collector promised possible adjustments, including the addition of new members. The festival will feature a Pallishree Mela, and one day will be dedicated entirely to women's events. This year's festival venue has shifted to BTM Ground, and will showcase renowned national dance troupes along with traditional *Lokanrutya* performances.The meeting observed a minute's silence to honor the late Jayaprakash Kunwar, a former member. District officials expressed hope for collaborative efforts to ensure the festival's success.

Jeypore Chamber Of Commerce Calls For 12-Hour Jeypore Bandh Today

Jeypore (Koraput): The Jeypore Chamber of Commerce has called for a 12-hour bandh in the town on Saturday, from 6 AM to 6 PM, alleging that a gold trader's death was caused by persecution from the GST department.At a press conference held at Nehru Nagar in the town at 5:00 pm today, the Chamber has requested all commercial establishments, including small shops, market complexes to remain closed for 12 hours. However, all public and private institutions, including schools and colleges, will remain open, and vehicles will operate as usual, according to Chamber President B Prabhakar.The deceased, P Hari Prasad, a prominent gold merchant in Koraput district, died three days after GST officials raided his shop during Dhanteras. He fell ill during the raid on October 29 and was hospitalized.Later, he passed away on Friday morning due to a heart attack. Family and friends claim that mental harassment by GST officials led to his untimely demise, questioning why his shop was specifically targeted on Dhanteras.



Dy CM KV Singh Deo Inaugurates 33/11 KV Power Grid In Balangir Dist

Bhubaneswar: Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister, Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo on the occasion of Deepavali, inaugurated a newly constructed 33/11 KV power grid in Balangir district, built at a cost of Rs 5 crore.The inauguration ceremony was attended by Balangir MP Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo and Balangir District Collector Gaurav Shivaji Isalwar, according to an official press release.Following the inauguration, a public meeting was held, presided over by Tata Power official Ashish Kumar Panda.The installation of this new power grid is expected to provide high-quality electricity to approximately 5,000 domestic consumers across 30 villages in six gram panchayats.Additionally, around 400 lift irrigation consumers, along with a large number of farmers, will benefit from the 24/7 power supply.During his address, Singh Deo highlighted that the grid is a significant step toward enhancing the quality of life for residents in the area.He noted that construction on the grid began in 2018 and expressed satisfaction that this long-awaited demand of the people has now been met.Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi is scheduled to visit Patnagarh on November 2 to participate in several programs related to the development of the region.

EDITORIAL

Learning to be a true spiritualist

We live life waiting to reach somewhere, looking for a purpose. We adopt a religious path often to find a meaningful destination to disembark. But over the years, gradually wading through rules and regulations of various rituals, we forget our purpose, instead get bogged down with external symbols, thereby forgetting to grow deeper.

Religious traditions were meant to take us deeper on a spiritual journey to connect with the Paramatma present in each one of us. Sage Ved Vyas recorded the entire Mahabharat to help future generations who were predicted to have far lesser attention spans, to understand the message hidden in it. But it didn't help. Ved Vyas was then asked to make a summum bonum, concentrating on the highest good according to which values and priorities could be established in society through Vedic wisdom. That is how he came to record the Srimad Bhagavatam, with its intricate details to navigate through life and yet be comfortable with one's actual purpose – that of knowing the presence of the Divine in the heart. Isn't surrendering to that Higher Intelligence the key to living a fulfilling life?

The Srimad Bhagavatam is based on the oneness of humankind and the energy of all living beings. The Bhagwad Gita describes how a spiritual person sees Paramatma in every living being. When we differentiate based on caste, creed and sex, we lose that connection to the Supreme Intelligence. Under stress, we ultimately disconnect with the Divine and become manipulative beings. In such a state, we no longer surrender to Him and succumb to our programmed beliefs that are tuned to our narrow vision. These are limiting beliefs ingrained within us through our past experiences and negativity. They are entrenched in our subconscious and control us. When we face adversity, we latch on to despair, quickly losing hope. Outwardly, however, we may continue with external religious traditions and rituals. But merely quoting scriptures without internal transformation is akin to licking honey from outside its bottle and missing the nectar of overcoming our limiting thoughts and behaviours. Srimad Bhagavatam teaches us to avoid this pitfall by surrendering to the Divine Intelligence.

Our primary duty as spiritualists is to lift our consciousness to seek a connection with the Divine. That is one way to serve humanity, whether as a father, mother, husband, wife, student, brother, or sister. Everyone then becomes a spiritualist. By being the best versions of ourselves, we serve everyone around us and tune and surrender our thinking to the Intelligence that runs our complex body and the whole universe. Ultimately, this is what changes our belief system, and in the process, overcomes our limited self, body and environment. There is a popular saying often attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi: 'Preach the gospel at all times; use words if necessary.' Simply put, this means that we need to let our conduct and not our sermons inspire those around us. Similar is the message of Srimad Bhagavatam, where one learns to disconnect with the material world, seeking instead the Higher Intelligence that leads us to Ultimate Bliss, turning difficulties into opportunities for spiritual growth.

Reach the Goal

Shyam Sundar Samal

We are unable to understand nature, which is a reflection of, a shadow of God. How then can we understand God himself?. No. Steady perseverance alone will tame our mind, and it is only through a tamed mind that we can experience God. In this case, we must become our own tutor. Train ourself by using the spark of wisdom that has been implanted in us. Once we try with all our might, the Lord's Grace will be there to help us forward. The first step in the spiritual discipline is the cleansing of the speech. Talk sweet without anger. Do not boast of our scholarship or attainments. Be humble, eager to serve. Conserve our speech. Practise silence. That will save us from squabbles, idle thoughts, and factions. Again, practise the attitude of joy when others are joyful and of grief when others around us are grieved. Let our heart move in sympathy. But the joy and grief have to be translated into service; they should not be mere emotions. It is not by your wearing the "bush coat" that all others wear that we should demonstrate the principle of equality - that is very easy, that is external uniformity. How are all equal? Because they all have the same divine Consciousness within them. When the sun rises, not all lotuses in the lake bloom; only the grown buds open their petals. The others await their time. It is the same with people. Differences do exist because of unripeness, though all fruits have to ripen and fall some day. Every being has to reach the Goal, however slowly they walk or circuitous their road.To reach the Goal quickly, without passing through the ordeals of the long journey and stopping at one caravanserai after another, passing from birth to birth, learn spiritual practices - especially the easiest and quickest: repetition of God's Name. This microphone can work and bring Sai's voice even to people sitting far in the distance only when the connection is correctly made. So, attach ourself to Sai, and the current will flow through us and get things done for our good. The light we get from the current that flows always along the copper wire depends on the power of the bulb we use; increase the candle power and we get stronger light. It rests with us how we make use of Sai.

