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Today, The World Trusts India's Governance Which Is Constantly Reforming: PM Modi

Guwahati: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing the Advantage Assam Summit in Guwahati on Tuesday, highlighted India's growing global influence, robust economic policies, and the state's rapid development under the double engine government of the BJP.PM Modi said that many experts in the world have certainty about one thing and that is India's rapid growth. He said there is a very solid reason for this trust in India."Today's India is taking one step after another, working on a large scale, keeping in mind the long-term vision of the 21st century of the coming 25 years... Today, the world trusts India's young population which is getting skilled very fast. Today, the world trusts India's neo-middle class which is coming out of poverty and which is excelling towards a new horizon...Today, the world trusts India's 140 crore people supporting political stability and policy continuity. Today, the world trusts India's governance which is constantly reforming... The government's reforms are strengthening India's position on the global stage," the PM stated.Referring to India's expanding global trade partnerships, PM Modi underscored the country's participation in Free Trade



Agreements (FTAs) with multiple nations. He emphasized that growing international trust in India is a testament to its strong governance and economic policies."The world's trust in India is increasing gradually. This is why we have all gathered today in the land of Maa Kamakhya to celebrate the opportunities Assam holds," the Prime Minister remarked.The Prime Minister drew attention to Assam's remarkable progress since the first Advantage Assam summit in 2018.He credited the BJP-led government for its relentless focus on infrastructure development, connectivity, and industrial growth. Highlighting key advancements, PM Modi spoke about the enhanced transportation networks, particularly in the aviation and railway sectors.He said, "In 2014, Assam had only seven flight routes — today, it boasts 30 routes, significantly improving air connectivity. The introduction of a high-speed train from Guwahati to New Jalpaiguri marks a milestone in railway modernization. Assam's river connectivity has also seen a major boost; while the Brahmaputra had only three bridges earlier, four new bridges have been built in the last ten years."PM Modi lauded Assam's increasing contribution to India's overall growth. He reiterated that institutional reforms, industrial policies, and a business-friendly environment are shaping the state's bright future."Assam is a land of unlimited possibilities. Its rapid growth is a reflection of the impact of the Double Engine government, ensuring development at both the state and central levels," he asserted.With Assam emerging as a crucial player in India's economic expansion, PM Modi reinforced his government's commitment to sustaining this momentum through policy reforms, infrastructure upgrades, and international trade partnerships.As the Advantage Assam Summit unfolded, industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders echoed the Prime Minister's vision of transforming the northeastern region into an economic powerhouse.

CM Mohan Charan Majhi Pays Respects At Sarnath



Bhubaneswar(correspondent):: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi visited the famous pilgrimage site of Sarnath in Varanasi, where he and his family paid respects at the lace where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon.This sacred visit was a moment of great honor for the Chief Minister. He shared his feelings on social media, expressing gratitude to those who have played a role in preserving the historic site.In a post on X, CM Majhi said, "It is an honour to visit Sarnath, a place where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon, a message of peace, wisdom, and enlightenment. I am deeply moved by the efforts made to preserve and showcase this heritage, signifying our timeless values of compassion and knowledge, to visitors from around the world. My heartfelt gratitude to the people who have been instrumental in maintaining this historic site."Earlier today, CM Majhi also visited the Ram Lalla Temple in Ayodhya, where he and his family had the opportunity to have a divine darshan of Ram Lalla.

India In First: Odisha's State Vaccine Store Receives ISO 9001:2015 Certification For Quality Management



Bhubaneswar(correspondent):: The State Vaccine Store of Odisha has made history by becoming the first in the country to receive the ISO 9001:2015 certification for quality management under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). This recognition highlights the State's commitment to maintaining the highest standards in vaccine storage, cold chain management, and supply chain operations. The certification has been awarded for adhering to key quality standards, including a well-structured storage system, efficient cold chain management, seamless supply chain operations, and digitized record-keeping through online software. The vaccine store ensures quality maintenance by conducting temperature checks twice daily and achieving zero wastage. This milestone has been made possible through the dedication of health department staff and frontline health workers. Cold chain management and vaccine transportation play a crucial role in the immunization programme. Odisha operates 1,263 cold chain centers, including one state vaccine store, nine regional vaccine stores, and 32 district vaccine stores, ensuring vaccines are stored at optimal temperatures until they reach beneficiaries. A dedicated workforce manages the daily supply chain, ensuring safe and efficient vaccine distribution. To meet the annual immunization target of 9.4 lakh pregnant women, 7.9 lakh infants, and 28 lakh adolescents, the State Vaccine Store handles approximately 2.36 crore doses of vaccines each year, prioritizing safe storage and last-mile delivery. Notably, seven regional and 22 district vaccine stores in Odisha have also been awarded ISO 9001:2015 certification, further strengthening the state's position as a leader in immunization quality management.

