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31 Naxalites, Two Cops Killed In Encounter



Bijapur: In a major operation against Left Wing Extremism (LWE), security forces gunned down 31 Naxalites during an encounter in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district Sunday, police said.Two security personnel were also killed and as many others injured in the face-off, they said.With this incident, 81 Naxalites have been gunned down by security forces in separate encounters in the state so far this year.The latest gunfight took place at a forest in Indravati National Park area in the morning when a joint team of personnel from different security forces was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraj P said."Thirty one Naxalites have been killed in the encounter," he said.A huge cache of weapons and explosives has also been seized from the site, the official said.Two security personnel, one belonging to the state police's District Reserve Guard and the other from the Special Task Force, were also killed in the gunfight and two others suffered injuries, he said.The two injured jawans, reported to be out of danger, were being airlifted to a better medical facility for treatment, he said.Reinforcement has been rushed to the spot and search operation is still underway in the area, he added.Out of the 81 Naxalites gunned down in the state so far this year, 65 were killed in the Bastar division comprising seven districts, including Bijapur.Last year, 219 Naxalites were neutralised by security forces in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh, according to police.

CM Majhi Unveils Rs 1,000 Cr Development Projects In Jajpur



Bhubaneswar: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday inaugurated the Jajpur District Festival 'Yayati-2025' and launched projects worth approximately Rs 1,000 crore. Majhi described Jajpur as a "golden field of opportunities and possibilities."During the event, 83 projects totaling Rs 829.76 crore were inaugurated, while the foundation stone was laid for 77 projects worth Rs 170 crore. These initiatives encompass various sectors, including health, education, agriculture, water resources, electric transport, roads, bridges, canals, and tourism projects. Notable projects include the inauguration of the Vyas Sarovar and Town Hall in Vyas Nagar, worth around Rs 78 crore, and the laying of the foundation stone for a nursing college in Jajpur. The Jajati Keshari Medical College and Hospital, renamed 'Maharaja Jajati Keshari Medical College and Hospital', has been established to boost health services in the district. The institution has 50 seats for its first year, with plans to increase the number to 100 in the next academic year.Majhi announced several new projects for Jajpur district, including the improvement of the famous Maa Birja temple, which will involve upgrading and beautifying the Baglamukhi Temple, Shiva Temple, and Brahmakunda at a cost of Rs 50 crore. The Dharmashala for the Maa Biraja temple will be expanded to accommodate more devotees, with Rs 10 crore allocated for this project. Additionally, the Birja Agneswar Haat at Navigaya will be improved with an investment of Rs 21.43 crore.Other projects announced include the construction of a new bus terminal in Jajpur at a cost of Rs 30 crore and a new town hall with a capacity of 1,000 seats.

7.6-Magnitude Quake Strikes Caribbean, Tsunami Warnings Issued

Washington; A powerful earthquake of magnitude 7.6 struck the Caribbean Sea, triggering tsunami warnings for multiple countries, US monitoring agencies reported.According to the US Geological Survey (USGS), the quake struck at a shallow depth of 10 km (6.21 miles) on Saturday evening (local time), with its epicentre located about 130 miles (209 km) north of Honduras, near the Cayman Islands.The US Tsunami Warning System initially issued a tsunami alert for the Caribbean Sea and areas north of Honduras. While no tsunami threat was reported for the US Atlantic or Gulf Coast, advisories were issued for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Nationwide power outage occurs in Sri Lanka

NEWDELHI: Sri Lankan authorities have been working to restore power following a nationwide outage that occurred on Sunday, the state-owned electricity producer and supplier, Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB), announced.The power outage was caused by an emergency at the Panadura grid substation in the country's Western Province, according to the CEB.The outage began around 11:30 a.m. local time and persisted for over three hours, with authorities working to restore full service, Xinhua news agency reported.CEB Chairman Tilak Siyambalapitiya assured the public that prompt action is being taken to restore power.

Manipur CM Biren Singh Quits



Imphal: A day before a crucial Assembly session, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Sunday submitted his resignation to Governor A.K. BhallaIn the letter to the Governor, Biren Singh said that he was "extremely grateful to the Central government for timely actions, interventions, developmental work and implementation of various projects for safeguarding the interest of every single Manipuri"."My sincere request to the Central government through your good office is to continue with the same. I take the opportunity to enumerate the most important ones of them," he said, citing these as maintaining the "territorial integrity of Manipur which has a rich and diverse civilizational history over thousands of years", cracking down "on border infiltration and to formulate policy for the deportation of the illegal immigrants" and "the fight against drugs and narco terrorism".He also listed the "stringent and fool-proof revised mechanism of FMR with the biometric being stringently applied" and "time bound and faster border which is underway"Nongthombam Biren Singh, 64, took over as the 12th Chief Minister of Manipur on March 15, 2017, after leading the BJP to its first victory in the state, and retained power in the 2022 Assembly elections. However, the ethnic violence between Meitis and Kuki-Zos that broke out in May 2023 in the state, had cast a cloud over his second term.

Atishi Resigns As Delhi Chief Minister



New Delhi: Atishi tendered her resignation as Delhi Chief Minister on Sunday, following her party's loss in the assembly elections.The Aam Aadmi Party leader submitted her resignation to Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena at the Raj Niwas on Sunday.Atishi, 43, was serving as the Chief Minister of Delhi since September last year. Her elevation to the top post came after Kejriwal announced resignation from his post, days after resigning from the post.She became the third woman chief minister of Delhi after Sushma Swaraj and Sheila Dikshit.AAP suffered a massive setback in the Delhi assembly elections, as it could secure only 22 seats, a huge drop from its previous tally of 62.The BJP won a historic mandate in Delhi polls on Saturday, returning to power in the national capital after 27 years by ousting AAP.Atishi, however, retained the Kalkaji seat after a hard-fought contest and defeated BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri by a margin of 3,521 votes. Acknowledging her individual victory, Atishi conceded AAP's defeat in the Delhi Assembly elections and vowed to continue fighting against the BJP.Atishi's win in Kalkaji constituency stands out for AAP, especially as several of its top leaders, including former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and ex-Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, lost their constituencies.

Andhra Industrialist Stabbed 73 Times By Grandson Over Property Dispute

NEWDELHI: Andhra industrialist Velamati Chandrasekhar Janardhan Rao's grandson Keerthi Teja has been arrested for his brutal murder over a property dispute, police said on Sunday.Hyderabad, Feb 9: Andhra industrialist Velamati Chandrasekhar Janardhan Rao's grandson Keerthi Teja has been arrested for his brutal murder over a property dispute, police said on Sunday.Janardhan Rao, the head of the Veljan Group of Companies, was murdered at his residence in Hyderabad on Thursday night. The incident came to light late on Saturday after police arrested the accused kin.His US-returned grandson Keerthi Teja allegedly stabbed him with a knife 73 times after a heated argument over property.Janardhan Rao, 86, who hailed from Eluru in Andhra Pradesh, has been living at his residence in Somajiguda here for the last few months.He had recently appointed his eldest daughter's son, Srikrishna as Director of Veljan Group and transferred shares worth Rs 4 crore to Keerthi Teja, son of his second daughter Sarojini Devi.According to police, Sarojini Devi and her son visited Janardhan Rao's residence on Thursday. There was an argument between Janrdhan Rao and Keethi Teja over the distribution of property. Accusing his grandfather of unfair treatment, Keerthi Teja allegedly took out a knife he had brought with him and stabbed Rao repeatedly.

HM Shah Reiterates Govt's Resolve To End LWE by March 31 Next Year

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday reiterated the government's resolve to eradicate Left Wing Extremism (LWE) from the country by March 31, 2026.

In a message praising the security forces for their success in eliminating 31 Maoists in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh, the Home Minister also saluted the two brave soldiers who laid down their lives in action.In a post on X, Home Minister Shah said: "The security forces have achieved a major success in their efforts to make India Naxal-free, with 31 Naxalites killed and a large quantity of weapons and explosives recovered in the operation.""While eliminating anti-human Naxalism, we have lost two brave soldiers. The nation will always be indebted to these heroes," wrote HM Shah, extending condolences to the families



of the martyred soldiers.Highlighting the progress made over the past year or so in Chhattisgarh, HM Shah earlier noted the decline in Maoist activities, including the neutralisation of several of its top cadres."Commendable action has been taken under the leadership of the Chhattisgarh government, utilising a well-devised strategy. I am confident that we will achieve complete elimination of LWE from the country by March 31, 2026," he asserted.HM Shah specifically praised the leadership of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, along with the tireless efforts of the state police and other security forces."The combined efforts of the Chhattisgarh government, police, and security agencies have laid a strong foundation for this campaign. I assure you all that the goal of a LWE-free state will be realised within the set timeline," he reiterated.HM Shah said when Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave him the responsibility of the Home Ministry in 2019, he thought that those who were involved in armed movements should be given a chance to lay down their arms, surrender and live a peaceful life."Following our initiatives, 20 peace accords were signed in the northeast and 9,000 militants surrendered," he said.He further said that PM Modi approved 15,000 homes for surrendered Maoists under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana while the National Dairy Development Board would provide at least one cow or buffalo to such families so that they could earn Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 per month.

Delhi BJP Chief Seeks Time From L-G For Meeting With MLAs



New Delhi: A day after registering an emphatic victory in the recent Assembly elections, celebrations in the Delhi BJP office continued on Sunday even as the party sought time from Lieutenant Governor (L-G) V.K. Saxena for a meeting with the newly-elected legislators.In a letter addressed to the L-G, Delhi BJP Chief Virendra Sachdeva said, "I, along with BJP MPs from Delhi and our newly-elected 48 MLAs, wish to meet you at an early date.""Please allow an appointment at an early date," he wrote, amid speculation that the meeting may also involve giving a letter of support from all BJP legislators for the new Leader of the Assembly.Sachdeva, however, refused to end the suspense over the next Delhi Chief Minister, claiming that the party leadership would take the decision, and the name of the new CM would be known soon.Earlier in the day, the Delhi BJP office witnessed a series of meetings with newly-elected legislators converging at the premises since morning.Cheerful new legislators could be seen greeting colleagues and their supporters accompanying them on the premises.New Rohini legislator and BJP's Leader of Opposition in the outgoing Assembly Vijender Gupta met L-G Saxena at Raj Niwas.Saxena on Sunday announced the dissolution of the seventh Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT Delhi) after Chief Minister Atishi submitted her resignation to the L-G.Later, in a post on X, Vijender Gupta promised to expose the corruption perpetrated by the AAP government in the Assembly.He said, "The AAP government has suppressed 14 CAG reports, none of which have been presented in the Assembly over the past five years. Since 2017, not a single CAG report has been placed before the House.""These 14 reports were hidden because they exposed the corruption of the AAP government and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Now that a new government is in power, and Prime Minister Modi has assured that the CAG reports will be presented in the very first Assembly meeting and I ask people to study the reports closely to see the real face of the previous corrupt government," he said in his video message.Talking to reporters outside the Delhi BJP office, Moti Nagar legislator Harish Khurana, assured that the new Delhi Cabinet will take speedy decisions to fulfill the "Modi ki Guarantee".He blamed Arvind Kejriwal's arrogance for his party's defeat in the party and the voters have punished him for this."The public is supreme and when the public speaks, even the most powerful are left speechless. The public has spoken about their expectation on road repairs, sewer repair and cleaning of the Yamuna and double development," he said, assuring that the new BJP government will try and make the city the best in the world.