The rain falls of its own accord uniformly on the land; the lands bring forth the fruit according to the quality of soil and seed. Why blame the boys and girls that they do not respect the elders or obey their parents or believe in God or adhere to high principles of character? The elders are not providing them examples to show that those traits of character are useful or valuable or essential. They themselves do not know the secret of happiness; they offer to guide the children in the darkness, but their torches have no cells! Teachers, gurus, leaders of youth - all are in the same predicament. Very few have solid faith in the Scriptures or in God; very few have the steadiness to stick to righteousness and brave the temptation to stray from the straight path. Love, too, is a very difficult virtue to cultivate, though it is a very valuable asset. Peace is the one thing that makes life worth while.

Happiness, sensorial mind & consciousness

Puspamitra Mohapatra

Nobody wakes up in the morning wishing for more trouble that day. However, emotional trouble is essentially our own creation. I think it is largely due to two things. The first is lack of knowledge of reality due to absence of a holistic view and the second is a self-centred attitude. These two things create unnecessary problems. We can't blame our problems on anybody or anything else. Ultimately we have to realise that the cause of these problems lies within ourselves. We deal with them not through prayer, not through money, not through power, but through understanding and awareness – what we may call wisdom.

But before talking about the source of happiness, it might be useful to know something about the system of our minds. Just like pleasure, pain is also part of our experiences. Usually people are under the impression that the mind is independent, absolute. Science, too, is not yet clear about the distinction between the sensorial mind and consciousness.

It is important to make that distinction. When people seek pleasurable experiences, they rely mainly on the sensorial level to attain that pleasure – watching something beautiful, listening to music, tasting or smelling something. This includes tactile pleasures, including sex. These five are positive experiences mainly at the sensorial level; they are temporary. The object of beauty you behold or the beautiful music you hear is gone the moment you stop seeing or hearing it. Nevertheless, if you develop a mental level with certain positive experiences, the experience of pleasure lasts longer. So a disturbing noise at the sensorial level will not affect this basic calmness. Even the pain of physical illness can be subdued in this state. On the other hand, no sensorial pleasure can be had if the basic mental state is that of fear, anxiety and stress. Obviously, mental-level experiences are more important than sensorial ones.

It is important to understand that mental-level happiness need not be about pleasure. It's about mental satisfaction or fulfilment. Even physical suffering and pain can bring deep satisfaction at the mental level. Happiness mainly refers to this feeling at the level of consciousness. There are non-theistic religious traditions, such as a part of Sankhya, a 3,000-year-old Indian tradition, and Jainism and Buddhism that do not talk about a creator, but believe instead in the law of causality or the law of cause and effect.

Everybody in this country knows about the law of karma. It means action. Any action – whether physical, verbal or mental – arising out of any positive emotion or sincere motivation, like compassion and forgiveness, is positive or good karma. Since the motivation is good, there's a sense of concern for others' well-being, which, as it benefits others and oneself, is considered positive. Otherwise, there's no absolute positive or negative. For example, anger, hatred and suspicion are considered negative. Suspicion maybe positive or negative. Negative is that which is uncomfortable to oneself and/ or to others. Any such motivation will lead to physical, verbal or mental action that can produce negative karma. Experience of pleasure, pain and the action that causes them constitute the law of causality. Both Jainism and Buddhism may have different approaches to many aspects of life but the fundamental purpose is the same: to enhance our ability to love and forgive, and to be compassionate in day-to-day life.

Let every restless soul have a common goal

Badal Bhuyan

"All hearts throb with a similar beat/ Whether you're on a hilltop or on the street," wrote the Welsh poet and writer WH Davies in his autobiography, The Autobiography of a Super-Tramp. This uncanny uniformity of the spirit was named Synchronicity by Carl Gustav Jung. Jung's English friend and philosopher Aldous Huxley called it Universal Empathy. Now the question is what's synchronicity? Deepak Chopra writes that according to ancient wisdom, there are two signs that transformations are taking place within you that will allow you to connect with a higher consciousness. "The first symptom is that you stop worrying. Things don't bother you any more. You become light-hearted and full of joy. The second symptom is that you encounter more and more meaningful coincidences in your life, more and more synchronicities. And this accelerates to the point where you actually experience the miraculous."

Influenced by the profound eastern consciousness, Jung and Huxley both firmly believed that synchronicity was the metaphysical validation of the oriental idea of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam, the world is one family. Synchronicity is relatability, not just between two individuals but a common spiritual thread that binds the humanity. At an individual level, synchronicity is in fact an expression of a shift in one's destiny, a shift from your head to your heart. Miracles become a more regular occurrence in an individual's life. On an experiential level, you become increasingly aware of the love and wisdom of your soul. Living in synchronicity means living the life you were born to live. Mankind is interconnected and interrelated. Though apparently all humans seem to be violent and volatile, the fundamental human nature is universally compassionate. Because of this inherent and intrinsic spirit of compassion, the larger humanity has survived. This is synchronicity or the universal empathy of goodness that's embedded in every heart. An ever-aware heart experiences synchronicity all the time because what we generally consider as coincidences, are actually deeper messages from the Cosmos. Kumaril Bhatt and Raman Maharshi called it Samashtigat chetna/ taartamya – collective consciousness/uniformity.

Remember, there's a greater power behind absolutely everything we all do. And that power is not the conventional and hoary-old orthodox concept of a god. Things happen for a reason, and when it seems as if the world is working with you, not against you, that's synchronicity. In other words, when we're all lovingly and consciously aligned with not just fellow humans but with all creatures and a seamless pervasiveness subsumes our existence, synchronicity permeates across the whole spectrum of humankind. This is Persian mystic Jami's Ishqiyat-un' iqtaafi – singular streak of consciousness running through all beings. If mankind can understand the essence of synchronicity, munificence of universal love and the magnanimity of human spirit, all these petty differences can be dispelled quickly. A new world order can be established where no religion, nation or god will be the final word but a synchronised spirit will guide us all. Let me encapsulate this with my own couplet in Urdu, "Bas isi ek jazbe ki darkaar hai kaunain ko/ Ek hi maqsad, ek hi fikra ho dil-e-bechain ko" – the Universe needs just one thing/ Every restless soul should have a common goal.

Man has to dispel the darkness of ignorance

Alekha Chandra Samal

chbox corresponding to what an external lamp needs. For man, the heart is the container. The mind is the wick. Love is the oil and vairagya is the matchbox. When we have these four, Atma-jyothi shines effulgently. When the light of the Spirit is aflame, the Light of Knowledge appears and dispels the darkness of ignorance. The flame of a lamp has two qualities. One is to banish darkness. The other is a continuous upward movement. Even when a lamp is kept in a pit, the flame moves upwards. The sages have therefore adored the lamp of wisdom as the flame that leads men to higher states. Hence, the effulgence of light should not be treated as a trivial phenomenon. Along with lighting the external lamps, men should strive to light the lamps within them. The human estate should be governed by sacred qualities. This calls for the triple purity of body, mind and speech--Trikarana Suddhi.

