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Mumbai: Members of the Hindi entertainment fraternity, Remo D'Souza, Rajpal Yadav and Sugandha Mishra have received a threat from an unidentified person. A case has been registered at the Amboli police station in Mumbai on the complaint of actor Rajpal Yadav. On the complaint of Sugandha Mishra, the police have registered a complaint and started investigating the matter and after receiving the same threatening email, Remo D'Souza has also filed a complaint at the police station. As per the police, the threat email was sent from Pakistan. The email reads, "We are monitoring your recent activities and we believe it is important that we bring to your attention a sensitive matter. This is not a publicity stunt or an attempt to harass you, we urge



you to treat this message with utmost seriousness and confidentiality." The sender signed off as 'BISHNU'. Of late, Mumbai police have been on an increased level of vigilance as the law and order of the city seems to be shaken particularly after the fatal attack on politician Baba Siddique, threats to Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, and the recent knife attack on Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan. Earlier, Baba Siddique was shot dead near his house in the Bandra area of Mumbai

in October last year. The responsibility for the murder was claimed by jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's gang. Salman, on his part, beefed up his security, even installing bullet-proof windows on his balcony. It was a Baba Siddique Iftar party in 2013 that ended a long-standing feud between the two of the biggest superstars of Bollywood, Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan after a five-year-long spat that divided the entire Bollywood into two camps of loyalists.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose A Symbol Of Indomitable Courage: CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar(correspondent):- Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi hailed Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as a symbol of indomitable courage while celebrating Parakrama Divas in Cuttack. Marking the 128th birth anniversary of Netaji, the Chief Minister acknowledged his bravery and fighting skills as pivotal to India's independence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been paying tribute to Netaji since 2021 by celebrating his birth anniversary as Parakrama Divas. The Chief Minister noted that this celebration is a great opportunity to honour the brave son of Odisha in his hometown. Historians and British rulers have admitted that Netaji's fight for independence



prevented the British government from ruling India for several more years. In recognition of his bravery, Ross Island has been renamed Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. "It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the birthday of this brave son of Odisha in his hometown. Many historians and the British rulers of that time have also admitted that if Netaji had not fought, the British government could have

ruled India for a few more years. He said that in honour of Netaji's bravery and struggle, our Prime Minister has renamed Ross Island as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose," Majhi said. Netaji's birthplace, Odia Bazaar in Cuttack, is a testament to his enduring legacy. He spent his childhood there and was a brilliant student at Ravenshaw Collegiate School. The Chief Minister emphasized the need for the

younger generation to learn about Netaji's life and connection to Cuttack. The event, organized by the Department of Culture, Government of India, and the Government of Odisha, featured a video message from the Prime Minister, a photo exhibition, and felicitations for INA veteran Lieutenant R. Madhavan Pillai. Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida, Minister for

Odia Language, Literature and Culture Suryabanshi Suraj, Cuttack MP Bhartruhari Mahatab, former Union Minister K.P. Singh Deo, Union Culture Secretary Arunish Chawla were prominently present at the event. A video message given by the Prime Minister was shown at the event organized by the Department of Culture, Government of India and the Government of Odisha.

Death toll rises to 13 in Jalgaon train mishap

NEWDELHI: The death toll in the tragic train accident near Jalgaon, Maharashtra, has risen to 13 following the recovery of a headless body along the railway tracks, police said on Thursday. On Wednesday evening, some passengers onboard the Mumbai-bound Pushpak Express, fearing a blaze, hastily jumped onto adjacent tracks, only to be struck by the Karnataka Express heading from Bengaluru to Delhi. The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Central Circle, will probe the circumstances leading to the tragedy. Manoj Arora, CRS, Central Circle, said he would reach the accident site between Pardhade and Maheji railway stations near Pachora, over 400 km from Mumbai, on Thursday.

Trump To Impose New Sanctions, Tariffs If Russia Does Not End Ukraine War

Washington: US President Donald Trump told his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Wednesday to make a deal to end the grinding Ukraine war "now" or face tariff hikes and more sanctions. "If we don't make a 'deal', and soon, I have no other choice but to put high levels of Taxes, Tariffs, and Sanctions on anything being sold by Russia to the US, and various other participating countries," Trump said on his Truth Social network. The US President said he was "not looking to hurt Russia" and had "always had a very good relationship with President Putin," a leader for whom he has

expressed admiration in the past. "All of that being said, I'm going to do Russia, whose Economy is failing, and President Putin, a very big FAVOR. Settle now, and STOP this ridiculous War! IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE." "Settle now, and stop this ridiculous war! It's only going to get worse. If we don't make a "deal," soon, I have no other choice but to put high levels of taxes, tariffs, and sanctions on anything being sold by Russia to the United States, and various other participating countries. Let's get this war, which never would have started if I were President, over with! We can do it

the easy way, or the hard way - and the easy way is always better. It's time to 'make a deal.' No more lives should be lost," Trump added. Trump was taking a harder line than he had during a White House press conference on Tuesday when he said it "sounds likely" that he would apply additional sanctions if Putin did not come to the table. The US President also declined to say whether he would continue his predecessor Joe Biden's policy of sending weapons to Ukraine to fight off Russia's invasion, launched in February 2022.

India's Voter Base Expands to 99.1 Crore, EC Reports

NEWDELHI: India's electorate has grown to a record 99.1 crore, reflecting a youthful and gender-balanced voter base, according to the latest data released by the Election Commission of India (ECI) ahead of National Voters' Day. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar highlighted that the surge in voter numbers showcases India's deepening democratic participation, with a notable increase in young and first-time voters.



Women's participation has also seen a significant rise, contributing to a more gender-inclusive electoral process. The EC reiterated its commitment to ensuring free, fair, and accessible elections, urging citizens to exercise

their right to vote in the upcoming electoral cycles. Various awareness campaigns and initiatives are planned to encourage greater voter engagement, especially among urban and youth demographics.



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New Wildfire In Los Angeles Scorches Over 8,000 Acres

California: A fast-moving brush fire erupted in Los Angeles County, expanding to 8,096 acres (32.76 square km) with zero containment, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire). The blaze dubbed Hughes Fire broke out around 10:30 a.m. local time on Wednesday in the area of Lake Hughes Road near Castaic Lake, about 80 km northwest of downtown Los Angeles, the Cal Fire reported, noting it quickly grew to the size in less than 6 hours and had crossed the county line to the neighbouring Ventura County, reports Xinhua news agency. Fueled by heavy and dry plants and pushed by gusting Santa Ana winds, the latest wildfire in Southern California spread rapidly, the local media said, adding approximately 19,000 residents are under mandatory evacuation orders. Students from middle and elementary schools in the Castaic community were evacuated on Wednesday afternoon, and the Castaic Sports Complex was also under a mandatory evacuation order, which was used by firefighters as a command post. The Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic evacuated 476 inmates to the nearby North County Correction Facility. Los Angeles County has been inundated with deadly blazes this month. The Palisades and Eaton fires, the largest ones in the most populous county of the United States, have killed 28 people, sparked numerous mandatory evacuations, and destroyed thousands of structures.

Micheal Martin Confirmed As New Irish Prime Minister

London: Fianna Fail leader Micheal Martin has been confirmed as the new Irish Prime Minister after a vote in the Dail, lower house of Irish parliament, local media reported on Thursday. The lawmakers on Thursday voted to elect Martin as Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) for the second time by a coalition of the country's two large centre-right parties, Fine Gael and Fianna Fail, and independent lawmakers. The election of Taoiseach had previously been delayed on Wednesday after the Dail was suspended amid chaotic scenes in the chamber. "As I look at Ireland today, it is clear that there can be a degree of cynicism towards politics, and too often we dismiss the motivation of others, especially those we disagree with. I reject this. I believe in the good faith of those who seek to serve their communities in elected office," Martin said. Martin talked about domestic challenges, including housing and support for people with disabilities, acknowledging "too many... have to fight too hard to access the services they deserve."

Hyderabad: Ex-Army man kills wife, chops body, boils in pressure cooker before discarding

Hyderabad: In a shocking incident in Hyderabad, a former army man named Gurumurthy allegedly murdered his wife, Puttavenkata Madhavi, chopped her body into pieces, boiled them in a pressure cooker, and then dumped the remains in a lake. The crime came to light after Madhavi's mother filed a missing complaint. Gurumurthy has been arrested and is currently in police cus-



tody as the investigation continues. While looking into the complaint, however, details of the crime were revealed. The police believed that

Gurumurthy killed his wife over suspicion, dismembered her body, and attempted to destroy evidence by cooking parts of it in a pressure cooker. Gurumurthy, a native of Prakasam district and a former Army personnel, was employed as a security guard at Kanchanbagh. He and Madhavi lived in Jillelaguda, Hyderabad, with their two children. According to sources in the police

department, Gurumurthy claimed to have chopped Madhavi's body into parts and packed them in a gunny bag which he threw into the Chandan Lake area near Jillelaguda. The police said Gurumurthy said he killed his wife on sudden provocation when his wife demanded to go to her native place in Nandyal. However, the body is yet to be found and an investigation is in progress.

Arvind Kejriwal Claims His Car Attacked At Public Rally, Points Fingers At Home Minister

New Delhi: Former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday claimed that his car was attacked during a public rally in Hari Nagar constituency and blamed the Delhi Police as well as Home Minister Amit Shah for the 'orchestrated' assault. He alleged that Delhi Police, acting at the behest of Home Minister, allowed the Opposition's supporters to trespass into his public rally, who in turn attacked his car. The AAP supremo also lashed out at the Election Commission for failing to contain constant attacks on him during the election campaign and said that such conduct raises serious questions on the efficacy of poll body. The alleged attack comes close on the heels of similar incident in New Delhi constituency where his car suffered a brick attack, as shown in the video, though the same was strongly contested by BJP, which called it a brazen attempt to seek sympathy votes. The AAP chief, on a campaign trail in the city, addressed public rally in Hari Nagar on Thursday evening, where he hardsold Delhi government's free electricity, free water, Mohalla clinics and free bus travel for women.

