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PM Modi becomes first Indian PM to visit Guyana in 56 years

Guyana: In a historic moment, Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Guyana, marking the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister in 56 years. The significance of this visit was underscored by the warm reception he received at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana, along with over a dozen cabinet ministers, personally welcomed PM Modi, highlighting the strong ties between the two nations. Upon his arrival, PM Modi was greeted with a ceremonial welcome and a Guard of Honour. The visit aims to strengthen bilateral relations and



explore new avenues of cooperation in various sectors. During his stay, PM Modi is scheduled to address a special session of Guyana's parliament and participate in the India-CARICOM Summit, which seeks to enhance collaboration between India and Caribbean nations. President Ali expressed his enthusiasm for the visit, stating, "This

is a momentous occasion for Guyana and a testament to the enduring friendship between our countries. We look forward to fruitful discussions and strengthened partnerships." PM Modi's visit is expected to pave the way for increased economic, cultural, and technological exchanges, further solidifying the bond between India and Guyana.

Odisha CM Concludes Fruitful Singapore Visit, Paving Way For Global Investments

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The Odisha delegation, led by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, successfully concluded a highly productive visit to Singapore, marking a significant milestone in the state's efforts to establish itself as a prime destination for global investments and industrial growth. According to an official press release, the visit emphasized Odisha's growing prominence as an industrial hub and a key player in India's development journey. During the visit, the delegation participated in a series of high-level B2G and G2G meetings, investment promotion roadshow, visits to



major industrial and infrastructure hubs, and interaction with Odia diaspora in Singapore, paving the way for future collaborations across key sectors. The final day witnessed a packed agenda starting with a meeting with Marcus Lim, CEO and Co-founder of Ecosoft, focusing on innovative sustainable water solutions and their potential integration into Odisha's industrial and

urban ecosystems. The delegation also met with Rene Pill Pedersen from AP Moller Maersk Group to discuss about the prospects of ship-recycling, container manufacturing, and port based industrial infrastructure development. The delegation then visited the Suntec City Convention & Exhibition Center, a globally renowned venue that exemplifies Singapore's

thriving MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) industry. This visit offered valuable insights for Odisha's efforts to position itself as a premier MICE destination in India. Later, the delegation explored opportunities in the semiconductor sector during a visit to PEP Innovation Private Ltd, a prominent player in Singapore's semiconductor ecosystem. The discussions centered on leveraging PEP's expertise to enhance Odisha's electronics and semiconductor infrastructure. In the afternoon, the Senior

Government Delegation, held meetings with Phan Bach, JERA, IHI Corporation, Masan High Tech Materials Corporation and Ace Gases. These discussions focused on investment opportunities in equipment manufacturing, cold storage and cold chain, green hydrogen and green ammonia, critical minerals, and industrial gas sectors, aligning with the Odisha's vision for industrial diversification and sustainable growth. The delegation culminated the visit with an Interactive session with the Odia diaspora in Singapore where more than 400 members of the Odia Diaspora attended the event.

Chhattisgarh CM Sai Briefs HM Amit Shah On Progress In Maoist-Affected Areas

New Delhi: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai met Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah at North Block, New Delhi on Wednesday. The meeting focused on various issues, including the state's development, security, and other important matters, an official statement said. During the meeting, the Chief Minister provided an update on the ongoing operations in the Maoist-affected areas and the progress of security forces' actions. The Chief Minister informed that the state government has taken several significant steps in the areas of road construction, education, health, and employment, which



have led to positive changes in these regions. Union Home Minister Amit Shah appreciated these efforts and assured full cooperation from the central government, according to an official statement. Strategies for Maoist eradication were also discussed during the meeting, according to information. Chief Minister Sai stated that under the guidance of

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, the fight against Maoism in Chhattisgarh is being waged with determination. On the security front, the state government has achieved significant success in anti-Maoist operations. Over the past 11 months, approximately 200 Maoists have been killed, while 742 Maoists have surrendered. The state

government is committed to eradicating Maoism by March 2026, in line with the resolve set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. The Chief Minister further assured that the central government is committed to supporting the state's security and development efforts. Amit Shah assured full cooperation from the central government in the fight against Maoism. Last month, Shah chaired a high-level review meeting with chief ministers of left-wing extremism (LWE) affected states and top security officials.

Polling Concludes In Maharashtra And Jharkhand Assembly Elections

New Delhi: Jharkhand recorded 67.59 per cent voting till 5 p.m., surpassing 67.04 per cent voting in the 2019 Assembly elections, the Election Commission of India said here on Wednesday. On the other hand, Maharashtra recorded 58.22 per cent polling as of 5 p.m. Despite a range of measures by the Commission for ease of voting, and motivational campaigns, urban voters in the state continued their dismal record of low participation in cities like Mumbai, Pune and Thane, it said. Simultaneous polling for all 288 seats in Maharashtra in a single phase and 38 of Jharkhand in phase 2 concluded peacefully,



barring some stray incidents. In both the states, voters were still in the queue when reports last came in. Bypolls in 15 Assembly constituencies and one Parliamentary constituency in 15 states were also held successfully. With this, elections have concluded for Jharkhand and Maharashtra legislative Assemblies and bypolls as well. In Uttar Pradesh, taking cognisance of complaints regarding arbitrary checking and

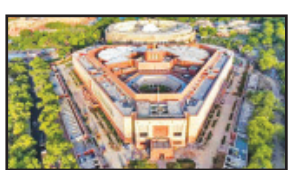
prevention of voters from voting in certain areas, the Commission, after a thorough enquiry ordered the suspension of police personnel in Moradabad, Kanpur and Muzaffarnagar for violating the norms and guidelines regarding checking of voters, the poll body said. Polling took place in an orderly manner in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas of both states including Garhchiroli in Maharashtra and Giridih in Jharkhand.

Suicide Attack Kills 12 Military Personnel, Leaves 10 Critically Injured

Islamabad: At least 12 security personnel from the Pakistan Army were killed and another 10 critically injured in a suicide attack on a security check post in Mali Khel in Bannu District of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. As per Pakistan military's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the deadly attack took place late Tuesday night when a joint security post of Pakistan Army and the Frontier Constabulary (FC) was attacked by at least six men, who rammed an explosives-laden vehicle into the wall of the post. "The attempt to enter the post was effectively thwarted by troops. The suicide blast led to collapse of portion of perimeter wall and damaged adjoining infrastructure, resulting in shahadat (martyrdom) of 12 brave sons of soil that include 10 soldiers of Frontier Constabulary," read a statement issued by the ISPR. "Sanitization operation is being conducted in the area and the perpetrators of this heinous act will be brought to justice. Security forces and law enforcement agencies of Pakistan are determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism and such sacrifices of our brave men further strengthen our resolve," the statement added.

Centre Convenes All-Party Meeting on 24th Nov Ahead of Winter Session of Parliament

New Delhi: Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju will hold a meeting with the floor leaders of political parties in both houses of the Parliament, ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament. The All-Party Meeting will be held at 11 A.M. on 24th November 2024 in the Main Committee Room, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi. The meeting will be presided over by Raksha Mantri, and Shri Rajnath Singh. The Winter Session of Parliament will commence on 25th November 2024 and subject to exigencies of Government Business, the session may conclude on 20th December 2024. There will be no sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 26th December 2024 to commemorate the "Constitution Day".



6 Landmines Explode Along Poonch Loc

Jammu: Six landmines, planted along the Line of Control (LoC) in J&K's Poonch district, exploded in a forest fire on Wednesday, officials said, adding the blaze, which originated from the other side could be a "deliberate attempt" to cripple the defence system to enable an infiltration bid by terrorists. The six landmines were part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, the officials said. "The forest fire started from across the border in the afternoon and spread to this side of the LoC in the forward areas of Krishna Ghati sector of Mendhar sub-division.

India Committed To Sustainable Development Agenda

Rio de Janeiro: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Tuesday that India stands committed to the Sustainable Development Agenda (SDA). "At the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro today, I spoke on a topic which is very important for the future of the planet - Sustainable Development and Energy Transition. I reiterated India's steadfast commitment to the Sustainable Development Agenda. Over the past decade, India has undertaken numerous initiatives in

sectors like housing, water resources, energy and sanitation which have contributed to a more sustainable future," PM Modi wrote on X. Earlier, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva acknowledged in a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the country had "learned a lot" from the Indian experience to organise the two-day G20 Rio Summit. Lula received Prime Minister Modi in a bilateral meeting at the Museum of Modern Art, where the G20

Leaders' Summit is taking place, right at the start of his second and final day's engagements. "The president thanked Prime Minister Modi for joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and congratulated him on organising the G20 last year. Lula said Brazil had learned a lot from the Indian experience to organise the Rio Summit," the Brazilian President's office said in a statement after the meeting. During the meeting, President Lula also spoke of his

desire to visit India in 2025, with a delegation from the government, the scientific community and businesspeople, to expand relations between the two countries in sectors such as energy and pharmaceuticals, as well as university exchanges and technology transfer. Prime Minister Modi said India would be delighted to welcome President Lula and his entourage next year, and would work towards a state visit to Brazil in 2025.

Bharat Masala Day 4 Lucky Draw in Baliyatra

This time the lucky winners are three people from Cuttack

Cuttack:(Correspondent):- Bharat Masala has announced the lucky winners of the fourth day of the lucky draw held at the Bali Yatra field. The first lucky winner was Kiran Kumar Sahoo of Neheru Colony, Nuabazar, Cuttack, who won a micro oven, the second winner, Sekh Sakir of Canal Road, Cuttack, who won a racing by bicycle, the third winner, mobile number 7735232995, who won a bowl set, and the fourth winner, Abhijit Pashayat of



Chauliaganj, Cuttack, who won a frying pan expressed his happiness. Today's lucky draw winners were awarded by Bharat Masala Chairman Surendra Nath Panda and Managing Director Sushant Kumar Panda as guests. Director Shrimant Kumar

Panda, Diganta Kumar Panda, Ashutosh Panda, GM Operations Arun Kumar Nayak, GM Production Navakrushna Pradhan attended the event. , all employees of Bharat Masala Company including PRO SN Millennium were present.