Ahead Of 'New Look' Pariksha Pe Charcha, PM Modi Shares 'Teaser' Of Light-Hearted Interaction



New Delhi: The much-anticipated eighth edition of the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' (PPC), with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the helm, is set to return in a new and expanded format, featuring an array of distinguished experts and guests.The 8th edition of PPC will begin on Monday at 11 a.m., where PM Modi will lead the gathering in sharing examination and stress management tips to students for overcoming exam-related anxiety.Ahead of the PPC event, PM Modi on Sunday shared a 'teaser' of the event where he could be seen sharing light-hearted conversation with the students."Let's help our #ExamWarriors overcome exam stress. Do watch 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' at 11 AM tomorrow, 10th February. #PPC2025," said PM Modi, in a reminder to students and parents through a social media post on X.In the video, PM Modi could be seen giving lucid explanation on how a top-class batsman focusses only on the ball, while keeping everything aside.A couple of participating students also showcased their skills with one showing flower clapping technique while the other reciting a couplet.The 2-minute video clip concludes with students speaking in one voice, "Very excited for Pariksha Pe Charcha."This year, the program will feature an impressive line-up of personalities, including spiritual leader Sadhguru, Bollywood actors Deepika Padukone, Vikrant Massey, and Bhumi Pednekar, as well as sports icons Mary Kom, Avani Lekhara, and Suhas Yathiraj.

6 SLRs, 3 AK Rifles, Ammunition Looted From Manipur Rifles Post In Thoubal

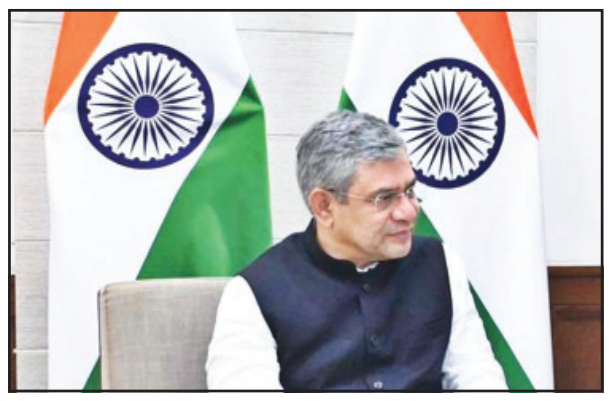
Imphal: Unidentified armed cadres looted several arms and a large quantity of ammunition from an outpost of the Manipur Rifles in the state's Thoubal district, officials said on Sunday.A police official said that a local armed group came in three vehicles and looted at least six SLRs, three AK rifles, and many different types of ammunition, along with 12 magazines, from the Manipur Rifles outpost at Kakmayai area of Thoubal on Saturday night.The armed cadres first overpowered the Manipur Rifles personnel and looted the arms and ammunition at gunpoint.Soon after the incident, additional security forces, led by senior police officials, rushed to the area and launched a massive combing operation to nab the armed attackers and to recover the arms and ammunition.Various official and unofficial reports said that during the ethnic riots, which broke out in Manipur on May 3, 2023, over 6,000 different types of sophisticated arms and lakhs of diverse ammunition were looted from the police stations and police outposts by the mobs, attackers and militants.

Aero India 2025: Cooperation In Defence Is Integral To Indo-US Partnership, Says Charge d'Affaires

New Delhi: U.S. Embassy New Delhi Charge d'Affaires Jorgan Andrews said on Sunday that the cooperation in defence between India and the U.S. is integral to the strategic partnership between the two countries.The U.S. will take part in the Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru, starting from 10 February. The U.S. delegation will be led by Charge d'Affaires Jorgan Andrews which includes General Kevin Schneider, Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Forces, Brigadier General Patrick Teague, U.S. Mission India's Senior Defense Official, and Consul General Chris Hodges, U.S. Consulate General Chennai."The U.S. is excited to once again participate in Aero India and to spotlight our strong defence ties with India. Our cooperation in defence, trade, and training is integral to our growing strategic partnership," said Chargé d'Affaires Andrews.An official U.S. statement said that for the 15th time, the U.S. will be proud to participate in Aero India 2025 – Asia's premier aerospace and defence trade show exhibition."During the event, the U.S. will showcase a range of advanced aircrafts, reinforcing the strong and growing defence and aerospace partnership between the two countries, which share a commitment to promoting regional security, stability, economic prosperity through diversified trade, and strategic investment ties," the statement added.It said that at Aero India 2025, more than two dozen American exhibitors would engage Indian counterparts, explore new business opportunities, and demonstrate innovative solutions in aviation and defence."These companies will display advancements in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), fighter aircraft, advanced avionics, and defence electronics," the statement said. Since Aero India 2023, the U.S. and India have deepened defence ties, including through technology innovation, expanded trade, and increased cooperation in maritime security, cybersecurity, logistics, and counter-terrorism operations.Meanwhile, the U.S. Pacific Air Forces Commander General Kevin Schneider said the Aero India 2025 is an ideal forum to showcase U.S. defence aircraft and equipment and ultimately contribute toward our compatibility and interoperability with other nations."The growth in Indian and U.S. bilateral defence trade has corresponded with growing interoperability through information sharing, liaison officers, training exercises, and defence enabling agreements," he said.



Nuclear Plants To Power Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw



New Delhi: The growing power requirements of Indian Railways (IR) are likely to be met with clean and reliable nuclear power, for which the Power Ministry has been approached, said Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.The Railway Ministry is in touch with the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Ministry of Power (MoP) for allocation of nuclear power to meet part of its traction power requirement, he said in a recent reply in Rajya Sabha.He said Indian Railways has been exploring sourcing power from existing and upcoming nuclear power plants.He said nuclear power being a clean and reliable source will help the railways, reducing the dependence on fossil fuels, and thereby lessening carbon emissions.On fare concession offered to passengers, the Minister said that Indian Railways gave a subsidy of Rs 56,993 crore on passenger tickets in 2022-23.The Minister said that this amounts to a concession of 46 per cent on average, to every person, travelling on railways.In other words, if the cost of providing service is Rs 100, then the ticket costs Rs 54 only, according to the minister."This subsidy is continuing for all passengers.

BJP Leaders Visit L-G's Residence, Await Key Decisions On Delhi's Future After Historic Victory

New Delhi: After the party's historic victory in the Delhi Assembly elections, BJP leaders, including winning candidates and party officials, have begun crucial meetings to discuss the next steps for the capital's governance.Kailash Gahlot, the victorious BJP candidate from the Bijwasan constituency, arrived at the L-G's House, stating, "I am here only for a courtesy meeting with the L-G."Similarly, Parvesh Verma, the BJP winner from the New Delhi constituency, also paid a visit to the L-G's residence.In a parallel development, BJP MP Anurag Thakur arrived in Lucknow at the BJP office to engage in party discussions related to the Delhi elections.Earlier in the day, a significant meeting was held at the residence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, where key decisions regarding the future of Delhi's governance were discussed. Union Minister and BJP President J.P. Nadda also attended the meeting.One of the most anticipated decisions remains the identity of the Chief Ministerial face for Delhi, a question that has captured the public's attention. The party is yet to announce the CM face officially, and people are eagerly awaiting the announcement.The BJP's victory marks the end of the Aam Aadmi Party's decade-long dominance in Delhi, signalling a major shift in public sentiment. The party's decisive win in the recent election comes after suffering losses in 2015 and 2020. With a strong mandate, the BJP is poised to implement its vision for Delhi, ending the Kejriwal-led governance era in the city.Earlier in the day, outgoing Chief Minister Atishi, who retained her Kalkaji seat by defeating BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri with a margin of 3,521 votes.

Afghan Police Arrest 34,000 Beggars To End Begging Culture: Official

Kabul: Police in Afghanistan have arrested more than 34,000 beggars from across the country over the past year to give an end to the culture of begging in society, a deputy on counter-narcotics of the Ministry of Interior Affairs said."We have arrested 34,377 beggars over the past year," the National Radio and Television of Afghanistan (RTA) quoted Mullah Abdul Haq Akhund Hamkar on Sunday as saying.Major parts of the collected beggars were fake and professional, the official told the state-owned media outlet, saying the police after investigation have allocated a monthly allowance to the needy one and referred the professional beggars to the concerned entities for further investigation, Xinhua news agency reported.A commission was established to register beggars and categorise them as "professional", "destitute" or "organised", which involves taking their biometric data and fingerprints .According to Taliban officials, nearly 60,000 beggars have already been "rounded up" in Kabul alone.The death of detainees rounded up under anti-begging laws is factored into the wording of the Taliban's new law, in which Article 25 states: "If a beggar dies while in custody and has no relatives or if the family refuses to collect the body, the municipal officials will handle the burial."Under the new laws, those classed as "destitute" are legally entitled to financial assistance after their release, but none of the women said they had received any help.Officials in Balkh said that they have begun a campaign to round up beggars in Mazar-e-Sharif city and other parts of the northern province.The officials said that the beggars will be provided with 2,000 Afs per month after the completion of the process."If they are really poor and vulnerable, we will provide them with 2,000 Afs per month," said Noor-ul-Huda Abu Idris, the deputy governor of Balkh."There could be some fake beggars and there could be real beggars. This will be distinguished in the future because this commission is formed for this purpose," said Faizullah Faizi, head of the commission to round up beggars.The Afghan caretaker government, according to the official, is committed to fighting the culture of begging as part of efforts to keep the society clean.More than 23 million Afghans, about half of the population of the war-torn country, have reportedly been facing a food crisis.

No Further Extension Of eKYC Verification Deadline For Ration Cards: Minister

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): Odisha Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department Minister Krushna Chandra Patra on Sunday said that the deadline for completing the electronic KYC process by ration card holders is February 15 and there would be no further extension. Talking to the media, Patra said that as of date over



37,00,000 beneficiaries under the food security programmes are yet to complete e-KYC verification process. He urged these beneficiaries to complete their eKYC within the stipulated time. "Any incomplete e-KYC application will lead to the concerned ration cards being cancelled after February 15, 2025," the minister warned.In reply to a question, Patra informed that during the verification it has been found that around 8,00,000 beneficiaries have obtained their ration cards fraudulently. All these beneficiaries belong to taxable income groups.So far, around 6,00,000 people have submitted applications for new ration cards. On the other hand, 12,000 people who are employed or belong to the taxable groups have voluntarily surrendered their ration cards.