Saif Ali Khan Assault: Father Of Accused Claims CCTV Footage Doesn't Match His Son

New Delhi: Md Ruhul Amin Fakir, father of Mohammed Shariful Islam, the man accused in the recent attack on Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan, spoke his mind out during an exclusive conversation with IANS on Thursday. He defended his son and called into question the allegations. Fakir insisted his son had been wrongfully implicated in the incident. According to Fakir, the images from CCTV footage showing a suspect with long hair do not match his son's usual appearance. "From what is shown in the CCTV... my son never keeps his hair long. I believe my son is being framed," Fakir asserted.

Netaji's ideals and unwavering dedication to India's freedom continue to inspire us: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered his address on the occasion of Jayanti of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, commemorated as Parakram Diwas via video message today. Greeting the people on the occasion, he said that the entire nation is remembering Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, respectfully, on his birth anniversary today. Paying his respects to Netaji Subhas Bose, Shri Modi said that this year's grand celebrations of Parakram Diwas were being held in his birthplace in Odisha. He congratulated the people and the Government of Odisha on the occasion. The Prime Minister said that



there was a huge exhibition, based on the legacy of Netaji's life, held at Cuttack, Odisha. He further added that several artists have depicted the events related to Netaji's life on canvas. He said that there were also many books based on Netaji collected. He

expressed confidence that all these legacies of Netaji's life journey will give new energy to Meri Yuva Bharat or MY Bharat. "Today when we are engaged in achieving the resolution of Developed India (Viksit Bharat), the legacy of the life of Netaji Subhas will con-

stantly inspire us", remarked the Prime Minister. He added that the foremost and important goal of Netaji Subhas Bose was Azad Hind. Shri Modi said that to achieve this resolve, he stood steadfast with his decision on one single criterion - Azad Hind. He added that Netaji

was born into a prosperous family and having cleared the Civil Services Examination, he could have been a senior officer in the British Government and led a comfortable life. However, Shri Modi remarked that Netaji chose the path of difficulties and challenges in the quest for Independence along with wandering in India and other countries. "Netaji Subhas was not bound by the comforts of the comfort zone", he added. The Prime Minister urged "Today, we all need to step out of our comfort zones to build a Viksit Bharat". He emphasized the importance of becoming globally the best, choosing excellence, and focusing on efficiency.

Centre Issues Notice to Uber, Ola Over 'Differential Pricing' Based on Smartphone

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Consumer Affairs on Thursday issued notices to cab aggregators Ola and Uber, seeking clarification on reports of alleged differential pricing based on the type of mobile device used to book rides. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) took action following reports that the two companies appeared to charge different fares for the same service, depending on

whether the customer was using an iPhone or an Android device. In its notice, the CCPA asked the companies to explain their pricing methods and address concerns of potential discrimination. The ministry described the practice as "apparent differential pricing" and sought a detailed response to ensure transparency and fairness in fare calculations. The move comes days after a Delhi-based entrepre-

neur shared his findings on differential pricing by the two ride-hailing apps in a series of posts on X after comparing fares across different devices and battery levels. Back in December, the matter gained traction after an X user had shared a picture of two phones purportedly showing different fares for a particular location on the Uber app. As his post went viral, Uber responded to the allegations, denying that the

pricing is based on the type of phone used. The company attributed any fare differences to variations in pick-up points, estimated time of arrival (ETA), and drop-off points, stating that it does not personalise trip pricing based on the rider's mobile phone manufacturer. However, other social media users soon joined the chorus, alleging that they were being charged different fares for identical rides when booking through An-

droid and iOS devices. The government intervened, with Union Minister of Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi ordering the CCPA to probe platforms like Ola, Uber and Rapido for "unfair trade practice" and a "blatant disregard" for consumers' right to transparency. Joshi said the government had "zero tolerance for consumer exploitation" and directed the CCPA to conduct a thorough inquiry and submit a report as soon as possible.

K'taka: Woman Sends Mangalsutra To HM Parameshwara, Seeks Justice For Husband

Raichur: The wife of a man who committed suicide has sent her mangalsutra to Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Thursday, demanding action against the staff of a microfinance company who allegedly drove her husband to take his own life. The mangalsutra is a sacred thread worn by married Hindu women to symbolise their marital status and bond with their husbands. Parvathi, the widow, has claimed that the staff members of the microfinance company harassed and tortured her husband, Sharanabasava, leading to his death. She has demanded immediate action against those responsible. Local organisations have also come forward to support her cause. She had also met the Superintendent of Police of Raichur district and submitted a memorandum regarding the incident. Sharanabasava reportedly died by suicide on January 17 by



consuming poison in his village of Kapagal, near Manvi town in Raichur district. His family alleged that he was subjected to daily harassment by the microfinance company staff. The deceased, who worked as a cab driver and labourer, had taken a loan of Rs 8 lakh from private microfinance companies. Unable to pay a few EMIs, he was allegedly harassed by their staff. Locals stated that many individuals in the region are absconding due to similar harassment by microfinance lenders. Responding to the issue of torture by microfinance companies, Home Minister G. Parameshwara stated on Thursday in Udupi

that microfinance companies are pressuring customers, engaging in physical assault, and seizing properties. "There is no legal provision for such acts. If a police complaint is lodged, action will be taken," he assured. Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H.D. Kumaraswamy, has urged the Congress-led Karnataka government to take appropriate action in this matter. Sources have confirmed that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has called for a meeting on this issue on January 25 in Bengaluru. Reports suggest that Deputy Commissioners' offices across the state are flooded with petitions seeking government intervention to stop the harassment by microfinance companies. In Belagavi district alone, 2.71 lakh applications have been submitted. Other districts with significant petition numbers include Bagalkot (89,037),

TN: Accused Surrenders In Anti-Mining Activist's Murder Case

Chennai: Ramaiah, one of the key accused in the murder of anti-mining activist K. Jagbar Ali, surrendered at the Namanasamudram police station in Tamil Nadu's Pudukkottai district on Thursday. The case has drawn widespread attention for highlighting the dangers faced by whistleblowers opposing illegal mining operations. Jabbar Ali, a

resident of Vengalur in Thirumayam taluk, was known for his outspoken opposition to unlawful quarrying activities in the region. On January 17, Ali was fatally struck by a lorry while returning home on his motorcycle after prayers at a local mosque. The collision, initially suspected to be an accident, has since been linked to a premeditated conspiracy.

BSF Declares 'Ops Alert' Along Indo-Bangladesh Border Ahead Of R-Day

Kolkata: The Eastern Command of the Border Security Force (BSF) has commenced 'Ops Alert' along the 4,096 km Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) ahead of Republic Day. Patrolling has been intensified and border domination is being carried out both during the day and night. Ravi Gandhi, addi-

tional director general, of Eastern Command, BSF, also toured the South Bengal Frontier to check preparedness and review interactions between the Force and the border population on the Indian side. According to a statement released by the Headquarters, Special Director General, BSF, in Kolkata, the

'Ops Alert' has been initiated to prevent any untoward incident ahead of the country's 76th Republic Day, keeping in mind the changed scenario in Bangladesh. 'Ops Alert' has commenced across all field formations of the BSF along the IBB to heighten security and strengthen all border outposts.

Ashok Nagar Series Accident: CRUT Suspends A Driver, Releases Clarification

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):- The Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) suspended the driver of diesel midi bus for negligence in connection with the series of accident at Ashok Nagar in the Capital city that left four people injured on Thursday. CRUT also released a clarification, stating that three vehicles, an electric bus (OD 33 41-I 0105), a diesel midi bus (OD 33 U 7110) and a car were involved in the accident. According to the release issued by CRUT, the incident occurred when a scooter rider unexpectedly



swerved in front of the EV bus while it was in the middle lane, prompting the captain to apply sudden brakes. As a result, the midi bus collided with the rear of the EV bus. The subsequent impact caused another vehicle, the car crash into the rear of the midi bus. The EV bus was travelling at a speed of 14 km/h at the time of the incident. The captain of the EV bus acted promptly to avoid a potential accident with the scooter rider, and there was only a 5-6 second gap before the collision involving the midi bus. The diesel bus behind the EV bus, travelling at a

speed of 28 km/h, was unable to brake in time, leading to the collision, CRUT stated. A thorough alcohol test of both captains was conducted at the Capital Police Station, and the result was found to be zero, indicating no alcohol consumption. It has been concluded after reviewing CCTV footage that the diesel bus captain should have been more cautious in maintaining a safe distance, as the sudden stoppage of the EV bus was not anticipated. The captain has been suspended for not keeping an adequate distance.

Development Commissioner Anu Garg Visits Irrigation Projects In Sambalpur, Bargarh

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):- Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary Anu Garg today visited irrigation projects in Sambalpur and Bargarh districts. During her tour, she visited the Pump House of Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project in Bargarh district aimed at providing irrigation facilities to additional Ayacut area under the project. She interacted with the office-bearers of Pani Panchayats including women functionaries and gave necessary suggestions for the smooth functioning of the PPs and how this project is going to benefit the farmers. The Development Commissioner visited the outlet flushing work at Dumerpani and Sarandapali under the project to facilitate the irrigation of 20 hectares and two hectares of land in the respective areas. The entire area of Additional Ayacut totalling to 5750 hectares will be irrigated in the ensuing Kharif season. This is Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) enabled. Trial irrigation in this Rabi season to the tune of 2000 hectares will also be provided.

Odisha Govt Mulls Installing Watch Tower Outside Puri Srimandir

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):- Following repeated drone sightings over Shree Jagannath temple in Puri, the state government is considering installing a watch tower to monitor and control drone movement. Odisha Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan said that the watch tower would enable security personnel to keep a watchful eye from a height, tracking the origin of the drones. This move aims to bolster security and prevent future incidents. Additionally, Harichandan addressed the recent viral photo of the temple's sanctum sanctorum, stating that police are investigating the matter thoroughly. He emphasized that strict action will be taken against those responsible for leaking the photo. To further strengthen security, the state government has initiated efforts to create a security cordon around the temple. "We are planning to install a watchtower outside the temple to ascertain the origin of the drones. The security personnel can keep watch from the top height. We are also planning a security cordon outside the shrine, which will be implemented soon," said Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan. Moreover, Harichandan noted that strict checking is being conducted through CCTV surveillance at all four temple entrances.

Odisha CM Grievance Cell To Remain Closed On Jan 27

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):- The Odisha Chief Minister's Grievance Cell will remain closed on January 27 (Monday). According to an official press release, the General Administration and Public Grievance Department has informed that CM's Grievance Cell at Unit V, Bhubaneswar will remain closed due to some important official engagement of the Chief Minister on January 27 and the date for the next hearing will be announced to the public through newspapers and other media.