Russia Offers Rare Earth Metals To US

Moscow: Russia on Monday said that it is ready to strike a deal with the United States on rare earth metals. Speaking with media in Moscow, Dmitry Peskov, the Press Secretary of the President of Russia, said that the country has many rare earth metals that the United States needs and any possible deal in future will further boost cooperation between both nations.Earlier in the day, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia was ready to work with "foreign partners, including Americans" on developing reserves of rare and rare earth metals, including in parts in Ukraine that are now controlled by Russia."Russia is one of the undisputed leaders in these rare earth metal reserves. We have them in the north, in Murmansk, and in the Caucasus, in Kabardino-Balkaria, and in the Far East, in the Irkutsk region, in Yakutia and Tyva [republics]," Putin said.He further said the US-Ukraine agreement on rare earth metals and other resources does not concern Russia in any way. However, before concluding an agreement on rare earth metals, Putin said that US should first assess the resources. "Of course, it would be necessary to assess this resource, how real it is, how many of these resources are there, how much they cost, and so on," Russia's leading news agency TASS quoted Putin as saying.Ukraine and the US are currently in renewed negotiations to sign an agreement on rare earth metals. Ukrainian Minister Olha Stefanishyna took to her social media on Monday, posting "Ukrainian and US teams are in the final stages of negotiations regarding the minerals agreement. The negotiations have been very constructive, with nearly all key details finalised. We are committed to completing this swiftly to proceed with its signature. We hope both US and UA leaders might sign and endorse it in Washington the soonest to showcase our commitment for decades to come".



Parvesh Verma Assumes Charge As PWD Minister; Vows To Clean Yamuna

New Delhi: Delhi Cabinet Minister Parvesh Verma officially assumed charge as the Public Works Department (PWD) Minister on Tuesday, walking in the footsteps of his illustrious father Sahib Singh Verma who served on the Council of Ministers and went on to become the Chief Minister.After assuming charge, the 48-year-old Jat leader, largely seen as Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's deputy, promised to clean the Yamuna as promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and make the river a symbol of Delhi's identity.He also holds the portfolios of Legislative Affairs, Irrigation and Flood Control, Water, and Gurdwara Elections.Verma took to social media and said in a post, "Taking a vow to serve my family members of Delhi state, I assumed charge as Cabinet Minister today. We all are fortunate to have the guidance and leadership of the world's most popular leader and the country's Prime Minister, Honourable Mr @narendramodiji."

Court Summons Lalu, Tej Pratap, Hema Yadav And Others In Land For Job Case

New Delhi: The Rouse Avenue court on Tuesday summoned former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Yadav and 77 others accused in he land-for-job case. Additionally, Tej Pratap Yadav and Hema Yadav have also been summoned. The court has taken cognizance of all three charge sheets, including conclusive charges filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation. Special CBI judge Vishal Gogne issued summons to all accused persons and directed them to appear on March 11. The court said that the trial on all three charge sheets would be conducted jointly. It has also directed to supply copies of all charge sheets to all accused. The conclusive charge sheet was filed against Former Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav and 77 other accused persons. There are 30 public servants among the accused persons and 38 candidates. In the first charge sheet, three additional accused have also been added and summoned. In the second charge sheet, accused Bhola Yadav and Prem Chand Gupta have also been summoned. In the third charge sheet, Hema Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav have also been summoned. On June 7, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a conclusive charge



sheet against Lalu Prasad Yadav and 77 other accused in a land-for-job case. The court on May 29 directed CBI to file its conclusive Charge sheet/Charge sheet in land for job case. The court had also expressed its displeasure over non filing of conclusive charge sheet despite giving time. On October 4, 2023 the court had granted bail to former Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, Rabri Devi and others in relation to earlier Chargesheet in alleged Land for Job Scam case. According to the CBI, the 2nd chargesheet was against 17 accused including then Union Minister of Railways, his wife, his son, then GM of West Central Railways (WCR), then two CPOs of WCR, private persons, a private company etc., in a case related to Land for Job Scam The CBI filed a chargesheet in land for job alleged scam case against former Union Railway Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav including Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and others . CBI had registered a case on 18.05.2022 against then Union Minister of Railways and others including his wife, two daughters and unknown Public servants and Private persons. It is alleged that the then Union Minister of Railways during the period 2004-2009 had obtained pecuniary advantages in the form of transfer of landed property in the name of his family members, etc., in lieu of appointment of Substitutes in Group "D" Post in different Zones of Railways. It was further alleged that in lieu thereof, the substitutes, who were residents of Patna themselves or through their family members, sold and gifted their land situated at Patna in favor of the family members of said Minister and a private company controlled by his family members, which was also involved in the transfer of such immovable properties in the name of said family members.

