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## President Murmu unveils Special Commemorative Stamp, Coin to honour Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondence): The Ministry of Culture, on the 125th birth anniversary of Utkal Keshari Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab, organized a special commemoration program, today, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. It was graced by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, in the presence of Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, and Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, the Chief Minister of Odisha. The year-long nationwide commemoration will highlight and celebrate the significant contributions of Dr.



Harekrushna Mahtab as a freedom fighter, a prolific writer, a statesman, historian, journalist and the architect of modern Odisha through a series of events, lectures, exhibitions, seminars and more. A special exhibition showcasing Dr Mahtab's life journey by Lalit Kala Akademi was displayed at the venue. The exhibition was created by a group of over 15 artists from Odisha as a tribute to Dr Harekrushna's legacy, his initial life,

contribution to freedom struggle and towards the state of Odisha. The exhibition and the paintings were appreciated by the Hon'ble President for its detailing, vibrancy & creativity. The artists also got an opportunity to interact with the President & click photos. Additionally, a short film was also presented, illuminating the life of Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab and offering the audience a deeper insight into his significant contributions and enduring legacy.

## Singapore Visit Bolsters Odisha's Global Investment & Development Prospects

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha delegation, led by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, concluded its four-day visit to Singapore, marking a significant milestone in the state's efforts to attract global investments and establish strategic partnerships across key sectors. The visit, supported by Enterprise Singapore (ESG), the High Commission of India (HCI) in Singapore, Invest India, and FICCI, featured over 25 high-level B2G and G2G meetings, roundtables, interactive sessions, and site visits, paving the way for transformative growth opportunities. Roadshow and Investor Engagements: The flagship investor



roadshow attracted over 400 participants from diverse sectors, including representatives from industry associations like SICCI, Singapore Business Federation, and Singapore Manufacturing Federation. Companies from Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan actively participated, showcasing strong interest in Odisha's industrial potential. Skill Development Initiatives: Discussions at the Institute of Technical

Education and Education Services (ITEES) highlighted plans for Phase 2 of the World Skill Centre (WSC) in Odisha, including the introduction of cutting-edge courses in AI, ML, AR, VR, and additive manufacturing. Long-term internships for WSC graduates in Singapore were also explored. Petrochemicals and Green Energy: The delegation visited the Jurong Petrochemicals Complex (JPC), gaining insights into integrated industrial planning to model Odisha's PCPIR

at Paradip. Companies like Sembcorp and Linde expressed keen interest in upcoming developments at Paradip. Ports and Logistics: The visit to Port of Singapore Authority and TUAS Port emphasized modern port-based logistics. Companies like AP Moller Maersk and Vopak showcased interest in ship recycling, container manufacturing, and multimodal logistics (MML) operations. These engagements reinforced Odisha's vision to become a logistics hub in Eastern India. Semiconductor Ecosystem Development: The visit to a marquee semiconductor equipment manufacturing company PEP

Innovation Private Ltd provided insights into the requirements of a well functional electronics and semiconductor park. Learnings from these visits and interactions with companies operating in this sphere will be used while planning electronics and semiconductor parks in Odisha. Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions (MICE) Opportunities: The visit to Suntec Convention Centre highlighted requirements for establishing an integrated MICE zone. Plans for a world-class exhibition centre in Bhubaneswar were discussed to position Odisha as a premier MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences Exhibitions) destination.

## 38 Killed In Attack On Passenger Vehicles In Pakistan



Islamabad: At least 38 people were killed and 11 others injured in firing on three passenger coaches in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Thursday. The incident happened in the tribal district of Kurram where the vehicles carrying Shiite Muslims were targeted, the official sources told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The passengers were on the way to the Parachinar area of the district, from the country's east Punjab province when they were attacked, Xinhua news agency reported. The killed and injured included women and kids, the sources said. The injured people have been shifted to a nearby hospital. President Asif Ali Zardari has condemned the attack and directed the arrest of the perpetrators of the attack at the earliest.

## Maha Exit Polls: Axis My India Predicts Majority For Maha Yuti, Setback For MVA

New Delhi: A day after voting ended in the Maharashtra Assembly elections, the Axis My India released its exit poll outcome on Thursday evening, predicting a significant victory for the "Maha Yuti" alliance comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde faction), and Ajit Pawar's NCP. The poll suggests that Mahayuti could win a substantial majority, while the "Maha Vikas Aghadi" (MVA) alliance is expected to face a setback. The Exit Polls predicted that the Mahayuti could get



between 178-200 seats out of the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly. In contrast, the MVA, consisting of Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT), and Sharad Pawar's NCP, is projected to win between 82 and 102 seats. The "Others" category is estimated to win between 6 and 12 seats. In terms of vote

share, the Axis My India exit poll predicts that Mahayuti will receive 48 per cent of the vote, while MVA is expected to secure 37 per cent. Breaking down the individual performance of the parties, the BJP is projected to win between 98-107 seats, while Shiv Sena (Shinde faction) could secure

53-58 seats, and NCP (Ajit Pawar) is expected to win between 25-30 seats. For the MVA, Congress is predicted to win 28-36 seats, Shiv Sena (UBT) could secure 26-32 seats, and NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) is expected to win between 26-30 seats. When asked about the preferred choice for the Chief Minister's position, 31 per cent of respondents favoured Eknath Shinde, while 18 per cent chose Uddhav Thackeray, and 12 per cent preferred Devendra Fadnis.

## Blanket Of Smog Continues In Delhi, AQI 'Very Poor'

New Delhi: A layer of smog blanketed Delhi on Thursday morning, as the air quality index (AQI) was at 389 at 7.15 a.m., falling into the "very poor" category. However, some areas continued to have severe air pollution levels. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, in 12 areas of Delhi, the AQI level remained between 400 and 500. It was 408 in Alipur, 405 in Anand Vihar, 414 in Ashok Vihar, 418 in Bawana, 401 in Dwarka Sector 8, 435 in Jahangirpuri, 413 in Mundka, 411 in Nehru Nagar, 407 in Punjabi Bagh, 407 in Rohini, 412 in Shadipur, and

Wazirpur remains at 436 level. Whereas in 26 areas of the national capital, the AQI level remained above 300 and between 400. It was 369 in Aya Nagar, 339 in Chandni Chowk, 343 in Mathura Road, 368 in Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, 360 in DTU, 370 in IGI Airport, 341 in Dilshad Garden, 365 in ITO, 354 in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. At Lodhi Road the air pollution level was 335, Major Dhyanchand Stadium 372 and Mahendra Marg 365. The levels were 366 in Najafgarh, 395 in Narela, 356 in North Campus DU, 365 in NSIT Dwarka, 389 in Okhla Phase 2, 381 in

Patparganj, 365 in Pusha, 389 in RK Puram, 373 in Siri Fort, and 394 in Sonia Vihar. An AQI is considered "poor" between '200 and 300', "very poor" at '301 and 400', "severe" at '401-450', and 450 and above is "severe plus." On Wednesday, the AQI was registered under the "severe" category and slightly improved in several areas on Thursday. The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Delhi government as to how the ban on bursting firecrackers in the national capital to curb air pollution was flouted during Diwali celebrations.

## India slams Canadian media report over killing of Hardeep Nijjar

New Delhi: India on Wednesday dismissed a Canadian media report as a "smear campaign" that claimed that the Indian prime minister was aware of an alleged plot to assassinate Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal criticised the report, which quoted an unnamed Canadian official, labelling the claims as "ludicrous statements" deserving outright rejection.

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already strained ties between India and Canada. He was addressing media queries about the report published in the Canadian newspaper The Globe and Mail. The report, published in The Globe and Mail, cited inputs from a senior national security official and alleged that India's national security advisor (NSA) and external affairs minister were also aware of the purported plot.

## PM Modi Conferred With Guyana's 'The Order Of Excellence', Dedicates It To People Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Guyana's highest civilian honour, 'The Order of Excellence', by President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, for his visionary statesmanship, championing the rights of developing countries on the global stage, exceptional service to the global community and for his commitment to strengthening India-Guyana relations. While accepting the award, PM Modi dedicated the honour to the people



of India and the deep-rooted historical ties between the people of the two countries. He emphasized that his state visit is a testament to India's continued commitment towards deepening India-Guyana

ship. Prime Minister Modi is only the fourth foreign leader to be conferred with the highest National award of Guyana. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal in a post on X said, "Another feather in the cap for India! President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali of Guyana conferred PM Narendra Modi with the highest national award of Guyana 'The Order of Excellence', for his exceptional service to the global community,

statesmanship and contribution in deepening India-Guyana ties." The ceremony was held at the State House in Georgetown, Guyana. On this occasion, Guyana's President Mohamed Irfaan Ali said that technology, innovation and digitization must not be used to widen the gap between the countries and these advancements must be made to reduce the gap and poverty and bring the world closer together.



125th State Level Jayanti Celebration of Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab

## Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi raised in Odisha Ratna

Bhubaneswar: (Correspondent) :- The creator of Naba Utkal and the soul of Odisha, Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab who showed a special vision to Odisha. The state-level 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Harekrishna Mahatab has been held at PMG Chowk in Bhubaneswar. Tirupati Panigrahi has been promoted as Odisha Ratna for global change in education and health sector in Odisha. Tirupati Panigrahi's life style is very popular in Odisha's Purapalli, especially in Paralakhemundi. Tirupati Panigrahi, after being elevated, said in reply, "The award provides a way to move forward and provides motivation which every human being in the society should have and I have always been serving the people throughout my life. This Odisha Ratna Award belongs to the people of Odisha and not to me." While speaking, the guest of honor was former Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan, former MLA Suresh Kumar Routray praised Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi for his life of such dedication.



## Bharat Masala Day 5 Lucky Draw in Baliyatra

### Manisha, Prakash, Mir Zamir and Purnachandra were the lucky winners



Cuttack: (Correspondent):- Bharat Masala has announced the lucky winners of the fifth day of the lucky draw held at the Bali Yatra field. The first lucky winner was Manisha Das of Bhubaneswar Unit-8 who won a Micro Oven, the second winner was Prakash Behera of Cuttack CDA Sector-7 who won Racing By Cycle, the third winner was Mir Zameer of Bhubaneswar Bedapur who won a bowl set, the fourth winner was Tangi Haldibasant village of Cuttack. Purnachandra Dutta who won the frying pan expressed his happiness. Today's lucky draw winners were awarded by the chief guest Dr. Jayant Kumar Panda, Head of Department of Surgery, Sriram Chandrabhanja Medical College and Hospital, and Surendra Nath Panda, Chairman of Bharat Masala, as honored guests and distributed the lucky winner prizes. GM Operations Arun Kumar Nayak, GM Production All employees of Bharat Masala Company including Nabakrushna Pradhan, PRO SN Millennium were present.