The inner significance of Deepavali is to lead man from darkness to light. Man is perpetually plunged in darkness. Every time he is enveloped in darkness, he should light a lamp that is ever shining within him. Carry that lamp wherever we go. It will light our path wherever we may be. When we inquire into the significance of the Deepavali festival which we are celebrating today, we find that traditionally it is a joyous festival to celebrate the destruction of the demon Narakasura by Sri Krishna. It is only when we first understand the meaning of the Krishna Principle will we be able to understand the significance of the Naraka principle. Krishna is the embodiment of the Five Elements: ether, air, fire, water and earth. He is also the embodiment of five life breaths--Prana, Apana, Samana, Udana and Vyana. "Kleem-Krishnaaya-Govindaaya-Gopijanavallabhaaya Swaah." This mantra contains the essence of the Bhagavatha. The five names represent the Five Pranas. Kleem refers to the earth. Krishnaaya refers to water. Govindaaya refers to Agni. Gopijanavallabhaaya refers to Vayu. Swaah refers to ether. When we recognize that the Divine is immanent in the five elements, we will realize that there is no place in the cosmos where these five are not present. The human body is composed of the five elements. These elements, because they constitute the body, can affect only the body but cannot affect the Atma in any way. On Deepavali day, we light numerous lamps with one candle. The light with which other lamps are lit is a Symbol of the Divine. The other lamps are Jivanajyothis. They derive their light from the One Supreme Light. It is to teach this truth to men that the Festival of Lights is observed.

Vigilance Awareness Week observed by Khordha District Admn

Khordha,(AoBureau):Khordha district administration observed the annual Vigilance Awareness Week on Friday at ZP conference hall. Khordha DM Chanchal Rana attended the event as the chief guest while Bhubaneswar Vigilance SP Anupama James attended as the chief speaker . Accordingly, Khordha SP Sagarika Nath,ADM Pratap Chandra Beura,CEO ZP Jyoti Sankar Sahu were prominently present. Chief speaker in her speech said that the main objective of the programme was to eradicate corruption and strive for equality among all.The chief guest in his speech said that everyone should take oath to build a corruption free society. Accordingly, Khordha SP said in her speech that awareness is necessary to build a corruption-free society.DIPRO Jyotshnamayee Acharya conducted the programme.



BTM Kali Puja Celebrated with Devotion, Marks 48th Year of Tradition in Jharsuguda

Jharsuguda ,(AoBureau): The BTM Kali Puja, an esteemed annual event in Jharsuguda, brought together the community on October 31 to honor Goddess Kali. Celebrated with fervor during Diwali's new moon night, this festival symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, as devotees gather to seek strength, prosperity, and spiritual protection from the revered goddess.Originating in 1978, BTM Kali Puja has become one of the district's oldest celebrations, marked by elaborate rituals and vibrant decor. This year, the Puja's committee enlisted decorators from West Bengal to adorn the pandal with intricate lighting displays that captivated numerous visitors. The traditional "Dhaki Baja" drummers, also from West Bengal, added a rhythmic beat to the night's festivities, heightening the ambiance for attendees.The festival, initiated by employees of Bhaskar Textile Mills, has continued to thrive, reaching its 48th consecutive year. Each year, it draws participation from all sections of the community, doubling as a celebration alongside Diwali for local residents.Key organizers and senior committee members, including Chintu Pati, Asantu Rao, Shyam Chakra Rao, Danda Pani Patra, Rajes Patra, Sukanta Barad, and Nageswar Rao, have worked diligently to ensure the event's success. The rituals began with a "Kalas Yatra" on Thursday night, followed by a series of offerings and prayers to honor the goddess.The Puja festivities will conclude on Sunday with the immersion ceremony, marking the end of another year of rich tradition and community spirit.

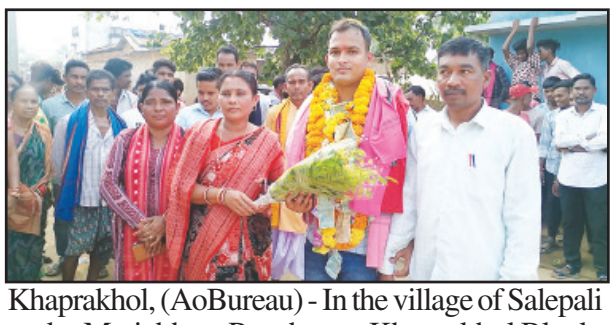


A special "Gram Sabha" was held on the occasion of district level vigilance awareness week in Subarnapur

SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau): Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed across the country from 28th October to 3rd November by the Central Vigilance Commission. In this context, a special Gram Sabha was held today at Charbhata Grampachayat under the block under the chairmanship of ABDO and Niranjan Naik in collaboration with District Vigilance Department, Subarnapur and Tarva Block Administration. happened. Charbhata Panchayat Sarpanch Sasmita Haripal, Executive Officer Rasika Suna, CRP Sitaya Rana, Pinki Rana, Pushpanjali Majhi, MBK Yashobanti Kumbhar Women Self Help Members, Ward Members, and villagers of Charbhata GP were present.District Vigilance Officer Hrudananda Kalo was present in the program and gave the necessary information to fight corruption.



Grand Welcome for Hariom Shambhu Narayan Dash, Odisha Administrative Service Rank Holder



Khaprakhol, (AoBureau) - In the village of Salepali under Matiabhata Panchayat, Khaprakhol Block, Balangir District, a grand welcome was organized for Hariom Shambhu Narayan Dash, who secured the 93rd rank in the Odisha Administrative Service examination. Proud villagers celebrated Hariom's achievement with floral garlands, bouquets, and a ceremonial water offering, a traditional honor symbolizing respect.A large crowd, including hundreds of men, women, and children, gathered to celebrate his success. Hariom, son of Pramod Kumar Dash, completed his primary education at Saraswati Shishu Mandir in Lathore, then continued from 6th to 12th grade at Navodaya Vidyalaya, Belpada, and later pursued his graduation in Science at Prashanti Satya Sai College.Previously, he served briefly as a Panchayat Executive Officer before dedicating himself to Odisha Administrative Service preparation. After three attempts, he achieved success, ranking 93rd. During the celebration, his father Pramod Dash, elder uncle Pradeep Dash, uncle Fakir Dash, Matiabhata Panchayat Sarpanch Santosini Bariha, and many other well-wishers, including villagers Nab Bag and Bhajman Bag, were present to congratulate him.

Allegations of corruption in the development works Temurupalli GP

Malkangiri AO Bureau - In Temrupalli Panchayat of Mathili block, various development works are alleged to be of low quality. Local villagers have complained that the CC road constructed in Pedaguda village under this panchayat is of very low quality. Cement and chips are starting to rise from this CC road, which was built last five months. The road has been completely destroyed in one rain. So the villagers expressed dissatisfaction. The Panchayat PEO was contacted but did not respond. Locals have complained that not only the CC road, but various developmental works in this panchayat are of low quality. The local residents have demanded that the block administration investigate the matter and take appropriate action. On the other hand, it has been alleged that one of the two panchayats is in charge of two panchayats, so they are not able to look after a single panchayat properly. Similarly, the refugees have complained that the PEO and GRS panchayat offices have been absent for a long time and the local people come for various jobs and return disappointed. The residents of the area have asked the block administration to look into this and reprimand the PEOs and give them only one panchayat responsibility.