Man held for theft from ASI office

BHUBANESWAR (correspondent): Police have arrested a man for allegedly stealing steel pipes from the ASI office working inside the Puri Srimandir. ASI's official Jyoti Ranjan Pradhan filed a complaint at Singhadwar police station. According to police, the accused, identified as Loknath Swain (27), has been arrested and forwarded to the court. The accused was first detained by the Srimandir guards and then handed over to the Singhadwar police station for questioning, sources said.

Dense Fog Expected To Engulf Several Odisha Districts For Next Two Days

Bhubaneswar: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a yellow warning for January 25 and 26, predicting dense fog in several districts of Odisha. According to the IMD forecast, dense fog is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts.

Odisha Govt To Decide Soon On Naba Das Murder Case Probe: Law Minister

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): The Odisha government will soon make a decision on the next steps in the investigation of the murder of former Health & Family Welfare Minister Naba Das, informed Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan today. "The murder case of Naba Das is under trial, and the government will take a decision shortly. Various facts are emerging one by one. During the previous administration, people were reluctant to speak out due to a prevailing

atmosphere of fear. Even Naba Das' family members were hesitant to share information. Now, that fear has dissipated, and new details are gradually coming to light. These developments may be included in the investigation. When all incidents are considered, the questions of who killed Naba Das, why, and who was part of the conspiracy will undoubtedly be answered," Harichandan said. On January 29, 2023, Naba Das was shot dead at close range by a police ASI

using his service revolver. The then BJD government assigned the Crime Branch to investigate the case. In May 2023, the Crime Branch submitted a comprehensive 543-page charge sheet to the Jharsuguda JMFC Court. However, the motive behind the killing remains unclear. With new facts emerging, the Odisha government's decision could pave the way for a deeper investigation and potentially uncover the truth behind the murder of the influential minister.

200-300 Ineligible Ration Cards Found in Each Block Across Odisha: Minister

BHUBANESWAR (correspondent):- Odisha's Food Supplies Minister, Krushna Chandra Patra, revealed that there are around 200-300 ineligible ration card holders in every block across all 30 districts of Odisha. He urged these individuals to surrender their ration cards by January 31 to avoid strict action. The state government has already identified many of these ineligible beneficiaries, who are often financially well-off and do not need ration benefits. The min-



ister also mentioned that the e-KYC process for availing ration cards in Odisha will be completed by January 31, and eligible beneficiaries will be listed thereafter. Those who continue to hold ration cards illegally after this date will

face punitive action. Along these lines, the minister also issued a stern warning to 'dishonest millers'. He stated that millers who deduct excess quantities or do not adhere to rules have been served show-cause

notices. Moreover, those who fail to follow government regulations and insist on continuing outdated practices will not be allowed to operate under the new policies. Penalties for holding an illegal ration card can range from fines to imprisonment, as per the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001. The penalties and legal actions are determined by the state government and may involve criminal proceedings in cases of fraud.

Maoist Dump Busted Along Odisha-Chhattisgarh Border, Illegal Gun Factory, Explosives Seized

BHUBANESWAR (correspondent):- A joint operation by CRPF and Chhattisgarh Police's COBRA jawans uncovered an illegal gun factory and a large cache of explosives near the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border. The operation, conducted in Sukma district, led to the seizure of multi-barrel grenade launchers, IEDs, bombs, and other materials used in weapon-making. This is the second major setback for Maoists in the region, following the neutralization of 24 Maoists, including a senior member of the CPI(Maoist) Central Committee, in recent days. Authorities fear potential retaliation from the Maoists after these significant losses.



Maitri Vihar Police Arrest 5 Drug Peddlers; Seize 42 Kg Ganja

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): Maitri Vihar police in the capital city arrested five drug peddlers and seized 42 kg of ganja from their possession on Thursday. The police team also seized cash to the tune of Rs 20,000, two mobile phones and three motorcycles. An official statement issued by the police read that acting on a tip-off, a team lead by Maitri Vihar SI Sankar Bhoi laid a trap near the BMC Wealth Center at Hatiasuni and waited for the drug peddlers. Soon



the five accused arrived the place on two-wheelers and before they could start their deal, the police pounced on them. The arrested accused have been identified as Dillip Kumar Baral alias Dilua, Jitendra Pradhan alias Munda Jitu, Prakash Khatua alias Mithun, all residents

of Saliasahi in Bhubaneswar, and Rabindra Sahoo alias Bapun and Nicklesh Panda alias Papu. A case has been registered at the Maitri Vihar police station in this connection under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C)/29 NDPS Act. All the accused have been forwarded to the court.

New Odisha BJP President Soo

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) plans to announce a new Odisha state president by the end of this month, according to state in-charge Vijaypal Singh Tomar. This decision follows a key meeting of Odisha BJP in Bhubaneswar, which focused on aligning party activities with government initiatives. The meeting was attended by incumbent state president Manmohan Samal, Chief Minister Mohan Majhi, two deputy chief ministers, and other ministers. The discussions emphasized the importance of strategies to ensure government schemes reach the grassroots level, enhancing the party's recognition for its role in these efforts. They discussed the implementation of promises made in the election manifesto, filling vacant ministerial positions, and appointing party leaders as chairpersons of various boards and state corporations. They also talked about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Odisha and the Utkarsh Odisha Make in Odisha Conclave.

Commissionerate Police Cracks Down On Pressure Horns In Heavy Vehicles In Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):- In an effort to tackle the growing issue of noise pollution caused by heavy vehicles, the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Commissionerate Police, under the guidance of Commissioner S. Dev Datta Singh, has initiated a special drive targeting the use of multi-toned pressure horns. According to reports, the drive is being carried out across five

key locations in Bhubaneswar, where the police have already seized numerous multi-toned horns. Additionally, modified silencers from 30 bikes have also been confiscated during the drive. The crackdown has specifically focused on buses, with over 40 vehicles being inspected so far. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Tapan Kumar Mohanty emphasised that this special drive is

an ongoing initiative aimed at reducing noise pollution and will continue for an unspecified period. He further mentioned that a similar operation was conducted in Cuttack, where around 50 buses had their pressure horns removed. "The special drive will not stop here. It will continue across various areas, and we urge the public to be more mindful and re-



frain from using noisy horns. We hope this initiative raises awareness and encourages people to adopt quieter, more responsible vehicle modifications," said Mohanty.

BJD Slams Odisha Assembly Speaker For Remarks On Opposition Conduct

Bhubaneswar: The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has strongly criticized Odisha Assembly Speaker Surama Padhi over her remarks regarding the behavior of Opposition members in the House. Addressing a press conference at the BJD's headquarters-Sankha Bhavan in Bhubaneswar on Thursday, senior BJD leader and former Speaker Pramila Mallik expressed displeasure, stating that Padhi's com-

ments were inappropriate and compromised the neutrality expected from the Speaker's role. "The Speaker is expected to uphold impartiality and refrain from favouring or criticizing any particular party, as per the traditions of democracy. However, Padhi's statement sounds like the voice of the ruling BJP," Mallik said. Mallik also accused Padhi of undermining the dignity of the Speaker's chair by warning that indiscipline from

Opposition members during the Budget session would not be tolerated. She further claimed that Padhi had attended a party event and demanded clarification on whether she was affiliated with any political party while holding the Speaker's post. Earlier, Speaker Padhi had called upon Opposition parties to play a constructive role and provide meaningful suggestions during the upcoming Assembly session.

EDITORIAL

Farming in crisis,
farmers in distress

In an agricultural country like India, farmers are doomed to live a life of misery. If they are forced to take a terrible step like suicide, then the dream of development of the country begins to seem meaningless. A major reason for this is that the government has not taken as much care of the farmers as it should. The development work in the villages did not happen at the pace it should have. The thing to note is that the average income of farmers in our country is still so low that it cannot support them. This is irony. That the income of food providers in India is currently less than that of a fourth class employee. Despite the claims of the government, there is no improvement in the condition of the farmers of the country. The policies of the government are responsible for their plight, where agriculture was never considered as the mainstream standard of the country's development. It is also disappointing that apart from sporadic subsidies and agricultural loans in the name of seeds and fertilizers etc., there is still no special government facility for the farmers. This is the reason why farmers are always in trouble. . . nature If the crop gets ruined due to some calamity or other reason, then due to not being able to repay the loan taken for farming, the farmers face the problem of even food and this despair leads to suicide. At the same time, excessive production also becomes a cause of trouble, because he is not able to get a fair price for his crop. As a result, it has to be sold at throwaway prices. If the farmer's production increases, the government gives up, but if it is less, the government still gets worried. However, the gap between the government and the farmers is continuously increasing. Recently the Vice President had also expressed concern over the problems of farmers. In such a situation, the question is why do farmers have to travel to Delhi again and again? It is noteworthy that farmers organizations are marching towards the country's capital Delhi for the third time with their demands. Farmers say that the government does not want to accept their demands. Many questions have been raised in the past on the issue of this farmers' movement happening again and again in the country's capital, but recently the Vice President asked in front of the Union Agriculture Minister in a public program that What is the government doing regarding the demands of the farmers? About sixty percent of the population in India is associated with agriculture. It is true that many schemes are being run by the government to increase the income of farmers. Still their financial condition is not very good. Whatever governments were formed in the last one and a half to two decades, they neglected the agriculture sector. Of course, many projects were started for the agriculture sector, but they were not implemented properly. national agriculture Development Plan, National Food Security Mission and National Horticulture Mission Many schemes are going on. Apart from this, there is also a proposal to irrigate many areas under Bharat Nirman, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Program and Rain Based Area Development Program, but due to lack of proper implementation, the expected benefits are not being achieved. It is often said that our economy is one of the brightest economies. But in a shining economy, the government is not able to erase the stain that India has the highest number of children dying from malnutrition in the world. This is a truth which no government would like to accept. Even though high growth rate is a measure of the dynamism of the economy, the plight of such an agricultural country regarding food insecurity is certainly a serious matter. At the same time, India's population has crossed 1 billion 41 crores. The report of 'The Millennium Project' states that by 2040, India's population will be approximately 1 billion 7 crores. In such a situation, providing food to all the people will be a big challenge. The reality is that if everyone starts eating till June 2, there will be a huge shortage of food grains in the country. Will go. This picture of starvation is one face of the agricultural crisis. In fact, one of the major reasons for the serious crisis in which the agriculture sector is stuck is that farmers are not getting fair prices for their produce. The government should not need any study or research to know the difficulties farmers are going through in India.