## ProPack Odisha 2024 and Odisha Plast 2024 kickstart at Janata maidan Bhubaneswar

Odisha's largest expo to showcase Revolutionize Plastic, Printing, and Packaging Industries

Bhubaneswar, November 20, 2024: Odisha's largest expo of the plastic, printing, packaging, food processing and allied industries ProPack Odisha 2024 and Odisha Plast 2024 kickstarts today at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar. This four-day mega event from 21st to 24th November 2024, jointly organized by the Odisha Assembly of Small & Medium Enterprises (OASME) and Futurex Trade Fair and Events Pvt. Ltd., highlighting the cutting-edge



advancements in the related sectors. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister Gokulnanda Mallick, Hon'ble Minister of State, Fisheries & Animal Resources, Odisha, Sri Bibhuti Bhushan Das, Special Secretary, MSME

Department, Govt. of Odisha, Sri Swami Prem Anweshi, MD & Chairman, Futurex, Sri Gauri Sankar Dash, Chairman, OASME, Sri Satwik Swain, Secretary General (Hony.) of OASME and all the members of OASME were present on this occasion. Supported by

the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, and the MSME Department, Government of Odisha, the 3rd edition of ProPack Odisha 2024 and 2nd edition of Odisha Plast 2024 event featuring over 250 national and international exhibitors, displaying more than 3,000 innovative products. The event provides a platform for businesses, entrepreneurs, and industry experts to explore collaborations, share knowledge, and address key industry challenges.

## India's Economic Activity Growth Reaches 8-Month High In October: Report

Mumbai: The growth in economic activity in India improved markedly to an eight-month high of 10.1 per cent in October from 6.6 per cent in September, despite an unfavourable base, according to a report on Thursday. The strengthening in growth momentum was led by the favourable impact of the departure of monsoon on sectors like mining and electricity, healthy demand during the festive season that boosted vehicle registrations, fuel consumption, air travel and the surge in exports, said the report by credit rating agency ICRA. "The early data for

November appears upbeat, with a base-effect led rise in electricity demand growth and a continued festive boost in vehicle registrations," the report mentioned. The economic activity growth was led by an improvement in 10 of the 16 indicators. The ICRA 'Business Activity Monitor' surged by 9.9 per cent month-on-month in October, higher than 6.5 per cent growth seen in October 2023, partly led by an early onset of the festive season. This is the highest sequential growth in any month since March 2023 (+10.5 per cent). As per the Vahan data, the

average daily vehicle registrations jumped to 108.4k units during November 1-18, surpassing the full-month average of 96.4k units (previous peak) as well as 92.0k units, respectively, in November 2023 and October 2024. This was majorly boosted by the festive season demand, that ended on November 13. ICRA believes that the daily average registrations will normalise by the end of the month. Besides, electricity demand growth improved to 3.2 per cent during November 1-17 from 1.1 per cent in October, partly supported by a favourable base.

## Manipur: Cash, Jewellery, Relief Items Looted From MLA's Residence By Mob

Imphal: A mob vandalised a Manipur MLA's residence and also looted Rs 18 lakh cash, and jewellery items worth Rs 1.5 crore from there, police said on Thursday. A police official said that the mother of Janata Dal-United MLA Khumukcham Joykishan Singh has lodged a complaint at the Imphal Police Station alleging that Rs 18 lakh in cash and jewellery items worth Rs 1.5 crore were looted by a mob that vandalised the legislator's residence on November 16. As per the FIR, many other items kept at Singh's residence in West Imphal district's Thangmeiband area for displaced people sheltered in relief camps were also destroyed during the attack, the official said. On the day of the attack, the MLA was in Delhi in connection with medical treatment for one of his family members. A relief camp was set up at the Tombisana Higher Secondary School at Thangmeiband a few metres away from the MLA's residence.

## BJP's Sambit Patra Mocks Rahul Gandhi Over 'India Hijacked' Claims

New Delhi: BJP MP and spokesperson Sambit Patra on Thursday lashed out at the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi over holding a press conference with his version of 'ek hain toh safe hain' and also rebutted his 'hijacking' claims. Sambit Patra, taking strong offence to Congress MP's purported claims of 'India has been hijacked', mockingly said that his statement is

correct but he got the tense wrong. "India isn't hijacked; it was already hijacked! The Gandhi family were the hijackers, and the commando (Modi Ji) freed it," Patra told media persons. BJP spokesperson said that the Gandhi family and the Congress are unable to tolerate that India is continuously moving towards becoming the third largest economy of the world and hence they keep venting out their grudge.



K. Sanjay Murthy Sworn in as Comptroller & Auditor General of India

## PM Modi Pays Homage To Mahatma Gandhi In Guyana

Georgetown: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at his statue in the historic Promenade Gardens in Georgetown, Guyana on Thursday. He recalled Babu's eternal values of peace and non-violence which continue to guide humanity. The statue was installed in commemoration of Gandhiji's 100th birth anniversary in 1969. Earlier, PM Modi said that Mahatma Gandhi's ideals and teachings transcend the country's borders and it shows up in his revered tributes to the Mahatma during his multiple foreign



trips. The reverence for Mahatma Gandhi extends beyond domestic initiatives, finding expression in PM Modi's diplomatic engagements worldwide. Till date, there have been numerous occasions where PM Modi paid tribute to the Mahatma on international

soil, a testament to his effort to keep Gandhi ji's legacy alive and relevant on the global stage. Prime Minister also paid floral tribute at the Arya Samaj monument located close by. This monument was unveiled in 2011 in commemoration of 100 years of the Arya Samaj movement in Guyana.

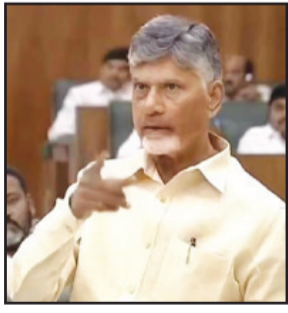
## Andhra Pradesh Assembly Passes Resolution For HC Bench At Kurnool

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Assembly, on Thursday, unanimously passed a resolution, urging the Centre to set up a High Court bench at Kurnool. Minister for Law N.Md. Farooq tabled the resolution in the House, which passed it unanimously. The resolution will be sent to the Centre for its consent. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu told the House that the bench would be set up as early as possible. He noted that the people of Kurnool have long been demanding the High Court bench. Stating that his government is committed to the development of Kurnool, CM Naidu

alleged that the previous government of the YSR Congress Party neglected the Rayalaseema region. MLAs from Kurnool district and other parts of Rayalaseema hailed the passing of the resolution for the High Court bench. They said this would meet the long-pending demand of the people of the region. After assuming office as the Chief Minister, Naidu announced that the state government is ready for the setting up of the High Court bench at Kurnool as promised to the people. During the 'Prajagam' programme before the

Assembly elections, then leader of opposition and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president Chandrababu Naidu had promised the High Court. The resolution was passed a day after the state Cabinet decided to set up a permanent Bench of the High Court in Kurnool. The state law secretary also wrote a letter to the registrar general of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, requesting him to follow up with the Government of India regarding the establishment of a High Court bench in Kurnool. The letter points out that there are similar arrangements in other states, where high

courts have benches in different locations. It cited examples including the Madras High Court's bench at Madurai, the Bombay High Court's benches at Nagpur and Aurangabad, and the Guwahati High Court's multiple benches in northeastern states. CM Naidu also assured the Assembly that the Andhra Pradesh State Human Rights Commission (APSHRC) and Lok Ayukta will continue to function from Kurnool. His assurance came amid protests by lawyers in Kurnool against the proposed shifting of the two legal bodies to Amaravati. On November 14, the



government's advocate informed the High Court of the planned relocation of institutions like Lokayukta and APSHRC to Amaravati. This sparked protests by advocates, who launched a boycott of court activities from November 19. It may be recalled that the previous government of YSRCP had proposed Kurnool as the judicial capital under its three-state capital formula.

## AAP Releases First List Of 11 Candidates For Delhi Assembly Elections

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday released its first list of candidates for the Delhi Assembly elections to be held early next year, naming 11 contenders while dropping three sitting MLAs. The candidates include Anil Jha, a former BJP leader who recently joined the party, and Veer Singh Dhangana, a former Congress leader inducted into the party last week. Jha, a two-

time BJP MLA will contest from Kirari, replacing sitting MLA Rituraj Jha. Dhangana, who previously served as a Congress MLA, has been fielded from Seemapuri, taking over from sitting MLA Rajendra Pal Gautam. Brahm Singh Tanwar is the candidate from Chhatarpur in South Delhi, Deepak Singla will contest from Vishwas Nagar in the Shahdara region, while Sarita Singh has been

chosen to contest from Rohtas Nagar. Other candidates include B.B. Tyagi from Laxmi Nagar, Ram Singh Netaji from Badarpur, Zubair Chaudhary from Seelampur, replacing sitting MLA Abdul Rehman, while Gaurav Sharma, Manoj Tyagi, and Somesh Shaukeen will contest from Ghonda, Karawal Nagar, and Matiala seats, respectively. Shaukeen replaces Gulab Singh Yadav in Matiala.



# Women in Aviation India Awards 2024: Empowering Dreams, Elevating the Skies

New Delhi / Bhubaneswar :In a celebration of vision, determination, and achievement, the Ministry of Civil Aviation proudly hosted the Women in Aviation India Awards 2024 at Aerocity, New Delhi. With the theme "Giving Wings to Dreams," this remarkable event paid tribute to the trailblazing women who have not only broken barriers but also inspired future generations to dream and achieve beyond limits. The ceremony began on a note of reverence and inspiration with the lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, symbolizing wisdom and enlightenment. An insightful overview of

the meticulous and transparent selection process was shared by jury member Mr. Vivek Atray, emphasizing the credibility of the awards. The welcome address by Smt. Radha Bhatia, President of Women in Aviation India, set a tone of optimism and determination, echoing a shared vision of limitless opportunities for women in aviation. In the keynote address, Shri Vumlung Vualnam, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, reaffirmed India's unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive growth, highlighting the critical role of women in shaping the future of aviation. Other dignitaries, including the



Director General of DGCA, emphasized the significance of diversity and gender equality in the sector. Shri Vipin Kumar, Chairman of AAI also graced the occasion. Smt. Usha Padhee, IAS, Principal Secretary, Commerce & Transport Department, Government of Odisha, spotlighted the significant role of women in building a robust economy and

achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. She also highlighted Odisha's innovative initiatives in empowering women through aviation. As part of this initiative, girl students enthusiastically participated in an essay competition on the theme "Empowering Dreams to Soar" on 8th November at Rama Devi Women's Junior College in Odisha. Four exceptional participants Ms. Puspanjali Gouda,

Ms. Ankita Priyadarshinee Swain, Ms. Devaswinee Jena and Ms. Ananya jyoti Routray were awarded scholarships to pursue foundational aviation courses, a gesture of encouragement. The presence of Smt. Saroj laxmi Singh, Principal of Rama Devi Junior College, underscored the commitment to fostering young talent and empowering women at the grassroots level. The ceremony concluded with awards to the luminaries of Indian aviation which stand as a powerful testament to the Ministry's dedication to nurturing talent, fostering inclusivity, and driving innovation in the aviation sector.