Special Programme for Promotion of Millets in Tribal Areas of Odisha

SUBARNAPUR (AoBureau):A significant Shree Anna Abhiyan program was held at the Lunibahal Gram Panchayat Conference Hall, aiming to inspire and educate farmers about millet cultivation. Sj. Saroj Pradhan, the Honorable MLA and Chief Whip of the Odisha Legislative Assembly, attended as the Chief Guest. During the event, he engaged in a meaningful interaction with farmers, discussing their challenges and experiences. He praised the initiative and highlighted the importance of such programs in promoting sustainable agriculture and empowering the farming community.The event was organized by LKBK NGO, Sarasara, with support from Shree Anna Abhiyan. A total of 35 participants, including Krushi Mitras, members of women self-help groups (WSHGs), millet farmers, progressive farmers, and Shree Anna Abhiyan staff, took part in the program.The session began with a warm welcome by Sri Sitakanta Sahu. Following this, AAO Sri Pyarimohan Purohit provided training on Systematic Millet Intensification (SMI), explaining the benefits and practical application of this technique. Sarpanch Smt. Chandrama Pradhan emphasized the importance of expanding millet cultivation and its benefits for the community.Progressive farmer Sri Subash Pradhan shared his insights and experiences, motivating fellow farmers by explaining the long-term advantages and economic value of millet crops.Interns from Sri Sri University and SOA University presented statistical data on millet cultivation and shared research findings, further enlightening the attendees about the crop's significance and impact.Lipika Bhoi from Bio Input services spoke about organic farming techniques, highlighting the benefits of organic products in enhancing millet yield. She provided insights into sustainable and health-conscious farming practices using organic inputs.The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Punia Sahoo.

The Eco-Friendly 'Diwali' and 'Maa Kali Puja' Celebrations in Boudh

Boudh (AoBureau): War-torn developed countries contributing to pollution and destruction but Boudh's eco-friendly 'Diwali' sets an exemplary standard by using eco friendly lighting and decoration. The beautiful Rangoli designs in front of houses, created with eco-friendly colors, added a vibrant and sustainable touch to the Diwali celebrations. The reduced use of crackers during Diwali was a significant step towards a more environmentally conscious and responsible celebration. Sustainable policies by Local governance also made this 'Diwali' more safe. Boudh celebrated 'Maa Kali Puja' and 'Diwali' with enthusiasm, despite some unpleasant moments. The silver lining is the increased awareness among residents about air and sound pollution, leading to a notable decrease in cracker usage which became a safer celebrations for kids,animals,birds and sensitive goods. The 'Kali Puja' celebration in Kalarakotha village, Kantamal block, Boudh, is indeed a spectacular event that showcases the rich cultural heritage of Odisha. Chanting of sacred 'Mantras' during Puja time, invoking Goddess Kali's blessings.And the ?Cultural events, showcasing local talent, traditional music, dance wth drama were the most memorable moments it this celebration.'Darbar',Meena bazar,delicious foods and sweets are the well known key factors of this 'Maa Kali Puja' festival in Kalarakotha. Mr. Budhuram Panda and the dedicated members of the 'Maa Kali Puja Committee', Palasagora, have truly embodied the spirit of devotion and community service. This Diwali in Boudh has indeed set a shining example for kids and future generations.

Police arresting four young individuals involved in 'Ganja' smuggling

Boudh: (AoBureau): The Ghantapada police in Boudh district, Odisha, have finally made a breakthrough in their long-standing search for Ganja (marijuana) smugglers. On Thursday, while everyone was celebrating Diwali, the police intercepted a car traveling at high speed near the Kurukupa intersection of Manmunda-Sindhugora state highway No. 41. Upon inspection, they discovered a bag full of marijuana in the trunk of the car, bearing the number CG 04LV 8898. Kantamal Tehsildar Ms. Shwetapadma Joshi swiftly responded to the incident, measuring the seized ganja in her presence, which totaled 22 kg 700 grams. The four individuals arrested were Jitu Majhi (22), Jayalal Lohjabal (24), Chandra Behera (21), and Kandarp Ghibela from Sitawatipada Sadar police station in Kalahandi district. The success of Ghantapada police is highly appreciated by the public & the civilians have hope that they may dominate this type of illegal activity. The Ghantapada Police's commitment to thorough investigation and patrolling serves as an excellent example of proactive policing, ultimately contributing to a safer community.



A young man dies due to 11kv electric shock

Malkangiri AO Bureau : A young man died due to electrocution in Malkangiri District Balimela NAC Nuasahi of Orkel Police Station ward No. 1. According to the information , the construction work of the section office house was going on at a distance of only 200 meters from Orkel police station, while the deceased was working as a laborer. The deceased was the pradeep biswas (23)elder son Pavan Biswas Chitapari-3 panchayat MV-104 village. Pradeep was employed as a day laborer by the contractor while a house was being constructed for a section office of the construction Department in Balimela. The 11kb power line is only 3 feet above the ceiling. The iron pile mold was exposed to 11kb power lines. The young man became unconscious after being electrocuted. The local people immediately took Balimela to the hospital and admitted him. There, doctor called the 108 ambulance as the young man's condition was critical and immediately transferred him

The lock hung in the Inclusive Education Center. The disabled student is suffering

Malkangiri, AO Bureau : The Inclusive Education Tool Center for Handicapped students in Nuaguda Primary School, Mathil Block, Malkangiri District was found to be locked on Wednesday. The parents of Handicapped students from remote rural areas with various problems were waiting for a long time.Later, one of the chefs of the school said that the staff working here has changed. Then they went back. In this center, they were supported by applying for different types of professions such as Disability Certificates, Vocations, Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships. According to the information received, there are more than 6 to 18 Handicapped students out of 322 to 18 students in various rural areas under Mathil Block, and more than 150 of them are Handicapped students who have passed the bench mark. This center was established in 2022 to work exclusively for them. It has been reported that a record number of pre-matric and post-matric applications have been submitted this year. Similarly, 31.10.2024 is the last date of pre and post matric application, due to the closure of the center a day earlier, there is a fear that the students will miss out on applying. Similarly, the application for Disability students is ongoing. Various assistance, distribution of equipment, exposure tours, sports competitions and therapy are now being implemented through this center to help the marginalized students to join the mainstream of the society. After asking BEO Sumit Biswas as to why the center was locked, there was no BRT in the center of internal education, we hired a teacher as per the instructions of the district administration. The District Magistrate now said that the concerned teacher should send the to his school and we will make arrangements in the next moment.