FOOD, HEALTH, MEDICINE AND HYGIENE

Shyam Sundar Samal

Super foods for soul is an endeavor to transform humans with natural nutrition complete with all its essence of fragrance, colour, taste, texture and the 5 elements of the universe which are ether, air, sunlight, fire and water.

At the root of everything such as health, medicine, hygiene, thoughts and even karma is food. You manage with the right food, then everything will fall in line/order. Food is everything, as the mind is everything. Food is fitness. Right food is the best medicine. Right food delivers you with life quality and life longevity. Here the word food has very deep and wide meanings. Here I am not talking only food for the body, but food for the mind, heart and soul too. Consume all the required nutrients in the food. Here one must take food of both the types viz. Material and spiritual. One must have a strong appetite for spiritual food. Hygiene and health emanate from food. Right food means no medicine. Sanitation and cleanliness too are great medicines.

The ultimate objective of food should be

for evolution of mankind. Food influences your thoughts, words, deeds and attitudes. Food can make you creative and productive. Food can make you a leader, rather a visionary leader. Food can make you have intentions, foresights and insights. It can help you build a character, personality and if the food is of sattva guna, the righteous, the judicious; then food also translates into karma. The karma, which can neutralize your kaam (lust), krodh (wrath), lobh (greed), moh (attachment), ahankar (ego) and matsara (envy).

Can you imagine, food having the capability of turning your mind into magic. Can you imagine food having the capability of making your spirit very special. Can you imagine your food making you extra ordinary from being ordinary. Yes, food has the power to make you what you want to be in terms of the ladder of evolution, the ladder of evolutionary trajectory.

Food is for mankind. Food is for purush, food is for purshaath, so Krishna, Christ, Mohammed, Mahadev, Zarathushtra, Buddha... they all blossomed, nurtured themselves and nourished themselves with food which was clean, pure, and green and thus, they

evolved into Gods. What stops you and me? Food can support your activity, food can support your creativity, food can support your productivity. Food can make you a hero and an achiever and food can also make you a champion of tomorrow. So, please pay attention to your food, watch what you put into your mouth. And most importantly, eat for evolution, eat to evolve, eat to start a Revolution. Remember, foods can cleanse you, foods can regulate you and foods can fortify you. Such kind of clean foods can totally transform your life, do magic, create alchemy.

Sattvik food will help your journey of meditation, prayer, yoga, philosophy and also most important, your jhapa, tapa, yamah, niyama, asana, pranayama, pratihaara, dhyana, samadhi. Hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness is not only needed for body but mind too. We are not to clean the container/cup only but the substance / tea/ content and essence too. Complete cleaning is inside and outside both. Watch what you put inside your mouth because that is going to stay inside for quite some time, so as long as it adds value and not take away our value and drain our energy, we will live a fulfilled, wholesome life.

AWARENESS NECESSARY FOR BREAST CANCER



Dr. Sushanta Kumar Paikaray

Breast cancer is the second most common diagnosed cancer in both sexes combined, while it is the leading cause of female cancer deaths globally. Breast cancer is a heterogeneous disease, varying with respect to etiology, prognosis, and response to therapy. Cancer is commonly described as a disease of the genes, while the genetic and epigenetic properties of individual cancer cells are highly variable. Signs and symptoms.

A breast lump or thickened area of skin that feels different from the surrounding tissue. A nipple that looks flattened or turns inward. Changes in the color of the breast skin. In people with white skin, the breast skin may look pink or

red.

In people with brown and Black skin, the breast skin may look darker than the other skin on the chest or it may look red or purple. Change in the size, shape or appearance of a breast. Changes to the skin over the breast, such as skin that looks dimpled or looks like an orange peel. Peeling, scaling, crusting or flaking of the skin on the breast.

Causes

The exact cause of most breast cancers isn't known. Researchers have found things that increase the risk of breast cancer. These include hormones, lifestyle choices and things in the environment. But it's not clear why some people who don't have any factors get cancer, yet others with risk factors never do. It's likely that breast cancer happens through a complex interaction of your genetic makeup and the world around you.

Prevention

- Talk with your doctor or other healthcare professional about when to begin breast cancer screening. Ask about the benefits and risks of screening. Together, you can decide what breast cancer screening tests are right for you. - Drink alcohol in moderation, if at all. Limit the amount of alcohol you drink to no more than one drink a day, if you choose to drink. For breast cancer prevention, there is no safe amount of alcohol. So if you're very concerned about your breast cancer risk, you may choose to not drink alcohol.

- Exercise most days of the week. Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise on most days of the week. If you haven't been active lately, ask a healthcare professional whether it's OK and start slowly.

- Maintain a healthy weight. If your weight is healthy, work to maintain that weight. Eat fewer calories and slowly increase the amount of exercise.

Delhi University: How Will It Gain Global Recognition?



Prof. Mahesh Chand Gupta

Centuries ago, universities like Nalanda, Takshashila, and Vikramshila established India as a global center of education. These institutions were not only hubs of knowledge and research but also attracted students and scholars from across the globe. Today, the situation is entirely different. Indian universities lag behind in global rankings. Foreign students rarely aspire to study here, while our students are heading abroad for higher education. To make India a leader in education once again and bring worldwide acclaim to our universities, it is essential to understand the ongoing efforts at Delhi University (DU).

With the ambitious goal of securing a top spot in global rankings, the Delhi University Foundation was established two years ago as part of broader reforms. This foundation aims to connect and build a network of millions of DU alumni scattered across the globe. DU, a century-old institution, is one of India's most prestigious universities. It operates over 80 academic departments, more than 80 colleges, and over 500 courses, serving over 700,000 students annually. DU boasts a network of more than 8 million alumni worldwide. However, despite these achievements, DU's global ranking is below world-class standards, standing approximately 300th among the world's top 500 universities. Concerned by this ranking, the government, university administration, and DU's stakeholders aim to shine DU's name on the global stage. To achieve this, efforts are being made to enhance DU's infrastructure, introduce world-class facilities like smart classrooms, libraries, auditoriums, academic blocks, and advanced laboratories. The DU Foundation Endowment Fund, established under the university's auspices, is mobilizing financial resources. Not only have DU alumni worldwide stepped forward to contribute, but various sectors of society have also joined this noble cause.

Although these efforts are still in their infancy, the dedication involved promises positive outcomes. The Modi government deserves credit for fostering a positive environment at DU. After DU was granted the status of Institute of Eminence (IoE) in 2019, strategic planning for its future began. Under this status, DU's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Yogesh Singh, and his team resolved to improve areas where DU was lacking. The IoE status has paved the way for introducing new academic activities in teaching and research. DU management is now actively seeking external talent to strengthen its stakeholder base. Following the IoE status, the central government committed to providing DU ?1,000 crore over five years, while DU initiated efforts to raise an equal amount. To this end, the DU Endowment Fund was established about 18 months ago. Alumni fundraising and efforts to emotionally connect various societal groups with DU have resulted in contributions of ?15 crore so far. While temples, cow shelters, and dharamshalas have long been supported, higher education centers have been neglected. If society were more connected to higher education institutions, these "temples of learning" would be in much better shape. Prominent universities globally thrive on alumni funding, a practice not common in India. If even 500,000 of DU's 8 million alumni contribute, it could transform DU. Encouragingly, DU alumni, their families, and major organizations like LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation and Reliance Power are now showing interest. Recently, at the first dedication and recognition ceremony of the foundation, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched initiatives like Sashakt Beti and E-Drishti, aimed at empowering women and differently-abled individuals. As part of Sashakt Beti, 400 female DU students were provided laptops. Under E-Drishti, 400 tablets were distributed to visually impaired students to enhance their learning and research capabilities. The minister also inaugurated a fully equipped ambulance donated by LIC Foundation, ensuring better healthcare and emergency services for DU's faculty, staff, and

students. Despite these exemplary efforts, the foundation's ultimate goal is to make DU a globally recognized institution in academic and research excellence, innovation, and internationalization, ultimately achieving a top world ranking. From my extensive experience as a teacher, I firmly believe education and development complement each other. Education is the ladder to reach every milestone of development. If we envision India as a developed nation by 2047, this dream can only be realized through education. However, achieving this is neither simple nor easy. It requires immense effort from the country's universities. The plight of children enduring exploitation in private universities underscores the need to improve UGC-funded universities. Changing this scenario depends on elevating our universities to world-class standards and establishing them as leading global brands. Over the past five years, over 3 million Indian students have gone abroad for higher education and settled there. The primary reason is our poor standing in global university rankings. Notably, 50 major global corporations are led by Indian CEOs educated in foreign universities, whose combined market value exceeds \$5 trillion—more than India's current economy. The Modi government is striving to change this, which could position India as the world's third-largest economy. The central government, DU management, and the foundation aim to enhance DU's global reputation. Recently, Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stones for DU's East and West Campuses and Veer Savarkar College. This expansion is expected to create 10,000 new jobs and provide quality education to 15,000–20,000 new students, aligning with the vision of universal education. These efforts will help DU emerge as a world-class institution, contributing to PM Modi's vision of a developed India while setting an example for other Indian universities. (The author, who served as a professor at DU for 44 years, is a renowned educationist, thinker, speaker, and the Coordinator for Fundraising at Delhi University Foundation.) railway minister Ghani Khan Chowdhury and other important political leaders were found in Bhagwanji's belongings that are now in Faizabad Treasury.

Netaji Subhas, Veer Surendra Sai's birth anniversary celebrated.

SUBARNAPUR (correspondent):-The birth anniversary of two freedom fighters, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Veer Surendra Sai, was celebrated on Thursday. On behalf of the Subarnapur district administration, Additional District Magistrate Anjalina Pradhan, Municipal Council Executive Officer Rusi Majhi, District Information and Public Relations Officer Ashwini Kumar Bhoi, District Cultural Officer Yamuna Padhan and prominent people of the town paid floral tributes to the statue of Veer Surendra Sai at Patabhadi. On the occasion of this program, Additional District Magistrate Smt. Pradhan mentioned the biographies of Netaji, the great hero of the Indian freedom struggle and Veer Surendra Sai, a fighter of Odisha, and advised to take inspiration from their philosophy of life.