# Jharsuguda Police Bust Cybercrime Gang Behind 'Digital Arrest' Scam, 4 Arrested

Jharsuguda (Correspondence): In a major breakthrough, Jharsuguda police have busted a cybercrime gang involved in a sophisticated 'Digital Arrest' scam that targeted elderly victims. Four main conspirators were arrested from Surat, Gujarat, and their operation was exposed following months of investigation. The accused—Shahrukh Umar Khatik (27), Sharad Sukalal Mal alias Ajay (25), Rahil Seikh (24), and Malek Shahrukh Hanif Isha (26), all residents of Surat district—allegedly posed as law enforcement officers to defraud victims. Police seized more than 20 mobile phones, three laptops, three computer

systems, and ₹2 lakh in cash during the raid. Additionally, ₹17 lakh is being frozen, and ₹14 lakh has been recovered and reverted to the complainant's bank account. The cybercrime came to light after a complaint was filed by Jagdish Karabhai Bhardwaj at Jharsuguda Sadar Police Station on May 14. The victim was defrauded of ₹34 lakh in two phases, with the gang using high-pressure tactics to extort the money. The criminals targeted vulnerable elderly individuals, particularly those living alone and with significant bank savings. They posed as senior officers from law enforcement agencies, contacting victims through Skype calls. Claiming the

victim's name was linked to a money laundering investigation, they issued threats, asserting that local police would be unable to assist. They coerced victims into compliance, declaring them under "Digital Arrest" and demanding immediate transactions to avoid severe legal consequences. The fraudsters used pre-prepared Excel sheets with hundreds of UPI IDs (Google Pay and PhonePe) to quickly transfer funds. Money was dispersed in small amounts across multiple accounts to evade detection. The Jharsuguda Cyber Cell spent five months analyzing digital evidence and conducting extensive financial investigations.

# Workshop on 'Safe Use of Explosives in Mining Operations' Held under the Aegis of DGMS

Barbil: (Correspondent) :- A specialized workshop on "Safe Storage, Transportation, Handling, and Usage of Explosives in Mining Operations" was recently organized at the SMPL conference hall, Soyabali. The event was conducted under the aegis of the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Bhubaneswar Region-I. Representatives from around 30 mining organizations, totalling 156 participants in key roles such as Agents, Managers, Safety Officers, Blasting In-Charges, and Blasting Crews attended the workshop. The session aimed to strengthen awareness and improve practices for the safe and



efficient use of explosives in mining operations. The workshop was organized under the guidance and direction of Shri Shyam Sundar Prasad, Deputy Director General (DDG) of the South Eastern Zone, Ranchi, and was graced by the presence of Shri Krishnendu Mandal, Director of Mines Safety, and Shri Hari Prasad, Deputy Director of Mines Safety, DGMS Bhubaneswar Region-I. Shri Prasad joined the

workshop virtually, delivering an insightful address on various safety practices in blasting operations. The discussions highlighted the importance of adopting DGMS-approved methods for the safe handling and transportation of explosives, with a focus on minimizing usage to mitigate risks and prevent accidents. A total of 10 technical papers were presented during the workshop by

representatives from various organizations, including a contribution from manufacturers and suppliers of explosives. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions and practical sessions to deepen their understanding of best practices for explosive management. The workshop highlighted the critical importance of safety in mining operations and provided actionable strategies to enhance on-ground safety protocols. Key attendees included Shri Arjun Sharma, Director-SMPL, Shri BB Sahoo, Head HR - SMPL and Shri HN Singh, Vice President, Mines - SMPL, reaffirming the organization's dedication to mining safety.

# Data is considered as an invaluable resource all over the world - Deputy Chief Minister

Bhubaneswar (Correspondence): A two-day workshop on 'Data Forum-2024' organized by NITI AYOJ Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India and World Bank with support of the Department of Planning and Convergence Department, Government of Odisha has started today. The workshop is being held for two days on November 21 and 22 and is being attended by senior officials from various states, Union Territories, various departments of the Government of India,



academicians etc. This workshop is the second programme of NITI AYOJ's state workshop series. The first workshop of this series was held on November 17, 2023, in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Deputy Chief Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment, Energy, Odisha Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo joined as the Chief Guest in the Data

Forum-2024 by NITI State Workshop Series. He said that Data serves as key role for informed decision making. It enables us to address the pressing issues effectively by designing solutions that are grounded and implementable. When Governments and policy makers make decisions based on data, we can improve service delivery, enhance transparency for citizens

and achieve more effective results. This makes data a high-value asset throughout the globe. He added that to mark the 100th anniversary of formation of our Odisha, our government has envisioned to work towards making Odisha a developed State by 2036 and contribute towards the vision of 'Viksit Odisha for Viksit Bharat @2047'. Evidence-based decision-making and data is crucial for attaining the goal of Viksit Odisha. Odisha have undertaken various initiatives to strengthen our statistical system through the World Bank supported project and adoption of data dissemination policy.

# TPWODL Staff Attacked at Brajaraj Nagar Electrical Section Office, Accused Arrested by Police

Burla, (Correspondence): An electricity lineman working at Brajaraj Nagar electrical section office under Brajaraj Nagar division of TPWODL, a power distribution company in western Odisha, was fatally attacked. A case has been registered at the Brajaraj Nagar police station under Jharsuguda district. The victim of this fatal attack is Lineman Mr. Rajesh Ray (28), working under Brajaraj Nagar electrical section. Yesterday, Dt. 20.11.2024, at around 3 pm, while Mr. Ray was busy with his work at section office, a miscreant named Tika Kant (S/O Kartik Kant, Chunabhat, Brajaraj Nagar) forcibly entered to the office and asked to Mr. Ray about the electricity disconnection from his house. In his reply, Mr. Rai said he had no information about disconnection. Out of anger, the accused attacked Mr. Rai with a sharp knife. Due to the presence of mind, Mr. Rai narrowly escaped from the deadly attack. After that, accused Tika Kant again abused Mr. Rai and manhandled him. Mr. Rai reported this incident at Brajaraj Nagar police station under Jharsuguda district and filed a complaint against the culprit on 20.11.2024. Based on Mr. Rai's complaint, A case under BNS 2023 section 126 (2) 115 (2) 109 and 351 (2) has been registered at the Brajaraj Nagar police station and it is learned that the accused has been arrested by police. Hereby, TPWODL requests all consumers and public at large to refrain from all such kind of acts of attacking the workers and officials engaged for public services.

# Third Phase Subhadra Money To Be Released On Nov 24; Anganwadi Workers To Get Benefit This Time

Bhubaneswar (Correspondence): The third phase of the first instalment of financial assistance under the Subhadra scheme will be credited directly to the bank accounts of over 20 lakh women beneficiaries on November 24. Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida stated that the funds will be disbursed at a special event in

Sundergarh on November 24. All Anganwadi workers have been included in the list and will receive the money in this phase on November 24, she added. A review will be conducted on 2.67 lakh applicants, and those who meet the eligibility criteria will receive the benefit, she said. A physical verification will be held for the

remaining applicants, who will receive the money in December after clearance, Parida informed. The Deputy CM appealed to 5 lakh applicants to provide a single account with one mobile number and Aadhaar linked, making it easier for the bank to release the money. A total of 1.16 crore women have applied to be included in the

scheme. "We aim to reach 1 crore beneficiaries by December. On November 24, the number of beneficiaries will reach the 80 lakh mark. New beneficiaries who meet all the eligibility criteria will receive the benefit of two instalments simultaneously on March 8," the Deputy CM said.

# Subarnapur CSO Placed Under Arrest in DA Case

Subarnapur (Correspondence): Suresh Kumar Panigrahi, Civil Supplies Officer, Subarnapur was placed under arrest for possessing disproportionate assets. Based on searches conducted on properties of Panigrahi he was found in



possession of disproportionate assets

including 2 buildings, 1 Farmhouse spread over 4 acres of land with 500 teak trees, 19 plots including 3 in BBSR, 4 in Sambalpur, 1 in Bolangir, and 11 in Bargarh district, deposits over Rs.1.72 Crore, cash Rs.1.49 lakhs, etc, which he could not explain satisfactorily. Following

this, Panigrahi has been placed under arrest by Odisha Vigilance and will be forwarded today to the court for possession of disproportionate assets. In this connection, Sambalpur Vigilance PS case No. 27/2024 has been registered against Sri Suresh Kumar Panigrahi.

# Odisha Governor Extends Tenure of 3 Universities' VCs by 6 months

Bhubaneswar (Correspondence): The Governor of Odisha, also the Chancellor of Universities, extended the tenure of the vice-chancellors of Gangadhar Meher University, Utkal University, and Rama Devi Women's University on Thursday. This extension is valid for six months from the end of their current tenure or until the appointment of new vice-chancellors, whichever occurs first. An official notification was released today from Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar. It states that the vice-chancellors' tenure for the aforementioned universities is extended for an additional six months after their tenure's end or until the new vice-chancellors assume their roles, whichever is sooner. "In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (8) of section of Odisha Universities Act, 1989, the Governor of Odisha, who is the Chancellor of Odisha State Public Universities extended the tenure of VCs of Gangadhar Meher University, Utkal University, and Rama Devi Women's University for a period of six months from the date of completion of their respective tenure or till joining of the new VC in Universities, whichever is earlier," Prof. Nagaraju, VC of Gangadhar Meher University in Sambalpur, is set to retire on November 26; Prof. Sabita Acharya of Utkal University on November 23, and Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury of Rama Devi Women's University on November 25. Earlier, on October 14, the Governor extended the terms of the vice-chancellors of five state universities until November 30.



## EDITORIAL

The Emerging Aspirations of Young Indian Women  
Women are challenging traditional social structures and norms.