Ravi Kishan Chronicles His Spiritual Pilgrimage With A Sacred Dip At Maha Kumbh



Mumbai: Actor and politician Ravi Kishan is the latest celebrity to take part in the Maha Kumbh Mela.The actor documented his sacred pilgrimage by sharing a video of his holy dip at the festival's massive riverbank gathering on social media. In the clip, Kishan can be seen immersing himself in the holy waters with his family, capturing the spiritual significance of the moment. For the caption, he simply wrote, "Maha Kumbh Hai."From reaching the sacred grounds of the Maha Kumbh Mela to taking a holy dip with his family members, Ravi Kishan's video captured special moments of his spiritual journey. The 'Tere Naam' actor also added Kailash Kher's devotional track "Mahakumbha Hai" to the video.Ravi Kishan's visit to the Maha Kumbh Mela comes just a day before Maha Shivratri, one of the most auspicious festivals dedicated to Lord Shiva.Many other Bollywood celebs, such as Preity Zinta, Akshay Kumar, Boney Kapoor, Katrina Kaif with her mother-in-law Veena Kaushal, and Raveena Tandon with daughter Rasha Thadani, also visited on Monday.Preity shared a picture of herself from Prayagraj and wrote, "All roads leads to Mahakumbh." Boney Kapoor shared glimpses of his spiritual journey, which took him on a divine pilgrimage from the Jagannath Temple in Odisha to the Maha Kumbh.The film producer captioned the video, "#mahakumbh Last 2 weeks , I visited to pray at Jagannath ji temple in puri Odisha, Traveled to Sambhal for the shilanyas of the temple to be built at Kaalki dham & yesterday was at kumbh to offer prayers to ganga maa."Katrina and Raveena were seen attending the 'Ganga Aarti' during the religious visit. In recent weeks, several celebrities, including Sonali Bendre, Vidyut Jammwal, Vicky Kaushal, Tamannaah Bhatia, Nimrat Kaur, and Chandan Roy Sanya, have also visited the Maha Kumbh Mela.The Mahakumbh Mela began on January 13 and will run until February 26, concluding on the occasion of Maha Shivratri.

BRS Demands Judicial Probe Into SLBC Tunnel Collapse

Hyderabad: Telangana's main opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Tuesday demanded a judicial probe into the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel accident.BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao demanded the immediate constitution of a judicial commission led by a sitting High Court judge to investigate the collapse of the tunnel.Alleging gross negligence by the Congress government, he held Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy responsible for prioritising election campaigns over relief efforts.KTR, as the former minister is popularly known, criticised the state government for allowing the tunnel construction without necessary approvals from Geological Survey of India (GSI) experts, describing it as a "shocking display of incompetence and inexperience".He questioned the Chief Minister's absence from relief operations while eight workers remained trapped. "Is there no time for the CM to ensure the rescue of these workers while he flies around in helicopters for campaigns?"The BRS leader was referring to the three public meetings addressed by the Chief Minister as part of the Congress party's campaign for MLC elections.Highlighting a pattern of mishaps under the Congress regime, KTR recalled three major accidents in the past 14 months. He cited the complete washout of the Peddavagu project in Khammam and the collapse of the Sunkishala project's retaining wall – meant to supply drinking water to Hyderabad – causing losses worth hundreds of crores.Referring to the SLBC tunnel collapse, where workers have remained trapped for over 72 hours, KTR expressed deep concern over the slow pace of rescue operations. He accused the government of recklessness, stating that restarting the tunnel project without technical studies or GSI approval directly endangered lives and public money.