Odisha Migrant Labourer, Son Electrocuted To Death In Tamil Nadu

Titilagarh (correspondent): In a tragic incident, a migrant Odia labourer and his son from Bolangir district were electrocuted to death while working at a poultry farm in Sikhalur in Tamil Nadu.The deceased have been identified as Abhiram Katta (45) and his son Sikki Katta (20) of Dangarpada village under Titilagarh block of Odisha's Balangir district.According to reports, three years ago Abhiram and Sikki had gone to work as labourers at SKM Animal Feed and Food India VS Limited under Kotapatti police station in Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu. On Friday last, Sikki had gone to the poultry farm with some friends and came in contact with a live wire. When his friends saw that Sikki was electrocuted, they informed his father about the incident. An anxious Abhiram rushed to the farm and tried to save his son. Unfortunately, he too was electrocuted and died on the spot.Soon after, Sindhekela police from Tamil Nadu contacted the family to inform them about the incident. The Sindhekela police are sending the two bodies to Odisha after the post-mortem there.Meanwhile, villagers in Dangarpada have alleged that the father-son were murdered and demanded a probe into the matter. They also demanded that a compensation of Rs 50 lakh be paid to the bereaved family as Abhiram and Sikki were the only bread winners of the family.

Case Against Rahul Gandhi At Jharsuguda Police Station For 'Anti-National Speech'

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):: A case has been registered against senior Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi in Jharsuguda district for allegedly making an "anti-national" speech during his speech.The FIR was registered on Friday based on a complaint lodged by members of BJP, its youth wing, RSS, Bajrang Dal, of Jharsuguda district against Rahul Gandhi. A complaint was lodged before IGP Northern Range, Himanshu Lal on February 5 in this regard, Jharsuguda SP Parmar Smit Parshottamdas informed.An FIR has been registered against Rahul under Sections 152 (criminalises acts that threaten India's sovereignty, unity, and integrity), and 197(1) (d) (for making or publishing false or misleading information that threatens India's unity, sovereignty, integrity, or security) of BNS, the officer said.According to the complaint, Rahul has been deliberately making anti-national statements which hurt each and every Indian individual.The IGP directed the SP Parmar Smit Parshottamdas for inquiry and necessary legal action. As per the direction of the SP, an FIR has been registered against Gandhi at Jharsuguda police station.

CM Mohan Majhi Inaugurates 74th IMA Conference At Keonjhar

Keonjhar (correspondent):: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated the 74th annual conference of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) at Dharanidhar Medical College auditorium in Keonjhar on Sunday.The Chief Minister left the N.C. College ground in Jajpur at 9.30 am boarding a helicopter and landed at the helipad near DD Medical College in Keonjhar at 9:55 am.Inaugurating the event, Majhi said, "It is a



pleasure to inaugurate the 74th State Annual Conference of the Indian Medical Association (IMA). The invaluable role of the IMA in serving humanity is truly commendable. I believe healthcare professionals are nothing short of being 'second to God' for their dedication and selfless service.He said, "Our government remains committed to supporting and implementing necessary modifications to strengthen healthcare infrastructure and medical education across Odisha."Later, the Chief Minister wrote on his X handle, "Despite the healthcare challenges in Keonjhar, a land rich in minerals, I emphasised the need for collective efforts to elevate Dharanidhar Medical College into a leading institution of excellence."

Ornaments of Jagannath temple deities looted in Odisha's Phulbani

Phulbani(correspondent): Some unidentified miscreants burgled the gold ornaments of the Holy Trinity at Jagannath temple in Phulbani town of Kandhamal district, late Saturday night.According to sources, the thieves forced open the temple's main entrance and decamped with the valuables along with a huge amount of cash kept in a Hundi (donation box). However, the total amount of looted money has not been ascertained yet.The head of the temple's managing committee lodged an FIR at Phulbani Town police station, early this morning. Local police have initiated a detailed probe into the incident.I arrived at the temple in the morning at around 5.20 am and found the main door locks were broken. The second and the third doors were even broken open. This suggests that the miscreants entered the shrine's sanctum sanctorum



(Garbha Gruha). Immediately, I informed the president and secretary of the temple managing committee. I also reported the matter to local police," the temple head priest, Shankar Padhi said."The miscreants have looted the donation box too," the senior priest alleged.

Three Held In Odisha For Rs 16.96 Crore GST Fraud

BHUBANESWAR, (correspondent)The investigation revealed that the accused manipulated GST provisions to create a web of bogus transactions, causing a significant revenue loss to the government.Bhubaneswar, Feb 9: The Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) of the Bhubaneswar Zonal Unit has arrested three persons for their alleged involvement in issuing fake invoices and fraudulently passing on Input Tax Credit (ITC) amounting to Rs 16.96 crore without actual supply of goods.As per a press statement issued by DGGI on Friday, the prime accused was operating as the partner and proprietor of two firms.The law enforcement agency found during the probe that the prime accused had issued many fraudulent invoices to various contractors.It also noted that the prime accused also illicitly passed on fake ITC and earned commissions from the contractors on the invoice values.The investigation revealed that the accused manipulated GST provisions to create a web of bogus transactions, causing a significant revenue loss to the government."The second accused, who worked as an accountant in the said firms, was responsible for handling financial records, generating fake sales invoices, e-way bills, and other documents under the owner's instructions. He played a crucial role in the execution of the fraudulent scheme and received remuneration from the commission earned through fake ITC transactions," DGGI said. Meanwhile, the third accused, a sales executive, acted as the point of contact between the firms and contractors.He would inquire about their invoice requirements, facilitate the issuance of fraudulent invoices, and collect commission payments in cash, which he later deposited into the proprietor's bank account."The DGGI remains committed to taking strict action against tax evasion and fraudulent ITC claims. This arrest serves as a strong warning to businesses engaging in such malpractices," the DGGI added.It advised the taxpayers to comply with the provisions of the GST law and refrain from participating in illegal transactions to avoid strict penal consequences.DGGI, a law enforcement agency of the Ministry of Finance, collects, analyses, and shares intelligence about GST evasion..

NO Subhadra Yojana beifit for women with dual Adhar cards in kotia

BHUBANESWAR: Women residing in the fringe villages under Kotia panchayat in Koraput district are reportedly finding it challenging to benefit from the ambitious Subhadra Yojana of the Odisha government, due to complications arising from holding dual Aadhaar cards.Many of these women possess Aadhaar cards from both Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. This complication has led to the cancellation of their applications for the Subhadra Yojana, intended for women empowerment, during the verification process. Local administration is struggling to resolve this issue, which has left many women in these bordering villages uncertain about their eligibility. The women, de-



spite not receiving government funds, continue to hope for inclusion in the Subhadra scheme.Anganwadi workers have advised these women to retain only one Aadhaar card to simplify the process. However, their apprehensions linger as they feel that giving up their card from Andhra Pradesh might mean forfeiting benefits from the schemes provided by the neighbouring state.

"I have two Aadhaar cards. However, I don't know why I have not been provided money under Subhadra Yojana so far," said a woman from Kotia region."While some of the women in our area have received money under Subhadra Yojana, some others are yet to receive any amount. Earlier, we have got assistances from the Odisha government under many other schemes. We are hopeful that we will get assistance from Subhadra Yojana as well," said another woman."Some women have not got any assistance under Subhadra Yojana yet as they have Aadhaar cards from both Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. We are making them aware to retain only Odisha Aadhaar card to get assistance under the scheme," said Anganwadi worker Nini Guntha.Kotia panchayat, which includes villages like Tala Ganjeipadar, Upara Ganjeipadar, Barnapadu, Madkar, Phagusineri, Phatusineri and Doliamba, reports approximately 2,255 women waiting for assistance under the Subhadra scheme. Presently, 1,585 women have applied, but by the latest count, only 1,100 have received the first installment."Some women are apprehending that by giving up their card from Andhra Pradesh might mean forfeiting benefits from schemes provided by the neighbouring state," said Kotia Naib Sarpanch Salapu Gemel.As per reports, the District Collector of Koraput recently made a visit to Kotia to look into this matter and said that a dedicated task force will be formed to address the issue. As the fourth phase of the initial payments has concluded, many residents are yet to get any aid."We have found Aadhaar issues at some places. We are going to set up camps at those places to address the issue. Around 70 to 75 per cent applications from Kotia have been submitted so far.

Commissionerate Police beefs up security to curb crime in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR ,(correspondent) The Twin City Commissionerate Police in Bhubaneswar has strengthened security measures to curb crime in the Capital City. Enhanced checks are being conducted round-the-clock, particularly at night, at all major entry and exit points to ensure the safety of India-England cricket teams and the residents as well, sources said on Sunday.According to sources, police have significantly increased security measures. Thorough checks are being conducted and patrolling teams have been active throughout the night, ensuring heightened surveillance of all movements within the city."Police patrolling has been increased throughout the city, focusing on monitoring vehicle movement and ensuring the protection of the visiting players as well as maintaining overall security. Commissionerate Police are ready and committed to providing a safe environment during the teams' stay," Additional DCP-Bhubaneswar, Sanjay Kumar Mohapatra said.



Apart from beefing up security, we have started convoy patrolling in the city. Blocking and NAKA checking are underway in areas under different police stations. These measures will help build confidence among residents and prevent ATM loots," the senior cop stated."Additional DCPs, Zonal ACPs, and IICs are conducting the surveillance activities, led by the Commissioner of Police (CP) and Deputy CP (DCP)," the senior cop added.

EDITORIAL

What happens in the presence of a deity

Though a deity is usually made of stone, it has presence. But, to draw divinity out of stone, a devotee's intense prayer and supplication are needed. The Vedas declare that God pervades every atom of the universe. By that logic, nothing can be excluded.

In Hinduism, the deity plays an important role. Proponents of the Dvaita school of philosophy wittingly create a distinction between God and devotee. They want a visible form to adore and worship. Though Advaita is the ultimate goal, there are those who relish bhakti marg, which establishes a personal and loving relationship between the devotee and the divine. This relationship envisages a personal god with form, who can be invoked and adored. Thus multifarious deities are crafted to exact specifications as laid down in the Vedas. Secondly, when a deity is placed at a shrine, a ceremony called, 'Prana Pratishta' is duly performed, as per Vedic guidelines, by which the divine essence of the god or goddess is invited and infused into the image.

devout to express their devotion. Though the Divine is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient, only enlightened beings can experience this. For simple, worldly souls, the hurly-burly of existence presents constant challenges and obstacles that call for daily attention. To 'see' the Divine everywhere through these daily struggles, is not always workable. Marked out consecrated spots, assist in marshalling faith and attention towards divinity. Just as a house has a living room, bedroom, and dining room, for specific associated activities, at different times, a marked out spot for God, at home or outside, becomes a sacred space to connect to the Divine.