Maharashtra Records 58.22 Pc Turnout, Independent Candidate Dies Of Heart Attack In Beed

Mumbai: Maharashtra recorded 58.22 per cent polling in 288 Assembly constituencies till 5 p.m. on Wednesday. The Naxal-affected Gadchiroli district has reported a record 65.88 per cent turnout. As the voting was underway, an Independent Balasaheb Shinde from the Beed constituency died of a heart attack. When Shinde was approaching the polling station, he suffered a heart attack and died on the spot. A pale of gloom has fallen on the Shinde family and the activists of the candidate Shinde are also shocked by this incident.



per cent, Buldhana- 62.84 per cent, Chandrapur- 64.48 per cent, Dhule- 59.75 per cent, Gadchiroli-69.63 per cent, Gondia -65.09 per cent, Hingoli - 61.18 per cent, Jalgaon - 54.69 per cent, Jalna- 64.17 per cent, Kolhapur- 67.97 per cent, Latur- 61.43 per cent, Mumbai City- 49.07 per cent, Mumbai suburbs-51.76 per cent, Nagpur - 56.06 per cent, Nanded - 55.88 per cent, Nandurbar- 63.72 per cent, Nashik -59.85 per cent, Osmanabad- 58.59 per cent,

Palghar- 59.31 per cent, Parbhani- 62.73 per cent, Pune - 54.09 per cent, Raigad - 61.01 per cent, Ratnagiri- 60.35 per cent, Sangli- 63.28 per cent, Satara - 64.16 per cent, Sindhudurg - 62.06 per cent, Solapur -57.09 per cent, Thane - 49.76 per cent, Wardha - 63.50 per cent, Washim -57.42 per cent and Yavatmal - 61.22 per cent. As the polling began at 7 a.m., the state election machinery had received several complaints with regard to the non-functioning of the EVMs.

Manipur: Mobile Internet Suspension Extended For 3 Days In 7 Districts, Curfew Relaxed In 4 Districts

Imphal: The Manipur government on Wednesday extended the suspension of mobile internet and data services for three more days in seven trouble-torn districts, while with some improvement in the law and order situation, like the previous day, curfew was relaxed in four Imphal Valley districts for five hours. Commissioner, Home, N. Ashok Kumar in his order said that in view of the prevailing law and order situation, the government has decided to extend the suspension of mobile internet and data services for three more



days in seven trouble-torn districts with effect from 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday to 5.15 p.m. on Saturday. The seven districts, comprising both the valley and hills, are Imphal West, Imphal East, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Kakching, Kangpokpi, and Churachandpur. After the widespread violence and attacks by mobs

started in valley districts including Imphal East and Imphal West on November 16 following the recovery of six bodies of missing three children and three women in Jiribam district on November 15 and 16, Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi on November 16 ordered the suspension of mobile internet and data services in these seven

districts for two days. The Commissioner, Home, in his order on November 18, extended the suspension of mobile internet and data services for two more days in seven districts till 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday. Meanwhile, with no major incident reported from any of the districts in Manipur, the Home Department on Tuesday conditionally lifted the suspension on broadband services (fixed line) considering the hardships faced by students, employees, common people, healthcare facilities, educational institutions and other offices. Officials said

that with no major incident reported from any of the four districts, curfew was relaxed in Imphal East and West, Thoubal, and Kakching districts from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday to facilitate the people to purchase essential items and perform important work. District Magistrates of four districts issued separate notifications relaxing the curfew, which was imposed for an indefinite period on November 16 after the widespread violence started in the Valley districts after the recovery of the bodies of children and women in Jiribam on November 15 and 16.

India, UK Set to Resume Free Trade Agreement Negotiations in 2025

Rio de Janeiro: India and the United Kingdom are poised to resume talks for their proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in early 2025. This follows an announcement by British Prime Minister Keir Starmer after a bilateral meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G20 Summit in Brazil. The resumption of trade discussions comes after a pause in talks due to political transitions in both countries, but the two leaders have reaffirmed their commitment to a comprehensive and mutually beneficial agreement. Noting the importance of securing a balanced, mutually



beneficial and forward-looking Free Trade Agreement (FTA), India looks forward to closely working with the UK's negotiating team to address remaining issues to mutual satisfaction. The dates for the Free Trade talks in early 2025 will be finalised through diplomatic channels at an early date. The FTA talks would resume the

discussions from the progress achieved previously and seek to bridge the gaps for expeditiously closing the trade deal. India's trade relationship with the United Kingdom continues to grow steadily, showcasing immense potential for deeper collaboration and strategic engagement. As per the latest data from

April to September 2024, India's exports to the UK witnessed a robust growth of 12.38%, reaching \$7.32 billion, compared to \$6.51 billion during the same period in 2023. Mineral fuels, machinery, precious stones, pharmaceuticals, apparel, iron and steel and chemicals lead India's export basket to the UK, contributing a 68.72% share of total exports. The United Kingdom is a priority country for the achievement of our ambitious \$1 trillion export target by FY30, with our exports to the UK expected to reach \$30 billion by 2029-30.

Madras HC Orders CBI Probe Into Kallakurichi Hooch Tragedy

Chennai: The Madras High Court has ordered a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy that claimed the lives of 68 people. The tragic incident occurred on June 18 in Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi district. A division bench of the Madras High Court, comprising Justices D. Krishnakumar and P.B. Balaji, on Wednesday, directed the Crime Branch-Criminal Investigation Department (CB-CID) to transfer the case to the central agency.

'Need To Focus On Cooperation Than Conflict', Says Rajnath Singh After Meeting Chinese Counterpart

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday held a bilateral meeting with Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun in Laos's capital city of Vientiane, saying that both countries must focus on cooperation rather than conflict. "We need to focus on cooperation rather than conflict. Both countries are and will continue to remain neighbours and amicable relations between India and China, the two largest nations in the world, would have positive implications for global peace and prosperity," the Defence Minister said while emphasising greater trust and confidence building between the two sides through de-escalation. The bilateral meeting between the two leaders was held on the sidelines of the 11th ASEAN Defence



Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) The Ministry of Defence said this was the first meeting of the two Defence Ministers following the recent disengagement agreements and the meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS summit. The Defence Minister also called for reflecting on the lessons learnt from the "unfortunate" border clashes of 2020 and taking measures to prevent the recurrence of such events and safeguard peace and tranquillity

along the India-China border. He emphasised and looked forward to greater trust and confidence building between the two sides through de-escalation. Both sides agreed to work together towards a roadmap for rebuilding mutual trust and understanding. Rajnath Singh arrived at Vientiane on a three-day visit where he will attend the 11th ADMM-Plus on November 21 and address the forum on regional and international security issues. The Defence Minister is also expected to hold

bilateral meetings with participating counterparts from Australia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and the US. These meetings are aimed at further enhancing bilateral defence cooperation with these countries. ADMM is the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN. ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and its eight Dialogue Partners (India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand) to strengthen security and defence cooperation.

Bihar Govt Launches Ayushman Vandan Scheme

Patna: The Bihar government launched the Ayushman Vandan Scheme on Wednesday which is aimed at providing free healthcare benefits to senior citizens aged 70 years and above. The scheme was inaugurated by Health Minister Mangal Pandey and Urban Development Minister Nitin Naveen during a program at the Maurya Lok Complex in Patna. On the occasion, Ayushman cards were distributed to some beneficiaries to mark the commencement of the initiative. Under this scheme, the government will fully bear the treatment costs for eligible individuals. The government aims to issue 50 lakh Ayushman Vandan cards by December 12, 2024. "In Patna, the Municipal Corporation will

lead a campaign across all 75 wards to identify eligible elderly individuals and ensure their enrollment. The card-making process is completely free of cost. A systematic drive has been initiated, where municipal and health officials will actively reach out to senior citizens to enrol them in the scheme," Mangal Pandey said. This scheme is a step towards making healthcare more inclusive and accessible in Bihar, reflecting the government's dedication to improving the welfare of senior citizens. The Bihar government is making significant strides in implementing the Ayushman Bharat scheme, a flagship healthcare initiative aimed at providing free treatment for vulnerable sections of society.

CBSE Releases Datesheets For Class 10, Class 12 Board Exams

NEW DELHI: The CBSE has officially released the datesheet for the Class 10 and Class 12 Board Examinations 2025 on its official website, cbse.gov.in. According to the schedule, the exams will begin on February 15, 2025. For Class 10 students, the examinations will conclude on March 18, while Class 12 exams will continue until April 4.

Shambhavi Puraskar for excellence and innovation in social work enhances the award amount to Rs 5,00,000

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondence): The prestigious 'Shambhavi Puraskar', established by the Bansidhar & Ila Panda Foundation in 2014, celebrates the remarkable efforts of social changemakers in Odisha. These dedicated individuals work tirelessly to uplift communities and inspire positive change. This award not only recognizes their hard work but also expands

their reach by connecting them with a broader network of social investors and organizations. Exciting Announcement: The Shambhavi Puraskar award amount has been significantly enhanced. The main recipient will now receive a citation, trophy, and a cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakhs), increased from Rs. 2,50,000. Furthermore, the Jury

Commendation Certification has also been upgraded, with the cash prize rising from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh), accompanied by a citation. "Call for Applications: Applications are now open for the 12th edition of the Shambhavi Puraskar. To apply or nominate, visit www.bipf.org.in. Award Criteria and Selection Process:

Taste of Odisha: Organic Date Palm Jaggery - A Best Seller at IITF, New Delhi

New Delhi/ Bhubaneswar, (Correspondence): Odisha's packed jaggery made from date palm draws attention of the buyers of New Delhi. This GI product, called 'Odisha Khajuri Guda', a natural sweetener, has become a best-seller at 'Odisha Mandap' during the ongoing India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2024. The Odisha Pavilion at Hall No. 2 in Bharat Mandapam showcasing a wide range of Odisha handlooms, handicrafts, tribal and rural produces has witnessed encouraging footfall. The date palm jaggery is attracting buyers from different states. The palm jaggery stall has witnessed business worth over Rs. 35,000 at the ongoing trade fair till Tuesday. "Date palm jaggery is very beneficial for health, which is why we purchase it every year from this trade fair. What draws me is its distinct taste. While visiting

'Odisha Mandap' we purchased a few packs of date palm jaggery," says Bharat Bhushan Arora, a Delhi resident. Date palm jaggery made from date palm has been a staple in Odisha's rich culinary heritage. Enriched in health benefits, its demand has surged in recent times in the state and beyond. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Department, Government of Odisha, has set up a dedicated stall at the 'Odisha Mandap' for promotion & sale of date palm jaggery. Additionally, an array of handicrafts designed from palm and date leaves, including household items, are also on sale. Visitors are showing interest in buying these unique and eco-friendly products. "Everyone in our family consumes jaggery regularly and we always look forward to buying it from the Odisha Pavilion. This year is no exception. We appreciate that

it's produced organically, which makes it a wonderful addition to our diet," remarks Dharamveer Agarwal, a visitor to IITF. "Visitors showing interest to buy this traditional delicacy of Odisha from our stall every year," states Anil Kumar Behera, Marketing In-Charge, Odisha Rajya Talgur Samabaya Sangh Ltd. (ORTSS), who is attending the trade fair. ORTSS, an apex cooperative body under the Govt of Odisha promotes production and sale of date palm jaggery procured from various parts of the state. ORTSS promotes cultivation of date palm and palm trees across various districts. Farmers collect the sap from date palm trees before dawn to preserve its distinct flavor. The juice thus collected is then boiled to produce jaggery. The primary talgur cooperatives located across the state collect the jaggery and package it for

distribution. The entire process is carried out organically. ORTSS has its presence in nine districts namely, Angul, Bhadrak, Boudh, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Jajpur, Kendrapara and Puri, of the state. Notably, the districts of Angul, Boudh, Dhenkanal and Gajapati are the major producers of date palm jaggery. It operates through 23 primary talgur cooperatives which facilitate the production of date palm jaggery and generating livelihood opportunities for local communities. To enhance market connectivity for date palm jaggery, ORTSS has established sales outlets. Currently, the product is available at outlets in Bhubaneswar's Unit-2 and Gandamunda along with Chandini Chowk at Cuttack. Dedicated stalls are also being set up at various state and national-level trade fairs to promote and sell the item.