Sara Ali Khan shares "Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham" moment with Ibrahim

Sara Ali Khan delighted her fans by sharing stunning photos with her brother, Ibrahim Ali Khan, showcasing their sibling bond.Unleashing her poetic talent, Sara lived her 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham' moment with her brother jaan. She took to her Instagram handle to post her pictures with Ibrahim and wrote in the caption, "Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham. With my Brother Jaan, it's always fun. Kabhi laughter & sometimes he'll scold. And Appa Jaan will do as she's told." In the vibrant pictures, the 'Kedarnath' star looks radiant in a beautiful yellow suit, while Ibrahim sports a black outfit teamed with a shimmery blue jacket.These candid clicks capture Sara and Ibrahim's moments of laughter and teasing. Sara Ali Khan and Ibrahim share a close bond of friendship and are often seen setting major sibling goals. Whether it's their heartwarming social media photos or appearances at star-studded parties, the brother-sister duo never fails to steal the limelight with their strong camaraderie.



Pet safety alert:6 festive foods and treats that should stay off their plates



During the festive season, it's tempting to share holiday treats with our pets, but many foods can be harmful to them. Ingredients such as chocolate, xylitol (a common sweetener), grapes, garlic, and onions can be toxic and cause serious health issues. Being aware of these dangers ensures our pets stay safe and healthy, allowing them to enjoy the festivities alongside us

1. Chocolate
Chocolate is a festive favourite, but it can be dangerous for pets, especially dogs. Chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine, which pets can't break down as quickly as humans. Even a small amount can cause restlessness, a racing heart, vomiting, diarrhoea, and even seizures. Dark and baking chocolate are particularly hazardous, so it's safest to keep all chocolate away from pets.

2. Foods with Xylitol
Xylitol, a common sugar substitute in sugar-free candies, gum, and baked goods, is especially harmful to dogs. It can cause a rapid release of insulin, leading to a dangerous drop in blood sugar. Symptoms may include vomiting, lethargy, and loss of coordination. Higher doses of xylitol can even cause irreversible liver damage, so it's important to keep xylitol-sweetened treats well out of pets' reach.

3. Grapes and raisins
Grapes and raisins are often used in holiday recipes, but they're highly toxic to pets, particularly dogs. Ingesting even a small amount can lead to sudden kidney failure, with symptoms like vomiting, loss of appetite, lethargy, and abdominal pain. Since it's hard to know how much might be harmful to each pet, it's safest to keep all foods with grapes or raisins out of reach.

4. Garlic and onions
Garlic and onions, often featured in holiday dishes, contain compounds that can harm pets, especially cats and dogs, by damaging their red blood cells. This can lead to anemia if consumed in large amounts or over time. Symptoms may include weakness, vomiting, and pale gums. Since garlic and onions in any form—raw, cooked, or powdered—pose a risk, it's best to avoid letting pets near any seasoned dishes.

5. Macadamia and other nuts
Macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs and can cause symptoms like muscle tremors, weakness, vomiting, and mild fevers. Other nuts, especially salted or flavoured ones, can upset pets' stomachs and cause dehydration. Nuts also pose a choking hazard for smaller pets, so it's safest to keep nut-based snacks out of reach.

6. Raw dough
Uncooked yeast dough is dangerous if eaten by pets. It can continue to rise in their stomach, causing gas and discomfort, while the fermentation process can create alcohol, leading to alcohol poisoning. Signs of dough toxicity include vomiting, unsteadiness, and bloating. Keeping raw dough covered and out of sight is the best way to avoid any risk.

Keeping these treats out of reach ensures that pets stay safe, healthy, and ready to enjoy the festivities in their way! Consider offering pet-safe treats as an alternative to let them celebrate with you.

DIY face packs to protect your skin from high AQI after Diwali



With Diwali celebrations now wrapping up, many of us will have a new skincare challenge to battle. The rising Air Quality Index (AQI) and pollution levels in the Capital region will spell out trouble for the skin constantly exposed to the atmosphere, especially the face, making it more prone to dryness, irritation, and breakouts. It becomes all the more vital to safeguard it against the harmful pollutants in the air with a new skincare regime. We spoke to dermatologists to get insights into DIY face pack recipes that help reduce effects of the pollution for oily, normal and dry skin types.

For oily skin
People will oily skin face the challenge of intensified oil production during excessive airborne toxins. To counter this, Dr Neha Khuraana, dermatologist and founder of House of Aesthetics shares a face pack recipe that helps in detoxifying and reducing excess oil from the skin.

Ingredients:
1. Multani mitti (Fuller's Earth)
2. Rose water

Method:
Mix equal quantities of multani mitti and rose water in a bowl until smooth paste forms. Apply a layer across the face avoiding the eye area for about 10-15 minutes. Once the paste starts drying, rinse with lukewarm water.

"The nature of multani mitti makes it suitable for oily skin types because of its ability to absorb excess oil and dirt from the skin. The role of rose water is to hydrate and calm the skin and thus, this pack is ideal for those with oily skin types," shares Dr Neha.

For normal skin
Those with normal skin type can also feel adverse effects of pollution like patches of dryness and dullness across the face. Dr Aashna Kanchwala, Senior Consultant, Derma Puritys and cosmetologist & aesthetic physician suggests a moisturising turmeric and yoghurt face pack to restore the skin's glow.

Ingredients:
1. Two tablespoons of yoghurt
2. One tablespoon of turmeric powder

Method:
Mix the yoghurt and turmeric powder in a bowl to create a creamy paste. Apply gently on the skin for 10 minutes and rinse off with cool water.



"Yoghurt aids in moisturizing and smoothing the skin while turmeric works as a natural anti-inflammatory agent and calms the skin," adds Dr Aashna.

For dry skin
High levels of pollution can be rough on the skin, especially dry skin types. Dr Noopur Jain, Chief Consultant, dermatologist and founder, Skinzest advises a deeply hydrating aloe vera and honey pack to combat dryness and add moisture.

Ingredients:
1. Honey
2. Aloe vera

Method:
Mix equal proportions of aloe vera and honey in a bowl until a paste-like consistency is achieved. Apply it on the face and neck for a minimum of 15 minutes and rinse it off with lukewarm water."The ingredients are quite beneficial for the dry skin type - honey possesses hydrating properties and is antibacterial while aloe vera acts as a skin calming agent," remarks Dr Noopur.

lose weight and look lean 'don't eat less food'

Leana documents her weight loss journey on her Instagram account, fitzyelifts. In one of her posts, she spoke about how her 'belly fat finally disappeared after years of struggling' as she ate 4/5 times a day. Leana, who lost 7 kg in 2 months, said, 'It's all about making smarter choices that fit your body without feeling deprived'. Now, she has shared what you should do if you want to 'look lean':

On difference between eating less. eating less calorie

She showed a glimpse of her before-and-after weight loss body and also many recent meals and said, "If you want to look lean, don't eat less food; eat less calories. Knowing the difference will change your life."