Netaji Jayanti is being celebrated by Samaja Reader Court Forum and Journalists Association

Kamakshyanagar (Correspondent):- On behalf of the Kamakshyanagar Society Reader Forum, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Veer Surendra Sai Jayanti celebrations have been held in the premises of the office. Highlighting the role of Veer Surendra Sai in the freedom movement, ex-mayor and reader of the forum. Adviser Govind Chandra Sahoo joined and expressed his views on Netaji's role in the freedom movement. Members of the Readers' Forum along with members of the Press Association were present.



Astronomy Lab inaugurated at Nodal ME School

Malkangiri, correspondent: Malkangiri today, the 'Astronomy Lab' was inaugurated by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Nabarangpur Balabhadra Majhi in a specially constructed room at Nodal ME School located in Sadar Mahkuma, Malkangiri district. Malkangiri MLA Narasinh Madkani, Additional District Magistrate Vedavar Pradhan, Deputy District Magistrate Duryodhan Bhoi, District Education Officer Biswanath Sahu, Deputy Collector Ashok Chakravarty, and School Principal Purnachandra Khandapani, High School Science Teacher Sandeep Das were prominently present at the event. After the guests paid obeisance to the photo of Lord Jagannath, MP Shri Majhi cut the ribbon and inaugurated the lab. After this, all the guests saw various scientific instruments like telescopes, microscopes and other scientific instruments in the Astronomy Observatory. Along with this, they appreciated the pictures of planets, stars, shadow paths, comets etc. in the universe on the walls and the various instruments made in the field of science in India. Everyone expressed the hope that this Astronomy Observatory will make it very easy for the students of Malkangiri district to learn about science. Along with the students of the school, all the teachers and parents also participated in this inauguration ceremony.

Brown Sugar Worth Over Rs 7 lakh Seized In Balasore, 1 Arrested



Balasore, correspondent: Excise department officials during a raid near Bara Mile petrol pump under Kamarda police limits in Balasore district seized 72 grams brown sugar and arrested one person in this connection. According to reports, the seized contraband is estimated to be worth Rs 7.20 lakh. The accused has been identified as Dibakar Nayak (30) of Kasba Kamarda village. A case has been registered at the Jaleswar Excise Satellite station in this regard.

Jindal Steel & Power Celebrates Flag Day at Angul with Pride and Patriotism

Angul (correspondent):- Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) celebrated Flag Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism at its Angul plant, marking 21 years of a historic legal victory by Shri Naveen Jindal, the President of the Flag Foundation of India and 3rd time Member of Parliament, Kurukshetra Lok Sabha, for the right of every Indian Citizen to fly the national flag with dignity every day throughout the year. The celebration was a tribute to the cherished right of each Indian citizen to display the National Flag freely with dignity and pride. The day commemorates the

landmark Supreme Court verdict of 23rd January 2004, after a decade-long legal battle fought by Shri Naveen Jindal in both the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court. The judgment upheld flying the National Flag as a fundamental right of Indian citizens under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. This ruling defined the Tiranga as a symbol of unity, pride, and allegiance to the nation. This landmark Supreme Court ruling in 2004 granted every Indian the right to hoist the national flag with pride on all days of the year. The Flag Foundation of India, established by Shri Naveen



Jindal and Smt. Shallu Jindal, the Chairperson of the Jindal Foundation, plays a pivotal role in promoting the significance of the National Flag. Through initiatives such as organizing talks, publishing books, and hosting patriotic events like Tiranga Runs and monumental flag installations, the Foundation inspires countless Indians. So far, 163 monumental flags have been installed across India, including 8 in Odisha, as part of this mission. At Angul, the celebrations were highlighted by a ceremonial hoisting of the Tiranga at the monumental 207-ft-high flagpole, led by Mr. Pankaj Malhan, Executive Director & Location Head, along with Mr. Damodar Mittal, Executive Director Projects, and department heads. Employees and school children were gathered to honor

the spirit of the national flag and its legacy. A 15-minute video, reflecting the journey of the Tiranga and its significance, was screened in conference halls of every department to inspire and educate employees. An online quiz added to the excitement, with the first three winners earning exciting goodies. Additionally, a mandatory online signature campaign engaged all employees, fostering collective pride. On this occasion, Shri Naveen Jindal also inaugurated a special exhibition at Connaught Place in New Delhi, showcasing India's largest photographic tribute to the

Tiranga, curated by Vijay S. Jodha and recognized by the Limca Book of Records. This tribute celebrates the nation's diversity and creativity, as we approach 75 years of our Constitution in 2025. On this occasion, Shri Naveen Jindal urged every citizen to embrace the motto, "Har Ghar Tiranga - Har Din Tiranga", and let the Tiranga inspire collective dedication to nation-building. The event concluded with renewed enthusiasm and pride, as employees pledged to uphold the values represented by the Tiranga—a beacon of India's unity in diversity.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANIZED BY DAV DERA ON THE OCCASION OF NETAJI AND VEER SURENDRA SAI JAYANTI

Talcher (correspondent):- On the occasion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Veer Surendra Sai Jayanti, a Blood Donation Camp was organised by DAV Dera today. The camp was conducted with the support of District Blood Bank, Angul and the participants were encouraged to donate blood to save the lives of some needy patients. The event was organised with a view to spread awareness about the importance of blood donation and to encourage people to follow the footsteps of selfless service enunciated by Netaji. The General Manager, MCL, Jagannath Area, and Chairman LMC Shri Ashok Kumar Dhal joined as the Chief Guest. Along with him some other dignitaries of MCL also joined. The Chief Guest and the other dignitaries highly



praised the noble initiative undertaken by the Principal and staff members of the school. Besides, the Principals of the neighbouring DAV schools were also present to encourage the voluntary blood donors. The Principal of

the school, Mrs Shukla Chakraborty focussed light on the necessity and importance of this Blood Donation Camp. The NCC, Scouts and Guide and Red Cross students of the school participated in this program as volunteers. In this camp, nearly 111 units of blood was collected. The teachers of the school and some parents donated blood voluntarily and made the program a successful one. The program was managed by the Academic Supervisor, Dr C.R Chakraborty and the senior teacher of the school Mr Sitaram Rana.

Blood Donation Camp by Aditya Aluminum, Lapanga

Sambalpur (Correspondent):- A blood donation camp has been organized on behalf of our Odisha and Aditya Aluminum on the holy birth anniversary of Veer Surendra Sai and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, son-in-law of Sambalpur. The camp was inaugurated in the presence of Project Head Mr. Jagannath Prasad Nayak, Mr. Vinodananda Thakur, Head of Human Resources, Mr. Manoranjan Behera, Department of Environmental Development and Editor. Project Head Mr. Jagannath Prasad Nayak expressed the opinion to give more importance to health services through blood donation camp and health camp in the coming days. On behalf of our Odisha, Mr. Gajendra Nath Mallik, Mr. Ratnakar Bhoi, District Representative, Mr. Tapan Sahoo, Deputy Broadcasting Department, Mr. Priyash Mohanty, West Odisha Coordinator and Associate Band (News) successfully expedited this great process. Mr. Piyush Rajguru, Ms. Sneha Nayak, Information and Public Relations Department participated and mobilized the blood donors. A total of 143 units of blood were collected through this camp and Mr. Manoranjan Behera congratulated all those who participated in this great program, staff, workers and departmental workers.



BC Jindal Group's JIRE Targets Strategic Acquisitions to Achieve 5 GW Renewable Energy Target

New Delhi: BC Jindal Group, India's leading conglomerate with over Rs. 18,000 crore turnover, has announced that its renewable energy arm, Jindal India Renewable Energy (JIRE), sets sight on expansion and is actively pursuing aggressive acquisitions of operational assets both domestically and abroad. This is in line with the company's goal to expand its capacity to 5 GW within the next four years. These acquisitions are anticipated to be finalised in the 1-2 years and will be funded through a mix of internal

accruals and debt. JIRE aims to generate 5 GW of power from solar, wind, hybrid, hydro and FDRE modes. To achieve this JIRE is focused on acquisition of operational portfolio in the initial couple of years. In parallel JIRE is focused on establishing its presence in renewable energy-rich states by developing Renewable projects connected to grid at CTU and STU to meet the energy demands of utilities as well Industrial and Commercial (C&I) customers. Commenting on the announce-



ment, Mr. Amit Kumar Mittal, CEO, Jindal India Renewable Energy, said, "In 2025-2026, we are looking to strategically expand our capacity portfolio by acquiring key operational assets within the country and across geographies. JIRE seeks

Placement & skill counseling camp held at Kalimela for unemployed youth

Malkangiri correspondent: Today a Block level placement and skill training Counseling awareness camp held at Gopabandhu Regional College MV-90 of Kalimela Block. The program presided by Skill development cum Employment officer Mr Upendra Dip .Sri Subhanjan Mohapatra Dy commandant BSF joined as the chief guest and gave motivational speech on skill and employment opportunities. Mr Pruthviraj Majhi Kalimela sarpanch and Mr Harish Rupal Dist Youth officer joined as guest of honour, Skill Development officer Mr Upendra Dip Gopabandhu college principal encourages the youths participated in the camp. The PIAs of Malkangiri District, Gram Tarang, Shivani SDC, Promodini SDC, OKCL, Sahana clothing company representatives explained about their skill training and Trade they provide and to provide jobs in different industries, companies across India and inside odisha.

Biker Killed, Two Critically Injured In Road Accident On NH-16 In Jajpur

Jajpur (correspondent): A biker was killed, and his two pillion riders were critically injured when a speeding truck hit their bike on National Highway-16 near Sathipur under Panikoili police limits in Jajpur district this evening. The deceased has been identified as Pramod Behera of Jajpur Town,

while the injured have been identified as Trilochan Behera and Gadadhar Behera, both residents of the Pritipur area. The three, who are reportedly relatives, were traveling together for some work when the accident occurred. According to reports, the truck hit their bike near Sathipur, killing Pramod

on the spot. Trilochan and Gadadhar sustained critical injuries and were immediately admitted to the nearest hospital. Their condition remains serious. Upon receiving information, Panikoili police arrived at the scene, seized the body for post-mortem, and facilitated the transportation of the injured to the hospital.