Rituals always potentially facilitate direct communion with the divine. 'God' is ever immanent and all it takes is a heart brimming with devotion to draw Him out. The ardent belief that the deity is alive and responsive makes it so. This is not a fanciful fable to the community of the devout. They will go back again and again to their beloved shrine to repeat the experience and garner blessings.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba says of the many prevalent forms of gods and goddesses in Hinduism, "Each name and form is indicative of an aspect of divinity. Each one is a facet, a part, a ray of the Supreme… in fact, everywhere you look the attribute-less divine has taken on attributes. Without the help of name and form you cannot comprehend the formless divine. Even Shankara, the biggest proponent of non-dualism, worshipped images in childhood, and he realised the value of saguna-swarupa (worshipping gods with form)…therefore he advised saguna-aradhana to the large majority of people even later in his life." Places of worship provide structure and discipline for remembering the Supreme. This promotes humility, and nurtures the devotional instinct and desire for purifying impulses. Legion are stories of devotees visiting a shrine at a hallowed spot, and feeling overwhelmed with bliss. Tears streaming down their cheeks, with the devotees not knowing why or how. This is the power of deity, and the faith resposed in the saguna version of the Supreme or whatever name you give it. The experience lies beyond the region of the mind – so reason and logic flounder in the face of it.

The redemptive power of true love



Dr. Samarat Kar

There's power in love. If you don't believe me, think about a time when you first fell in love. The whole world seemed to centre around you and your beloved. Oh, there's power, there's power in love. Not just in its romantic forms, but any form, any shape of love. There's a certain sense in which when you are loved and you know it, when someone cares for you and you know it, when you love and you show it, it actually feels right. There's something right about it. And there's a reason for it. The reason has to do with the source. We were made by a power of love. Our lives were and are, meant to be lived in that love. That is why we are here.Ultimately the source of love is God himself. The source of all of our lives. A medieval poem says it: "Where true love is found, God himself is there." Love can help and heal when nothing else can. Love can lift up and liberate for living when nothing else will. And the love that brings two people together is the same love that can bind them together, whether on mountaintops of happiness and through valleys of hardship.But the love of which we speak is not only for couples getting married or just for interpersonal relationships. I'm talking about power. Real power – power to change the world. If you don't believe me, well, there were some old slaves in America's antebellum South who explained the dynamic power of love and why it has the power to transform. They explained it this way – they sang a spiritual, even in the midst of their captivity, it's one that says: "There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.If you cannot preach like Peter, And you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, How he died to save us all. That's the balm in Gilead." Imagine our homes and families when this way of love is the way. Imagine our neighbourhoods and communities when love is the way … our governments and nations when love is the way … business and commerce when this love is the way this third old world when love is the way. No child would go to bed hungry. When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.

When love is the way, poverty will become history. The earth will be a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields down by the riverside to study war no more. When love is the way, there's plenty good room – for all of God's children. When love is the way, we actually treat each other like we are actually family. When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all. We are brothers and sisters, children of God. We must discover love. The redemptive power of love. When we do that, we will make of this old world a new world.

When you are aware, life is a movement of joy



Puspamitra Mohapatra

We should learn the art of handling difficulties gracefully. There is no one way. We have to be alert and let the purity of alertness and goodness to guide you in handling difficult situations. Our past knowledge is trapping us often. At the same time, we have to transform gracefully. Our past should be a point of reference for increased awareness, rather than a block. Our past knowledge, conclusions, opinions, hurts; they influence our listening and thinking. Our unconscious is leading our life mechanically. When we are alert, we become conscious of our unconscious and that enables us to lead a better life instead of bitter life.Are you conscious of the fact that one is unconscious to oneself? You say this is mine or that is mine. But, if you are alert and conscious, you will realise that all that you have said as 'mine' is not yours. You are riding a dream. What you think is mine is not in the true sense yours. You are using them for your need in a remarkably subtle sense. You say your son is yours, for you have a dream that he will do this and that to you. But, your son also has a dream and he feels this or that will make him complete. So, one is using the other for fulfilling one's dream, and in that sense wants others to serve him.

All things and persons can be snatched away from you, and what is capable of being snatched away is not yours. What cannot be snatched away from you is your consciousness. Your body is given to you by your parents. Your knowledge is given to you by books and other sources. These can be snatched away from you.Only our consciousness is intrinsically ours, and in the true sense, we are not unaware what this consciousness is. We are unconscious of our consciousness. When we are dependent on the things that can be snatched away, and when it is snatched away by time, we feel cheated and betrayed. It is our error in understanding.

If one understands that all things are capable of being snatched one will not depend on it emotionally. Hence emotions will have clarity and is free. You will be a giver of life, and not a beggar of life. You will put your energy in understanding yourself, and when you understand yourself as consciousness, you will realise this consciousness, which is your nature, is fullness and completeness. With fullness when you live life, your life will be a movement of joy and not wanting joy.

Deal with destructive emotions & be happy



Dr. Suresh Kumar Nayak

The key to happiness lies in our own state of mind, as it is the mind that is the primary obstacle to happiness. The greatest impediments to our happiness and our ability to live a peaceful and fulfilling life are our own persistent tendencies towards afflictive emotions like anger, hatred, envy and jealousy which are the real enemies of human well-being.All religions have long recognised that human beings possess the capacity to change from within. Indic spiritual traditions are replete with such stories. Balmiki transformed from hunter to Sanskrit scholar; Angulimal from cruel dacoit to follower of Buddha; Tulsidas from a lustful layman to great Sanskrit poet. Recent findings in 'brain plasticity' have demonstrated that nothing is cast in stone; changes do take place. Brain patterns can and do change over time in response to our thoughts and experiences. To remain emotionally fine with ourselves and with others, we need to understand and continue to work with our negative emotions consciously and train ourselves to achieve positive transformation.Biologically, all our basic emotions evidently have evolutionary purposes. Attachment brings us together and creates bonding, giving us family and society. Anger repels harmful forces detrimental to our survival, fear alerts us against threat, and envy prompts us to compete and do better which in turn brings about progress. So scientifically, these emotions do have their positive aspects and biological dimensions so long as they do not spiral out of control.Emotions have dual aspect. All of them have destructive and non-destructive sides. For example, anger can be chanelled to get the things done and obtain that which we rightly seek. Going beyond this practical function, it turns to destructive side when it is transformed into violence. Gandhiji understood well this practical function of anger and used it as a positive force to work for freedom and political reform. Likewise, doubt enables us to seek answers and improves our understanding but when it becomes pathological, it paralyses us, preventing us from taking decisive action. Competition, so long as it is not driven by ego can be constructive, leading to progress.Once we recognise the destructive side of emotions, we will become more cautious, thereby becoming more emotionally aware. We have to be attentive in our behaviour at the level of body, speech and most importantly, mind. Our initial efforts should be to take care that destructive emotions are not reflected in our body language. This will arrest any chance of angry explosions. Then, you can go to the source of the arising of strong emotion. Now, you may be able to reinterpret, in a positive way, the thought that initially triggered your currently played out negative emotion. Your awareness would guard you against instinctive interpretations clouded by exaggeration and projection, thus enabling you to respond calmly.

Mind connected to the game



Vijay GarG

Playing is considered a sign of children being healthy. Therefore, every mother is happy to see the children playing. Due to the advantages of playing, only nowadays, parents have started to emphasize more on their children's play. The whole concept of 'pre-school' has been prepared keeping in mind the children's game before formal schooling begins, so that they can learn while playing more and more. But rarely will people know that children's game also has a relationship with their mental health. Cambridge University researchers have concluded with their research that children who learn to play well with their friends at the age of 'pre-school', their mental health is equally better when they grow up. Researchers analyzed the behaviour of about seventeen hundred children. The age of three years in which children developed the ability to play well with their peers, the mental health of those children has been better for the next four years. They were not going to be much mischiefs or hooliganisms. Such children were even less quarrelling with their classmates. It is clear that the ability to play with the partner has a positive impact on mental health. This relationship between sports and mental health was also seen in the behaviour of children who were more likely to have mental illnesses. Like children of very poor homes, who have not been properly nurtured or then children born from the mother's womb struggling with mental stress or depression among other classes. According to Jenny Gibson of the Sports, Development and Teaching Center at the Cambridge University, it seems that this relationship is real, because while playing with other children, he also learns the skill of making friends when the child grows up. Even if they are more prone to being mentally ill, these strings of friendship help them move forward and stay mentally healthy. Indeed, while playing with his pucca friend the child learns qualities like sharing, cooperating and being together 1 These qualities have a positive effect on the mental health of the child. Rising mental illnesses in children have also raised the parents' concern towards mental health today. The World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund have recently revealed that every seventh child of ten to nineteen years in the world is struggling with mental problems. These problems include problems related to depression, restlessness and behavior. Growing depression is becoming a major problem in Indian children and adolescents too. In many studies that have come in the past, it has been revealed that most children from thirteen to eighteen years of school are becoming victims of depression. Pediatricians also believe that the treatment of mentally ill children increases their chances of getting healthy if started at the age of three. It is the state of mind that a major cause of the increase in mental diseases in children and adolescents is a huge decrease in their opportunities to play, roam and perform favourite activities independently. Nowadays parents keep a close watch on every activity of their young ones. Let them talk tothem. The child would quickly go ahead and help him if he was entangled in some work. Do not let him attempt to get out of the problem himself. Don't let children cry for a while. Although all of this they are by taking care of good intent and cleanliness, this is how mental health deprives him of the necessary freedom. They are learning to speak and walk late. With the idea of giving guidance and protection to children at all times, we are unknowingly taking children closer to the danger of mentally weak and mental illnesses. The symptoms of which we start to look clean when children are aging or until they are teenage. The child is more depressed or too naughty. Emotional weaknesses such as irritability, fear, disbelief, sharp ups and downs in mood swings, crying over talk become part of his or her nature. The relationship between playing with peers and mental health is probably because playing with others makes the child learn to control emotions. While playing, she decides on the basis of thought, sensation and experience. Her activities bring sociality. For example, her ability to understand the feelings of her friends and give her feedback on them develops. She gets the opportunity to solve problems and face unexpected challenges. These things make her behaviour flexible and generous. More pronounced and solved thinking develops. In this way, he becomes mentally strong and healthy young when the time passes.

One Killed, Another Brother Serious On Family Land Dispute In K'pada

Kendrapara(Correspondent): One person beaten and killed and another serious injured by weapon attacks in Garapur village of Kendrapara on Saturday night over land dispute between family members. Injured person shifted to Cuttack SCB medical College for treatment. Police send the dead body to Kendrapara district hospital for autopsy and held the family members for investigation the matter.Deceased 38 years old Rama chandra Mallik of Garapur village under Kapaleswar grampanchayat and injured his brother Bainu admitted in Cuttack hospital. The quarrel between the brothers on family land dispute converted to attacked to each other. On the spot Ramachandra died and injured Bainu shifted to hospital in serious condition. Police Immediately rushed the site and investigate the matter was said.