It is very important to have beautiful handwriting for success in the future

When the child learns to hold a pen or pencil in childhood, he draws different pictures on different walls, that is, he moves the pencil or pen everywhere, like walls, floors, doors, hands and feet, clothes, on the sheets, wherever he finds space. Then he has no knowledge of letters. The knowledge of these letters i.e. the structure of letters is taught to him only by his mother or first teacher. The formation of beautiful writing with the structure of these letters happens. Today's children neither pay any attention to beautiful writing nor do teachers consider the need to make special efforts in this direction, while the reality is that having beautiful writing is very important for success in the future. A person's character and personality can be determined by looking at his handwriting. If the teacher gives the knowledge of beautiful letters to the child in his childhood, then the student remains interested in writing beautiful letters throughout his life. Use the correct pen. The child should have an ink pen, holder or pen from childhood. Practice should be done. Peacock feather was often used to write anything in ancient times. Ball pens are considered bad for writing fine handwriting. This is because it rotates easily at every angle. A pen or ink pen moves only at a certain angle. That is why there is beautiful writing with ink pen and pen. exercise If you want to teach a child different writing styles, the child should have a model of that style in front of him. Each child practice Hindi, Punjabi and English writing pages every day should be written as, with which his writing can be beautiful. While writing each new page, the student should pay attention to the bad structure of the letters on the previous page. The manner of holding a pen or pencil A child is not taught the correct way to hold a pen or pencil from childhood, due to which it becomes difficult to write with the wrong way of holding the pencil. Teach the child to hold the pencil between the thumb and the second finger. Holding the pencil in this way will make it easier for the child to write. Often children hold the pen very shallowly, due to which the structure of the letters is not only wrong but also the writing is not fast and the arm with which the child writes, the central nerve or the fingers also start to hurt. Therefore, it is necessary to learn to hold the pen from half an inch or one and a half inches above. Letters of the same size Children should first be taught to spell letters of the same shape. If we talk about Punjabi, then there are many letters in it, the structure of which is quite similar to each other, like kh, th, dh, p, similarly, tf, etc. Children with their practice The structure of letters becomes more accurate. Use of lined pages A child's handwriting deteriorates with the use of lined pages. Instead it should be taught to write on an unlined page, so that the child can write the letters in a straight line without a line while writing. Use a slate or white board Use a slate or whiteboard and markers to teach a toddler to write. Write something on the board and tell the child how the letter begins. Give the copy to the child until he can write on it correctly. I learn When the child learns to write on the board, teach him to write between the lines on the paper. The use of wooden board or slate is considered the best for beautiful writing, but both are obsolete today. They should be reused. Difficult letter formation Some letters are like this, which the child finds difficult to write. Therefore, it is necessary that the child should practice them throughout his life. Child's seat It is important for the child that his sitting position is correct. The height of the child's study table should be correct. The table should be high enough, on which he can comfortably rest his elbows and write. It is also important that the chair for the child should be such that the child's feet can easily reach the ground when sitting on it, so that the child does not face any problem. Special operation of quantities For beautiful writing, it is necessary that the quantities used in the words, Bindi, Tippi, Sihari, Bihari, Onkar Dulankad, Hoda, Kanora should all be specially practiced. Often the teacher is directed to them. They pay attention. Enhancing the child's enthusiasm When the child writes well, it is important to praise the child for writing well. This will increase his enthusiasm and he will try more to write in good handwriting.

Girls now have equal educational attainment as boys in higher education and skills development, with more than 50% of young women completing Grade 12 and 26% earning a college degree. Young women are increasingly prioritizing professional ambitions, buoyed by access to diverse career paths and digital skills platforms. Programs such as the Skill India Mission and STEM for Girls India have boosted the participation of young women in technical fields.

The past decade has seen a transformational shift in the aspirations of young Indian women, reflecting their growing autonomy, education, and participation in the workforce. This development is significantly redefining India's social landscape.

Girls now have equal educational attainment as boys in higher education and skills development, with over 50% of young women completing grade 12 and 26% obtaining a college degree. The National Sample Survey (2017-18) highlights the rising enrollment of women in higher education, with the female gross enrollment ratio reaching 27.3%. Young women are increasingly prioritizing professional ambitions, influenced by access to diverse career paths and digital skills platforms. Programs such as the Skill India Mission and STEM for Girls India have boosted the participation of young women in technical fields. The average age of marriage has increased from 18.3 years in 2005 to 22 years in 2021, with more young women choosing partners based on compatibility. According to a report, 52% of women have a say in partner selection, up from 42% in 2012. Many young women are striving for economic independence, particularly through entrepreneurship, as the government is offering support for women-led startups. For example, the Women Entrepreneurship Platform by Niti Aayog has fostered a network of over 10,000 women entrepreneurs. Young women are more politically active, with increased participation in self-help groups and local governance. Self-help group membership among

rural women has increased from 10% in 2012 to 18% in 2022. These aspirations are challenging traditional social structures and norms. As more women are pursuing careers, traditional gender expectations in households are changing. MNRGA provides equal pay for men and women, which influences rural household dynamics. With greater education and income, young women now have more influence in family financial and social decisions. Self-help groups have empowered rural women to collectively manage household finances. The shift towards later marriages and active participation in

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choosing a partner has challenged the traditional structure of arranged marriages. There is a report of a decline in child marriages and a preference for later marriages. Increasing independence has normalized women traveling alone for education or work, challenging social restrictions. 54% of women now feel comfortable traveling alone by bus or train, compared to 42% in 2012. Young women are becoming increasingly vocal about gender equality in professional settings, spurring legal and social reforms. The POSHA (Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace) Act, 2013 has empowered women to effectively address workplace issues. Young women in self-help groups and gram sabhas are challenging traditional views on women's role in governance. The Kerala Kudumbashree Mission promotes women-led governance, which has inspired similar models across states.

Indian women are full of energy, vision, vivaciousness, and commitment to face all challenges. In the words of India's first Nobel laureate, Rabindranath Tagore, women for us are not only the light of the home but also the flame of

this light. Since time immemorial, women have been the source of inspiration for humanity. From Rani Lakshmbai of Jhansi to India's first female teacher, Savitribai Phule, women have set great examples of change in society at large.

India has moved rapidly towards the Sustainable Development Goals to make the earth a paradise for humanity by 2030. Achieving gender equality and women empowerment is a key part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Currently, special attention has been paid to ensuring women's participation in important areas like management, environmental protection, and inclusive economic and social development.

The innate leadership qualities in women are assets to society. The famous American religious leader Brigham Young rightly said that when you educate a man, you educate a man. When you educate a woman, you educate a generation.

Through self-help groups (SHGs), women are not only empowering themselves but also contributing to the strength of our economy. With the continuous financial support of the government, their participation in the resolve of Aatmanirbhar Bharat is increasing day by day. In the last 6-7 years, the campaign of women self-help groups has gained momentum. Today there are 70 lakh self-help groups across the country. There is a need to understand the valor of women, which will take us to greater heights of glory. Let us help them move forward and flourish. 'Amrit Kaal' should be dedicated to them for the all-round empowerment of women.

The emerging aspirations of young Indian women are increasingly redefining India's social fabric, fostering a society where gender equality and women's agency have become the norm. Ensuring supportive policies can accelerate this change, paving the way for an inclusive and empowering future.

## Time to stop Anxiety &amp; Depression

Everything in this world is moving very fast. Technology, infrastructure, medicine, disease, education, and war are competing with each other. To start self awareness, we need to understand what we really need and the priority of them in our life. Anxiety and depression are becoming common words in our world. It is very impactful and implicative on human life. Nowadays many people are suffering from different mental health issues. Usually, anxiety and depression are both psychiatric illnesses. One triggers the other. Modern sciences can't treat a patient completely. Anxiety has become a regular part of human life. Because everyday everything matters for us. We are losing our control on understanding what is our necessity versus luxury. Humans are worried about losing something everyday and feeling lonely. People are always worried about the mechanical values and losses of money, but we all need to realize that we are also losing time and age, which should carry much more importance in our life than those physical entities. Depression happens when someone feels lonely and starts losing interest in everything. However, why do humans feel lonely on this planet with an 8.2 billion population? This is because in this era humans depend on technology and social media. Humans are not designed to live life with social media. Rather, they are designed to live life in a society with laughter, cry, rise, fall, profit, loss, sadness, and happiness with family and friends. This is a natural power of nature.

Our thoughts, desire, education, emotion, lifestyle, food habits, aspect and forgiving power are the main part of our life and control our mental health. Some people have a natural chemical imbalance in their brain. Only in these cases do they need a diagnosis and support. Anxiety and depression have not only affected mental health but also affected the physical health and human beings to make actions and decisions. Many things in social media are not true

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but we speculate and start many experiments. In many cases people assume a lot just by gazing at the front page of the book or the fake colorfulness of social media and they start to use it as their failure or success. In a simple way, productivity is in the human hand but failure and success are not in human control. Success and failure both make life beautiful and complete. For example, electric energy and batteries produce energy. They both are dependent on positive and negative charges. Everything has a value. Everyday disabled people, soldiers are fighting their own battle and doctors who are working in hospitals fight with patient disease. As a doctor the allday they listen to negativity but their job satisfaction gives them back some positivity. Many people are

suffering from innumerable wars but they don't have anxiety and depression. Because they know there is a simple solution if you are always looking for light (happiness) you never understand you are behind the light. Same like darkness below the lamp, both happiness and sadness are within us. People have good thoughts with serene nature and self consciousness, only those people conquer the society. Most powerful and difficult thing is self control and controlling your negative thinking. Those are the most disturbing qualities anyone can have. You should share problems with your nearest and dearest and figure out the cause of anxiety and depression from your environment. Because environments matter more. Humans resolve their own depression otherwise depression can destroy humans. Humans are great creatures in our world. Humans have immense power to solve their and others' problems. Anxiety is not a carnivorous animal or not a weapon but the human brain makes it more powerful in a good way or bad way. Always remember the human brain makes computers, high technology, medicine, machines. The brain has superpower. Human should use it for noble work and social welfare then automatically we are not only helping ourselves but also helping others. If we will not be able to stop Anxiety and Depression now then in the future it will spread contagious. Our earth is our heaven. On earth we together live life better than yesterday.

## Change Your Skin Care Routines When the Temperature Drops

Winter is around the corner. It's the season when the eager wait for cold weather comes to an end. Winter season marks the reigning period of mild sun and chilly breeze. As temperatures range between 15-20 degree celsius in most parts of the country, the residents are beginning to feel the chill of the approaching winter. Winter conditions have just "set in" which is likely to bring a significant drop in temperature and heightened rainfall in the next few days. Changing seasons brings with it changes in our lifestyle.