In her long caption, Leana explained, "When people talk about losing fat, they tend to say eat less. Less what? Food or calories? Because there is literally a LIFE-CHANGING difference between both."

You could eat a lot of carbs and still lose fat'

Leana added, "It sounds simple, but if you want to have control over your weight you have to understand that not all foods are equal in calories. You could eat a large volume of low-calorie foods (like vegetables) and feel full, while still maintaining a calorie deficit because the total calories are low. You could eat a lot of carbs and still lose fat. It's about how you manage your calories. So, the goal isn't to eat less food, but rather to make calorie-smart choices that let you feel satisfied without overshooting your calorie needs."

More about calorie deficit

If you're looking to lose weight and get in shape, a calorie deficit is key. A calorie deficit is when a person consumes less calories than they burn. Do remember: A person's individual health and circumstances will affect their calorie needs.

In 2023, Kajal Agarwal, clinical dietician and PCOD expert spoke to HT Lifestyle, about the importance of a calorie deficit for weight loss and how to achieve it through a balanced diet and exercise routine.

East Bengal Clinch AFC Challenge League QF Spot With Thrilling 3-2 Win Over Nejmeh



Thimphu: Dimitrios Diamantakos fired East Bengal FC into the knockout stage of the AFC Challenge League 2024/25 after scoring a brace in their 3-2 win against Nejmeh SC of Lebanon in their final Group A match at the Changlimithang Stadium on Friday.

East Bengal finished as the Group A winners on seven points to seal progression. The Red and Golds had won 4-0 against Bashundhara Kings (Bangladesh) and drawn 2-2 with Paro FC (Bhutan) in their first two fixtures.East Bengal, who trailed Nejmeh by two points heading into this encounter, took the lead in the eighth minute when Madih Talal's corner kick was inadvertently headed into his own net by Baba Musah.The Indian side took further advantage of Nejmeh's slow start to double their advantage in the 15th minute when Diamantakos scored for the third consecutive match when he prodded home a low cross from Mahesh Naorem.A shell-shocked Nejmeh, who had won their two earlier matches, fought back to quickly pull one back three minutes later when Rabih Ataya lobbed the ball for Collins Opare to stab home past Prabsukhan Gill.The Lebanese side rediscovered their confidence and drew level two minutes before half-time when Hussein Monzer bent an unstoppable free-kick into the top corner to set up an enticing second half.Knowing defeat could mean elimination, both teams adopted a more cautious approach in the second half although Nejmeh were still able to create several good chances.Hassan Kourani missed an open goal with a header in the 47th minute before further efforts from Mahdi Zein and Ataya were safely handled by Gill as things remained level heading into the final half an hour.Then came the defining turning point when Talal was brought down in the box by Ali Ismail with Thai referee Songkran Bunmeekiart pointing to the spot. Diamantakos put away the spot-kick with ease to restore East Bengal's lead in the 77th minute.

Nejmeh tried to mount another comeback and put the East Bengal defence under pressure for the remaining minutes but it was to no avail as the Indian Super League outfit held on to take the win and top spot.East Bengal will now wait to find out their quarter-final opponents after all the AFC Challenge League group stage fixtures are over.

New Zealand fight back in Mumbai after Jadeja, Sundar help India bowl Kiwis out for 235 on Day 1



NEWDELHI: New Zealand staged a comeback with crucial late wickets after India's spinners, Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar, combined to dismiss the Black Caps for 235 on the first day of the third Test in Mumbai.India seemed poised to close the opening day in a dominant position, bolstered by a strong second-wicket stand between Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill, until New Zealand swung the game back in their favour with three quick wickets.At the close of play on Friday, India stood at 86/4, with Shubman Gill not out on 31 from 38 balls, hitting two fours and a six, and wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant at his side on 1. The hosts were comfortably placed at 78/1 in the 18th over just before the day's end when opener Yashasvi Jaiswal and nightwatchman Mohammed Siraj fell to consecutive balls from New Zealand's left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel.Virat Kohli was run out in the following over by a sharp direct hit from Matt Henry, after facing six balls and scoring a four.Brief scores: New Zealand 235 all out in 65.4 overs (Daryl Mitchell 82, Will Young 71; Ravindra Jadeja 5/65, Washington Sundar 4/81) lead India 86/4 in 19 overs (Shubman Gill 31*, Yashasvi Jaiswal 30; Ajaz Patel 2/33) by 149 runs.

Paris Masters 2024: Alcaraz loses to Humbert, Zverev sets up quarterfinal clash against Tsitsipas



Paris: Carlos Alcaraz, the French Open and Wimbledon champion, did not advance to the Paris Masters quarterfinals following a gripping 6-1, 3-6, 7-5 loss to local favourite Ugo Humbert on Thursday.The Frenchman, world number 18, clinched the first set in 26 minutes while Alcaraz was off his game.Spain's number two in the world rankings fought back, leading 5-2 before securing the second set with a love game.However, Humbert, lifted by the support of the home audience, managed to defeat Alcaraz in the final set, marking the first time since 2019 that a French player has beaten a top-five opponent at the Paris event. That year, his coach Jeremy Chardy triumphed over Daniil Medvedev in the second round.

The four-time Grand Slam champion mentioned that the court's speed caught him off guard and was a significant reason for his subpar performance, noting it was markedly different from previous years.In an earlier match, third seed Alexander Zverev overcame 20th-ranked Frenchman Arthur Fils 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, recovering from a dip in the second set to prepare for a match against Stefanos Tsitsipas.The 10th-seeded Greek made a comeback from a challenging first set to defeat Argentine Francisco Cerundolo with scores of 6-7(1), 6-4, 6-2.Australian ninth seed Alex de Minaur also rallied from behind to overcome Britain's Jack Draper 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.Jordan Thompson, another Australian, advanced to the last eight by defeating Frenchman Adrian Mannarino 7-5, 7-6(5).

Ruben Amorim Appointed Head Coach Of Manchester United Till June 2027



Manchester: Manchester United have announced the appointment of highly sought after manager, Ruben Amorim as the side's new head coach on a two and a half year contract which has tied him at Old Trafford till June 2027."Manchester United is delighted to announce the appointment of Ruben Amorim as Head Coach of the men's first team, subject to work visa requirements."He will join until June 2027 with a club option of an additional year, once he has fulfilled his obligations to his current club. He will join Manchester United on Monday 11 November," read the statement by Manchester United.Ruben will be replacing the current interim manager Van Nistelrooy, who was appointed after the sacking of Erik Ten Hag, after the November international break on November 11."Ruben is one of the most exciting and highly rated young coaches in European football. Highly decorated as both a player and coach, his titles include winning the Primeira Liga twice in Portugal with Sporting CP; the first of which was the club's first title in 19 years.Ruud van Nistelrooy will continue to take charge of the team until Ruben joins," the statement added.Manchester United have reportedly spent up to 11 million euros for buying out the remainder of Amorim's contract with the Portuguese club, Sporting CP.Amorim's appointment follows after Manchester United's worst ever start to a Premier League season which has resulted in the side sitting in 14th place after nine games. His first game in charge of The Red Devils will be against Ipswich Town at Portman Road on November 24.