Lulu Patra from Sonepur has been appointed as the groundsman in the India-England cricket match

SUBARNAPUR (Correspondent): Sudarshan Patra (Lulu), a member of the All India Lal Mani Cricket Organizing Committee, a spin bowler and a pitch curator, has joined the pitch observation team for the second India-England match being held in Cuttack(Barabati Stadium) today and has taken on the responsibility. There is a lot of joy and enthusiasm among sports lovers and cricket lovers in Subarnapur town and district. The District Cricket Association, Journalists Association, Senior Citizens Association, Budhima Youth Club, Ram Dhun Club and various sports organizations of the town and the District Sports Association have congratulated Mr. Patra and wished him success.

Golden Jubilee Celebration of Paradip College concluded with grand success



Paradip(Correspondent) - The Golden Jubilee celebration of Paradip College concluded here on Sunday. Chaired by the president of the Governing Body of Paradip College and ADM Niranjan Behera, the session was attended by P.L.Haranadh, Chairman, Paradip Port Authority as the chief guest. Among others, Palanisamy Velusamy, Unit Head, PPL, Chandravanu Choudhury, GM, JSW Utkal, Ranjit Pradhan, Director, Higher Education,Ex principals of Paradip College Sudhakar Das, Shankar Mohapatra, Dr. Surendra Mohan Mishra and Sarat Lenka were present as the guests of honour. In the beginning, Basant Biswal,President, Paradip College Alumni Association cum chairperson Paradip Municipality delivered the welcome speech and Dr. Sasmita Satapathy, Principal, Paradip College spoke on the history of Paradip College and his achievements. On the occasion,Alumnus felicitated the veteran principals, Lectures and staffs of the college. At the end Lt.Cdr Akshay Chandra Mishra, lecture and old student has offered the vote of thanks. Notably the three days celebration has come to a grand success.

Minor girl's body recovered: Suicide or murder, reason not clear

Kantabanji, (Correspondent): Minor commits suicide. Reason not clear. One such incident has been seen in Mahakhand village of Turekela police station area. A minor girl of Mahkhand village committed suicide by hanging herself with a sari inside the house. The family members took her out of the house in a hanging condition and brought her to the local hospital for treatment, where the doctors declared her dead. It is not clear why the minor committed suicide. Turekela police reached the spot and seized the body and brought it to Kantabanji Hospital for post-mortem. After the post-mortem, the body was handed over to the family members.

12th anniversary of Bangomunda Journalist Association - Security of journalists is necessary



Kantabanji, (Correspondent) : The 12th annual celebration of Bangomunda Press Association was held today in the premises of Bangomunda Panchayat Samiti Degree College, Balangir. the meeting was started by worshiping the picture of the Kul Devi Maa Dwarsani of Bangomunda village. In the general meeting held under the leadership of the President of the Association Rashmi Ranjan Putel, the chief guest was Bangomunda Block Sarpanch Association President Ajit Kumar Joshi, special guest was senior journalist and columnist Rajiv Sagaria, special guest was Block Vice President Keshav Narayan Jain, social worker Suratha Behera, General Secretary of the Association Huleshwar Hans, Director of Lokshakti Sansthan Ajit Pradhan, Advisor of the Association Ardhendu Yadav, Vice President of the Association Sushant Behera, Anil Tripathi, journalist Pushpaketu Behera, Narayan Mishra, lawyer Uddhav Behera attended as the guests and demanded security, respect and pension for journalists. The guests appreciated the various programs of the Bangomunda Patrakar Sangh. Journalists were invited to go to ground zero and convey the problems of the common people to the administration and the government through news. Association General Secretary Huleshwar Hans gave the editorial details. Souvenirs and fodder were given to the guests on behalf of the association. Acting President Ashok Narayan Bhoi, who conducted the meeting, thanks speech given by Vice President Sushant Behera.Advisor Ashok Kumar Khamari, Co-secretary Dinesh Jain, Sushant Thanapati, Radheshyam Meher, Nityanand Parseth, Volunteer Bhaktibandhu Sahu, Bhagwanlal Behera, Vaishnav Jani, Tekchandra Nag, Sunhidhar Behera contributed to it. Workers of various organizations were involved in it.

Police Recover Couple's Hanging Bodies In Bolangir

Bolangir(correspondent): Police on Sunday recovered bodies of a couple hanging from a tree under the Saintala police limits in Odisha's Bolangir district.The deceased have been identified as Akash Dharua (25) and his wife Mahima Dharua (22) – both from Keomal village under Jurabandh panchayat.Local villagers spotted the body following which a team from Saintala police station arrived at the scene and recovered the bodies in the presence of a magistrate. Police have sent the bodies for autopsy and launched an investigation into the incident.According to reports, Akash was in love with Mahima from Chudapali village in Patnagarh. They had been married for the past three months, but frequent domestic disputes led to differences between them.The couple ended their lives by hanging themselves with a blanket and a scarf from a mango tree located 2 kilometres from their home. The circumstances that compelled Akash and Mahim to take such an extreme step is yet to be ascertained.



Woman Burnt Alive In Her Betel Shop In Kendrapara

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent) : In a shocking incident, a 48-year-old woman was burnt alive in her betel shop at Baktarpur Square under Pattamundai police station in Kendrapara district. The deceased has been identified as Kamala Sahu.The shop, located in Baktarpur Square, was Kamala's livelihood, and she had been running it for years.According to eyewitnesses, the incident occurred when Kamala was lighting incense sticks in her shop. A customer arrived, asking for petrol, and as Kamala was serving him, the incense near the deity caught fire, causing a massive explosion. Locals heard the blast and rushed to the scene and informed the fire brigade, which took an hour to bring the fire under control. Unfortunately, by the time the fire was extinguished, everything had been reduced to ashes, and Kamala had succumbed to her injuries.

Fire Breaks Out At Punjab National Bank

Bhubaneswar: A fire broke out at the Punjab National Bank at Durga Bazar in Jagatsinghpur town early on Sunday morning.Locals alerted the police after noticing smoke emanating from the bank's shutters. Police and fire brigade personnel immediately rushed to the scene and attempted to extinguish the flames by breaking the shutters.Although the extent of the damage is unclear, rescue operations were temporarily hindered. Preliminary investigations suggest that a short circuit may have caused the fire, but the exact cause can only be ascertained after investigation.

Youth Found Murdered Inside Photo Studio In Jajpur Road

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): In a gruesome crime, the body of a youth was found in a mutilated condition inside his studio in Dhabalagiri area under Jajpur Road police station on Sunday morning.The deceased has been identified as Deepak Kumar Sahu, owner of Om Digital Film Studio.According to police, the murder is suspected to have taken place late at night by unidentified miscreants, who fled the scene after committing the crime. Initial investigations suggest that the murder may have been a result of previous enmity.Deepak's family members reported that he had gone to the studio around 11 pm to sleep after dinner, but his mobile phone was switched off later that night. This morning, Deepak's mother found his body lying in a pool of blood when she arrived at the studio with tea for his son.The miscreants had also looted equipment from the studio, including computers and cameras. The police have launched an investigation into the incident, with the assistance of a scientific team and dog squad.The incident has sent shockwaves in the locality, with hundreds of people gathering at the scene. The police are investigating to identify the perpetrators and determine the motive behind the murder.

Minister Harichandan holds review on development of Maa Bhagabati Temple

Khordha (Correspondent):The Mohan Sarkar is committed to developing the Maa Bhagabati temple of Banpur, one of the famous Shakti Peetha of Odisha. In this context, on Sunday, Chilika MLA and Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan chaired a review meeting of the development work of the temple under the integrated tourism planning and development scheme and discussed in detail of various ongoing development works in and around the temple premises. Starting from Singhadwar, special attention has been given to the development of parikrama, ghat, outer cover of nata mandap, sri Jagannath temple, construction of dolavedi along with the development of multipurpose hall, road and river ghat. The government aims to preserve the ancient heritage of the temple and turn it into a vibrant spiritual and cultural centre. The meeting was attended by Endowment Commissioner ,Khordha DM, ADM, SDM,State Archeology,OBCC , Banpur BDO, Tehsildar, Bhagabati Endowment EO and other officials.



Jagannath Temple Hundi, Ornaments Stolen By Miscreants In Phulbani

Phulbani(Correspondent): In a shocking incident, miscreants broke into the Shree Jagannath temple in Phulbani town late last night, stealing the donation box (Hundi) and three gold ornaments from the forehead of the Trinity.According to temple management committee , the theft was notice by the chief priest while he was performing the morning rituals. The thieves broke the first door and then the second door to gain access to the inner sanctum. The priest discovered that the hundi was missing, and upon further inspection, found that the gold cheetas attached to the forehead of the Trinities were also stolen.He immediately informed the temple management committee, which filed a complaint at town police station. The police launched an investigation and recovered the broken and empty hundi behind the temple.The stolen hundi is estimated to have contained lakhs of rupees, collected during the recent establishment of a new temple of the side deity. The police are reviewing CCTV footage and questioning witnesses to identify the culprits and recover the stolen gold ornaments.



Youth brutally killed in Odisha's Jajpur; body recovered from studio

Jajpur(Correspondent): A youth was brutally killed by miscreants allegedly over past enmity here in the district. Jajpur police recovered his blood-soaked body from a studio. The deceased person has been identified as Deepak Kumar Sahoo, owner of OM Digital Film Studio. The incident was reported from Sobara locality under Jajpur Road police limits late on Saturday night. According to reports, Deepak after having dinner at home came to the studio at around 11 pm on Saturday for sleep. The family members said that his mobile phone was switched off at night.

Woman burnt to death in fire incident in Odisha

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): A woman was burnt to death after her shop caught fire in the Pattamundai area of Odisha's Kendrapara district on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Kamala Sahoo, a resident of Baktarpur village.Local residents claimed Sahoo had a betel shop at Baktarpur village market where she also used to sell petrol.Sahoo, as per her daily routine, opened the shop on Sunday morning, and was offering Puja by burning incense sticks when the fuel kept in plastic bottles and jerrycan suddenly caught fire.Sahoo was trapped in the fire as the flames rapidly engulfed the whole shop within minutes.Upon being informed, the police and fire services personnel reached the spot and doused the fire.Sahoo, who had sustained serious burn injuries, was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared her brought dead.The shop was completely gutted by the fire.Police have started an investigation into the matter by registering an unnatural death case in this regard.