Minister Reviews OSMCL

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondence): Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra, Hon'ble Minister of H&UD, Public Enterprises, conducted an extensive review of the Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL), with a special focus on enhancing the infrastructure and services of PRM Medical College & Hospital. During the meeting, the minister emphasized the importance of transforming PRM Medical College & Hospital into a center of excellence for advanced patient care. He directed immediate measures to equip the facility with required

medical infrastructure and resources to cater to the growing healthcare needs of the region. The minister stressed on prioritizing modern equipment and supply of drugs as per requirement to healthcare facilities. To ensure uninterrupted public service, all Niramay centers across the state were directed to operate round the clock. OSMCL was instructed to ensure the uninterrupted and timely supply of essential drugs and medical equipment to healthcare facilities. Comprehensive discussions were held on audits and CSR initiatives to enhance accountability and community impact. Puma Tudu,

Managing Director of OSMCL, provided a detailed presentation on the corporation's achievements and ongoing efforts. Commissioner-cum-Secretary of the Public Enterprises Department T. Ao, Special Secretary Ranjan Kumar Dash, the Director of Medical Education and Training (DMET), and other senior officers, actively participated in the review. The review concluded with a strong commitment to fast-track the implementation of development plans for PRM Medical College & Hospital, ensuring quality healthcare for the people of Odisha.

Workers Decry Auction of Bhaskar Cotton Mill, Threaten Protest

J'suguda (Correspondent): The workers of Bhaskar Cotton Mill are expressing deep dissatisfaction over the recent auction of the mill to a private company at what they allege is a significantly undervalued price. The mill, established in 1965, once provided livelihoods to thousands of families but has remained non-operational since its closure in 1997. Labor unions have long been advocating for the mill's revival, repeatedly approaching the district administration and the state government for intervention. Despite their efforts, no concrete action has

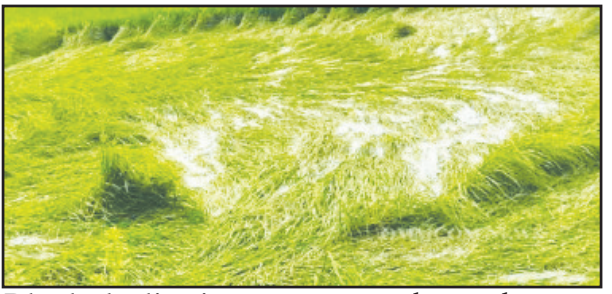


been taken to restart the mill. Instead, the government has proceeded with the auction process, sparking anger among former workers and their families. A press conference held by the labor union on Wednesday representatives accused authorities of orchestrating a conspiracy to prevent the mill's reopening. They also condemned the lack of consideration for the plight of the workers, many of whom have struggled to make ends meet for over two decades. Numerous workers have reportedly passed away during this period, while others continue to endure financial hardships. The union has

announced plans to escalate their agitation in the coming days, warning of mass protests if the auction process is not halted and steps are not taken to revive the mill. "We will take to the streets to ensure justice for the workers and their families," said a union representative. The Bhaskar Cotton Mill holds historical significance in Jharsuguda, and its auction has become a flashpoint of discontent among local communities. The workers are now seeking support from the public and political leaders to press for a resolution to their demands.

Central Team To Visit Odisha On Nov 24 For Cyclone 'Dana' Damage Assessment

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): A Central team will visit Odisha from November 24 to 27 to evaluate the damage caused by Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Dana.' The seven-member team, led by P.K. Rai, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, will assess the cyclone's impact on various sectors and prepare a comprehensive report. Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari shared details about the visit, highlighting its importance in determining the financial assistance required for recovery efforts. The team will first tour



Bhadrak district on November 25, followed by visits to Balasore and Kendrapada, the three districts most severely affected by the cyclone. After completing their field visits, the team will return to Bhubaneswar on November 26 to hold discussions with senior state officials. They are also expected to meet Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. The Central government's financial aid will be based on the damage assessment reports submitted by both the Odisha government and the Central team. Minister Pujari emphasized the state government's proactive measures to address the recurring challenges posed by natural disasters. He underscored the efforts to construct cyclone-resilient infrastructure and housing with support from the Central government to minimize future damages.

+2 Examinations To Begin From Feb 18, Continue Till Mar 27

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The Council of Higher Secondary Education today announced the exam schedule for +2 Arts, Science, Commerce and Vocation education. As per the schedule, the exams will begin on February 18, 2025 and continue till March 27, 2025. The MIL (O) of Science stream will be held on February 18 while the same paper of Arts and Commerce will be conducted on the next day. The three-hour theory exam will start at 10AM and will continue till 1 PM. Practical examination will be held from January 2 to 12.

President Murmu to Embark on 5-Day Odisha Visit from December 3

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to visit Odisha from December 3 to 7. She will land at Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar on December 3, with subsequent engagements in Bhubaneswar and Puri planned. Throughout her visit, President Murmu is set to engage with the local community, tour important landmarks, and launch significant



infrastructure initiatives. According to her schedule, she will reach Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar on December 3 and participate in various

events in both Bhubaneswar and Puri. On December 6, she is slated to travel to Rairangpur on a special helicopter from the Defense Airbase in Kolkata. Her agenda includes a visit to Upper Beda Government High School, her alma mater, to interact with the students and faculty. She will then dine at her Rairangpur home and unveil an ambulance at the nearby hospital.

Civil Supplies Officer Under Vig Scanner: Raids Underway At 11 Locations

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): On the allegation of possession of disproportionate assets (DA) to his known sources of income by Civil Supplies Officer Suresh Kumar Panigrahi, the Odisha Vigilance launched simultaneous house searches at 11 locations across Bhubaneswar, Bolangir, Subarnapur, and Bargarh. Led by two Additional Superintendents of Police (SPs), three



Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSP), seven inspectors, and supporting staff, the searches are being carried out based on warrants issued by the Special Judge of

Vigilance, Bolangir. Properties searched include Panigrahi's residential house, office chamber, paternal house, rented flats, and business establishments, including a fly ash bricks factory and petrol pump. Residential house of Panigrahi at Tulasi Nagar, Bolangir town. His office chamber at Subarnapur. His paternal house at his native place in the village. Balanda, Bijepur, Dist-Bargarh. Rented flat No. 7BD, 2nd Tower at Mani Tribhuban, Patia, Bhubaneswar. Rented house of Panigrahi at Sonapur Town. House of his relative at Tulasi Nagar, Bolangir.

Bonda tribe is deprived of 'Subhadra'

Malkangiri (Correspondent): The new government's first scheme includes Subhadra, but the primitive tribe of Bandaghati in Malkangiri district even after the coming of two installments, more than half of the Banda tribe has been deprived of Subhadra.

Bandaghati under Mudulipada and Andarahal Panchayats of Khairput block. The number of these tribes is more than 5000, which is situated about 5000 feet above the sea level. After the new government came, there was a lot of

excitement about Subhadra. When the chariot of Subhadra came to Bandaghati, the tribe welcomed them with great enthusiasm. But even after two installments of Subhadra, the beneficiaries of Bandaghati are deprived of Subhadra. How to run the family



of 5 sons and daughters are running

the house for the wages of coolies. Looking at the house, one can feel his misery. He had hoped to invest money in the construction of a concrete house, but hope remained hopeless. There are many women who are missing out on the Subhadra Yojana. 281

of Mudulipada and 234 of Andarahal have received Rs 540 women in Mudulipada and 467 women in Andarahal Panchayat are deprived of Subhadra. While many have the basics of Identity wrong, some have other errors. Even if the women and child

development officer did not go to them even for a single day, they did not understand why the money was not received. We went to ask the Khairput Child Development program Officer about this, but he was absent. He didn't even answer the phone

Mutilated Bodies Of Couple Recovered From Railway Tracks In Koraput District

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): A couple was found dead on the railway track near Laxmipur railway station in Koraput district, on Wednesday morning. However, it was yet to be ascertained whether they died by suicide or were hit by a moving train. The bodies of Buru Khura (58) and his wife Yamuna Khura (54) from Burja village were recovered in a mutilated state. According to locals, they spotted the mutilated bodies of the couple near the railway station and informed police. On a tip-off, Lakshampur police rushed to the scene and initiated an investigation. It is learnt that the couple left behind two sons and a daughter. The exact circumstances surrounding their death remain unclear, sparking speculation about whether it was a murder or a suicide. Meanwhile, police have sent the bodies for autopsy to determine the cause of death.

EDITORIAL

Silence is Golden

It is only in the depths of silence that the voice of God can be heard. One of the first principles of straight living is to practice silence. There will be no temptation for others to shout when you talk to them in whispers. You need not escape into a forest to gain silence and the chance of uninterrupted spiritual practice. You can make the place where you are a citadel of silence. The silent man has no enemies, though he may not have friends. Practice silence for at least ten minutes a day. Meditate on Swami's teachings at that time. Silence is the only language of the realized. The tongue is liable for four big errors: uttering falsehoods, scandalizing, finding fault with others, and excessive articulation.