The fall in atmospheric temperature results in less moisture in the air and the combination of cold and wind dries skin face so much that it turns red and sore. The change in weather wreak havoc on skin, scalp, nails. The harsh winter conditions play havoc with skin, leading to dry, flaky skin and chapped lips. It is very important to hydrate the skin with the right type of cream, moisturisers, intake of adequate liquids, fruits and nutrients as skin feels much tighter in cold weather; Humidity levels tend to drop off during winter months. The drier the air, the more moisture it sucks from your skin, so you're more likely to experience dryness and flakiness during the colder months of the year, especially if you're prone to eczema or other dry skin conditions. Fortunately, there are ways to keep your skin healthy and moisturised right from pre-winter season by few tips and tricks which will give all type of skin a boost to look fresh and healthy with ingredients from your kitchen.

For winters, go for ingredients that offer lots of hydration like hyaluronic acid, ceramides, shea butter, and amino acid. Avoid retinoids, which could be harsh on the skin in winters.

Choose a product that helps with your particular skin condition. Use acne treatment if you get breakouts in the summer. Use an extra-hydrating and emollient cream if you get eczema during winters.

If the skin is a normal to dry type, cleanse morning and night with a cleansing cream or gel. At night, cleansing is even more important, in order to remove make-up and other pollutants. Make-up cosmetics also cause dryness. Massage the cleanser lightly into the skin and remove it with moist cotton wool. Using moist cotton wool helps to prevent further dryness, as it does not absorb any more moisture from the skin. After cleansing in the morning, tone the skin, using a rose-based skin tonic or even rose water. Using cotton wool, wipe the skin and then pat it briskly. Toning removes the last stages of the cleanser and also stimulates circulation.

During the day, use a sunscreen, before going out in the sun. Sun exposure can also cause loss of moisture. Most sunscreens have built-in moisturizers. Moisturisers are available in cream and liquid form. For extreme dryness, use a cream. A liquid moisturiser should be used before applying foundation. Whenever the skin feels dry, apply a liquid moisturiser. The skin should also be nourished with a good night

cream. Nourishing helps to lubricate the skin and keep it soft. It also helps the skin to hold moisture better. After cleansing, apply the nourishing cream and massage it on the skin, with upward an outward movements, for 3 to 4 minutes. Then wipe off all cream with moist cotton wool. Apply an outer-eye cream around the eyes and wipe it off after 10 minutes, with moist cotton wool.

Oily skins face the problem of superficial dryness. The skin feels dry after washing, but becomes oily, or gets eruptions, if creams and moisturizers are applied. Use cleansing milk or face wash. A light moisturizing lotion

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can be used if there is dryness. Add a drop or two of water before application, to give a lighter coverage. Or, use an oil-free day cream. Honey applied on the face daily for ten minutes and then washed off with water, would help to relieve superficial dryness.

The skin on the lips is also very thin and lacks sebaceous (oil producing) glands. That is why it can become dry and chapped easily. After cleansing, apply almond cream or almond oil on the lips and leave it on overnight. This would help to soften the skin. Lip balms are also helpful. Here are some home remedies:

Honey applied on the face daily for ten minutes and then washed off with water helps to relieve dryness and keep the skin soft. For dry skin, add egg yolk or one teaspoon pure almond oil. For oily skin, add egg white and a little lemon juice. Take one peeled and cored apple and puree it in a blender. Add one tablespoon honey. Apply this on the face like a mask and keep it on for 15 minutes. Then, rinse off with cool water. This is a powerful skin toner for all skin types. Aloe vera is one of the richest natural moisturizers. Apply aloe vera gel daily on the face and wash off with plain water after 20 minutes. If you have aloe vera plants growing at home, apply the gel or juice directly on the skin. The gel obtained from the plant itself is the leaf pulp, found in the inner portion of the leaves. The aloe juice is found just beneath the outer skin of the leaves. However, while using it directly on the skin at home, one should wash the plant well. Mix half a teaspoon honey, one teaspoon rose water and one teaspoon dried milk powder. Mix into a paste and apply on the face. Remove after 20 minutes with water. This winter season, make a conscious effort to follow basic skincare requirements like drinking sufficient water, eating seasonal produce, avoiding junk food and excess sugar. Avoid exposure to extreme climates, whether it's heavy rain or snowfall. If you notice any skin condition that seems abnormal, don't hesitate to visit a doctor. The author is international fame beauty expert and is called beauty queen of India



## Farmers Dharamgarh occlude NH33

Dharamgarh (A O Buerue) : The farmers of Dharamgarh Block sit in protest at Dharamgarh Char chowk demanding for water supply for winter crops to their agricultural land under the leadership of sr. advocate Tusar Ranjan Pattjoshi as upper Indiravati left canal division kusum khunti declared to interrupt canal irrigation for Dharamgarh block . In contrast to this decision of Indiravati Cannal division the farmers agitated and urged junagarh taking the advantage of 4200 hectors of land



for winter crops and Dharamgarh block cultivate only 1300 hectors of land . The agitation break up after the interference of Sub collector Mr.Dhiman Chakma . He explained the mob to take necessary action to solve the problem provided on the

availability of water stored in the Indiravati barrage .Among the protesters were Digambar Duria, Santosh Kumar padhi,Dileswar lahajal ,Dambar udhar lahajal ,Santanu Kumar Mund ,Jagat Ram and kesaba Behera.

## Naxals entry CG to Malkangiri forest- One naxal encountered by jawans

MALKANGIRI (Correspondence): There was an exchange of fire between the DVF jawans and the Maoists near Jinelguda under MV 79 police station of Malkangiri district early morning today. In the exchange of fire, one jawan was injured while one Maoist was also killed. The wounded young man is the main character of Dambur Badnyak.He has been admitted to hospital. He was shot twice in the leg. On receiving information from intelligence that some Maoists from



Chhattisgarh were crossing the Saberi River towards Malkangiri, the Javanese started a search operation in the area. Meanwhile, the DVF Javanese and the Maoists clashed. The militants opened fire on the security Forces. In the exchange of fire, one

militant was killed and one jawan was injured. Unable to face the fire of the Javanese, the Maoists have left the place. Later, the security personnel continued the search operation in the area. On the other hand, the doctor said that the health condition of the injured Javan is stable.

## Forest Dept's Trawler Driver Dies On Duty In Bay Of Bengal In Kendrapara

Kendrapara(correspondence):: A trawler driver from Rattapang village near Rajkanika in Kendrapara district died suddenly while on night patrol duty for the Forest Department in the Bay of Bengal. While the exact reason behind his death is still unclear, cardiac arrest is being cited as a possible cause.According to Maiti's son, Babuli, the patrolling was part of an effort to protect rare olive ridley turtles. The forest department had seized a trawler that was illegally fishing in the Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary. The incident occurred around 12 midnight, when Maiti drank water due to thirst and suddenly felt chest pain, collapsing shortly after.He was immediately taken to the Rajnagar Community Health Centre, where he was declared dead.Maiti had been working for the forest department for the last 10-12 years, his son said.

## Couple Commits Suicide After Quarrel Over Mobile Phone

Kandhamal(correspondence): A couple ended their lives allegedly after a quarrel over mobile phone. The incident has been reported from Budukiya village under Baliguda police limits in Odisha's Kandhamal district.The deceased have been identified as Pramod Malik and his wife Puari Malik. The hanging bodies of the couple were recovered by the police on Thursday morning.According to reports Puari had brought a smartphone from her father's house a few days back but her husband Pramod had taken the mobile phone and mortgaged it for buying alcohol. Since then, the couple had regular fights over the mobile phone. The quarrel escalated on Wednesday and Puari locked herself in a room of the house and hanged herself from the ceiling. Later, Pramod went to another room in the house and ended his life by hanging.On Thursday morning, neighbours heard the loud cries of the couple's 11-month-old girl and knocked on their door. As no one opened the door, the neighbours became suspicious and peeked inside the house through the windows. They were shocked to see the couple hanging from the ceiling of different room and informed the police about the incident.

## Ten Accused In Dharmasala MLA Attack Case Sent To Jail After Bail Plea Rejection

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): Ten accused involved in the attack on Dharmasala MLA Himanshu Sahoo were sent to jail today after their bail pleas were rejected by the Jajpur Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate court.Following their arrest, the accused underwent health checkups before being produced in court.Based on a complaint filed by MLA's Personal Security Officer (PSO), police arrested the accused by conducting raids at several places in the district.It is pertinent to note that Sahoo was attacked allegedly by supporters of BJD organizational secretary Pranab Prakash Das near the Budhapola area of the Jajpur district on Wednesday evening. It was alleged that some supporters of Das attacked Sahoo with iron rods and sticks. Apart from thrashing Sahoo, the miscreants were reported to have damaged his vehicle and snatched his gold chain.

## Why were farmers leaders and journalists banned to DLPC meeting ?

SUBARNAPUR (A O Buerue) : 'No' to farmers' representatives in Subarnapur district level paddy procurement committee meeting ( DLPC ).The meeting of the paddy procurement committee was held in the conference hall of the Collectorate on Tuesday.However, in order to include the representative of farmers' organizations of Subarnapur district in the said district-level paddy procurement committee, the Milita Krushak Sangathan



had previously called the attention of the district administration, but some farmers' leaders were called in the meeting, but no representatives of Krushak Sangathan were invited. Instead, the police prevented the leaders of the Milita Krushak Sangathan

from going to the meeting. Sonali complained in front of the media representative that the Collector called the "Yake roti seko" for asking the Collector to go to the meeting of the leaders of the newly formed Krushak Sangathan .As a result,

the leaders of the Sangathan protested there and shouted slogans. The police escorted them out of Ghoshadi and made them sit outside the office. In other districts, farmer leaders and representatives are included in the district-level paddy procurement committee ( DLPC ),but an exception was found in Subarnapur district. "It is undemocratic to involve them in the meeting of the district-level paddy procurement

committee," Sonali Bishi, the state vice president of the newly formed Krushak Sangathan , Baikunth Satpathy , Pradyumna Padhi, Sudhir Baghar, president of the district Krushak ' Sangathan said. He also said that after the central government's strict order to pay 3100 rupees per quintal for the purchase of paddy and the ban on katni, chhatani was there any other secret meeting such as weight tampering in the purchase of paddy ?