Man Kills Mother In Fight Over Rice Share In Mayurbhanj

Baripada (correspondent):- In a gruesome incident, a son brutally killed his mother over a dispute regarding a share of rice at Saratchandrapur under Baripada Sadar police station in Mayurbhanj district. The deceased, identified as Raibari Singh, was attacked by her son Rohidas Singh with a sharp weapon, resulting in her death on the spot due to profuse bleeding. Ac-

cording to reports, a family dispute had been brewing between Rohidas and his brother Laxmikant Singh. The argument escalated when Rohidas and his mother got into a fight over the rice share. Rohidas attempted to take his own life by slitting his throat with the same knife used to kill his mother. He was admitted to the PRM Medical College and Hospi-

tal for treatment. Laxmikant Singh, who was away working as a daily wager, discovered the incident upon his return home and filed a complaint with the police. The police have registered a case at the Baripada Sadar police station and arrested Rohidas Singh, who is currently undergoing treatment in the hospital under police custody.

Parineeti Chopra Reveals Her Go-To Comfort Food For Healing

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra recently revealed the comfort food she turns to when in need of a little healing. On Thursday, the 'Kesari' actress took to her Instagram stories to share how homemade dal chawal and jeera aloo provide her with the ultimate sense of comfort. She posted a photo of a plate filled with dal chawal, jeera aloo, and a few onions. The text on the image read: "And sometimes, Dal chawal jeera aloo is the cure." This is not the first time the actress has expressed her love for simple homemade food. She frequently shares photos of her home-cooked meals. Last month, Chopra revealed that she and her politician husband, Raghav Chadha, share a common love for a particular dish they both enjoy. The Ishaqzaade actress posted a picture of her "homemade cheese fondue," paired with cut fruits, crisps, bread, and olives to complement the molten cheese. She captioned the post: "R and I love homemade cheese fondue." Last week, Parineeti and Raghav celebrated their second Lohri together. The actress shared a photo of the celebration on her Instagram, captioning it: "Saareyan nu Lohri di lakh-lakh vadhaiyaan! #lohri."

Can magnesium supplements reduce anxiety? Here's the science behind the natural remedy trending for anxiety relief

Magnesium has been gaining a lot of attention recently as a potential remedy for anxiety and social media influencers across Instagram, Facebook, Tiktok and Twitter are flooding the Internet with viral reels and posts where they have reported about the significant improvements in their mental health after taking magnesium supplements and their positive experiences or effectiveness of the vital nutrient in reducing the symptoms of anxiety. As a natural supplement, magnesium is appealing to those looking for non-pharmaceutical options to manage their anxiety and even a 2017 study found that the nutrient appears to have a beneficial effect on anxiety but the quality of the evidence was mixed and more research is needed. He gushed, "It reduces stress by controlling cortisol levels, inducing relaxation, and relieving muscle tension. Magnesium deficiency is linked to headaches and poor sleep



because of its function in GABA modulation. A 2023 study found that magnesium supplements significantly improved sleep in older adults, highlighting its role in stress management, sleep quality, and metabolic health." Highlighting that supplements can help with migraine frequency and weight control by lowering BMI in those who have a deficiency, Dr Subrata Das cautioned, "However, excessive intake can result in negative effects, thus it is critical to use supplements under medical supervision. Hypermagnesemia, that is if magnesium is more than normal then it can cause symptoms like weakness or exhaustion, confusion, and reduced rate of breathing or irregular heartbeat."

ADHD: Factors that influence the symptoms; therapist explains

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, also known as ADHD, is the mental condition where a person struggles with attention, impulsiveness and hyperactivity. It is one of the most common mental conditions affecting children. Limited attention and hyperactivity can affect academic performance of students and lead to troubled relationships for adults. However, the impact of the symptoms of ADD varies from person to person. This depends on a lot of factors. "Why do some people struggle deeply with their ADHD symptoms while others seem to experience significantly less impact, maybe even claiming it as their superpower," wrote Therapist Meredith Carder. The Therapist further explained the factors that influence the impact of ADHD symptoms:

Life stage:
With brain development that happens with age, the symptoms of ADHD also change. Hormonal changes that happen through puberty and menopause also affects the way the symptoms of ADHD show up and impact a person.

Knowledge:
Becoming aware of the condition and understanding it can help in finding strategies to deal with the symptoms and restrict them from getting the better of us. Hence, early diagnosis of ADHD and education about the condition is very



important.

Access to care:

Access to proper healthcare facilities and diagnosis is still a pressing concern for many people. Expensive healthcare services can also delay diagnosis and access to proper treatment facilities, this can accelerate the impact of symptoms.

Environment:

The people that we surround ourselves with and the environment we are in play a huge role in the impact of symptoms of ADHD. Being brought up by supportive parents and friends can help us feel better.

Physical health:

ADHD symptoms can be combatted with a healthy workout routine, however, for many people with ADHD, co-morbid health conditions can restrict movement for them.

Privilege:

Financial privilege plays a huge role in the way we can access therapy and other treatment facilities in case of mental conditions like ADHD. Systematic racism and sexism also influence diagnostic rates and access to healthcare.



Neurological impact of Zika virus: Here's what we need to know

Zika virus is a mosquito-borne virus that shares its genus with the dengue, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, and West Nile viruses. The most common symptoms of Zika virus are muscle and joint pain, fever, rash, conjunctivitis and headache. Transmitted by the Aedes mosquito, Zika virus has become a pressing health concern in recent times. Besides the physical symptoms, the neurological impact of the virus is very concerning



Microcephaly and Congenital Zika Syndrome

One of the most alarming neurological impacts of Zika is its association with microcephaly, a condition where infants are born with smaller-than-normal heads and underdeveloped brains. The virus crosses the placental barrier and infects fetal brain cells, disrupting their development. This results in Congenital Zika Syndrome - abnormalities including microcephaly, brain calcifications, and other neurological deficits.

Guillain-Barré Syndrome

In adults, Zika virus infection has been linked to Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), a rare yet serious condition where the immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system. GBS can cause muscle weakness, paralysis, and in severe cases, respiratory failure. Even though the exact mechanism of the link between GBS and the Zika virus is still under exploration, it is believed that the immune response is triggered by the Zika virus.

Yakhani Mutton Pulao Recipe

Ingredients :

500 gms Mutton Curry Cut With Fat
For Potli masala: 4 Black Cardamom 5 Small Cardamom 1 tsp Black Pepper Corn 1/2 tsp Clove 1 Stick Cinnamon 2 tsp Cumin 4 tsp Coriander Seeds 1 tsp Fennel Seeds 2 Bayleaf 2 Inch Ginger 10 Cloves Garlic 1 Onion, sliced
Salt To Taste
Yakhni Paste: 1/2 Inch Ginger 12 Garlic 2 tsp Fennel Seeds 2 Cardamom Seeds Brown Onion 3 tsp Ghee 2 Onion, sliced
Ajinomoto (monosodium glutamate - 1 Tbsp
For Salan: 3 Tomato 2 Onion, finely chopped 1/2 cup Coriander 4 Green Chillies, finely chopped
Salt 1 tsp Black Pepper
To Finish Pulao: 2 tsp Ghee 500 gram Soaked Basmati Rice
Salt To Taste

How to Make Yakhani Mutton Pulao

- In a pressure cooker, add mutton, water, bay leaf, and potli masala tied in muslin cloth along with salt and bay leaf.
- Allow it to cook for 5 whistles on medium-low heat.
- Grind ginger, garlic, fennel seeds, and cardamom seeds into a fine paste.
- Heat ghee in a pan and shallow fry the onion until golden brown.
- Remove the onion from the pan and set it aside.
- Open the cooker, remove the mutton pieces, and sear them in the same pan using leftover ghee; you may add extra ghee if desired.
- Cook the mutton, strain the stock, and discard the spices.
- In a thick-bottomed pan, heat ghee, add ginger-garlic-fennel-cardamom paste, and cook until the oil separates.
- Add soaked rice, salt cook it in the mutton stock until it is 50 percent cooked.
- Add mutton to the rice, add and ajinomoto (monosodium glutamate) and cook further until the water dries up completely, the rice is fluffy, and fully cooked.
- Finish the dish with fried onion.

P R Chaki Club Triumphs in CM Cup Football Tournament Final

Jharsuguda, (Correspondent): The CM Cup Football Tournament culminated in a thrilling finale today, with P R Chaki Club, Belpahar, clinching the championship title after defeating Utkal Athletic Club, Jharsuguda, 5-1 in a high-energy match held at 2:30 PM. The tournament's final match was inaugurated with a ceremonial kick-off by Prabeer Kumar Nayak, CDO-cum-EO of the Zilla Parishad, Shib Prosad Tamang, Commandant of OSAP 2nd Battalion,



and Durgesh Mohanty. The closing ceremony was graced by Jharsuguda Collector, Smt. Aboli Sunil Naravane, who attended as the chief guest. She presented the championship trophy to P R Chaki Club and the runners-up trophy to Utkal Athletic Club. Individual awards recognized outstanding performances: Priyanshu Behera was named Best Player, Manish

Oram received the Best Scorer award, Santosh Oram was adjudged Best Goalkeeper, and Shraban Kumar Behera earned the Man of the Tournament title. Key dignitaries, including Sudarshan Panigrahi, Prasanta Kumar Panda, Narsing Panigrahi, and District Sports Officer Tushar Kanti Mishra, applauded the participants and presented gifts to standout players and referees. The final match was officiated by Amit Bag, Dheeraj Luhura,

Ratnakar Sai, and Sanjay Kishan. In her closing remarks, Smt. Naravane lauded the tournament for fostering sportsmanship and camaraderie, highlighting its role in nurturing local talent. She officially declared the tournament closed after the prize distribution ceremony. The CM Cup Football Tournament drew enthusiastic participation and showcased the vibrant sporting spirit of the region, leaving spectators and participants with memorable experiences.