Be silent yourself; that will induce silence in others. When silence is practiced, bliss will manifest itself. When the mind withdraws from the external world, the tongue also becomes silent; all senses follow suit; that is genuine silence. The illumination of the soul is silence. Silence is ever with you. You have only to remove all things that disturb it! The ancients practiced three kinds of silence—silence of the tongue, silence of the mind, and supreme silence. Practice silence. That will save you from squabbles, idle thoughts, and factions. When you practice silence, you can easily experience peace of mind. Love manifests from peace. Develop good habits: group singing, practicing asanas, meditation, silence—these will give you peace and joy, a clear brain, and concentration. They will discipline the wayward mind. Observe silence as far as possible and be quiet. Too much talk is not good, even from the health point of view. The very first spiritual practice one must adopt is the cultivation of inner silence, to put an end to the endless dialogue with the mind. Let the mind rest for a while. Silence is the best spiritual practice to guard faith. Silence is the speech of the spiritual seeker. Soft, sweet speech is the expression of genuine love. Turn your vision inward, and observe absolute silence. Only then can you realize the all-pervasive Divinity. Silence is the first step in spiritual practice. By loud talk you undermine your own peace and disturb others. You can experience Divine bliss only in absolute silence. That is why it is said, "Silence is golden." Speak softly and sweetly with a smiling face. That will silence the critic. A smile is the best answer to criticism. Kindness has to be fostered in the silence of the mind. By curtailing unnecessary talk and keeping silent, you can conserve energy. Silence serves to conserve energy, improve the memory, and experience the Divine. You must make it a practice to observe silence for at least one hour daily. Practice silence as a means of preventing the tongue from straying away from truth. The ancient sages practiced and preached silence for this purpose. When the tongue becomes silent, the mind begins to talk. Some people may not pay heed to you if you talk softly and sweetly. It is their fate. They may listen or not, but you should always talk in a pleasing manner. Silence should prevail during eating. Even sound waves enter us and affect our minds. Hence people should avoid TV while eating. If speaking the truth will cause grief or pain, keep silent. You should not become a victim of the feelings of anger, hatred, ego, or pride that may arise in you. When such feelings arise in you, sit silently for a few minutes.

Why goals and results are important to us



Puspamitra Mohapatra

Why is it that we seek results, goals? Why is it that the mind is ever pursuing an end? And why should it not pursue an end? In coming here, are we not seeking something, some experience, some delight? We are tired and fed up with the many things that we have been playing with; we have turned away from them, and now we want a new toy to play with. We go from one thing to another, till we find something that is entirely satisfying; and then we settle down to stagnate.

We are forever craving something; and having tasted many things which were mostly unsatisfactory, we now want the ultimate thing: God, truth, or what you will. We want a result, a new experience, a new sensation that will endure in spite of everything. We never see the futility of result, but only of a particular result; so we wander from one result to another, hoping always to find the one that will end all search.

The search for result, for success, is binding, limiting; it is ever coming to an end. Gaining is a process of ending. To arrive is death. Yet that is what we are seeking, is it not? We are seeking death, only we

call it result, goal, purpose. We want to arrive. We are tired of this everlasting struggle, and we want to get there — "there" placed at whatever level. We do not see the wasteful destructiveness of struggle, but desire to be free of it through gaining a result. We do not see the truth of struggle, of conflict, and so we use it as a means of getting what we want, the most satisfying thing; and that which is most satisfying is determined by the intensity of our discontent. This desire for result always ends in gain; but we want a never-ending result. So, what is our problem? How to be free from the craving for results, is that it?

The end of experiencing.

Experience is the memory of experiencing, is it not? When experiencing ends there is experience, the result. While experiencing, there is no experience; experience is but the memory of having experienced. As the state of experiencing fades, experience begins. Experience is ever hindering experiencing, living. Results, experiences, come to an end; but experiencing is inexhaustible. When the inexhaustible is hindered by memory, then the search for results begins. The mind, the result, is always seeking an end, a purpose, and that is death. Death is not when the experiencer is not. Only then is there the inexhaustible.

Happiness has something to do with you



Dr. Gurupada Mishra

The wise will always state that happiness does not depend on circumstance. Being happy is truly a natural state; there are no pretexts — one is simply that. However, from birth, happiness is something we gradually relinquish. We scour the surface for answers to this dilemma but it is like tossing a cork onto the vastness of the ocean. Happiness is taken out of our hands. From this fallen state, some embark on yoga. The path aims at a new level of

happiness, independent of all circumstances. It is not an easy way and many tests are hurled at us. The right attitude is to regard them all as for our own good because these lessons will not go away until they are fully absorbed.

The scope and depth of our happiness depends on our level of consciousness, but the matter is not quite as straightforward as that. The very turning may provoke considerable anguish. We might pass through periods of greyness and depression: our moods may swing violently between dual states. But the orientation of our consciousness is changing and it compels us to look at the realities of our own psychology. The transition can be immensely uncomfortable and we

notice more and more twisted patterns coming to the surface. The emerging consciousness and the process of yoga are producing this change. Consciousness has an action and if one is attentive, a happy equilibrium will be restored. The knowledge of what is happening brings joy and invites the spirit into all proceedings. The surface can no longer keep us happy. The ego, once essential for our survival, now becomes a hurdle. It creates a tight shell. We had formerly used it to deaden harmful impacts from outside but now we find it deadening us inside. How it suffocates! It becomes our biggest cause of unhappiness. So we plunge deeper for answers to our existence and look for deeper happiness. Slowly, we realise that

happiness is also a matter of internal organisation. If we want to be master of our circumstances, we must master every movement inside first and learn to align ourselves, to our true nature. The aim is harmony and through its influence, our dispersive nature becomes a homogenous whole. Our psychology, once tormentor, now becomes a malleable instrument in the hands of the Supreme. Only our soul can achieve this but the process requires inner work. Consciousness becomes our searchlight and illuminates every hidden corner inside. Divine Consciousness is the only true help, the only true happiness. The further one moves forward, the more one realises this simple fact. Nothing else seems enough any longer. This is the Truth and our key to happiness.

Everything begins with your thoughts



Aditya Kumar Mohanty

Among all species on the planet, the human being is considered to be the most superior only because of his ability to think and discriminate. It is said that even after death, thoughts remain indelible — such is the power of thought. Among the many factors that influence and change a person's life, the foremost factor is thought. We say that a certain person changed due to this or that circumstance or incident. The truth, however, is that the changes come from his thoughts, and not only because of any external happening.

A lot depends on how you think about a situation and the attitude with which you deal with it. It has been proven that people under similar circumstances behave and respond very differently because of differences in their thinking; one may make himself miserable while the other may still remain joyous. Indeed, all the ups and downs, joys and sorrows in an individual's life begin with his thoughts.

Thoughts are the kind of fire that can burn, as well as illumine. They can, like a needle and thread, bring diverse people together. Thoughts can divide, too. Even though man does not possess sharp claws or canine teeth, he is considered to be the most dangerous and violent being on the planet today because of his thoughts. He thinks up rules which he uses for his own

aggrandisement and engages in destructive activity. On the other hand, he could well live a life of peace, non-violence, compassion and service on the basis of his thoughts. The brain is the source of all thought. The brain is by itself a great device, endowed as it is, with reportedly 700 billion neurons. Just as the sun scatters its rays in all directions, so too does the mind emit a special kind of energy, every minute. It is manifest through one's thoughts, resolves, sentiments, aspirations or their combination. Very subtle waves are emitted by thoughts. These waves set apart one person from another. Those who are obsessed with the body find that their thought waves are weak. Thought waves become strong and powerful when they are centred around intense ideas that are engaged in the quest for truth and moral

rectitude. Such thinkers are able to influence innumerable people over time. That is why we need to cultivate the art of positive thinking rather than get entangled in negativities. It is only because of revolutionary thinking that changes have been brought about in the field of religion, tradition, politics and society. If wisdom and clarity are not present in thoughts, then major problems get created. Misunderstanding and distrust are born. In one minute, all relationships change character. Misunderstandings can run so deep that they get carried over from one generation to the next. Not only that, the tight knot of hatred and anger that can never be unravelled, gets formed. So think wisely. Thoughts make words meaningful; in fact all human actions are made meaningful.

India is ready to become a Hub for Medical Tourism?



R.K. Sinha

Recently, Britain's King Charles visited India on a private trip with his wife, Queen Camilla. During their three-day stay, they stayed at a modern holistic health center near Bengaluru, where they participated in yoga, meditation sessions, and yoga therapy. This illustrates that even global elites, from ordinary patients to royalty, are realizing the benefits of seeking treatment from India's modern doctors and traditional healing methods to maintain good health and youthfulness. In recent years, India has become a preferred destination for patients seeking treatment for heart diseases, bone disorders, kidney and liver transplants, dental care, cancer, and even conditions deemed incurable. Patients are coming not only from South Asian countries but also from Africa, Central Asia, Gulf nations, and even Western countries in the millions every year.

Alongside affordable and successful modern medical treatments, traditional Indian healing methods such as Ayurveda, yoga, naturopathy,

dietetics, and millet-based therapies are gaining popularity among foreign patients. For instance, the daughter of Kenya's former Prime Minister, Raila Odinga, regained her vision after receiving treatment at Sreedhareeyam Ayurvedic Eye Hospital in Ernakulam, Kerala. This success led to a significant rise in patients from East Africa seeking Ayurvedic treatments in India. During my frequent travels to Dehradun, I often encounter foreign tourists—men and women of all ages and professions—on flights and trains. Many of them are headed to ashrams or health centers in places like Haridwar, Rishikesh, and Dehradun for stays ranging from two weeks to three months. Their length of stay and the cost—often equivalent to or exceeding luxury five-star hotel rates—depend on the severity of their condition and the treatment required. In addition to traditional treatments, modern hospitals in cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chandigarh are drawing a large number of international patients seeking cosmetic procedures to enhance their appearance. Plastic surgeons report seeing dozens of foreign patients each month for treatments such as burn injury repair, hair transplants, and skin-tightening procedures. This trend represents a golden opportunity for India to attract more

foreign patients. Medical tourism not only earns valuable foreign exchange but also supports local economies, as patients often arrive with caretakers who stay in hotels for weeks or months. Indian expatriates living abroad are also increasingly returning to India for affordable and high-quality medical care. India's edge lies in offering top-tier pre- and post-surgical care at a fraction of the cost of similar services in Europe or the U.S. Cosmetic surgeons in India treat patients seeking procedures like fat reduction and skin tightening, as aging and environmental factors accelerate skin issues. With growing awareness of beauty treatments, both men and women are increasingly opting for cosmetic and surgical solutions. Globally, millions of cosmetic surgeries are performed annually, with the U.S. being a leader in this sector. While initially popular among women, plastic surgery is now equally common among men. Broadly, plastic surgery can be divided into two categories: cosmetic surgery, which enhances appearance, and reconstructive surgery, which repairs damage from injuries, illnesses, or birth defects. India, with its highly qualified medical professionals, advanced equipment, and cost-effective treatments, is well-positioned to take a giant leap in medical tourism. Treatment costs in India are about

one-fourth of those in the U.S., without compromising on quality. If India strategically strengthens this sector, patients will increasingly choose India over competitors like Thailand, Singapore, China, and Japan, which are also vying for medical tourists. Medical tourism is a multi-billion-dollar industry globally. To secure a larger share, India must develop internationally accredited hospitals and clinics, provide specialized care in fields like cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, and transplantation, and embrace telemedicine and digital healthcare services. India's millet-based therapies also offer a unique edge. Padma Shri awardee Dr. Khadar Vali claims that millet can cure even the most severe illnesses within six weeks to six months without any medication. Such unique approaches, along with robust policy support from the government, can further elevate India's medical tourism potential. Marketing campaigns, patient-centric packages, visa facilitation, language translation services, and accommodation arrangements can make India a more attractive destination for international patients. The figures speak for themselves—14 lakh foreign patients came to India for treatment in 2022. To meet the ambitious target of attracting 1 crore international patients annually by 2030, India must ensure world-class healthcare services and develop specific areas of expertise. With proper planning and execution, India can establish itself as a global hub for medical tourism.