## Subarnapur District Best Cleanliness Mitra Safety Shivir Honored

SUBARNAPUR (correspondence): Odisha State Panchayatiraj and Drinking Water



Department Celebrations are being held from 19th November to 10th December 2024 On this occasion State Level Launch Program of World Toilet Day-2024 campaign is being held. Theme of this year "My toilet, "My pride, this from 19th November till 10th December. Under the Toilet Day 2024 campaign, several programs will be organized across the state at rural to district and block levels under Swachha Bharat Mission (Rural), distribution of permits to beneficiaries, implementation and repair of toilets, beautification of individual and group toilets and increasing public participation to achieve the goals of Swachha Bharat Mission (Rural ).Panchayati Raj Director of Drinking Water Department, Special Projects, Director, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Director and Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, as chief guests, among others, senior officials of the department, Chief Development Officer of various Zilla Parishad attended the state level launch event. Sanitation workers and representatives of UNICEF India were present.On this occasion, permits were distributed to IHHL beneficiaries to start construction of private toilets, while Malkangiri district (Best Cleanliness Target Unit), Subarnapur district (Best Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivir), Sundergarh district (Best Waste to art Installation) have shown excellence in implementation of Swachhta Seva 2024 campaign was honored

## Police Constable Run Over By Unknown Vehicle In Koraput's Borigungma

Jeypore(Correspondent) : A police constable died after being hit by an unknown vehicle during morning walk at Borigungma in Koraput district on Thursday morning.The accident took place near Dulaguda on the Borigungma-Koraput State Highway No. 48 while constable Pitambar Pujari was on a morning walk.

## Jajpur-Singhpur Road Blocked In Protest Against Restoring Biraja Haat To Previous Location

Jajpur(Correspondent) : Tension prevailed in Odisha's Jajpur district on Thursday over efforts to restore Biraja Haat in the Parikrama project area of Maa Biraja.People and organisations opposing the restoration of Biraja Haat in its previous location blocked the Jajpur-Singhpur road in protest stalling movement of all vehicular traffic. The Biraja Haat was shifted to Santmadhab for the Birja Parikrama project. However, after the



elections, some people said to be eager to restore the haat in its previous location.As a result, a face-off between the two groups erupted in the district today.As per previous schedule, some traders had

## I will give my life for Gandhamardan but donot give away the land : ajit joshi

Kantabanji, (correspondence) : The Gardhamardhan hills have a natural environment with two river basins and the source of Suktel. There are more than 2000 rare medicinal plants along with golden streams. Politics is getting more intense day by day regarding Gardhmardhan hills.This is not an ordinary mountain, it is a symbol of pride and honour for us. This mountain is one

of our historical places. The purchase of land by Adani and Mahanadi Minerals in the area below this mountain has now become a topic of discussion. Therefore, to protect this historical mountain, BJD leader Ajit Joshi has called upon the leaders of all parties and the people of Western Odisha to unite and take the lead in protecting Gardhamardhan mountain by organizing a press conference.

Both the state and central government should pass a written resolution and assure the public that we will not allow any other company to mine this mountain. People will not believe that we will protect Gardhamardhan by just giving speeches. If the government does not provide accurate information about the safety of this hill soon, then we can even sacrifice our lives to protect this hill.

## Jharsuguda District Gears Up for Smooth Kharif Paddy Procurement

Jharsuguda (Correspondent) :The Jharsuguda District Civil Supplies Office has announced comprehensive guidelines to ensure smooth procurement of kharif paddy this season.As per the guidelines, quality paddy will be procured from farmers without delay after harvesting. Farmers will receive ₹3,100 per quintal, including ₹2,300 as the minimum support price (MSP) and ₹800 as an input subsidy. Payments will be directly deposited into their bank accounts within 24

to 45 hours of procurement. To streamline the process, the district has deployed quality analysts at each mandi to assess the quality of paddy. Temporary camps will be set up at non-camping mandis, equipped with essential facilities such as water, lighting, and CCTV surveillance, provided by the Regulated Market Committee (RMC).Tehsildars will act as magistrates in block areas, overseeing mandi infrastructure and submitting progress reports within seven days. Additionally, a

nodal officer will be assigned to each mandi, with supervisors managing four to five mandis each.Paddy collection will be handled by millers only after quality checks by analysts. Strict action will be taken against any violation of procurement norms, warned the District Supply Officer in a press briefing on Thursday. The administration's efforts aim to ensure transparency, efficiency, and timely benefits for farmers during the kharif paddy procurement season.

## Six Detained In Connection With Attack On Dharmasala MLA

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): Six persons were detained by police in connection with the attack on Dharmasala MLA Himansu Sekhar Sahu. Police carried out searches at various locations since last night and detained six persons allegedly involved in the attack. They are being questioned. The Superintendent of Police formed three special teams which swung into action hours after the attack on the Independent legislator.



## Raheema Posts

### Cryptic Message About 'Hardship' Post Father AR Rahman's Divorce News

Mumbai: After Oscar and Grammy-winning composer A. R. Rahman and his wife Saira Banu announced their divorce, their daughter Raheema shared a cryptic post about "hardship" and tagged it as "verses to live by." Raheema took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a glimpse of the picturesque locale from her window. She captioned: "Through every hardship, there is ease. -Your Lord is going to give you & you will be satisfied. Verses to live by." Rahman and Saira have three children Khatija, Raheema and Ameen. It was on November 19, when the couple made the shocking news about going their separate ways. The two had been married for 29 years. Saira claimed emotional strain as the cause behind the divorce. Her lawyer Vandana Shah has released an official statement with regards to the couple's decision to separate. The statement reads, "After many years of marriage, Mrs Saira has made the difficult decision to separate from her husband Mr AR Rahman. This decision comes after significant emotional strain in their relationship. Despite their deep love for each other, the couple has found that the tensions and difficulties have created an insurmountable gap between them, one that neither party feels able to bridge at this time." Mrs Saira emphasised that she has taken this decision out of pain and agony. Mrs Saira requests privacy and understanding from the public during this challenging time, as she navigates this difficult chapter in her life", it added. A day later, the musician penned a lengthy note, where he said it was a 'shattering' decision. He also shared that the couple had hoped to reach the "grand thirty." Talking about how their relationship saw an 'unseen end', Rahman took to X, formerly called Twitter and wrote: "We had hoped to reach the grand thirty, but all things, it seems, carry an unseen end. Even the throne of God might tremble at the weight of broken hearts. Yet, in this shattering, we seek meaning, though the pieces may not find their place again." "To our friends, thank you for your kindness and for respecting our privacy as we walk through this fragile chapter.



## Easy Indoor Winter Exercises

While ideally people should be spending their time outdoors in the sun to exercise and keep themselves warm in the winter months, the



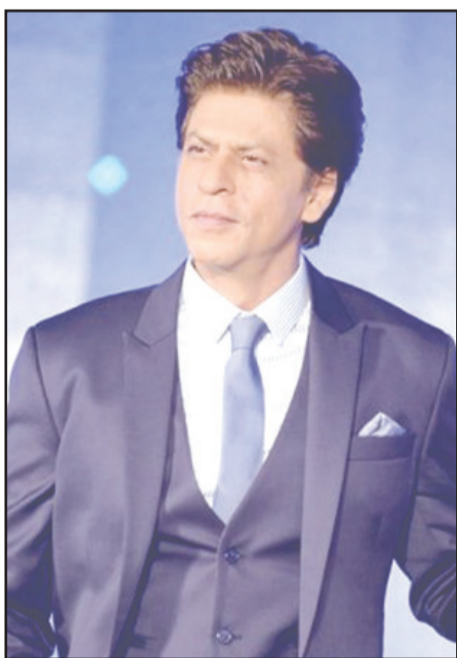
to boost cardiovascular health and energy. To make it interesting, you may also listen to music or podcasts for motivation. Make good

use of stairs for added intensity and use a fitness tracker to monitor progress. Consider doing it for 20-30 minutes. You may use lightweight resistance bands to focus on the upper body, legs, and the core. These exercises can improve strength and flexibility. Examples include bicep curls, tricep extensions, chest presses, leg curls and leg extensions. If you like to dance, do it for 20-30 minutes. Choose low-impact styles like Zumba to improve cardiovascular health, coordination, and mood. Dance to your favorite music and get fit. You may do these exercises for 10-15 minutes. Use a sturdy chair for support and focus on seated exercises for strength and flexibility. It is ideal for those who have mobility limitations. Some examples include seated leg lifts, chair squats, arm raises, seated twists,

current pollution levels in many parts of the country are preventing people from stepping out of their homes. It is, therefore, advisable to stay safe inside, and engage in some indoor exercise routines that can keep one fit and active, and enable them to stave off winter-specific ailments. Scroll down to know about five such interesting workouts. Consider doing bodyweight yoga for 10-15 minutes every day. It includes focusing on gentle flows, stretching, and breathing that can improve flexibility, balance, and mental clarity. Consider doing Downward-Facing Dog pose, Warrior Pose, Seated Forward Fold, Child's Pose, etc. Do brisk walking indoors for 20-30 minutes daily. Walk in one place, or pace around the house. Add short bursts of faster walking

## SRK Death Threat: Arrested Lawyer Scoured Superstar's Security

Mumbai: Raipur-based lawyer Faizan Khan – who was arrested in connection with the extortion-cum-death threat to Bollywood mega-star Shah Rukh Khan – had scoured online to get sensitive security details of the actor and his family members, investigations have revealed. Prior to issuing the death threat and a demand for Rs 50 lakh as extortion money, Faizan Khan had carried out extensive online searches on Shah Rukh Khan and son Aryan Khan's security details and also their movements. This was found after forensic analysis of Faizan Khan's second mobile phone that the Bandra Police probe team recovered, as the accused lawyer remains in judicial custody for the next ten days. However, Faizan Khan has been giving evasive and misleading replies on the motives behind collecting the information on the VIP star father-son duo's security set-up – who are accorded a Y-Plus level of protection. On November 7, Faizan Khan set alarm bells



ringing when he made the menacing call to the Bandra Police Station landline, which swung into action and registered a

case against an unknown person. Faizan Khan reportedly said to the policeman who picked up the phone, "Is not Shah Rukh Khan the same who lives in 'Mannat' (bungalow)... a Bandstand-wala... If he doesn't pay up Rs 50 lakh, I will kill him." When the on-duty cop asked for his identity, Faizan Khan said, "It doesn't matter, my name is Hindustani", and disconnected the call after the threat. The police immediately swung into action, filed the case, traced the number to the Chhattisgarh capital Raipur, deployed tech-intel, sought help from the local police and managed to zero in on Faizan. He was finally nabbed on November 12 by a Mumbai Police team and brought here for the probe. The accused was produced before a court that remanded him to police custody till November 18, and then he was given judicial custody for 14 days.