Australian Open men's doubles: Bolelli-Vavassori set to face Heliovaara-Patten in final



NEWDELHI: The Australian Open 2025 men's doubles final is set to be a thrilling match. Third seeds Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori, who were finalists at AO 2024, will face reigning Wimbledon champions Harri Heliovaara and Henry Patten. Bolelli and Vavassori secured their spot in the final by defeating Andre Goransson and Sem Verbeek, while Heliovaara and Patten overcame German fourth seeds Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz. Both teams are eager to claim their first AO title together.

Women's HIL 2024-25: Delhi SG Pipers Overcome Odisha Warriors In Shootout

Ranchi (Jharkhand): The Delhi SG Pipers showed great composure as Elodie Picard's brilliance between the sticks saw them earn a 3-2 shootout win against the Odisha Warriors in the Women's Hockey India League (HIL) 2024-25 clash here on Thursday. Goals from Navneet Kaur (28') and Yibbi Jansen (35') saw both sides locked at 1-1 at the end of regulation time before the SG Pipers snapped up the win in the subsequent penalty shootout. The SG Pipers carved out the first chance of the match around the eighth minute when their skipper

Navneet Kaur made a brilliant run into the circle and unleashed a slapshot across the goal but Geeta Yadav couldn't get her stick to the ball. The Odisha Warriors made their attacking intent known soon after as Sakshi Rana threaded a peach of a pass for Michelle Fillet in front of the goal. Fillet had the goal at her mercy but Bichu Devi showed excellent reflexes to make a stunning save. Sakshi created another chance a few minutes later, but Shileima Chanu was alert to the danger. The SG Pipers largely focussed their attack on the left flank and

one such move saw a lovely long pass found Charlotte Watson inside the circle. She attempted a tomahawk from a tight angle, but her shot blazed above the goal. Their relentless pressure paid off in the 28th minute as the SG Pipers finally found the all-important goal. Preeti Dubey made a sublime run, leaving defenders in her wake, before being stick-checked right before having a go at the goal. That won them a penalty stroke and Navneet made no mistake, slotting the ball into the left bottom corner to give her side a 1-0 lead.

ISL 2024-25: Kerala Blasters Target First-Ever Double Over East Bengal FC

Kolkata: Kerala Blasters FC will face East Bengal FC in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, here on Friday, hoping to complete a league double against the Kolkata giants. Kerala Blasters FC currently sit eighth on the table with 21 points from 17 matches whereas East Bengal FC are 11th with 14 points from 16 encounters, on the back of four wins and a couple of draws. East Bengal FC come into this game on the back of a three-match losing streak, with their longest such run within a



single season being six consecutive defeats earlier in this campaign. A fourth consecutive loss would see them join NorthEast United FC as the only teams to register multiple losing streaks of four or more games in a single ISL season. Kerala Blasters, meanwhile, snapped their four-game away losing streak with a 1-0

win against Punjab FC on January 5. They will look to secure back-to-back away victories for the first time since December 2023. The team has shown remarkable improvement under interim head coach TG Purushothaman. Their goals conceded per game average has come down to 0.6 from 2.0 under Mikael Stahre,

and Kerala Blasters FC have not permitted their opponents to register an expected goals (xG) value of more than 1 in any of the five games under Purushothaman. They have converted four out of their five big chances into goals in this period, and that 80% strike rate is considerably higher than the 52.4% conversion they recorded on this front in Stahre's watch. Kerala Blasters have won thrice and drawn once in their previous five matches. They have netted 26 times in 17 games, spearheaded by Jesus Jimenez and Noah Sadaoui, who have scored 10 and seven goals respectively. East Bengal FC, on the other hand, have found the back of the net the third-least times in the competition (16), as the trio of David Lalhansanga, Dimitrios Diamantakos, and Vishnu Puthiya scoring thrice each. Both teams have kept four clean sheets each so far. The Kochi-based side is three points behind the sixth-placed Odisha FC (24). They will hope to keep their top-six hopes in play with a victory here, whereas East Bengal FC will want to regain some lost momentum to spark alive their ambitions for the rest of the campaign too.

DCCI Felicitates Team India After Victory In PD Champions Trophy 2025

New Delhi: The Differently Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) and accessibility organisation Svayam hosted a celebratory event following India's grand victory in the recently concluded Physical Disabled Champions Trophy 2025 in Sri Lanka, here on Thursday. Held in the presence of Abhay Pratap, Joint Secretary of DCCI Ravikant Chauhan, General Secretary, DCCI and Sminu Jindal, Founder-Chairperson, Svayam among other dignitaries, the event honoured Team India for their stellar performance in the PD Championship Trophy 2025. On the occasion, accessibility organisation



Svayam announced a prize money of INR 7 lakh while commending the cricketers for their tremendous effort, perseverance, and talent. Conveying his elation at Team India's exemplary performance Ravi Chauhan, General Secretary, DCCI, stated, "Today's celebration acknowledges the incredible devotion and passion displayed by Team India. They have

brought pride to the nation and set a benchmark for aspiring individuals. We are grateful to Svayam for its constant support and recognition of these cricketers, whose achievements inspire countless others to pursue their goals." Tournaments like these strengthen the transformative role sports Reinforcing Svayam's enduring commitment to fostering opportunities and

empowering differently-abled individuals to excel on international platforms," he said. Sminu Jindal, Founder-Chairperson, Svayam, said, "Their win at the PD Champions Trophy is yet another feather in their cap and with this win, they have not only put India on the global map of disability cricket but have inspired many other athletes with reduced mobility to come forward and choose sports. "Our endeavour at Svayam has always been to make the journey of sportspersons with reduced mobility a little easier with support like accessible transport, accessible stay facilities, and other support that they need for their train-

ing, travel, and competitions; so that they can use their 100 per cent efforts to perform well in their game and not worry about basic logistical issues," he added. Congratulating Team India on the big win, Abhay Pratap, Joint Secretary of DCCI, said, "On behalf of the DCCI, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Team India for their outstanding victory. Your dedication, hard work, and exceptional performance have truly made the nation proud. This achievement is a testament to your skill, spirit, and relentless pursuit of excellence. Keep shining and inspiring future generations!"

U19 World Cup: Trisha, Bowlers Star As India Enter Super Six With 60-Run Win Over Sri Lanka

Kuala Lumpur: G. Trisha top-scored with 49 while bowlers put in a glorious collective performance as India beat Sri Lanka by 60 runs to enter the Super Six stage of the 2025 ICC U19 T20 Women's World Cup as Group A toppers at the Bayuemas Oval here on Thursday. Pushed to batting first in overcast conditions and on a slow wicket, Trisha stood up to hit five fours and a six in her 44-ball knock to take India to 118/9. In reply, Shabnam Shakil and Joshitha V.J. took two wickets each to reduce Sri Lanka to 26/5 in Power-play and eventually restricted them to 58/9. Sri Lanka initially had the upper hand by taking out G. Kamalini and Sanika Chalke in quick succession to leave India



at 17/2 in 4.2 overs before rain forced the game to be halted. After resumption, Trisha anchored the innings by sharing partnerships of 31 and 30 with captain Niki Prasad and Bhavika Ahire. But Sri Lanka bounced back in the second half by picking six wickets, though India managed to add 70 runs and cross the 110-run mark. In defence of a small total, India's bowlers were on the mark from the

get-go as Shabnam and Joshitha picked two wickets each, and were aided by a run-out of captain Manudi Nanayakkara to put India in the ascendancy. From there on, the result was a foregone conclusion as Sri Lanka eventually made 58/9, with defending champions India continuing their unbeaten run in the tournament. India will now play their first Super Six game against Bangladesh at Bayuemas Oval in Kuala Lumpur

Hyderabad FC's efficient second half display sees them clinch 3 points in 3-2 comeback win against Jamshedpur FC

Hyderabad, January 23: Hyderabad FC defeated Jamshedpur FC by 3-2 at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 season tonight. After scoring first and then conceding twice, the home side struck the back of the net twice in a short passage of play in the second half to clinch all three points from this match, where they held 54.1% of the possession and took four shots on target. This was their first win in

nine games since beating KBFC on 7th Nov 2024 and break their 4 game losing streak against Jamshedpur FC. Hyderabad FC stepped up the intensity from the onset, unleashing an array of attacking moves in the opening essay of the match. They recorded four touches inside the Jamshedpur FC box in the first half, and one of them resulted in a goal by Muhammed Rafi. It was Rafi's first strike in the ISL and it was brought about due to an enter-

prising effort by Manoj Mohammad on the left flank. The Hyderabad FC frontline sliced open Jamshedpur FC's defence with a quick move down the centre, where they drew bodies before Manoj rushed on the left flank. He received the ball deftly and thumped in a powerful low cross that was hammered into the high centre of the net by Rafi in the 12th minute. HFC 1 - 0 JFC Jamshedpur FC, however, swung straight back into the

game by exerting equally effective pressure on the Hyderabad FC defence. Javi Hernandez converted a couple of spot-kicks within a four-minute interval. The attacking midfielder in fact inspired the Red Miners to win the first of those penalties with his sharp footwork inside the 18-yard area, as Manoj - the enabler of Hyderabad FC's first goal, committed a foul. Javi stepped up to take the spot-kick and caressed the ball into the bottom right corner to equalise

the scores in the 24th minute. HFC 1 - 1 JFC Merely three minutes later, it was Jordan Murray's turn to flash inside the box and Alex Saji ended up fouling the Jamshedpur FC attacker within the box. Alex was booked immediately and Javi was on penalty kick duties again. This time, he aimed for the left and drilled the ball into the bottom corner to gain Jamshedpur FC the slender lead. HFC 1 - 2 JFC Jamshedpur FC caught on to this momentum and Imran Khan served Murray

a delivery inside the box, which the latter aimed to pounce upon immediately but shot high and wide to the left despite hitting it from the centre of the 18-yard area. Hyderabad FC regained their offensive edge in the second half of the game though. There was a back and forth sequence of attacks between both sides but a blend of defensive organisation and offensive retaliations ensured that the hosts never totally ceded control over the game.