IPL 2025: Bumrah, Suryakumar, Hardik, Rohit & Tilak Among Mumbai Indians' Retentions



New Delhi: Five-time IPL champions Mumbai Indians have announced that they have retained their core players — Jasprit Bumrah, Surya Kumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Rohit Sharma, and Tilak Varma ahead of IPL 2025 season.

The franchise has also said Hardik is set to lead the team as captain in the upcoming IPL 2025 season. Bumrah is the biggest gainer from the retentions, earning a deal of Rs 18 crore, followed by Hardik and Suryakumar at Rs 16.35 crore respectively. Rohit stands to earn a deal of Rs 16.3 crore while Tilak has been retained for Rs eight crore."We have always believed that the strength of a family lies in its core and this belief has been reinforced during the course of recent events. We are thrilled that the strong legacy of MI will be carried forward by Jasprit, Surya, Hardik, Rohit and Tilak – players who have become synonymous with our team and the brand of cricket we stand for.""In the past month, the MI core group, along with our coaching staff, have come together and worked closely to establish a shared vision for MI. This unified effort reinstates MI's commitment to building strong trust and ownership amongst our core group, our fans & other stakeholders. We will strive to continue playing the passionate brand of cricket everyone expects from us," said Akash Ambani, owner of Mumbai Indians. Mumbai Indians has been home to Rohit Sharma since 2011, Jasprit Bumrah since 2013, Suryakumar Yadav for nine IPL editions, Hardik Pandya across eight campaigns, and Tilak Varma since 2022.

Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, And Yash Dayal Retained By Royal Challengers Bengaluru



New Delhi: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) have announced that they have retained talismanic batter Virat Kohli (INR 21 crore), top-order batter Rajat Patidar (INR 11 crore), and uncapped left-arm fast-bowler Yash Dayal (INR 5 crore) ahead of IPL 2025."We're all too aware of the need to establish a strong Indian core to our team going into the 2025 IPL season, and we feel that our retention decisions are a significant step in the right direction. It's great to continue Virat's lengthy association with RCB, I'm confident that a new group of players will benefit hugely from his inspirational and infectious energy, and his commitment to high standards," said Mo Bobat, Director of Cricket at RCB.RCB have chosen not to retain their captain Faf du Plessis, all-rounders Glenn Maxwell and Will Jacks, as well as fast bowler Mohammed Siraj. "It's also great to secure both Rajat and Yash, two excellent players that offer relatively unique skills and abilities. In Yash's case, as an uncapped player, he also represents outstanding financial value.""It's always sad to release players, given the strength of relationships that are built and the many shared achievements and memories, and I wish all departing players well. As for us, we now commence our auction preparations having retained top Indian talent, whilst also giving ourselves both options and flexibility with our three remaining RTMs, and a healthy available purse. It should be fun!" added Bobat.Speaking further on retaining Dayal, who's in India's T20I team for the upcoming series against South Africa and Patidar, who made his Test debut earlier this year, head coach Andy Flower explained the rationale behind it.

"We are thrilled to retain Yash Dayal, an extraordinary talent whose career is on an upward trajectory. His unique ability as a left-arm bowler, capable of swinging the ball in both directions, adds a valuable dimension to our bowling attack—one that is increasingly rare in the auction landscape.""Having witnessed Yash's impressive performance last season, we are eager to secure this crucial role and support his continued development as a key player for RCB. Rajat Patidar is a key member of our squad. His exceptional talent and resilience have already made a significant impact on our team, and he truly embodies the spirit of RCB. We are excited to see him continue to develop and shine in the upcoming season."

TPCODL Secures Top Honours in Performance Improvement at the Innovation with Impact Awards 2024



Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), a joint venture of Tata Power and the Government of Odisha, pleased to announce its 1st Rank achievement in Performance Improvement at the prestigious Innovation with Impact Awards for Discoms 2024, organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC). TPCODL also secured the second overall rank in the Challenged State category, further showcasing its commitment to excellence in power distribution.

Niranjan Rout, Head, Business Excellence, received the award on behalf of TPCODL from Anil Razdan, Summit & Jury Chair and Former Power Secretary, Government of India and B.P. Singh, Jury Member and former Member of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission.The "Innovation with Impact Awards for Discoms 2024" recognizes innovative practices by India's electricity distribution companies, highlighting initiatives that have a significant positive impact on the energy sector. The award ceremony held on October 23, 2024, in New Delhi, was a proud moment for TPCODL, Tata Power Mumbai and Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL), as all excelled in multiple categories, showcasing Tata Power's commitment to innovation and excellence in power distribution.This 12th annual edition of the awards featured participation from 32 DISCOMs nationwide and was supported by the Ministry of Power.Upon receiving the award, Arvind Singh, CEO, TPCODL, expressed his gratitude, stating, "This award is a testament to our relentless pursuit of operational excellence and customer satisfaction. It reflects our commitment to deploying innovative solutions to enhance the quality and reliability of power distribution across central Odisha. We are honoured to be recognized among such esteemed peers and will continue to strive for greater impact in the communities we serve."

Felicitation to successfully KISS Students in OCS Examination



Bhubaneswar, (AoBureau): A Felicitation Ceremony was organised on Sunday for twelve students of KISS who have cracked the Odisha Civil Services (OCS) Examination this year. Bishnupada Sethi, IAS; Principal Secretary to Government, ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes; SSEPD; and Odia Language, Literature & Culture Department, Government of Odisha, joined as the chief guest and motivated students to achieve success in Indian Administrative services as well. He advised them to achieve success through sustained effort and faith in God. He advised the students to utilize their time in good work without getting distracted. Inspiring the 12,000 KISS students present at the event, the Founder of KIIT and KISS, Dr Achyuta Samanta, stated that KISS has made all arrangements to ensure that its students excel in the Indian Administrative Services examination as well. He also announced that KISS will provide all necessary support to those KISS students who aspire to live and prepare for the IAS examination in cities like Delhi.On this occasion, the distinguished guests released Sethi's book, 'The Collector's Mother. ' KISS Advisor Professor Sasanka Sekhar Chudamani provided information on the book written by the Secretary. Dr. K.C. Mohali, former Director General of KISS, Professor Deepak Behera, Vice Chancellor of KIIT University, and Dr. Prashant Kumar Rautaray, Registrar, were present on the occasion.