Task Force meeting on Distressed Migration Labour under the Chairmanship of Deputy CM Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo

Bhubaneswar : (Correspondence) A meeting of the High Level Task Force constituted to solve the problem of distressed migration labourers was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Minister and the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment and Energy Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo today at Lok Seva Bhavan conference hall. Nudge Foundation, is an action institute working towards poverty-free India, and is keen to work towards solving the problem of distressed migration in Odisha. Earlier, this institution has successfully completed work in West Bengal



and Jharkhand. There are two main reasons why people prefer to go out on migration: firstly because of the expected higher earnings, and secondly because of the not feasible livelihood options available. A relatively large number of people from districts like Ganjam, Balangir, Kalahandi, Jharsuguda, Bargarh go to other states as laborers in search of livelihood and earnings. Among them,

people who go to other states from Ganjam district are mainly in the hope of earning more money are aspirational migration and from other districts in search of livelihood and to pay back the loans. This problem will be solved to some extent by providing all the facilities of sustainable livelihood in the state to the people who go out of the state in search of livelihood. Nudge Foundation will

provide people with means of livelihood according to the climate, environment and needs of the respective region. For this, the Nudge Foundation will first study the root causes and solutions in the migration-prone districts and Gram panchayats of Odisha. Based on the study, the future approach will be determined in consultation with the government, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Singh Deo said. Food Security, Social Security, Sustainable Livelihoods and Prospective Employment (Graduation Approach) can help to address this problem. Once the livelihoods are

provided, the Nudge Foundation will assess their financial and social status at regular intervals. Minister Shri Suresh Pujari suggested using cluster approach in panchayats or blocks where there is more migration happens. The other members of this task force Minister of Revenue & Disaster Management Shri Suresh Pujari, Minister of Rural Development, Panchayatraj & Drinking Water Shri Rabi Narayan Naik, Minister of Forest, Environment & Climate and Labour & ESI Shri Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia, DC cum ACS Smt Anu Garg, Principal Secretary Shri Saswat Mishra and other officials were present in the meeting.

Mahapurusha Achyutananda's servitor and IFFCO Paradeep's public relations officer, Prasanna Kumar Beura, was awarded an honorary doctorate

PARADEEP : (Correspondence) : Shri Prasanna Kumar Beura, the vice president of the Shri Mahapurusha Achyutananda Temple Construction committee, Nemalo and the public relations officer of the largest cooperative in the world, IFFCO Paradeep, received the esteemed PhD. At a grand event held at the Nehru Auditorium of the Prime Minister's Museum in the nation's capital, New Delhi, the World Culture and Environment Protection Commission presented Shri Beura with this esteemed award in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated commitment to the environment and society. With the assistance of IFFCO Paradeep, Shri Achyutananda Pitha Trust, and Charan Gosthi, Puri Shri Beura



provided people of Odisha the services needed during the covid 19 pandemic without considering his own life. In addition to this, he keeps propagating and promoting the Jagannath culture and doing several actions to conserve the environment in the Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Puri, and Jagatsinghpur areas. Chief Guest Acharya Esi Faudomont, the deputy speaker of the Tibetan Parliament, Sh Shri Pradeep Rana, the general secretary of the BJP Delhi were guests at the doctorate

presentation ceremony hosted by the World Heritage and Environment Protection Organisation in New Delhi. The ceremony was attended by over 350 members of the World Culture and Environment Protection Commission from all over the world. One hundred fifty people from throughout the world have received honorary doctorates in this program for their outstanding work in a diffrent of areas. With this accomplishment of Shri Beura's, there is a surge of joy and pride in Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, and Cuttack.

Vigilance raids at 11 places including the office of CSO Subarnapur

SUBARNAPUR : (Correspondence) : -- Vigilance department in action today Odisha vigilance has targeted another government official. The vigilance department raided the house of Subarnapur district civil supply officer (CSO) Suresh Panigrahi on the charge of misappropriation of assets. Vigilance has continued to raid Mr. Panigrahi's rented house and office in Sonepur since 9 pm yesterday. Raid is underway at 11 places in Bhubaneswar, Balangir, Subarnapur and Bargarh. The vigilance raid in Balangir is being carried out under the leadership of two Additional Superintendents of Police (SP), 3 DSPs, 7 inspectors and support staff on the basis of the warrant of the special judge (vigilance). The vigilance department has launched the raid after repeated complaints against Mr. Panigrahi. had. As of now the exact assets cannot be estimated as the raid is still underway. The places in were Mr. Panigrahi's residence in Tulasi Nagar Balangir town and Mr. Panigrahi's rented house in Sonepur town. His office room in Subarnapur. His father's house in Balanda, Bijepur, Bargarh. Rented flat in Mani Tribhuban Tower, Bhubaneswar. His relative's house in Tulasi Nagar, Balangir. His relative's rented house in Patia, Bhubaneswar. His relative's rented house in Gangadhar Sahi, Bargarh. A cement brick factory and agricultural land of his in Balanda, Bargarh district His another relative's house in Balanda, Bargarh.

Conference on Combating Malnutrition held in Malkangiri

Malkangiri : (Correspondence) : To address the pressing issue of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in Malkangiri, UNICEF, in collaboration with the district social welfare department (DSWD), organised a media roundtable that brought together a diverse group of media professionals, policymakers, and health experts. The aim of this event was to sensitise media professionals on this issue and highlight their crucial role in raising public awareness and



fostering community engagement to combat malnutrition in the region. Terescova Mallick, DSWO, Malkangiri, in her opening remark said "our goal is to create a lasting and sustainable impact in the fight against malnutrition. Severe Acute

Malnutrition remains a critical issue in Malkangiri with 46% stunted, 19% wasted and 52% underweight children (NFHS-5). Only through collaborative efforts, community-based programmes, and awareness campaigns, we could reach the

most vulnerable populations". UNICEF representatives shared details about the strategy adopted to manage SAM, outlining the district's approach to intervention Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee, Nutrition Specialist at UNICEF, shared insights into UNICEF's role in supporting Malkangiri's SAM management programmes. "UNICEF remains committed to supporting the Government of Odisha in tackling SAM.

Coerciveness of R&B Kalahandi shivers peoples trust

Dharamgarh : (Correspondence) The Manikeswari farmers association of Golamunda Block Rengasapali regionis in preparation for a grand agitation against a road construction executed by THAKUR BUILD TECH Bhawani Patna. It is known from a reliable sources that a developmental road construction of R&B Kalahandi is in progress from Borguda to Bad chergan connecting Karmat, Gunduri and Fatamunda Village of Golamunda block amounting an estimated cost of 46.69 core and up to a length of 26 kmtrs divided in two reach namely Rengasapali to Bad chergan

via Gunduri village. The affected tenants demands for compensation against land acquisitions. In this regard the farmers association has submitted a memorandum to sub collector Dharamgarh at his gravaince cell on dt.05.07. 2023. The people says the collector has assured for a proper justice but the R&B is deaf to lesin anything. Valuable trees are being cut down frequently with out making any valuation. The road work progressing in gratis. intellects of the area says on accounts of the acts of R&B is a open threat to democracy. The president of ma Manikeswari farmers association Mr

Submission of demand letter to MLA by private lecturer and staff union for full government grant

SUBARNAPUR : (Correspondence) : Odisha State Private Lecturer and Staff Association, Bhubaneswar, under the direction of the state president Biswaranjan Das, a week-long program of recommendation to the Chief Minister in 147 assembly constituencies of the state was held today in Birmaharajpur constituency of Subarnapur district. Subarnapur District Odisha State Private Lecturer and Staff Union MLA met Er. Raghunath Jagdala and requested the Chief Minister for a letter of



recommendation for grant from 2008 to 2018. The MLAs gave their consent for necessary cooperation and action for this. In the program organized under the leadership of Uddhaba Padhan, district coordinator of the association, Ulunda division coordinator

Sushanta Dehuri, lecturer Balamakunda Barik, Subarnapur division coordinator Chandrakanti Biswal, lecturer Purastam Meher, Bhubaneswar Sahu, lecturer Sandhyarani Guru and Saroj Kumar Bishi were prominently present.

Poverty-Stricken Rayagada Couple Sells 9-Day-Old Baby Girl for Rs 20,000: Child Presented Before CWC for Care and Protection

Rayagada : (Correspondence), a heartbreaking story of poverty emerged from Nuapada slum, just 10 km from the Rayagada district headquarters. Kumud Ganta (22) and Rahul Dhanabadi (25), a young couple from the Scheduled Caste community, allegedly sold their 9-day-old daughter to Koppala Rajasekhar and Nandini of Pedapenki village in Andhra Pradesh's Manyam district, with the help of an intermediary from Kothapeta village. Kumud, who works as a daily

laborer, and her husband, a truck helper, cited extreme poverty as the reason behind their decision. This is Kumud's second daughter, and the family, lacking a home of their own, resides in her brother's house. They do not possess a ration card under the Public Distribution System (PDS). Kumud admitted to receiving Rs. 20,000 from the adoptive couple. However, the adoption deed, created on November 11, was in violation of Section 56 of the Juvenile Justice Act,



2015, rendering it illegal and void. According to the JJ Act, adoption is only permitted for orphaned, abandoned, or surrendered children through a legal process involving the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS). The unauthorized adoption

deed flouts these provisions. Upon receiving a complaint from Childline, Priyadarshani Mahankud, a member of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), and Satapriya Pradhan from the District Child Protection Office, conducted an inquiry. Following their investigation, the

biological and adoptive parents were ordered to present the child before the CWC. The infant was produced last Wednesday and is now under the care of a Special Adoption Agency, receiving medical attention and protection. CWC Chairperson Bidulata Huika stated that the biological parents will be counseled to surrender the child for a legal adoption process in accordance with the JJ Act. "This case highlights the severe development gaps in Nuapada slum, where issues such as

land rights, housing, PDS, drinking water, drainage, health, and sanitation persist," said Shyam Kumar Dash, former President of the Rayagada College Students' Union. He also revealed another case of child sale involving medical staff at the Gunupur Sub-divisional Hospital. Dash warned that if corrective measures are not implemented, such incidents could become widespread across the district. The Rayagada Society for Fast Justice has urged District Collector Parul Patwari to address these issues promptly.