CAG Flags Barcode Authentication Issues In Delhi's Liquor Supply Chain; Results In Rs 24.23cr Loss

New Delhi: A Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report has raised concerns over financial irregularities in the Excise Supply Chain Information Management System (ESCIMS), revealing that an undue benefit of Rs 24.23 crore was provided to the implementing agency (IA).The report, titled Performance Audit Report on Regulation and Supply of Liquor in Delhi, was presented to the new Delhi Assembly on Monday.The audit highlights that payments were made for liquor bottles that were not authenticated through barcode scanning at the Point of Sale (POS). According to the findings, the implementing agency received this undue benefit between December 2013 and November 2022, says the report.The Delhi Cabinet had decided in February 2010 to introduce barcoding for all liquor sold in the city to curb smuggling and ensure traceability. The ESCIMS project, implemented through a bidding process, was tasked with covering barcoding of liquor, inventory management, and payment solutions for all stakeholders involved.As per the contract, the implementing agency was entitled to payments only for those barcodes that were authenticated at the POS during sales. However, the audit found that, between December 2013 and November 2022, barcode authentication amounted to Rs 65.88 crore, while the actual payment liability created was Rs 90.11 crore.This resulted in a difference of Rs 24.23 crore, which was paid for bottles considered as sold through a "stock-take-sold" exercise, i.e., without proper barcode authentication at the POS.The CAG report further noted that, despite poor barcode scanning, a Departmental Committee recommended ad-hoc payments to the implementing agency for the first three months, including for unverified stock. The Finance Department subsequently approved the payments, without addressing the issues raised.

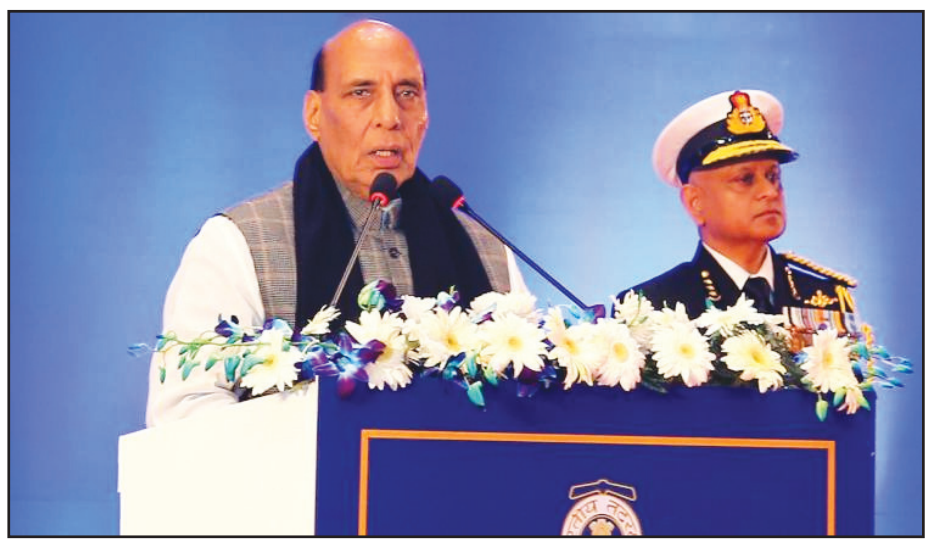
TN CM Stalin Calls All-Party Meet On March 5 To Discuss Delimitation Issue

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M.K. Stalin, on Tuesday called for an all-party meeting on March 5 to discuss the issue of delimitation, which threatens to reduce Tamil Nadu's representation in Parliament.Speaking to the media after chairing a state Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Stalin said that all registered political parties — around 40 in total — would be invited to the discussion."Tamil Nadu is now being forced into a major struggle for its rights. We have decided to invite all 40 political parties registered with the Election Commission of India. Letters will be sent to all parties to discuss the delimitation issue," CM Stalin stated.He emphasised that Tamil Nadu has been a pioneer in all development indices and would be severely impacted by delimitation.Currently, Tamil Nadu has 39 Lok Sabha seats. CM Stalin warned that based on population data, the state could lose up to eight seats, reducing its representation to just 31 MPs.Even if the total number of MPs across the country is increased, the proportional delimitation process would still leave Tamil Nadu at a disadvantage, he argued."If delimitation is carried out purely on the basis of population, states with larger populations will gain more



representation. As a result, Tamil Nadu's voice in Parliament will be weakened," he said.CM Stalin stressed that the issue is not just about numbers but about the fundamental rights of the state.
"As a first step, we are organising this meeting to bring together all political parties and leaders of Tamil Nadu to discuss this crucial matter. I urge all political parties to set aside their differences, attend the meeting, and express their views," he added.Describing delimitation as the proverbial 'Sword of Damocles' hanging over Southern states — especially those that have successfully implemented population control measures — CM Stalin warned that this process could unfairly penalise progressive states like Tamil Nadu.He had previously remarked that delimitation might push people to consider having "16 children"— a reference to a Tamil saying about 16 kinds of wealth.He pointed out that because Tamil Nadu has successfully adopted family planning policies, the state now faces the consequence of losing parliamentary representation due to the delimitation process. Additionally, CM Stalin urged newlyweds to give their children proper Tamil names — an apparent reference to the ongoing language controversy, which has been in the spotlight following the BJP's push for a three-language policy through a door-to-door campaign.