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Anil Kapoor: 'Subedaar' Is A Testament To The Commitment Of Every Single Cast, Crew Member



Bollywood star Anil Kapoor has wrapped up his work on his upcoming film "Subedaar" and said that the film is a testament to the commitment of every single cast and crew member.Anil took to his Instagram, where he shared a carousel of pictures of the team of "Subedaar" and thanked them for the dedication and hard work they brought to this film.He wrote: "We did it! Subhedar is a testament to the passion and commitment of every single cast and crew member. Your dedication and hard work brought this film to life, and I'm beyond grateful.Anil added: "Thank you for bringing your A-game every single day. I can't wait for the world to witness what we've created together in 2025. From the bottom of my heart, thank you #TeamSubedaar."Directed by Suresh Triveni, the action drama is produced by Vikram Malhotra, Anil and Triveni."Subedaar" also stars Radhikka Madan in the lead role. The film, set against the backdrop of India's heartland, delves into the gripping journey of Subedaar Arjun Maurya, who now faces the turbulence of civilian life. Featuring the dynamic Anil Kapoor, alongside the talented Radhikka Madan, who plays his daughter.An Opening Image Films and Anil Kapoor Film & Communication Network (AKFCN) production, the action-packed drama recently wrapped an intense outdoor shoot in UP and is set to commence its last leg of filming in January.On Anil's 68th birthday in December, the makers of "Subedaar" shared the actor's first look from the upcoming film, which he says is much more than just an action movie.Anil said in a statement: "Subedaar is special!!! It's much more than just an action film; it's about resilience, honor, family and the relentless fight we face in life."The first look started with gritty visuals, accompanied by a gripping Subedaar theme track. Anil embodies a rugged and intense persona with absolute finesse. The video, with its escalating tension, offers a glimpse into what can only be described as a full-throttle, powerhouse performance.He said: "Revealing this first glimpse of Subedaar Arjun Maurya on my birthday is my gift to the fans who have supported me all these years!"Directed by Suresh Triveni, the action drama is produced by Vikram Malhotra, Anil Kapoor, and Triveni."I could not have asked a better director than Suresh to captain this film and it is equally special to partner with Vikram and team as we bring this story to life," said the actor.

Black Pepper Chicken Curry Recipe



Ingredients of Black Pepper Chicken Curry500 gms boneless chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces2 tbsp black pepper, freshly ground1 tsp turmeric powderSalt to taste3 tbsp mustard oil or ghee1 tsp cumin seeds3-4 cardamom pods3-4 cloves1 large onion, finely chopped1 tbsp ginger, minced1 tbsp garlic, minced1 cup tomato puree1 cup water or chicken brothFresh coriander leaves for garnish (optional)

How to Make Black Pepper Chicken Curry

1.In a bowl, combine the chicken pieces with freshly ground black pepper, turmeric powder, and salt.2.Let the chicken marinate for at least 30 minutes.3.Heat mustard oil or ghee in a pan over medium heat.4.Add cumin seeds, cardamom pods, and cloves. Let them sizzle for a few seconds, releasing their aroma.5.Add finely chopped onions to the pan. Sauté until they turn golden brown.6.Add minced ginger and garlic, continuing to sauté until the raw smell disappears.7.Add the marinated chicken pieces to the pan. Cook until the chicken turns golden brown on all sides.8.Pour in the tomato puree and mix well, ensuring the chicken is coated evenly.9.Let the mixture cook for a few minutes until the oil starts to separate.10.Add water or chicken broth to achieve the desired consistency for the curry.11.Allow the curry to simmer on low heat. Stir occasionally.12.Taste the curry and adjust salt and black pepper according to your preference.13.Garnish with fresh coriander leaves and serve hot with steamed rice or naan.

Dermatologist-approved tips for mastering the art of frizz-free haircare

1. Consulting a Dermatologist

More often than ever, people tend to overlook haircare, forgetting the fact that healthy hair is just as significant as glowing skin. As a result, it becomes imperative to consult a dermatologist, as their expertise will help you decipher your scalp and hair type. With these crucial insights, you stand an opportunity to benefit from a customised treatment plan based on whether you've dandruff-related concerns like seborrhea or any other skin condition arising from scalp dryness. Backed by the guidance of expert dermatologists, it is clear that different types of hair require different kinds of protection and care.

2. Excess is Not the Way-to-Go

Excess of anything is never the right answer, but another avenue to merely exacerbate problems. In regards, it's time to debunk the myth that hair should be brushed about 100 times, as not only does excessive brushing cause increased breakage, but it also takes a toll on blood circulation. In addition, excess hair washing is not a norm and should depend upon the oiliness of the scalp. Essentially, this means that depending on how much buildup you have, it is absolutely fine to wash your hair every day as well as two to three times a week.

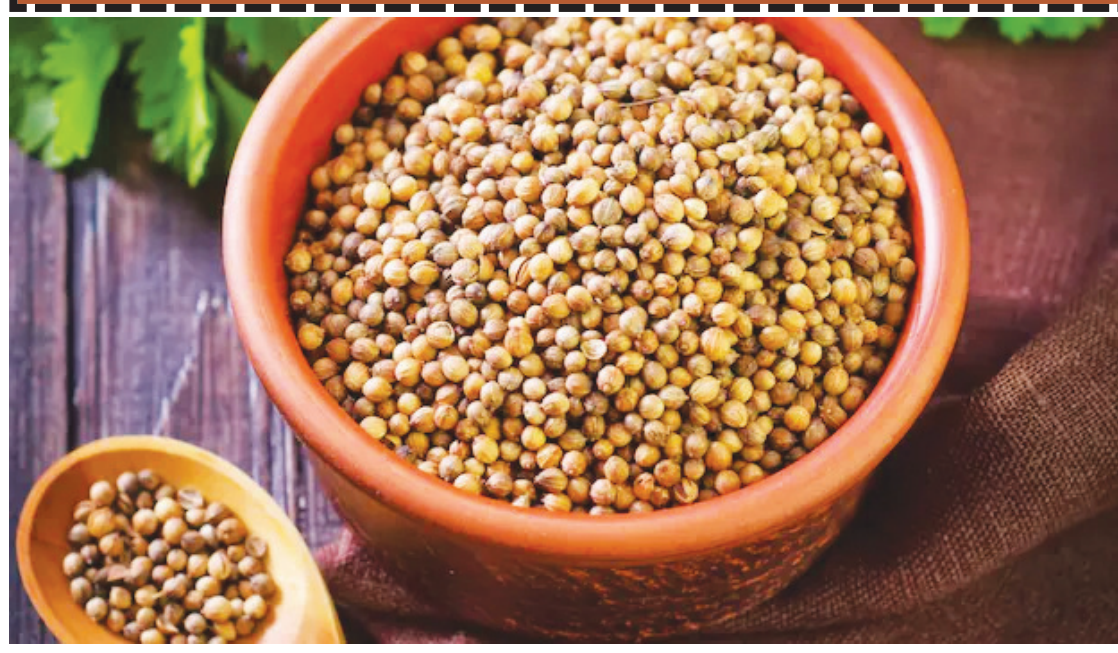
3. The Key lies in Protective Haircare

Tackling high temperatures and all humidity woes head-on undoubtedly requires taking up a protective approach to haircare. The foremost step towards a protective hair regime is to protect the hair from the strong sun, as it soaks up the moisture from the hair, leaving it dehydrated. As a result, it is recommended to spray some water to coat the hair, or even wearing a bandana or hat helps. At the same time, ditch the hair dryer for a more natural and air-dry outlook, and always refrain from brushing wet hair, as at this particular hour, your hair is at its weakest.

4. Bid Goodbye to Chemicals

When it comes to brittle, frizzy and dry hair, a major contributor has always been the traction towards chemical treatments, namely hair colouring and bleaching. Bleach not only strips away the natural colour of the hair but also takes off the cuticle, which leaves the hair brittle and more prone to breakage. Ideally, one should refrain from chemical treatments altogether, but in case you plan to go ahead with it, always make sure the colour is mild and free of ammonia and PPD. Furthermore, switch to a shampoo that is paraben and sulphate-free, as the focus is on less chemicals and more natural.

5 Spices Every Woman Should Have In Her Daily Diet



Women experience significant changes in their bodies throughout their lives. From puberty and adulthood to pregnancy and menopause, each stage brings different challenges for the body. While you can't fully avoid them, you can surely reduce their effects. How? By incorporating the right types of foods into your diet. Yes, the kinds of foods you eat on a daily basis make a huge difference in your overall health. Spices, in particular, have some amazing benefits to offer for women's health. From preventing menstrual cramps to maintaining hormonal balance and more, they can transform your health in more ways than one. Recently, Ayurvedic health coach Dr Dimple Jangda took to her Instagram handle to share five essential spices every woman should have in her diet daily.

Which Spices Offer The Most Benefits For Women's Health?

1. Coriander SeedsCoriander (dhania) seeds have antioxidant properties, which reduce oxidative stress in the body. They also possess anti-inflammatory properties, aiding in reducing aches and pains. Additionally, coriander seeds are carminative, improving digestive health and preventing issues like gas, bloating, and flatulence.2. Carom SeedsDr Jangda explains that carom (ajwain) seeds have antimicrobial properties, making them excellent for boosting immunity and fighting common diseases like colds and coughs. Regular consumption can also reduce menstrual cramps and pain.3. Fennel SeedsFennel (saunf) seeds are rich in phytoestrogens, balancing a woman's hormonal health. Like coriander seeds, they are carminative, aiding in digestive health. Regular consumption reduces issues like bloating and gas.

How To Incorporate These Spices Into Your Daily Diet?

1. Coriander seeds: Boil them in water to make tea, consume them on an empty stomach, or make chutney or juice.
2. Carom seeds: Consume on an empty stomach with salt, make tea, or sprinkle into dough while making rotis and parathas.
3. Fennel seeds: Chew raw before and after meals or make tea.

6 amazing benefits of drinking bael juice every day in summer

As the heatwave envelopes most parts of the country, beating heat the natural way can prevent one from a plethora of summer illnesses and boost overall well-being. One of the most refreshing drinks you can have this summer is bael sharbat. Before you step out of your home in the scorching summer heat, drinking a glass of bael juice can shield you against the merciless heat, preventing you against heatstroke, constipation, and other heat-related illnesses.

Bael has been used since centuries in the traditional medicinal practices of Ayurveda and naturopathy for treatment of dysentery, heart problems, fever, diabetes, haemorrhoids, asthma, ophthalmia, urinary problems, alcohol induced liver problems and ulcerative. Bael is full of fibre, vitamins and minerals, and has antioxidative, antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer properties.

Preparing bael sharbat is quite convenient. After removing the hard shell, take out all the pulp in a vessel and mash it with hands while adding water. Separate the seeds and the mix would be ready to be strained and consumed. Bael squash, bael murabba, bael toffee, bael jam, bael panjiri are some of the ways one can consume this amazing fruit.