Bhadrak VAW Suspended Over Bribe Demands From Cyclone-Hit Farmers

Bhubaneswar: A Village Agriculture Worker (VAW) in Bhatapada panchayat under Chandbali block in Bhadrak district was placed under suspension after a video allegedly showing her demanding a bribe surfaced on social media. Bhagabati Kisan, the VAW, was suspended by the Chief District Agriculture Officer following the viral video of her demanding bribe from farmers who suffered loss in the Dana cyclone went viral on social media platforms. Kisan was reportedly demanding bribe from farmers to facilitate them with government assistance.

Pooja Hegde Gives A Glimpse Of 'Thalapathy 69' Shoot In Chennai

Pooja Hegde, who will next be seen in the upcoming film "Thalapathy 69", is currently filming the movie in Chennai. The actress will star alongside Thalapathy Vijay. Recently, Hegde took to her Instagram story to share a serene view of Chennai, where the team is shooting. She captioned the post, "Chennai Mornings Day 16," revealing that her day started early at 6:30 a.m., along with the hashtag #T69. Scheduled for release in October 2025 across multiple languages, including Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi, "Thalapathy 69" is set to be a monumental tribute to Vijay's legacy. The movie will be directed by H. Vinoth and produced by Venkat K. Narayana under KVN Productions. The film commenced with a traditional puja ceremony on October 4. The makers shared pictures of the cast and crew, captioning, "Pictures layum seri adha paathutu iruka unga face layum seri Happy Smiles irukunu we know #Thalapathy69Poojai stills SET 1 idho. Updates inum mudiyala.. SET 2 incoming" (Translation: "I know there are happy smiles by adding pictures and looking at your boss. Updates are still not complete... Set 2 Incoming"). The event gathered a remarkable ensemble of cast and crew, featuring Thalapathy Vijay, Bobby Deol, and Pooja Hegde. Thalapathy 69 also stars filmmaker-actor Gautham Vasudev Menon, National Award-winning actress Priyamani, veteran actor Prakash Raj, and 'Premalu' fame actor Mamitha Baiju. Meanwhile, Pooja Hegde has other upcoming films, including "Deva" and "Suriya 44." In "Deva", directed by Rosshan Andrews, the actress will share the screen with Shahid Kapoor. The first look of the film was unveiled in July this year, with the makers announcing, "Experience the exciting adrenaline rush of #Deva, as this power-packed action thriller hits theatres on 14th February 2025!" The film also stars Pavail Gulati in a pivotal role and is written and directed by Karthik Subbaraj.



Unique benefits of pet parenting for children



Pet parents have the unique privilege of playing two roles at once: they are parents to furry family members, who look after the pet's every need, and are also receivers of a variety of benefits that having a loving four-legged member provides. Building a relationship between pet parents and pets is about building love, trust, compassion and understanding. It is an extremely rewarding endeavour and is especially great for children.

The various benefits of having a pet for children.

1. Keeps stress away

Pets are a great way to teach a child to manage their emotions, especially when children are prone to anxiety or emotional outbursts. Children also learn to be compassionate and to understand and adapt to the needs of others. This is an important social skill they gain access to at a young age. Additionally, playing with a pet releases oxytocin and reduces cortisol, which helps manage anxiety and stress in both children and adults.

2. Makes for an active life

Children who have pets are more likely to engage in regular physical activity, such as walking or playing with their pets. This increased activity level helps maintain a healthy weight, improves cardiovascular health, and enhances physical fitness.

3. Greater communication skills

If your child grows up with a pet, they tend to have better social skills and higher levels of empathy compared to those without pets. Caring for a pet requires understanding and interpreting non-verbal cues, which promotes empathy and communication skills in children.

4. Reduces allergy risk

Contrary to common belief, exposure to pets during early childhood has been linked to a reduced risk of developing allergies and asthma. Research suggests that early exposure to pet dander and other allergens helps strengthen a child's immune system.

5. Promotes self-esteem

When a child is responsible for pet care tasks, such as feeding, grooming, and training, he/she develops a sense of competence and confidence in his/her abilities. Successfully meeting the needs of their pets can boost self-esteem and foster a sense of accomplishment in children.

6. Problem-solving skills

Interacting with pets has been shown to stimulate cognitive development in children. Pets offer opportunities for learning and problem-solving, as children must interpret the needs and behaviours of their pets. This hands-on experience improves critical thinking skills, decision-making abilities, and emotional intelligence.

5 Foods That May Help Your Body Deal With Pollution

We are often exposed to pollutants and toxins through air and water. Currently, poor air quality in several regions of India, especially Delhi, has raised health concerns. According to the World Health Organization, breathing in pollutants can lead to inflammation, oxidative stress, and immunosuppression throughout the body, impacting the lungs, heart, brain, and other organs. While preventive health measures, such as wearing protective masks and using air purifiers, can help, eating certain foods may also nourish and detoxify your body from within.



1. Eggplants

Eggplants are usually purple but can also be found in white. They may vary in size, from large ones to smaller 'baby eggplants.' According to Healing Foods by DK Publishing, eggplants contain beneficial amounts of antioxidants, potassium, folate, magnesium, beta-carotene and fibre. Consuming eggplants may help detox your body. Some studies suggest that eggplant can aid in removing harmful chemical substances from the body. It also promotes regular bowel movements and maintains water balance.

2. Garlic

Garlic is known for adding a flavorful kick to savoury dishes. Along with enhancing taste, garlic offers several health benefits. It contains sulphhydryl compounds, which help remove toxic substances, such as heavy metals, from the body and protect against organ damage. A 2012 study involving employees at a car battery plant found that garlic reduced lead levels in their blood by 19%. It also reduced other signs of toxicity, such as headaches and high blood pressure.

3. Mustard Greens

According to the Electronic Journal of Plant Breeding, peppery, crispy mustard greens are

among the most nutritious leafy vegetables available during the winter season. Fresh mustard greens are an excellent source of antioxidants like flavonoids and also have anti-inflammatory properties. The antioxidant beta-carotene and vitamins C and K help neutralize toxins and remove them from the body.

4. Tomatoes

Tomatoes are widely used in Indian cooking and are a great ingredient for detoxing your body. They are a good source of glutathione, which helps the body remove fat-soluble toxins, as explained in Healing Foods by DK Publishing. Lycopene, found in tomatoes, boosts immunity and lowers cholesterol. Homemade tomato juice and tomato salsa are healthy and delicious ways to include nutritional tomatoes in your diet.

5. Alfalfa Seeds

Alfalfa seeds are rich in nutrients and antioxidants, particularly chlorophyll, which helps remove toxins from the blood. Alfalfa seeds also have natural diuretic properties, which maintain water balance and help lower blood pressure. According to a 2020 study published in BioResearch Open Access, alfalfa seeds also support skin health. You can add these seeds to your diet by incorporating alfalfa sprouts into any meal.

Demystifying anemia: 7 lesser-known causes to be aware of

Anemia is a growing illness, observed in women. Characterised by fatigue, skin pallor, shortness of breath, lightheadedness, dizziness or a fast heartbeat, anemia happens when the number of red blood cells in the body reduces.

noted down the not-so-known causes:

Parasitic infections:

Parasitic infections such as malaria, ascariasis, ancylostomiasis and others deplete iron levels in the body, as the parasites feed on the host's blood, and cause inflammation which could hinder the body's ability to absorb nutrients.

Frequent pregnancies:

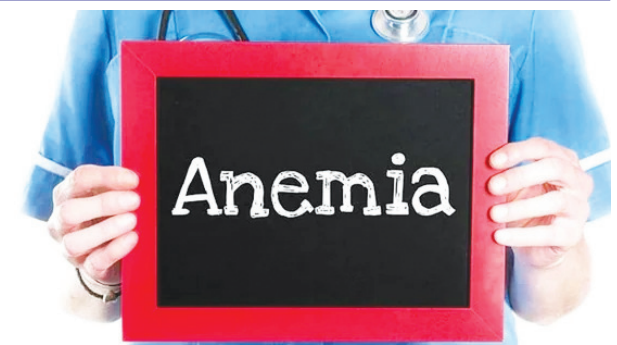
Frequent pregnancies can contribute to anemia because pregnancy requires extra iron and nutrients to support fetal growth and increased blood volume. Close back-to-back pregnancies can further strain the body, especially with blood loss during childbirth.

Overindulgence in alcohol:

Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to anemia by impairing the production of healthy blood cells and causing premature destruction of red blood cells. Avoiding alcohol and social settings that encourage drinking can help mitigate the risk.

Excessive menstrual bleeding:

Heavy menstrual bleeding, or menorrhagia, from



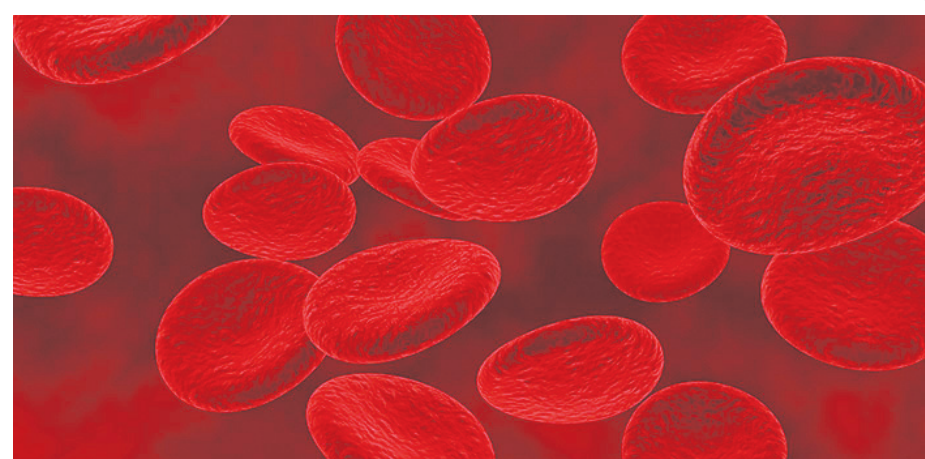
hormonal imbalances or uterine abnormalities can result in anemia, if it occurs persistently. Switch to a healthier lifestyle and keep a close eye on your blood levels, especially during periods, Dr Anura Kurpad added.

Vitamin B-12 and folate deficiency:

Vitamin B-12 and folate help to produce healthy red blood cells. Lack of these nutrients can result in low red blood cell count or growth of large abnormally shaped cells that are ineffective in transporting oxygen.