PARAKRAM DIWAS (NETAJI JAYANTI) AND VIR SURENDRA SAI JAYANTI OBSERVED AT DAV, IFFCO, PARADEEP

PARADEEP, (correspondent):- DAV Public School, IFFCO, Paradeep observed Parakram Diwas- The Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Vir Surendra Sai Jayanti on its premises in the presence of the Chief Guest, Sri K. Mohan Rao, GM (P&A), IFFCO, Sri Bikash Chandel, JCO (Training, NCC), Mrs. Rajni Wadhvani, Parent Representative & LMC Member, Sri Sambit Sukumar Chinara, Headmaster, DAV IFFCO, staff members and students. The Chief Guest, Sri K. Mohan Rao, in his



address restated the commendable gallantry of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Vir Surendra Sai and their contributions to the freedom movement of our motherland. Sri Sambit Sukumar Chinara, in his address mentioned that the patriotic feelings and the ideologies of the two

great patriots will continue to inspire the future generations till posterity. Among other activities organized to mark the occasion, includes patriotic song, speeches by students, skit in Hindi and prize distribution. Potted Plant Exhibition, Mothers' Rangoli and Petal Designing were organized to add colours

and make the event a vibrant one. Sri P. K. Mahapatra, Unit Head, IFFCO Paradeep, Dr. Keshab Chandra Satapathy, Regional Director, DAV Institutions, Odisha Zone and Dr. Sujata Sahu, RO, DAV Institutions conveyed their best wishes for the successful culmination of the event.

International Conference on Blue Economy inaugurated at KIIT

Bhubaneswar, (correspondent):- The International Conference on Blue Economy in collaboration with Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC), BRIC-ILS and IIT Ropar brought together over 800 participants, including policymakers, researchers, and students from across the globe, to discuss the potential of marine ecosystems in advancing sustainable growth. The event was marked by insightful discussions, exhibitions, and a renewed focus on leveraging Odisha's maritime heritage and resources. The event also showcased 50 startup companies specializing in marine biotechnology, aquaculture, and tourism, reflecting Odisha's growing prominence in the blue economy landscape. Highlighting Odisha's rich maritime history, Pravat Parida Dy Chief Minister of



Odisha emphasised the state's strategic importance in India's blue economy vision. She said that with an extensive coastline of over 500 km, Odisha is poised to play a significant role in advancing India's maritime sector. Dr. Rajesh Gokhle, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, highlighted the economic significance of harnessing marine resources. "Marine ecosystems provide an economic engine that includes fisheries, tourism,

and biotechnology, contributing billions annually," he said. He also spoke about innovations like biomanufacturing, which taps into ocean biodiversity for sustainable applications, including biofuels and biodegradable materials. Odisha, with its officially recognized 574.7 km coastline, offers immense potential to drive biotechnological advancements. Its rich marine biodiversity provides a foundation for innovations like marine biomanufacturing, which can create sus-

tainable biofuels and biodegradable materials, he added. Dr. Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary of PSA, and Dr. Debasish Dash, Director of BRIC-ILS and Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, DG R&D and Innovation, KIIT and CEO, KIITBI also shared their perspectives on blue economy opportunities, ranging from biotechnological advancements to fostering international collaborations. The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta emphasised the blue economy's potential to create improved livelihoods and jobs. "Blue economy encompasses a range of activities, including fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism. This conference is a step toward shaping Bharat's own growth model by utilizing marine resources sustainably," he said. The Vice Chancellor KIIT-DU Prof. Saranjit Singh also attended the event.

Flag Foundation Day Observed at Various Location of Jindal Steel & Power with Patriotic Fervor

Joda/Barbil: (Correspondent):- Flag Foundation Day was celebrated with great patriotism and nationalist spirit across the Barbil, Kasia, and Tensa units of Jindal Steel and Power (JSP). The celebrations were a tribute to India's cherished right to display the National Flag freely with dignity and pride, after a long legal fight led by Shri Naveen Jindal, Hon'ble Chairman of JSP and President of the Flag Foundation of India. The National Flag was unfurled by Shri Purushotham MD, Unit Head of Barbil Pellet Plant, and Shri Pramod



Patra, Head of Kasia and TRB Mines, Tensa, in the presence of employees and business associates at their respective locations. The day commemorates the landmark Supreme Court verdict of 23rd January, 2004, which followed a decade-long legal battle fought by Shri Naveen Jindal in both the Delhi High Court and the Su-

preme Court. The judgment upheld flying the National Flag as a fundamental right of Indian citizens under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. This ruling defined the Tiranga as a symbol of unity, pride, and allegiance to the nation. The Flag Foundation of India, established by Shri Naveen Jindal and Smt. Shallu Jindal, Hon'ble Chairperson of Jindal Foundation plays a pivotal role in promoting the significance of the National Flag. Through initiatives such as organizing talks, publishing books, and hosting patriotic events like Tiranga Runs

and monumental flag installations, the Foundation inspires countless Indians. So far 163 monumental flags have been installed across India, including 8 in Odisha, as part of this mission. On this occasion, Shri Naveen Jindal urged every citizen to embrace the motto, "Har Ghar Tiranga - Har Din Tiranga", and let the Tiranga inspire collective dedication to nation-building. The event concluded with renewed enthusiasm and pride, as employees pledged to uphold the values represented by the Tiranga - a beacon of India's unity in diversity.

Netaji and Veer Surendra Sai Jayanti Cultivated in Hitech Science College

Bhubaneswar: (Correspondent) :- On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Veer Surendra Sae, the sons of freedom fighters of Odisha and great men of Odisha, a solemn celebration has been held in the premises of Hitech Science and Commerce College. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was born in 1897. Celebrating 127 years of his birthday today, Veer Surendra Saye was born in 1809. He passed away at the age of 215. This great



man is not with us today, but his life and sacrifices for the motherland will be remembered by the entire human society. Therefore, students should pay attention to Vasudheb Kutumbakam phase of his life on this occasion.

Director of College of Science and Commerce Ms. Ankita Panigrahi, Chairman Dr. Chittaranjan Sahoo called upon the students to lead a dedicated life. Likewise, Physics Lecturer Deva Brahma Das and Zoology Lecturer

Biswajit Behera were present and called upon the students to understand the value of freedom struggle. Chittaranjan Sahani conducted the program and told the students that they should always live their lives in the call of sacrifice for the nation. Hundreds of students sang the praises of Netaji and Veer Surendra Saye on the occasion. And Professor of Zoology Pravat Kumar Sahoo was present and conducted the programme.

Coca-Cola India Southwest Asia Announces New Vice-President of Customer & Commercial Leadership

NEWDELHI: Coca-Cola India Southwest Asia (INSWA) Operating Unit today announced Desmond Nikhil D'Souza as Customer & Commercial Leadership (C&CL), effective February 1, 2025. He succeeds Greishma Singh, who recently transitioned to the role of Vice President, Marketing. "With a distinguished track record of strategic vision and exemplary leadership in the FMCG industry, Desmond brings a wealth of experience and innovative ideas that align perfectly with our mission to drive customer satisfaction and commercial excellence," said Sanket Ray, President, Coca-Cola



India Southwest Asia. "His understanding of market dynamics and customer engagement, will be a cornerstone in achieving our growth objectives." In his new role, Desmond will be responsible for leading the C&CL function across INSWA, focusing on driving value growth, strengthening our customer partnerships, and aligning strategies to deliver

long-term commercial transformation. Desmond joins Coca-Cola from Mondelez, where he served as Vice President, Sales. Under his leadership Mondelez India grew significantly through footprint expansion, driving digital innovation in sales, and incubating and building new commercial capabilities to drive growth. Before his tenure at Mondelez, Desmond held key roles at PepsiCo, both in transformation initiatives and sales leadership. At Zomato, he contributed to customer subscription strategy, showcasing his ability to operate across diverse sectors and functions.

Stock Market Closes In Green

Mumbai: Indian stock markets traded higher on Thursday, supported by strong buying in automobile, information technology and healthcare shares after erasing initial losses. At the closing bell, the BSE Sensex was up by around 115 points or 0.15 per cent at 76,520.38. The Nifty 50 went up by 50 points or 0.22 per cent to close at 23,205. Out of the 30 Sensex stocks, 19 ended in the green. Tech Mahindra, Sun Pharma, M&M, Zomato, UltraTech Cement and Titan were the top gainers. On the other hand, HUL, HDFC Bank, SBI, Reliance Industries, and HCL Tech were among the top losers.

Mega Voluntary Blood Donation Camp Held at GIET University: 150 Units of Blood Collected

Gunupur: (Correspondent) :- The nation celebrates the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as Parakram Diwas. In this context, GIET University organized a grand celebration to honor Netaji's legacy. A voluntary mega blood donation camp was conducted on the university campus, where a total of 150 units of blood were collected. The event was inaugurated by Satyajit Nayak, the Asst. Collector who attended as the chief guest. He appreciated the efforts of the students for their selfless contribution and commended the dedication of the NSS officials and volunteers. Dr. P. Vijay Kumar, Controller of Examinations, and K. Jayashree, Head of the School of Nursing, also attended the camp to motivate the blood donors. Dr. Sujata Devi and technicians Suruchi Rani Patra, Rakesh Kumar Panda, Rozy Nayak, and Bharati



Paricha from the Gunupur Blood Bank actively participated in collecting the donated blood. The camp was coordinated by NSS Program Officers Professor Bani Prasad Nayak (Unit-1) and Ghanistha Prusti (Unit-2) along with Dr. S. Padhi and Co-Convener Dr. Premanshu Sekhar Rath. Other key contributors included Pramod Ranjan Panda, Gopal Krishna Mohant, Dr. Nirmala Patel, Niharika Patel, Jayanti Dang, Dhumes Meher, Dr. Nishit Das, Sports Officer Rabindra Kumar Panda, Krishna

Prasad Das, and Jasil Pattnaik. Faculty members, students, and staff of the university enthusiastically participated in the camp and donated blood voluntarily. Certificates of appreciation were given to all donors. The President of the University, Dr. Satya Prakash Panda, Vice-President Dr. Chandra dhvaj Panda, Director General Dr. Jagadish Panda, and Registrar Dr. N.V. Jagannadha Rao extended their congratulations to the blood donors and encouraged the continuation of such noble efforts for the welfare of society. GIET Univer-

sity regularly conducts blood donation camps every month, supplying blood to blood banks in Rayagada, Gajapati, and Ganjam districts. This initiative helps save the lives of patients suffering from anemia and other conditions. Due to these commendable efforts, the university has been consistently recognized as the Highest Blood Donor Educational Institution by the state government and NSS every year. This recognition continues to inspire volunteers and institutions to engage in selfless community service.