Jindal Stainless brings Diwali joy to local schools through "Daan Utsav" initiatives at Jajpur



Jajpur, (AoBureau): In the spirit of Diwali and the season of giving, Jindal Stainless'Jajpurplant celebrated "Daan Utsav" by brightening the lives of over 200 students in the local community. On October 29, employees distributed gifts and stationery kits to students at Kumbhiragadia Primary School. The following day, employees continued their mission by distributing 150 sanitary kits, which included sanitary napkins and daily use hygiene products, to adolescent girls at BudharajaVidyapitha in Dangadi. Notably, the sanitary napkins included in the kits are produced by Sahaja, a local production unit entirely run by women and supported by Jindal Stainless Foundation, highlighting the Foundation's commitment to empowering women in the community.This initiative was complemented by an interactive awareness session on menstrual hygiene, providing essential health education and fostering a supportive environment for young girls.Jindal Stainless' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts have significantly benefited local schools over the years. The company has installed ROwater filtering systems in a few schools to ensure clean drinking water, employed teachers, and equipped the schools with computers for the computer lab.

Veranda Learning Solutions Ltd aims to achieve revenue target of Rs. 600 crore in FY25

Chennai : Education technology company, Veranda Learning Solutions Limited, a listed enterprise offering end-to-e2nd solutions in the education space is aiming to achieve a revenue target of Rs. 600 crore in FY25. Founded in 2018 by the Kalpathi AGS Group, holds around 55%n the company. Company has expanded rapidly through acquisitions. In May 2023, it acquired seven companies valued at Rs. 400 crore.At the 6th Annual General Meeting on September 27, 2024, the company approved an increased borrowing limit of up to Rs. 1,000 crores through the issuance of non-convertible debentures, bonds, or other instruments to fund its growth and expansion plans. Company has continued to maintain robust operational and financial performance in Q1FY25 capitalising on the exciting growth opportunities. During Q1FY25, operating revenue of the company was reported at Rs. 118.99 crores, a growth of 72.69% from Rs. 68.90 crores in the same period last year.EBITDA of the company during Q1FY25 rise 5 fold to Rs. 27.61 crores, significantly up from Rs. 5.64 crores reported in the same quarter last year.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY HELD AT IMS AND SUM HOSPITAL



Bhubaneswar,(AoBureau): Around 300 delegates from across the country attended the three-day 22nd National Conference on Pediatric Rheumatology (NCPR-2024) which concluded at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here on October 27. The conference's objective was to raise awareness about rheumatological and immunological issues in children.Dr. Dirk Foell and Dr. N. Dhanya Lakshmi, two experts in the subject from Germany who attended the conference, shared their experience on auto-inflammatory diseases and genetics.Endocrinologists Dr. Swayam Siddha and Dr. Manoranjan Tripathi spoke on the issue of Pediatric Osteoporosis. The inaugural program was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Sanghamitra Mishra, Dean of IMS and SUM Hospital and Prof. (Dr.) Pusparaj Samantasinhar, Medical Superintendent of the hospital. Prof. (Dr.) Mamata Devi Mohanty, Head of Department of Pediatrics and Prof. (Dr.) Mrutyunjaya Dash, Course Director were present.

Tata Power Achieves Highest Ever Quarterly PAT of ? 1,533 Crore in Q2FY25; up 51% YoY

Mumbai: Tata Power, one of India's largest integrated power companies spearheading the country's energy transition, today reported its 20th consecutive quarterly PAT growth. During the quarter ended September 30, 2024, the Company reported its highest-ever PAT before exceptional items of ? 1,533 Crore, up 51% YoY.Consolidated EBITDA during the quarter rose 23% to ? 3,808 Crore on the back of ramped-up solar manufacturing, favorable regulatory development in distribution, and operational efficiency across businesses.For the H1FY25 period, the Company clocked its highest-ever Revenue, EBITDA, and PAT before exceptional items at ? 32,057 Crore, 7,158 Crore, and 2,721 Crore, respectively.Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Power, said, "Our Generation, Transmission & Distribution, and Renewable businesses continue to witness sustained growth momentum as India sees record power demand and investment in the new Age of Electricity. All our business segments have performed remarkably well during the quarter leading to 20th consecutive quarterly PAT growth.Aligned with the 'Make in India' vision, our 4.3 GW cell-and-module plant in Tamil Nadu is going strength-to-strength with the commissioning of a 2 GW cell production line during the quarter. The cell plant will achieve its full capacity by next month. The 4.3 GW module plant is already fully operational establishing us as a leader in solar manufacturing.We have made significant strides in the transmission business with major wins in both Inter-State and Intra-State projects, showcasing our strong project execution capabilities in upgrading grid infra. These projects will help evacuate clean energy from remote renewable sites, to support widescale renewable energy availability.We are mainstreaming the wide-scale adoption of solar rooftops in residential, commercial and industrial segments through our pan-India presence. We are also powering e-mobility in 590 cities, covering private, public, semi-public, and fleet charging.We are well on track in terms of our planned Capex for the financial year, with ? 9,100 Crore spent during H1 out of ? 20,000 Crore. Our investments in transmission, renewables, and hydro projects are designed to strengthen India's energy resilience and security."

ICAR-CIFA conducted training programme for PVTG Tribal beneficiaries in Gajapati, Odisha



BHUBANESWAR(AoBureau): mICAR-CIFA organised"Awareness program, training and demonstration, programme with distribution of inputs toParticularly Vulnerable Tribal groups (PVTG) women beneficiaries in the Mohana Block of Gajapati from October 28 to 30, 2024. Gajapati and Rayagada districts, which have over 54% Scheduled Tribe (ST) population, include primitive tribes such as the Sauras, LangiaSauras, and DanagariaKandhans. This initiative aimed to enhance livelihood security and economic upliftment by supporting 28 tribal self-help groups (SHGs) in integrated aquaculture development.The training and awareness program on October 28 took place at the Soura Development Agency (SDA) Chandragiri campus in Gajapati. Dr. S. S. Mishra, Principal Scientist and Team Leader for the Gajapati and Rayagada program, discussed the activities ICAR-CIFA has been implementing in the region since 2018. He also emphasized the significance of the awareness and demonstration program for the beneficiaries.He encouraged beneficiaries to utilize the inputs and resources effectively for their economic advancement. Dr. Bibhu Mishra provided insights into integrated farming practices. Queries raised by the beneficiaries were addressed by both Dr. S. S. Mishra and Dr. Bibhu Dutta Mishra. Mr. BanamaliBhuyan, Special Officer at SDA Chandragiri, and Mr. Sridhar Kumar Sahu advised the beneficiaries on the proper use of the inputs provided by ICAR-CIFA. The event coordinated by Mr. Sisir Ku. Mohanty, also featured a documentary showcasing ICAR-CIFA technologies. Approximately 110 tribal beneficiaries from 25 SHGs attended the programme. Tribal beneficiaries were also imparted training for proper fish seed stocking and their feed management, health care management of poultry-chicks and ducklings and in integrated farming system. Different inputs like Honda 3HP water pumps, Feed pulverizer-grinders, drag nets were distributed to the tribal beneficiaries at the site..

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