When taken regularly in the summer, bael juice—which is made from the fruit of the bael tree—offers a host of health advantages. Sushma PS chief Dietician, Jindal Naturecure Institute shares wonderful benefits of bael juice.

Amazing benefits of bael juice

1. Hydration: Bael juice is a naturally occurring thirst quencher that helps the body stay hydrated in hot conditions, preventing from symptoms of dehydration, which include weariness and dizziness.
2. Cooling effect: Bael can cool your body from inside relieving all heat-related issues. Its ability to cool the body makes it a great option for beating the summer heat, relieving discomfort brought on by the heat.
3. Digestive support: The enzymes in bael juice facilitate digestion, improving gastrointestinal health, easing constipation, and lowering acidity. Its daily consumption is much recommended.
4. Rich in nutrients: Brimming with minerals, vitamins, and antioxidants, bael juice strengthens immunity,

2nd ODI: Rohit's 119 Helps India Beat England By 4 Wickets

Cuttack: Captain Rohit Sharma broke a long lean run with the bat by hitting a sparkling 119 and guided India to a four-wicket win over England in the second ODI at the Barabati Stadium on Sunday.

Rohit's masterly 32nd ODI century, laced with 12 fours and seven sixes, along with Shubman Gill's 60 and handy knocks from Shreyas Iyer (44) and Axar Patel (41 not out) helped India chase down 305 with 33 balls remaining and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.But seeing a rampaging Rohit getting back to his best self with the bat must have brought in tons of relief to him and many important personnel in Indian cricket. It was a knock where Rohit was in his usual flow with the bat – the free-flowing shots, good use of wrists and impeccable timing – all combining to give the fans' their money's worth.

Chasing 305, Rohit got going by getting a thick edge flying over backward point for four off Gus Atkinson in the second over. From there, Rohit's innings took a sublime turn – flicking Atkinson off his wrists for six and carving Saqib Mahmood for a maximum.From the other end, Shubman Gill was pristine – playing his trademark short-arm jab and flick over the infield to collect two boundaries. Rohit used his hands well to hoist Mahmood over long-off for six, before Gill got one to fly over outside edge for a boundary.After a floodlight failure over the long-off fence held up play for 35 minutes, Rohit re-started in imperious fashion – glancing Mahmood over fine leg for four, and followed it up by smacking a six over long-on. He welcomed Adil Rashid with a sweep going for four, before cutting through point for another boundary to get his fifty in just 30 balls.After the powerplay ended, Gill slog-swept Rashid for six, before short arm-jabbing and pulling Mark Wood four boundaries. When Rashid was back, Gill kept finding extra cover fence twice for boundaries before getting a splendid 15th ODI fifty.With Rohit dispatching Gus Atkinson



for four and six respectively, followed by Gill pulling and glancing Jamie Overton for boundaries, the chase was already looking like a one-way traffic for India. But Overton bounced back by getting rid of Gill by executing an off-stump yorker to perfection, thus ending the 136-run opening partnership.Rashid joined the wicket-taker's party by getting a ball to turn away at the last moment and caught the feather edge of Virat Kohli's bat, which was detected by UltraEdge on review, leading to the batter being dismissed for five.After Shreyas Iyer got off the mark against Overton, Rohit swept Rashid for four and dispatched Overton for six, before getting his century by dancing down the pitch to hit the leg-spinner over mid-off for a six and bring up his 32nd ODI century in a nonchalant style.Rohit didn't slow down after reaching his century – reverse-sweeping and glancing Rashid for fours, before carving Wood over backward point for another boundary. After Iyer whipped and pulled twice to get two fours and a six off Wood, Rohit toe-ended a slog to short mid-wicket off a full toss from Liam Livingstone and departed for 119 off 90 balls.After Rohit's departure, Iyer and Axar Patel slowed down a bit, with the latter hitting the boundaries. But on the last ball of the 37th over, a mix-up in search for a second run resulted in Iyer's run-out for 44, which began a slight wobble for India.KL Rahul fell for 10 after trying to pull a short ball from Overton, but gave a glove edge behind to Salt. Hardik Pandya took two fours off Atkinson before pulling the pacer straight to mid-wicket. But Axar and Jadeja ensured India got over the line, as the latter hit a lovely inside-out cover drive for four to get an emphatic win for the hosts'Brief Scores: England 304 in 49.5 overs (Joe Root 69, Ben Duckett 65; Ravindra Jadeja 3-35) lost to India 308/6 in 44.3 overs (Rohit Sharma 119, Shubman Gill 60; Jamie Overton 2-27) by four wickets

England Women's Team Arrives In Bhubaneswar Ahead Of FIH Pro League Matches

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): The England women's hockey team arrived at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on Sunday ahead of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 India leg matches.The World No. 7 side will face the hosts India and current World No. 1 Netherlands in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 India leg, scheduled to take place in Bhubaneswar from February 15 to 25.With one win and three losses so far, England have made a rocky start to their FIH Pro League campaign and will be hoping to turn things around despite facing challenging opponents. Forward Darcy Bourne



shared her excitement upon arriving in India saying, "We are very excited to be in India especially after the Hockey India League, expecting the atmosphere to be really big. This is my first time in India, but the buzz around hockey here is nothing like I have ever seen so I am extremely excited."Despite struggling at the World Cups recently, England are the current Commonwealth champions after the gold medal win in 2022. With big names in the squad this year, England are one of the teams to watch out for. Head coach David Ralph too echoed the excitement and stated, "We are expecting the matches to be very challenging but we are excited. It is going to be wonderful for the girls to play in front of the Indian crowd. In hockey, this is one of the best things you can experience."Currently, China lead the chart with 13 points in seven matches followed by Netherlands, Australia, Belgium and Argentina, respectively to complete the top 5. Indian women's team will begin their FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 campaign against England on February 15.

Bengaluru FC advance to fourth spot riding on Noguera's brace to beat Jamshedpur FC 3-0

Bengaluru, (correspondent): Bengaluru FC defeated Jamshedpur FC by 3-0 at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 tonight. The Blues broke their three-game-long winless streak at home to progress to the fourth spot in the standings, with 31 points to their name from 20 matches now.Albino Gomes was the star of the show in the opening 15 minutes, pulling off two exceptional saves to keep his team from getting off to a jittery start. He also became the goalkeeper to save the most penalties in the ISL (7) after denying Sunil Chhetri from the spot in the 12th minute.Mohammed



Salah's long ball to Edgar Mendez met little resistance from the Jamshedpur FC defence, with Pratik Chaudhari being the last man standing between the Bengaluru FC forward and Gomes.Mendez managed to work his way past Chaudhari but his shot was saved admirably well by the visiting goalkeeper on the bottom right corner in the sixth minute. Soon afterwards, Sunil Chhetri stepped up on a spot-kick after Suresh Singh Wangjam earned a foul in the penalty area, but Gomes was quick to anticipate Chhetri's kick directed at the top left corner and made an outstretched dive to keep the effort from hitting the back of the net.Both Chhetri and Mendez made up for their respective earlier missed efforts by functioning seamlessly in tandem in the 43rd minute to break the deadlock.Chhetri made a quick restart after winning a foul on the left wing and caught the Jamshedpur FC defence off-guard with a slick delivery for Mendez, who caressed the ball into the bottom right corner from the centre of the box to get his side the lead. The Blues looked like they had regained their mojo and were flawless in their forward forays post this move.Twelve minutes into the second half, Alberto Noguera stepped up on a free-kick from distance after Naorem Roshan Singh won a foul on the right flank.

India vs England, 2nd ODI: Floodlight Failure Interrupts India Innings

NEWDELHI: The floodlights – one of the light towers -- started playing hide-and-seek just before the start of the seventh over of the Indian inningsIndia were off to a flying start before the interruption as they had reached 48 for no loss in 6.1 oversCuttack, Feb 9: The second ODI between India and England was interrupted Sunday due to floodlight failure at the Barabati Stadium here in Cuttack.The floodlights – one of the light towers -- started playing hide-and-seek just before the start of the seventh over of the Indian innings. After a few minutes of delay, the match had resumed. However, the lights completely went off after just one ball in the seventh over.India skipper Rohit Sharma was visibly upset and had a talk with the on-field umpires. After staying for a few minutes on the ground, both the Indian openers – Rohit and Shubman Gill, and the England players walked off the field in disappointment.The interruption lasted for close to half-an-hour, which raised many eyebrows.According to sources, Some Odisha Cricket Association (OCA) officials have stated that the floodlights had been undergoing testing for the past five days, which is a common practice at all venues. However, according to them, no issues had occurred during those five days.India were off to a flying start before the interruption as they had reached 48 for no loss in 6.1 overs, with Rohit batting on 29 off 18 balls, and Gill on 17 off 19 balls.

Three Indian Davis Cup Stars Granted Delhi Open 2025 Main Draw Wildcards

NEWDELHI: The organiser of the Delhi Open -- an ATP Challenger event -- on Saturday announced wild card entries for three Davis Cuppers -- Sasikumar Mukund, Ramkumar Ramanathan and young Karan Singh -- in the men's singles main draw. Youngster Chirag Duhan, Aryan Shah, who were part of the Davis Cup training camp have been given wild cards for the qualifying event, along with Aditya Govila, and Sidharth Rawat. Former World No. 31 Lloyd Harris and 2019 junior Wimbledon champion Shintaro Mochizuki will be among the top 8 seeds at the ATP Challenger 75 event, returning for



its fifth edition at the DLTA Complex from February 10-16.South African Harris, with his burgeoning trophy cabinet and list of notable scalps, including Rafael Nadal, will be the fourth seed in the singles main draw.The 21-year-old Mochizuki, a rising sensation from Japan, has been seeded sixth.Vit Kopriva from the Czech Republic will head the draw as the top seed, aiming to add to his five ATP Challenger titles.The second and third seeds are the United Kingdom's Billy Harris and Australia's Tristan Schoolkate, who clinched his second Challenger title in Brisbane last week with the inaugural Queensland International."This tournament is a fantastic platform for both experienced players and rising talent to test themselves at a high level," said Rohit Rajpal, DLTA President and India's non-playing Davis Cup captain."With valuable ranking points on offer, it provides a crucial opportunity for players to climb the ATP ladder and gain momentum in their seasons. The Delhi Open has consistently played a vital role in shaping careers, and it's exciting to see a strong and competitive field once again ready to battle it out." France's Geoffrey Blancaneaux won the Delhi Open title in 2024 after defeating Hong Kong's Coleman Wong 6-4, 6-2, but opted not to defend his title.