## Doting mother Aishwarya Rai shares adorable pictures from Aaradhya's birthday bash

Mumbai: Aishwarya Rai Bachchan gave fans a glimpse of the festivities from her daughter Aaradhya's 13th birthday celebrations in Mumbai last week. In a post on Instagram, the actress shared a series of pictures from her daughter's special day on the occasion of her father, Krishnaraj Rai's birth anniversary. One picture shows Aaradhya bowing respectfully before her late grandfather's portrait, while another captures Aishwarya and Aaradhya with Aishwarya's mother, Brindya Rai. One was a throwback picture of Aishwarya Rai holding a newborn Aaradhya. The final was a picture of Aaradhya's birthday celebration in Mumbai, complete with smiles and family

love. In her caption, Aishwarya wrote, "Happy birthday to the eternal love of my life dearest daddy-ajjaa and my darling Aaradhya. My heart, my soul... forever beyond Aishwarya and Abhishek Bachchan married in 2007 and welcomed Aaradhya in November 2011. On the work front, Aishwarya won the Best Actress in a Leading Role (Critics) award



at the South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024 in Dubai which took place in September this year. The actress received the award for her outstanding performance in Mani Ratnam's film, Ponniyin Selvan 2. Ponniyin Selvan 2, directed by Mani Ratnam, is the sequel to the 2022 film of the same name.

Actor Kamal Haasan lent his voice to the film's narration. Oscar-winning music composer AR Rahman has composed the music for the film. Abhishek, on the other hand, will be next seen in 'I Want to Talk'. Produced by Ronnie Lahiri & Sheel Kumar, it will be released on November 22, 2024. The film delves into the poignant journey of Arjun (Abhishek), a man struggling with a life-altering health issue while also grappling with complex personal battles. Alongside Bachchan, the film features a stellar ensemble cast including Johnny Lever, Banita Sandhu, Pearle Maaney, Jayant Kriplani, and Ahilya Bamroo.

## Comedy queen Bharti Singh visits Puri Srimandir, gets overwhelmed with darshan of holy trinity

Odisha: Renowned comedian Bharti Singh and her family couldn't join her because of prior shoot commitments, but she promised to return with him soon. With this visit, her mother and mother-in-law's Chaar Dham Yatra was completed. Her voice filled with emotion as she revealed, "Today is an extraordinary day, as my mother and mother-in-law have fulfilled their Chaar Dham Yatra." She praised Odia people to be exceptionally sweet and welcoming. "Odisha's food is amazing", she said. Smitten fans and devotees cannot get over Singh's spiritual experience and heartfelt words. Srimandir in Puri is a favorite among the Bollywood stars and the other celebrities, and Bharti Singh's visit happens to be the latest testimonial to this effect.



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# BGT 2024-25: No Greater Honour To Lead India In Test Cricket, Says Bumrah Ahead Of Series Opener

Perth: India pacer and stand-in captain Jasprit Bumrah is swelled with pride to lead the country for the second time in Test cricket on Friday. The speedster is set to don the captain's hat in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, who will miss the match due to the birth of his second child, in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy opener against Australia in Perth. The 30-year-old will not only captain the side but also spearhead the pace bowling attack on Perth pitch which is known for its pace and bounce. Bumrah shared that it was his dream to play Test cricket for India and sees himself as the one



who likes tough tasks. "I love responsibility, I wanted to do the tough job since I was a child. You know you always want to be in the thick of things and always wanted to be thrown against tough scenarios," Bumrah said in a video posted by BCCI on X. Describing his leadership skills, the speedster emphasised following natural instincts rather than copybook style. "I've always never followed a copybook plan, I go with my instincts and I've always wanted to add more. This adds a new challenge to me. There's no greater honour than this that

own leadership style, inspired by but not copying the likes of Rohit and Virat Kohli. "You have to find your own way as you can't blindly copy anyone. Virat and Rohit have been very successful and have gotten results, but my way is that I have always never followed a copybook plan. And even with my bowling, you can see, that I go with my instincts and that's how I have always played my cricket. I have a lot of faith in my guts and instincts," he said. When asked about the tendency of bowler-captains to overuse or underuse themselves, Bumrah

asserted that being a bowler gives him an advantage in managing his workload effectively. "There are more positives than negatives. You want to be tested and face challenges, and being a bowler-captain allows me to adapt quickly to changing conditions and make informed decisions on the field," he said. "When Rohit or Virat were captain, I always looked to add value, pass on information, and support the team. As a senior player, I've embraced the role of guiding younger players and sharing insights," he added.

# Rohit Sharma To Join Indian Team In Australia On Sunday: Report

New Delhi: India skipper Rohit Sharma is set to reunite with his team in Australia, joining the squad in Perth on November 24, the third day of the ongoing first Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series. Rohit's departure was delayed due to personal reasons, as he and his wife Ritika Sajdeh celebrated the birth of their second child, a baby boy, on November 15. While the Indian team departed for Australia in three batches between November 9 and 11, Rohit opted to stay back in India to be with his family. His delayed arrival means he will miss the first Test at the Optus Stadium in Perth,



which begins on Friday. However, the Indian captain will be available for the second Test at the Adelaide Oval, scheduled from December 6 to 10. Jasprit Bumrah, the designated vice-captain in the squad, will lead the Indian team in the Perth Test and with Pat Cummins captaining Australia, this will be a rare occasion when two bowlers will lead their respective sides in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series.

Meanwhile, as part of his preparation for the Adelaide Test, Rohit will feature in a two-day day-night practice match between the India A team and the Prime Minister XI. The fixture, set to be held at Canberra's Manuka Oval on November 30 and December 1, will provide Rohit with an opportunity to acclimatise to Australian conditions and regain match fitness, according to a report in Cricbuzz. Rohit's delayed travel to Australia had been a topic of intense speculation in the cricket fraternity. With the team already facing challenges due to injuries and absences

# This Win Will Inspire Young Girls To Play Hockey, Says Salima Tete After India's WACT 2024 Title Win

New Delhi: The Indian Women's Hockey Team secured the Bihar Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) Rajgir 2024 title on Wednesday with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over China in the final. This triumph marked India's third championship win in the tournament, following earlier victories in 2016 and 2023. With this title, India has joined South Korea as the most successful team in the history of the ACT, with both nations now holding three titles each. Reflecting on the victory, Indian team captain Salima Tete expressed her gratitude for the incredible support they received in Rajgir. "Playing in Rajgir was a special



experience, especially since it was the first international hockey tournament hosted here. The energy and encouragement from the crowd were unmatched, and it gave us an added boost throughout the competition. I truly believe this victory will inspire more young girls to take up hockey and further elevate the sport in India. We are thrilled to be able to bring this win to our fans and our nation." Looking ahead,

Salima shared the team's aspirations for future international events, emphasising their commitment to qualifying for the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. "While we celebrate this win, our focus remains on long-term goals. We are working hard every day, trusting the process, and staying dedicated to delivering our best in every tournament. Our ultimate aim is to bring

more laurels to India and make the country proud," she said. Notably, Salima will next feature in the upcoming Hockey India League (HIL) 2024-25, where women's teams will participate for the first time in the league's history. Representing Soorma Hockey Club, she expressed excitement about playing in her hometown, Ranchi, where most of the women's HIL matches will be held. "I am super excited to participate in the HIL, and it's even more special because women's teams are competing for the first time. Playing in Ranchi will be a surreal experience, given how passionate the fans are there.

# IPL 2025: Arshdeep Could Get 18-20 Crore To Become Most Expensive Bowler At Mega Auction, Says Aakash Chopra

New Delhi: Former India cricketer Aakash Chopra believes left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh could get a paycheck of Rs 18-20 crore and become the most expensive bowler in the upcoming IPL 2025 mega auction. Arshdeep, who have 95 T20I wickets for India, has scalped 76 wickets in 65 matches for Punjab Kings since 2019. But ahead of the auction, he was not retained by the franchise and is among the high-profile names in the marquee set of the auction, to be held in Jeddah on November 24 and 25, respectively. "Arshdeep could command 18-20 crore, making him the most expensive bowler at the auction. His ability to bowl under pressure is invaluable," said Chopra



on JioCinema platform. Former India player Robin Uthappa added, "Arshdeep might fetch 10-15 crore, possibly returning to Punjab via RTM." They also feel Trent Boult and Harshal Patel will start a bidding

war amongst ten teams. "Boult excels with the new ball, but Harshal being an Indian and having the skill with the old ball make him an even more valuable asset in the IPL setup." Uthappa believes that despite a

lacklustre IPL 2024 season with Punjab Kings, seam-bowling all-rounder Sam Curran will remain a hot commodity in the auction. "An athlete's performance often hinges on clarity and comfort within a franchise. Sam thrived at CSK and might find himself back there as they could go hard for him. "Teams like KKR and RR could also show interest, and Punjab might exercise their RTM card. He was one of the most expensive buys last year and will likely fetch over a million dollars again," he said. Uthappa also highlighted off-spin all-rounder Washington Sundar as an underrated pick. "He has tremendous potential and was underutilised by Sunrisers Hyderabad last year.

# Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis Beats USA's Ben Shelton In Davis Cup Thriller

NEW DELHI: Thanasi Kokkinakis emerged triumphant after a gripping tie-break, saving four match points. © AFP Thanasi Kokkinakis edged Ben Shelton 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (16/14) to put Australia 1-0 up on record 32-time Davis Cup winners the United States in the quarter-finals on Thursday. Australia, who have triumphed 28 times, second only to the USA, last won the tournament in 2003 but finished as runners-up in the last two editions. Kokkinakis emerged triumphant after a gripping tie-break, saving four match points and spurning six of his own before eventually prevailing when Shelton went long. "I don't know



if I've been that pumped up in my life, I wanted that one bad, I wanted to help my team," said the Australian. "The tie-break was tough, we were both serving well,

I think I only got tight on one shot... he was serving incredibly, I can't even speak, I'm happy." It's a massive win for me... Lleyton (Hewitt, Australia's captain) showed faith in

me, anyone could have played but I just wanted to give it my all." Shelton, on his Davis Cup debut and chosen ahead of Tommy Paul by captain Bob Bryan, showed nerves in the first set and Kokkinakis took full advantage. After Shelton held in the first game, the Australian won the next six straight to rapidly mop up the first set. The American, ranked 21st, 56 places above his opponent, hit back strongly in the second as he came out with far more panache and immediately secured a break. Shelton, 22, saved four break points for a hold to make it 4-2, utilising his huge serve, and

served it out, sealing the set with an ace to force a third. Neither was able to force their way ahead and a nerve-wracking and lengthy tie-break ensued with Kokkinakis eventually snatching victory. In the second rubber Australia's Alex de Minaur faces world number four Taylor Fritz, who finished as runner-up in the ATP Finals last week and reached his first Grand Slam final at the US Open in September. Later Thursday Jannik Sinner's Italy, the defending champions, face Argentina in the last quarter-final clash, with the winner facing Australia or the US.