Rajnath Singh Hails Coast Guard's Fight Against Piracy, Awards 32 Personnel



New Delhi: Hailing the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) for its fight against piracy, terrorism and infiltration, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday conferred 32 medals on its personnel for gallantry, distinguished service and meritorious service.Speaking at the 18th ICG Investiture Ceremony held at Bharat Mandapam, the Defence Minister hailed ICG for ensuring strategic security of the country and working proactively to tackle challenges like smuggling and illegal fishing and undertaking maritime safety, security and humanitarian operations.A total of 32 medals – six President's Tatrakshak Medals (Distinguished Service), 11 Tatrakshak Medals (Gallantry) and 15 Tatrakshak Medals (Meritorious Service) – for 2022, 2023 and 2024 were presented to the personnel for their exemplary service, said a statement. Congratulating the personnel, the Minister described the medals as not just a memento, but a symbol of bravery, perseverance and unwavering resolve towards maintaining the honour of the Tricolour.He commended the personnel for their efforts in ensuring coastal security, organisational efficiency, seizure of drugs, rescue operations and international exercises.The Defence Minister said, in the last one year, ICG apprehended 14 boats and 115 pirates, apart from carrying out a major drug seizure of about Rs 37,000 crore. In addition, ICG saved 169 lives through various rescue operations and provided medical assistance to 29 seriously injured people.Rajnath Singh asserted that the vision of a secure and prosperous India can only be realised if its security system is robust and the forces are strong.He reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's commitment to increasing the efficiency of ICG. "Indian Coast Guard has been allocated Rs 9,676.70 crore for the Financial Year 2025-26, which is 26.50 per cent more than the previous budget."The Defence Minister said the budget allocation is a crucial step towards modernising ICG."In addition, the procurement of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels, six Air Cushion Vehicles, 22 Interceptor Boats, six Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels and 18 Next Generation Fast Patrol Vessels has been approved to make ICG stronger," he said.He also acknowledged ICG's focus on technological advancements, while commending the foundation laying of the Digital Coast Guard project. All these efforts will continuously strengthen the ICG to effectively deal with conventional and unconventional threats, he said.

Issue Of Deportation Of Illegal Immigrants Receiving Consideration At Highest Level, SC Told

New Delhi: Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on Tuesday apprised the Supreme Court that the issue of deportation of illegal immigrants is receiving consideration at the highest executive level and a decision is likely to be taken soon.He made the intimation as he requested a bench of Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan to defer the scheduled hearing on the prolonged detention of identified foreigners, saying that a decision on deporting persons declared foreigners in Assam is likely to be taken by March 21.Acceding to the request, the apex court posted the matter for hearing on March 21.In the earlier hearing held on February 4, the Justice Oka-led Bench pulled up the Assam government for keeping illegal immigrants in detention centres 'indefinitely' and not deporting them back for lack of their foreign addresses.It had told the Assam Chief Secretary, who appeared virtually pursuant to its order, that once these illegal immigrants are held to be foreigners, they could not be detained indefinitely."Once they are held to be foreigners, they should be deported immediately. You know their citizenship status. Then how can you wait till their address is received? It is for the other country to decide where they should go," the apex court had remarked. Turning down the submission that deportation could not be effected without actual addresses of illegal immigrants, it had suggested that these foreigners should be deported to their capital city."Once you declare a person as a foreigner, then you have to take the next logical step," it said.SG Mehta said that he has spoken to the highest executive authority of the Assam government and would file consolidated documents, after discussing the matter with the officials concerned.The law officer had assured that he would also sit with Ministry of External Affairs officials and find a solution.In its order, the Supreme Court had ordered the Assam government to commence the procedure for deportation, even if the addresses of those persons detained in detention centres in a foreign country are not available. It had further directed the state government to file a detailed affidavit regarding the nationality verification process within two weeks.