Lack of diet diversity:

A limited, monotonous diet combined with high consumption of processed foods and caffeine which inhibits iron absorption, can also lead to anemia. To counteract this, incorporate a variety of foods: consume heme iron (animal based) sources such as beef and poultry, and non-heme (plant-based) iron sources like lentils, spinach, and beans.



Exposure to pollution and chronic inflammation:

Another potential contributing factor to anemia is air pollution exposure, particularly PM 2.5, which has been shown to increase systemic inflammation, reduce iron absorption and affect red blood cell formation in the bone marrow.

Women's Asian Champions Trophy: Deepika's Goal Helps India Beat China To Defend Title, Claim Their Third Crown Overall

Rajgir (Bihar): India secured the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 title with a hard-fought 1-0 victory against China in the final here on Wednesday. Deepika's decisive back-handed strike in the third quarter proved to be the difference, as the hosts defended their lead resolutely to claim their second consecutive title. Overall, this is the third time that India have won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy, joining South Korea as the most successful team in the competition. After their maiden triumph in 2016 in Singapore, the Indian women's team won their second title

in Ranchi in 2023 and have now followed it up with victory in Rajgir on Wednesday. India have claimed silver medals twice in 2013 and 2018 and bronze in 2010. The match on Wednesday saw both teams trade blows in the first half but India upped the intensity in the second session and a goal from Deepika in the 31st minute ensured India defended their Asian Champions Trophy title. Hockey India declared a reward of ₹3 lakh each for all players and ₹1.5 lakh each for all support staff following the Indian women's hockey team's triumphant victory, Hockey India announced on the occasion. Adding to this moment, the Asian Hockey Federation



(AHF) announced a reward for podium finishers for the very first time in the competition's history. India will receive a substantial cash prize of USD 10,000, while China and Japan will be awarded USD 7,000 and USD 5,000 respectively. In the final, both teams fiercely contested every inch of

territory as the game began, trading circle entries without managing any shots on goal. It was an intense, end-to-end battle, but neither side could find the finishing touch for most of the quarter. In the final minutes of the quarter, India strung together a series of quick passes to penetrate the shooting

circle. However, the Chinese defense stayed resilient, closely marking the forwards and preventing any clear goal-scoring opportunities, and the first quarter ended goalless. In the second quarter, Paris Olympic Games silver medalist China took the initiative and earned a penalty

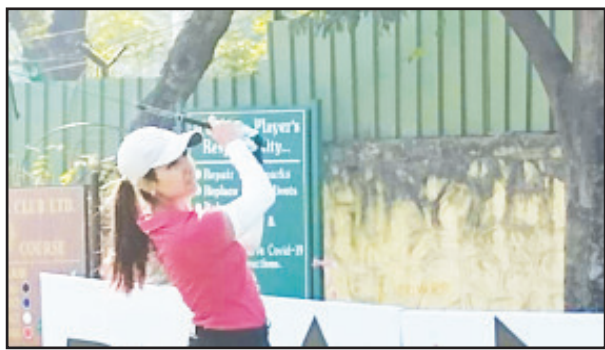
corner two minutes in, but Bichu Devi showcased her catlike reflexes by leaping high to swat away a close-range shot from Jinzhuang Tan. India immediately responded by earning a penalty corner in the very next minute, but Deepika's drag flick was brilliantly saved by the Chinese goalkeeper Surong Wu. Both teams traded another set of penalty corners, yet neither could find the back of the net. The game continued to be an intense, end-to-end battle, with neither side willing to give an inch. As a result, the first half ended with the score still locked at 0-0. Within seconds of the second half India earned another penalty corner, after a

missed trap, Navneet passed to Deepika on the left wing of the circle, who found the bottom right corner of the goal with a harrowing reverse shot and granted India the lead in the game. In search of a second goal, India pressed higher and pegged China back into their own half. With three minutes left in the quarter, China began rotating the ball along the backline to gain control but India won the ball and set Deepika on a counter. She stepped up to take a penalty stroke after she was fouled but her low shot was saved by Ting Li on the line to keep China in the game. As the final quarter began, China showed greater resolve, pressing

forward with determination. However, India quickly regained control, pushing China back and earning a penalty corner within two minutes but Sushila's shot was easily kicked away by Surong Wu in goal. China then rallied and intensified their pursuit of an equaliser, but the Indian defense remained impenetrable, effectively shutting down all avenues for China's attacks. In the end, India's exemplary defense ensured they clinched their third Asian Champions Trophy title with a hard-fought 1-0 victory. Japan, who lost to India 2-0 in the semifinals, defeated Malaysia 4-1 in the playoff to bag the bronze medal in the event.

WPGT 2024: Nayanika Takes 1-Shot Lead Over Hitaashee, Jasmine In 15th Leg

Hyderabad: Nayanika Sanga, who is looking for her maiden win on the Women's Pro Golf Tour (WPGT), took a slender one-shot lead after the first day in the 15th and final leg of the Tour at the Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club here on Wednesday. Nayanika, 20, had seven birdies, including three in a row on the back nine from the 11th to the 13th. Her 4-under 68 gave her a one-shot edge over last week's winners, Hitaashee Bakshi (69) and Jasmine Shekar (69). Four players, Amandeep Drall, Gaurika Bishnoi, and



Sneha Singh, alongside Sri Lankan amateur Kaya Daluwatte were tied for fourth place with cards of 2-under 70 each. Nayanika, who turned pro in 2022, had an early bogey on the second, but birdies on the fourth and the eighth ensured she turned in 1-under. A bogey on the tenth pulled her back to even

par, but a hat-trick of birdies from the 11th to the 13th and two more on the 15th and 18th with a bogey in between on the 16th saw her finish at 68. Hitaashee had a bogey early on the second hole but birdies on the fifth, seventh, and ninth holes saw her turn in a healthy 2-under 34. On the back

nine, she birdied the 11th and 15th and dropped a shot on the Par-4 13th. Jasmine Shekar made a superb start with four birdies in the first seven holes, but then three bogeys against one birdie between the ninth and the 13th saw her fall back. A closing birdie on the 18th ensured she finished with 69 and was still close to the leader. Khushi Khanijau (71) was the sole eighth while four others including Vidhatri Urs, Anvitha Narender, Seher Atwal, and amateur Srihita Mandava were tied ninth with scores of 1-over 73 each.

Hardik Pandya Reclaims No. 1 T20I All-Rounder Spot in ICC Rankings

Mumbai: Hardik Pandya has regained the top spot as the premier T20I all-rounder in the latest ICC rankings. Concurrently, the emerging star Tilak Varma has impressively broken into the top 10 batters, bolstering India's standing in the rankings. Pandya overtook England's Liam Livingstone and Nepal's Dipendra Singh Airee to reclaim the leading position. His remarkable performance in India's four-match series



against South Africa, where he excelled with both bat and ball, was pivotal in his ascent to the top. At the age of 31, Pandya continues to demonstrate his all-round prowess on the global stage. Hardik Pandya's versatile

talent was key to India's dominant 3-1 series victory over South Africa. His undefeated 39 runs in the second match steadied India's innings at a critical juncture, despite India's loss as South Africa

successfully chased the target. His frugal bowling figures of 1/8 in three overs in the decisive fourth match secured the series win for India. This outstanding performance enabled Pandya to reclaim the number one position in the ICC Men's T20I all-rounder rankings, marking the second occasion the Indian ace has achieved this feat, having first ascended to the top following the ICC Men's T20 World Cup earlier in the year.

Davis Cup: I'm Not Here To Retire, Says Nadal

Malaga: Rafael Nadal has said that he is focusing on helping the team win the Davis Cup in the final tournament of his illustrious career and is not paying much attention to his retirement. Nadal has confirmed the Davis Cup will be the final event of his remarkable career which saw him win 22 Grand Slam titles. "I'm not here to retire. I'm here to help the team win. It's my last week in a team competition and the most important thing is to help the team," Nadal told reporters on Monday. The former World No. 1 has played only seven tournaments this year after battling injuries over the past couple of seasons. He last competed at the Paris Olympics, where he fell in the second round to Novak Djokovic. "The emotions will

come at the end. Before and after I will be focused on what I have to do. I feel good. I've been thinking about it for quite some time. I've been trying to give myself a chance and I decided over time. I'm enjoying the week, I'm not paying much attention to the retirement thing," he added. Spain, which have won six Davis Cup titles—four of which Nadal has played a part in—will face the Netherlands in the quarterfinals on Tuesday. If Spain beat the Netherlands, they will be up against Germany or Canada on Friday. The final takes place on Sunday. A 92-time tour-level champion, who spent 209 weeks at No. 1 in the ATP Rankings, Nadal has been one of the leading lights on the ATP Tour since turning pro in 2001.

New Delhi: While all the focus of IPL teams has been on planning their IPL 2025 mega auction strategy, the Royal Challengers Bengaluru have also been building up the potential and skills of their current players in both men's and women's teams. "Our camps are about more than just player evaluation—they're about building potential. By analysing current players and inviting promising talent from across the country, we form a solid team structure and boost every player's game. It isn't something

that happens only once a year; we try to do it as many times as possible," said Malolan Rangarajan, RCB head of scouting and assistant coach in women's team, in a franchise statement. One of the big examples coming out of players benefitting from RCB pre-season camps has been right-handed batter Rajat Patidar, who made his India ODI debut in South Africa in December 2023 and went on to make a Test debut this year against England. "The RCB scouting team closely followed my

domestic performances for a couple of years before bringing me into the team. The training camps weren't just about practice—they were crucial in refining my game, boosting my confidence, and helping me realize my potential." "The coaches and management were always there to guide and support me, giving me clarity on my role within the team and strengthening my self-belief. All of this played a huge part in what I've been able to achieve for both the team and my own game," he said.

China Masters: P.V. Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, Malvika Bansod Advance To Second Round

Shenzhen (China): India's badminton stars P.V. Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, and Malvika Bansod advance to the second round of the China Masters, a BWF World Tour Super 750 tournament, here on Wednesday. In the men's singles, Lakshya Sen recorded a significant victory against Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia in a rematch of their bronze-

medal clash from the Paris Olympics. This time, the Indian emerged victorious, winning 21-14, 13-21, 21-13 in 57 minutes. The triumph ended Lakshya's winless streak of four tournaments since the Paris Games and sets him up for a tough round-of-16 matchup against either Denmark's Rasmus Gemke or Japan's Kenta Nishimoto. Malvika



Bansod also impressed, surviving a grueling one-hour-14-minute thriller against Denmark's Line Kjaersfeldt. The Indian

shuttler triumphed 20-22, 23-21, 21-16 in a closely fought match, displaying remarkable grit and determination. She will

face Thailand's Supanida Katethong in the next round. Two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu showcased her dominance, defeating Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan 21-17, 21-19 in a 50-minute contest. This marked Sindhu's 20th win in 21 encounters against the world No. 11, further cementing her head-to-head supremacy.