National Games 2025: Odisha's Animesh Kujur Shines On Opening Day, Clinches Gold Medal



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): The athletics events at the National Games 2025 got off to a thrilling start, with Odisha's Animesh Kujur stealing the show. Kujur clocked an impressive 10.28 seconds to win the gold medal in the men's 100m final, equalling the Games record set by Amlan Borgohain in 2022.Maharashtra's Pranav Gurav put up a strong challenge, securing the silver medal with a time of 10.32 seconds. Borgohain, the previous record holder, had to settle for bronze, finishing in 10.43 seconds.In another record-breaking performance, Sawan Barwal of Himachal Pradesh dominated the men's 10,000m final, finishing in 28:49.93. This shattered the previous Games record of 28:54.29, set by Gulveer Singh in 2022.

TMCC SpeakFest 2025: Nurturing Public Speaking and Leadership Excellence in Odisha



Bhubaneswar, (correspondent):Toastmasters Community Club, Bhubaneswar (TMCC) organised its annual flagship event, 'SpeakFest 2025' today at Development Resource Training Center (DRTC), Bhubaneswar. Focused on spreading awareness on public speaking, the event was a convergence of learning and networkingalong with engaging and interactive activities for the community of Odisha. The event was graced byChief Guest - Smt. Jayashree Mohanty, Co-founder and President of Luminous Infoways and Guest of Honour - Shri Durga Prasad Gouda, CEO, Atal Incubation Center, Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation along with members from Toastmasters Clubs across Odisha such as TCS and Tata Steel and community members. The dignitaries highlighted the importance of communication skills and applauded the model of Toastmasters as a friendly, economic, and effective platform that can create proficient speakers and leaders.

SEBI Proposes Stricter Rules For Listed Companies To Strengthen Corporate Governance

New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed new rules to improve corporate governance at listed companies.These proposals focus on revising the format of the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report (ASCR), setting eligibility criteria for appointing auditors, and introducing monetary limits for approvals of Related Party Transactions (RPTs).The SEBI aims to ensure that listed companies follow strict compliance and maintain transparency in their operations.In a consultation paper, the regulator has suggested changes to make the ASCR more detailed.The new format will provide clearer confirmation of whether a company is following securities laws. Additionally, the SEBI has proposed making ASCR a mandatory part of the annual report, which would enhance accountability. For auditor appointments, it has suggested incorporating provisions from the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, into the Listing Obligations and



Disclosure Requirements (LODR) Regulations.This will ensure that statutory auditors have the necessary qualifications and experience suited to a company's size and complexity.The SEBI has also proposed that audit committees should carefully evaluate the qualifications of signing partners before appointing them.To improve transparency in auditor appointments, it has recommended that key details about the selection or re-appointment of statutory and secretarial auditors should be disclosed to the audit committee, board of directors, and shreholders. It has also suggested introducing a standard format for such disclosures.The SEBI has further proposed monetary limits for RPTs conducted by subsidiaries of listed companies.
It has suggested two approval thresholds for these transactions.For subsidiaries with a financial track record, the approval threshold will be the lower of either 10 per cent of turnover or a monetary limit — Rs 1,000 crore for main-board companies and Rs 50 crore for SMEs.For subsidiaries without a financial track record, the threshold will be based on 10 per cent of the subsidiary's net worth or the same monetary limits.If the subsidiary has a negative net worth, share capital plus securities premium will be considered instead.To ensure better compliance, the SEBI has also suggested clarifying the definition of RPTs.The amendments will specify whether exemptions for transactions between a parent company and its wholly-owned subsidiary apply to both listed and unlisted entities.

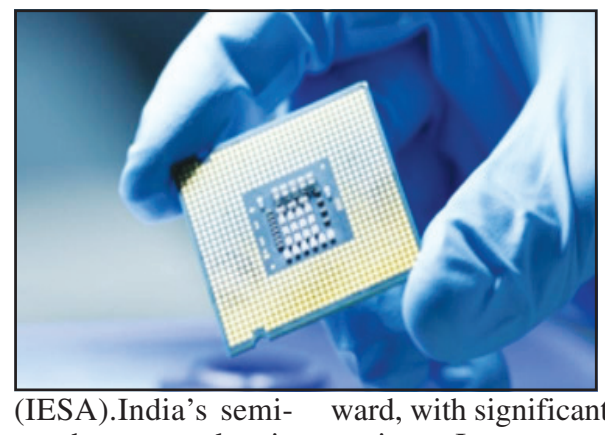
Vivo V50 India Launch Date Set for February 17



NEWDELHI: Vivo V50 teasers have emerged online in recent days, showcasing its design and colour options. Key specifications, including the display, camera, operating system, battery, and charging details, have also been confirmed. Vivo has now officially announced the smartphone's launch date in India. Previously, leaks hinted at its expected features, suggesting that the device is a rebranded version of the Vivo S20, which debuted in China in November 2024.

India's Semiconductor Consumption Market To Grow At A 13 Pc CAGR Through 2030

New Delhi: Driven by the government's production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, India's semiconductor consumption market which is valued at $52 billion in 2024-25 is expected to grow at a robust CAGR of 13 per cent through 2030.Sectors like automotive and industrial electronics present significant value-addition opportunities. Mobile handsets, IT, and industrial applications, which together contribute nearly 70 per cent of the revenue, remain the primary growth drivers, according to Dr V Veerappan, Chairman of the Indian Electronics and Semiconductor Association



(IESA).India's semiconductor market is projected to grow to $103.4 billion by 2030, powering the $400+ billion electronics market.The government's targeted incentives for FABs and OSATs, increased R&D investments, and collaborative industry initiatives are key to propelling India's semiconductor sector forward, with significant projects Investment commitment of over $21 billion by IESA member companies in last one year, according to Ashok Chandak, President, IESA.Focusing on local semiconductor design and manufacturing while reducing import dependency is crucial to strengthening India's position in the global electronics ecosystem and retaining economic value in the country.A skilled workforce is the backbone of India's semiconductor aspirations. By investing in education and hands-on training, we can equip the youth to lead the sector's transformation.The 'Make in India' initiative has enabled the domestic production of critical components and sub-assemblies such as chargers, battery packs, mechanics of all types, USB cables, and more complex components like Lithium Ion Cells, speaker and microphones, display assemblies and camera modules.

OnePlus 13 Mini Expected to Debut in April

NEWDELHI: OnePlus is gearing up to launch several smartphones this year, building upon the release of its flagship OnePlus 13 series. Ahead of their debut, the tentative launch timelines for upcoming smartphones such as the OnePlus 13 Mini, OnePlus Ace 6 series, as well as the flagship OnePlus 14 have been leaked by a tipster. The first device to be launched is said to be the OnePlus 13 Mini which will see the light of day around April. Other handsets are expected to follow suit in subsequent months.OnePlus 13 Mini, OnePlus Ace 5 Series Launch TippedThis information comes from a post on the Chinese social media platform Weibo (via Gizmochina) by Digital Chat Station (translated from Chinese). OnePlus 13 Mini is expected to be a small-screen phone sharing similar intervals as the flagship OnePlus 13, including Qualcomm's Snapdragon 8 Elite chip.Further, the tipster claims that the OnePlus 13 Mini or OnePlus 13T's April debut will be followed by the launch of new phones in the OnePlus Ace 5 series in May — Ace 5V and Ace 5s. Both models will sport a large, flat screen. OnePlus 14, which is the company's purported successor to the OnePlus 13, is tipped to make its debut in October. Similar to previous trends, the phone is initially expected to be launched in China, shortly followed by its global release.

India cuts import duty on high-capacity motorcycles, boost for US brand Harley-Davidson

New Delhi: In a strong positive signal to the new US administration under President Donald Trump, India has cut import duty on high-capacity motorcycles in the Union Budget 2025-26, which will give a boost to the American brand Harley-Davidson.Motorcycles with engine capacity of up to 1,600 cc, which are imported as completely built-up (CBU) units, will now attract an import duty of 40 per cent as against 50 per cent earlier, as per the Budget document. The import duty on semi-knocked down (SKD)



kits has been cut to 20 per cent versus 25 per cent earlier. The completely knocked down (CKD) units will be taxed at 10 per cent as against 15 per cent earlier.According to the government, the aim is to promote domestic manufacturing.India is also reportedly planning to cut customs duty on about seven to eight high-end products -- including specialised steel, high-end motorcycles, and electronic items.At present, the Harley-Davidson 440X -- the smallest motorcycle in the company's line-up -- is co-manufactured and sold in India by Hero MotoCorp.Separately, the Budget also said that high-end cars priced above $40,000 will now attract a tariff rate of 70 per cent from 125 per cent earlier, as demand for luxury cars grows in the country.Hero MotoCorp, which manufactures the Harley-Davidson X440 and the X440-based Hero Mavrick 440, sold 12,188 units of these two models in the April-December 2024 period.

Indian Stock Market Continues To Assess 2 Big Policy Moves To Boost Economy

Mumbai: The stock market saw two major policy moves this week that could significantly impact India's economic trajectory — the Union Budget 2025, which introduced tax cuts to boost consumption and investment, and the RBI's 25 bps rate cut, signalling a shift towards monetary easing, experts said on Saturday.These measures collectively aim to strengthen economic growth while maintaining fiscal discipline. On the markets front, Nifty 50 is up 1 per cent, Nifty Midcap is up 0.9 per cent and Smallcap index is up 0.7 per cent.The Indian stock market closed lower on Friday as investors continued to assess the RBI's Monetary Policy

RBI hints further steps to ensure liquidity, US tariff uncertainties to cool off soon

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has always focused on ease of credit and will take further steps to ensure that enough liquidity remains in the banking system as there is "room for improvement", Governor Sanjay Malhotra said on Saturday, adding that US-related tariff uncertainties will cool off in the coming months. Addressing the media along with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the national capital, Malhotra also said the central bank is not targeting any price band for the rupee, while focusing more on curbing excess volatility. "We have provided for liquidity and going forward too, we will be nimble, agile and watchful of the banking system's requirement on liquidity -- both transient and durable,"



said the Reserve Bank Governor.Malhotra further stated that most of the rupee's depreciation is due to US tariff announcements and global uncertainties and hopefully, "that should settle down and help us with downward movement on rupee". His comments came after the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting on Friday reduced the policy rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent, while retaining the stance at neutral. According to the RBI Governor, the central bank would continue to monitor the situation and take steps to ensure ease of credit as required. The growth-inflation dynamics open up policy space for the MPC to support growth, while remaining focussed on aligning inflation with the target. The central bank has pegged the GDP growth at 6.7 per cent for next fiscal (FY26).The projection for retail inflation stood at 4.8 per cent for the current fiscal while it was cut to 4.2 per cent for FY26. According to Malhotra, after the income tax cut, the repo rate cut should further help improve consumption. The RBI will also be watchful of any depreciation of the rupee that leads to inflation. According to Morgan Stanley, it expects the RBI to take some additional liquidity measures before end-March and another cut of 25 basis points in the repo rate in April. The RBI is supporting growth through easing rates, softer regulation (deferring new guidelines) and providing sufficient liquidity (expect additional steps).

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