# Bihar Government Honours Indian Women's Hockey Team On Asian Champions Trophy Triumph

Rajgir (Bihar): Celebrating the title triumph of the Indian women's hockey team in the Asian Champions Trophy 2024, the Bihar government has announced a significant cash award for the players and support staff. Each player in the squad will receive Rs 10 lakh in recognition of their outstanding performance at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium during the course of the tournament. In addition to this, chief coach Harendra Singh was rewarded with Rs 10 lakhs while the rest of the support staff received Rs 5 lakh each, Hockey India informed in a release on Wednesday. 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 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. Soon after the victory, Hockey India declared a reward of ₹3 lakh each for the members of the Indian team 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.



## Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Launch UN International Year of Cooperatives 2025 at ICA Global Cooperative Conference

New Delhi : At a press conference organized jointly by IFFCO Ltd., Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India and International Cooperative Alliance it was announced that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji will be launching the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives 2025. For the first time in the 130-year-long history of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), the premier body



for the Global Cooperative movement, with the initiative of IFFCO, the ICA General Assembly and Global Cooperative Conference will be hosted by India. Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation,

Government of India said that, Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation, Government of India will grace the event with his august presence on 25th November 2024 at 3 PM. He will chair the inaugural session of the Global Cooperative

Conference as the Chief Guest. A commemorative stamp on International Year of Cooperatives - 2025 will also be launched during the event. Dr. U S Awasthi, Managing Director, IFFCO Ltd., informed the press that Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan His Excellency DASHO TSHERING TOBGAY JI and Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji His Excellency MANOAKAMIKAMICA will also attend the event as esteemed guests.

## Samsung R&D Institute, Noida and IIT Bombay Sign MoU to Pioneer Research in Digital Health, AI and Other Emerging Technologies

New Delhi : Samsung R&D Institute, Noida (SRI-Noida), has strengthened its commitment to industry-academia collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay). Under this MoU, SRI-Noida and IIT Bombay will explore breakthroughs in artificial intelligence (AI), digital health, and other critical areas. The five-year partnership will facilitate joint research projects, providing IIT Bombay students and faculty an opportunity to



collaborate with Samsung engineers. This approach will not only open newer avenues for the students, but will enhance their industry readiness. In addition, it will equip Samsung engineers with specialized training and certification programmes from IIT Bombay in emerging technologies such as digital health and AI. The MoU was formally

signed by Kyungyun Roo, Managing Director of SRI-Noida, and Prof. Upendra V. Bhandarkar, Associate Dean of Research and Development at IIT Bombay. The event, which took place at IIT Bombay, was attended by faculty members from the Koita Centre for Digital Health (KCDH), including Prof. Ranjith Padinhateeri, Head of

KCDH, Prof. Nirmal Punjabi and Dr. Raghavendra Lakshminarayanan. "This collaboration represents a powerful blend of industry expertise and academic excellence, opening doors for pioneering research, innovation, and talent development. We look forward to working closely with IIT-B's exceptional faculty and students to drive meaningful advancements and develop solutions that address real-world challenges in the field of Digital health, AI and other emerging technologies."

## TPCODL Wins Nine Gold Awards at ICQCC 2024, Sri Lanka

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondence): TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), a joint venture of Tata Power and the Government of Odisha, achieved a remarkable feat by winning nine "Gold" Awards at the prestigious International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) 2024. Organized by the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP) at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 11th to 13th Nov, 2024 the event highlighted excellence in quality, productivity and innovation. The convention, themed "Beyond Boundaries: A



Quest for Quality, Productivity and Innovation," saw participation from 1,083 teams across 14 countries. The teams demonstrated outstanding commitment to enhancing quality, productivity and innovation within TPCODL's operations. Arvind Singh, CEO,

TPCODL, expressed his gratitude on the occasion, stating: "We congratulate all the teams for their remarkable achievements at ICQCC 2024, showcasing excellence in quality and teamwork. We sincerely believe that expanding Quality Circles will deepen Total Employee Involvement and drive our Customer-Focused Objectives."

## Achyuta Samanta Awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award in 43rd World Congress of Poets

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondence): Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS, and KIMS, has been honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the World Academy of Art and Culture (WAAC) for his transformative contributions to society. The award was presented during the inaugural ceremony of the 43rd World Congress of Poets (WCP) in Madurai by spiritual leader His Holiness Thavathiru Kunnarakudi Ponnambala Adigalar, in the presence of poets from over 30 countries. Dr. Samanta was also conferred with the Rabindranath Tagore Award for promoting art, culture, and literature. The award was presented



by Dr. Sethu Kumanan, Chairman of the Sethu Bhasakara Group of Institutions, philanthropist, and educationist. On the special recommendation of the World Congress of Poets, Prof. Achyuta Samanta has been inducted as a member of its Executive Board in recognition of his commitment to

promoting art, culture, and literature. Expressing his gratitude, Prof. Samanta remarked, "This recognition strengthens my commitment to leveraging art, literature, and culture to inspire change and foster unity across communities that I have been doing for three decades."

## GRIDCO Drives Renewable Energy Awareness at Baliyatra 2024

Cuttack, (Correspondence): This year's Baliyatra in Cuttack is witnessing a remarkable effort by GRIDCO, Odisha's Renewable Energy Nodal Agency, to promote the adoption of renewable energy through an innovative pavilion. Showcasing advanced models, interactive exhibits, and informative sessions, the pavilion is creating widespread awareness about sustainable energy solutions and the state's ambitious goals in renewable energy development. The pavilion features a Green Hydrogen Plant model that demonstrates how



clean hydrogen energy can revolutionize industries and transportation. Another model showcases hydrogen-powered vehicles, illustrating a future where buses and cars emit only water vapor, eliminating air pollution. Similarly, a model under the PMSURYAGHAR Scheme educates visitors

on how households can significantly reduce or even eliminate electricity bills by adopting solar energy through Net-metering arrangement. Another highlight is the Wind Energy Model, which explains how 24/7 electricity can be generated sustainably. To further engage the public, GRIDCO has developed a mobile application that

allows users to calculate their solar power plant capacity based on their area and electricity contract demand. The app provides cost estimates, details on government subsidies, and information on Carbon emission reduction, making renewable energy adoption more accessible. Adding to the excitement, daily quiz shows at the pavilion attract significant participation from students and youth, with attractive prizes for winners. This interactive format ensures greater understanding and interest in renewable energy among young minds.

## Indian MSMEs Create About 10 Crore Jobs In 15 Months

New Delhi: The total number of new jobs created by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the country has gone up by close to 10 crore in the last 15 months, official data recorded on the government's Udyam portal showed. According to the figures, the number of registered MSMEs has now gone up to 5.49 crore from 2.33 crore in August last year while the number of jobs reported by these enterprises has shot up to 23.14 crore from 13.15 crore during this period. The total employment also included 2.84 crore jobs by 2.38 crore informal micro units registered with the government through Udyam certification and 5.23 crore women employment. Out of the total registered units, 5.41 crore are micro enterprises while small enterprises are 7.27 lakh and medium enterprises are only 68,682. The budget has also accorded high priority to micro small and medium enterprises as they have the capacity to create a large number of jobs. The Union Budget 2024-25 allocated Rs 22,137.95 crore to the MSME Ministry which was a 41.6 per cent increase from the previous fiscal year.

## Tata Power Signs MoU with Asian Development Bank for US\$4.25 Billion to Finance Key Clean Energy Power Projects

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondence): Tata Power, one of India's leading integrated power companies, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) coinciding with the ongoing Climate Conference (COP29) at Baku, Azerbaijan, to evaluate financing for its several strategic projects aimed at enhancing India's power infrastructure and promoting renewable and clean energy. The MoU outlines the evaluation of financing for several key ongoing



projects such as the 966 MW Solar Wind Hybrid project and Pumped Hydro Storage Project and other projects in the pipeline around energy transition, decarbonization, and battery storage as well as ongoing financing for capex towards strengthening the distribution networks managed by Tata Power. The total estimated project cost is approximately US

\$4.25 billion. Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO & MD, Tata Power said, "Our collaboration with the Asian Development Bank is a crucial step as we explore innovative financing solutions to drive transformative power sector projects. This MoU reinforces our commitment to advancing India's clean and renewable energy capacity and modernizing our power infrastructure, ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth. These initiatives align with India's ambitious clean energy goals, contributing to

energy security and environmental resilience." The signatories will also work to build resilience, promote inclusiveness, and specifically focus on integrating gender and climate actions to empower women as economic and transformative agents in deploying green technologies and accessing green jobs. ADB Director General for Private Sector Operations Suzanne Gaboury said, "ADB is committed to fostering partnerships that promote sustainability and energy security across Asia and the Pacific."

## Sensex Ends 422 Points Down, Nifty Below 23,350 Over Weak Global Sentiment

Mumbai: Indian equity indices closed in the red on Thursday as sentiment around the globe was weakened due to rising tensions between Russia and Ukraine. The domestic market faced renewed pressure due to escalating tensions in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and heightened nuclear concerns, according to market experts. At closing, Sensex was down 422 points or 0.54 per cent at 77,155 and Nifty was down 168 points or

0.72 per cent at 23,349. The market trend was negative. On the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), 1,235 stocks closed in the green, 2,735 in the red, and 95 remained unchanged. Along with large caps, midcaps and small caps shares also witnessed a decline. The Nifty Midcap 100 index fell 162 points or 0.30 per cent to close at 54,385 and the Nifty Smallcap 100 index fell 80 points or 0.46 per cent to close

at 17,596. Among the sectoral indices, auto, PSU Bank, financial services, pharma, FMCG, metal and energy were top laggards. IT and realty were major gainers. In the Sensex pack, Power Grid, UltraTech Cement, HCL Tech, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, TCS, ICICI Bank, and Infosys were the top gainers. SBI, NTPC, ITC, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Reliance

Industries, IndusInd Bank, Titan, Tata Motors, and HUL were the top losers. According to Rupak De from LKP Securities, in the short term, sentiment remains weak, with support placed at 23,200. "A fall below this level could trigger a correction in the market. On the upside, resistance is placed at 23,550 and a decisive move above this level might induce a rally in the market," De added.