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BOIED visits Odisha

Bhubaneswar (Correspondence): Bank of India, a premier Bank having business mix of 13.6 lakh Crore and branch network of more than 5100 is opening its new Asset Recovery Branch in Cuttack. On this eve Bank of India Executive Director "Rajiv Mishra" is visiting Odisha to inaugurate the branch. He will interact with New to Bank and other customers. He will also interact with all the four Zones of FGMO Bhubaneswar and share his insights.



Reserve Bank of India conducts MSME Town Hall meeting in Balangir



Bhubaneswar (Correspondence): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Bhubaneswar Regional Office has conducted a Town Hall meeting on MSME related issues in Balangir district on November 19, 2024 (Tuesday) with an objective to reaching out to MSME entrepreneurs, create awareness of banking facilities and linking them to formal banking system. The meeting was chaired by Dr Sarada Prasan Mohanty, Regional Director, RBI Bhubaneswar and attended by Smt. Anita Patnaik, General Manager, RBI, Shri Gaurav Shivajisalwar, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Balangir, Shri Goutam Patra, GM-cum-Convener, SLBC Odisha, Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha, DGM (B&O), SBI, Sambalpur Module, Shri Surya Kanta Dash, Chairman, Utkal Grameen Bank, Shri Bishnu Prasad Dash, GM DIC, Balangir. More than 200 participants from MSME associations i.e., OASME, OIA, UCCI, Industry Federation, 3 AgriFPOs, and other entrepreneurs of the district including DDM NABARD, Regional Managers & other officers of major banks in Balangir district participated in the programme. An interactive session for MSME entrepreneurs was also organized at the end of the meeting, where participants asked their queries and shared their feedback on the problems faced by them in accessing bank finance and other related issues. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the dignitaries and the participants.

KIIT School of Law Repeats History, Wins 37th BCI Moot Court Competition

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondence): KIIT School of Law has once again showcased its academic excellence by winning the prestigious 37th Bar Council of India National All India Inter-University Moot Court Competition, held from 15th to 17th November 2024 at Karnavati University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It won a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh. It holds the distinction of being the first private institution to clinch this coveted title.



This achievement becomes even more remarkable as the school, established in 2007, has won this championship for the 3rd time—an extraordinary feat rarely accomplished by law schools in the country, marking a historic milestone. This victory stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work and skill of the future legal eagles, as well as the unwavering guidance and support of the faculty. Praising the students for the achievement, the Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta said that it was a matter of pride and glory for India and especially for Odisha to win the BCI Moot Court Competition three times. Dr. Samanta congratulated the students of KIIT law School for this success. He hoped the students would continue to strive for greater success and set new benchmarks in the years to come.

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Direct Tax Collections Poised To Surpass Budget Target For 2024-25

New Delhi: The Income Tax Department expects to surpass the direct tax collection target of Rs 22.07 lakh crore fixed in the Union Budget for the current financial year, according to Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman Ravi Agarwal. Agarwal told journalists collections from corporate and non-corporate taxes have risen and the Income Tax Department believes that it will cross the budget target for the second year in a row. This

reflects the strong fiscal position of the country driven by robust economic growth. India's net direct tax collections, comprising corporate tax and personal income tax, shot up by a robust 15.4 per cent to Rs 12.1 lakh crore, from April 1 to November 10 during the current financial year, according to the latest figures released by the CBDT. On a gross basis, direct taxes surged by over 21 per cent to Rs 15 lakh crore on a gross basis during the period.

Indian Economy Capable Of Handling Global Shocks: RBI Governor

Kochi: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that the Indian economy is strong enough to handle any adverse fallout from global events. "Today, the growth of the Indian economy presents a picture of stability and strength," Das said while addressing an event at the launch of the Kochi International Foundation here. The country's external sector is also strong and the current account deficit (CAD) has remained within manageable limits as it presently stands at 1.1 per cent of GDP. Earlier, in 2010 and 2011, it was in the range of six to seven per cent, he added. The central bank chief also pointed out that India has one of the largest foreign exchange reserves in the world at about \$675 billion. He further stated that the country's inflation was expected to be moderate despite periodic humps. India's inflation rose to 6.2 per cent in October from 5.5 per cent in September because of food inflation, he said. Referring to inflation

as an elephant in the room, Das remarked: "Now the elephant has gone out of the room for a walk, then it will go back to the forest." He also pointed out that when the Ukraine war started, inflation went up but the RBI followed the right monetary policy, unlike some other countries, and succeeded in keeping the price spiral in check. "What we did not do in India is also important. RBI did not print notes because if we start printing notes the problems we are trying to resolve will expand and go beyond handling. In many countries the inflation was deep-rooted but ours is moderating," he added. "We kept our interest rate 4 per cent, therefore making our recovery much easier," he pointed out. Das also highlighted how the RBI is bringing about a transformational change in credit delivery, especially to small entrepreneurs and farmers, through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) launched recently.

JSWBPSL Hosts Inspiring Wellness Session on Inner Strength and Work-Life Balance

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondence): JSWBPSL organized a transformative wellness session titled "Leaving Peaceful in Pandemonium" designed to enhance the well-being of employees and township residents on 17th November 2024. The session was led by BK Aditi Didi, a renowned motivational speaker from the Brahma Kumaris in Mount Abu, alongside her team, including BK Rashmi, BK Sima, BK Amrut, and BK Tapan. Guests were warmly welcomed and honored by Mrs. Neelam Singh, President of the Akanksha Ladies Club, JSWBPSL, and was also attended by key dignitaries, including Mr. Vikash Jain, Zonal Head, Downstream,



a harmonious work-life balance. BK Aditi Didi shared practical strategies for maintaining calm and resilience in stressful situations, contributing to improved mental and emotional well-being for all participants. The event was graced by Mrs. Neelam Singh, President of the Akanksha Ladies Club, JSWBPSL, and was also attended by key dignitaries, including Mr. Vikash Jain, Zonal Head, Downstream, Mrs. & Mr. JP Singh, Head HR, Mrs. & Mr. Manoj Singh, VP, General Administration and many residents of JSWBPSL Township and other guests. This initiative underscores JSWBPSL's commitment to fostering the health and happiness of its employees and residents, promoting a balanced and peaceful lifestyle. The session was organized and coordinated by Mr. Manoj Kr Singh, VP of Administration.

RPDAC Meetings Successfully Held for JSP Industry and Coal Mines at Angul

Angul, (Correspondence): The second Rehabilitation and Periphery Development Advisory Committee (RPDAC) of Jindal Steel & Power's (JSP) Utkal B1, B2, and C Coal Mines and seventh RPDAC meeting of JSP Industry were successfully conducted in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan & Hon'ble MLA Shri Agasti Behera in Angul's Circuit House under the chairmanship of Shri Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, IAS, Revenue Divisional Commissioner (Northern Division). The meeting was attended by Angul Collector and District Magistrate Shri Abdaal M. Akhtar, IG Police Sri Satyabrata



Bhoi, Superintendent of Police Shri Rahul Jain, IPS; Land Acquisition Officer Shri Jayakrushna Patra, OAS; Sub-Collector Shri Baranyendu Mohanty, OAS(S); and several other senior government officials. Also present were Zilla Parishad Chairperson Ms. Babita Pradhan; Chhendipada Block Chairperson Ms. Sumitra Sahoo; representatives of project-affected villagers and senior executives from JSP headed by the

Executive Director and Location Head Mr. Pankaj Malhan, The meeting, conducted in a peaceful and cooperative atmosphere focused upon addressing various issues related to JSP's Coal Mines and the Plant Representatives of the periphery villages attending the session while expressing their full support for the mining and plant operation by JSP expressed the need for speedier implementation of Rehabilitation measures with fair

compensation. JSP solicited full cooperation of the local community in its efforts to transform the steel plant into the world's largest single-location steel plant by 2030 and simultaneously improve the local prosperity and quality of life on a sustainable basis. Union Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, who participated in the RPDAC meeting in the capacity of the Member of Parliament of Sambalpur advised the Dist Administration

and the Company officials to add synergy to the ongoing development initiatives through constant dialogues and unanimity. "We are grateful to people of Angul for their consistent support to JSP in accelerating industry-led social prosperity. We are committed to working with local people and Dist Admin for inclusive development of this geography. We are immensely thankful to Hon'ble Union Minister Hon'ble Sri Dharmendra Pradhan Ji and MLA (Chhendipada) Honble Sri Agasti Behera Ji for their invaluable guidance to translate our vision of building a better tomorrow of People Angul and Odisha" said Sri Pankaj Malhan, Executive Director, JSP Angul.

Share Market Shut For Trading On Account Of Maharashtra Election

Mumbai: The Indian stock market was shut on Wednesday due to Maharashtra assembly elections. It lost spectacular gains after witnessing a tremendous surge on Tuesday amid fresh Russia-Ukraine tensions. All segments, including equity, derivative and securities lending and borrowing (SLB) will remain closed. Apart from this, the public holidays will also be for capital markets, futures and option divisions. Earlier, the market was closed on the occasion of Lakshmi Puja on November 1 and Guru Nanak Jayanti on November 15. The Indian equity markets snapped a seven-day losing streak and ended higher in the volatile session on November 19, with the Nifty at 23,500 amid buying seen in the auto, realty

and media, due to fresh tensions between Ukraine and Russia. Sensex closed with a gain of 239 points due to heavy profit booking in the last hour of trading. Sensex traded with a gain of over 1,100 points during intra-day trading. The market witnessed a major reversal when reports emerged of the Ukrainian Armed Forces launching their first ATACMS missile attack on the Russian border region, following which the Kremlin warned of dire consequences. Meanwhile, the market witnessed heavy buying in the media sector. Nifty Media registered a gain of 2.45 per cent. Heavy buying was seen in the media sector. Nifty Media registered a gain of 2.45 per cent. Sensex closed at 77,578.38 after gaining 239.37

points or 0.31 per cent and Nifty closed at 23,518.50 with a gain of 64.70 points or 0.28 per cent. Experts said that technically, index on a daily scale has formed a doji candle, indicating uncertainty. The high of the doji candle is approaching the 23,780 level. Thus, 23,780-23,800 will serve as critical resistance for the index. On the downside, the 50-Weekly simple moving average (WSMA) is placed near 23,300, which will provide short-term support for the index. Overall, the short-term trend is down till index remains below 23,800, said experts. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 3,411 crore on November 19, while domestic institutional investors bought equities worth Rs 2,783 crore on the same day.