Man Sentenced To 6 Yrs RI For Raping Minor Step Niece In Koraput

Koraput(correspondent):: The Special POCSO Court in Jeypore on Tuesday sentenced a man to six years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 for raping his 15-year-old step niece.The court ruled that failure to pay the fine would result in an additional six months of rigorous imprisonment.The verdict was delivered after the court examined 12 witnesses and 18 documents. In addition to the fine, the court directed the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) to provide Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the rape-survivor.According to case details, the victim's father had entrusted her to her step maternal uncle's care after her mother's death so she could continue her studies. On January 29, 2023, while the accused's wife was away, he raped the minor.

Unidentified Miscreants Attack Women In Bhadrak; 1 Dead, 2 Critical

Bhadrak: Unidentified miscreants allegedly attacked three women at a house in Deopada village under Bhandaripokhari police limits in Bhadrak district on Tuesday, leaving them critically injured.The injured women were rushed to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Bhandaripokhari. Unfortunately, one of the women was declared dead by the doctors, while the other two, whose condition remains critical, were shifted to the district headquarters hospital for further treatment.Reports indicate that the attack occurred while the women were alone at home. The Bhandaripokhari police have launched an investigation into the incident.

Odisha Govt Reviews Rath Yatra Preparations, Plans CCTV Surveillance At 343 Locations



Bhubaneswar(correspondent):: A preliminary preparation meeting for the upcoming Puri Rath Yatra 2025 of Lord Jagannath was held today at the Lok Seva Bhavan conference hall. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja.According to an official press release, the meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary of the Home Department Satyabrata Sahu, Director General of Police (DGP) Y.B. Khurania, Puri Collector, Puri Superintendent of Police, and other senior officials from the State Police Administration.he meeting focused on crowd management, congestion control, and security arrangements for the grand festival, which attracts millions of devotees and tourists. Given Puri's status as a major religious and tourist destination, large crowds are expected at Jagannath Temple, Puri Grand Road, Puri Beach, and especially at Gundicha Temple during the Rath Yatra.To address these challenges, the Police Administration has proposed installing CCTV cameras at 343 key locations, covering roads leading to Puri, city entry points, Grand Road, and Puri Beach.The surveillance system will enable real-time monitoring for traffic management, crime prevention, and law enforcement.Specific locations proposed for CCTV installation include Uttara Chhak to Malatipatpur, Puri Grid Station to Konark, Balighai to Nimapada, Mangalaghat to Satapada, Malatipatpur to Mangalaghat, Mangalaghat to Grand Road, Grand Road to the seashore, parking areas, bus stands, railway stations, and inner lanes of Puri city.Chief Secretary Ahuja emphasized the need for a robust infrastructure and technical expertise to ensure the CCTV system meets national security standards. He directed the Police Administration and the Puri District Collector to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Rath Yatra management.During the meeting, it was decided that an Integrated Command and Control Center will be operational during Rath Yatra 2025, where officials from multiple departments will coordinate efforts in safety, crime control, crowd management, and emergency response. The Puri Collector and Superintendent of Police presented insights from Rath Yatra 2024, highlighting past crowd management strategies and challenges. Senior officials also shared recommendations for better execution in 2025.The meeting stressed the importance of an integrated public address system to ensure smooth communication during the festival.Key dates for Puri Rath Yatra 2025 include Debasnan Purnima on June 11, Gundicha Yatra on June 27, Bahuda Yatra on July 5, and Suna Besha on July 6.Additional Chief Secretary Satyabrata Sahu emphasized the need for inter-departmental coordination from Chandan Yatra to Niladri Bije to ensure the smooth conduct of the festival.DGP Khurania noted that devotional fervor is increasing, and a larger crowd is expected in 2025. He stressed the need for early and adequate preparations to manage the surge in pilgrims.The meeting also discussed vehicle movement and parking management to prevent traffic congestion during the festival.

Odisha Governor takes holy dip at Triveni Sangam



Bhubaneswar(correspondent):: Odisha Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, accompanied by First Lady Jayashree Kamb hampati, took holy dip at Triveni Sangam while attending the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj on Tuesday. Calling it a sacred experience, the Governor said the ritual symbolizes faith, tradition, and divinity, bringing people together in spiritual unity. Acknowledging the scale of the event, the Governor appreciated the Uttar Pradesh Government for its meticulous planning, ensuring a smooth experience for millions of devotees. He praised the well-organized arrangements that allowed people from all walks of life to take part in this grand religious gathering. Speaking about the cultural and spiritual significance of the Maha Kumbh, he said, "This is not just an event, it is a reflection of India's rich heritage and timeless traditions. The devotion, discipline, and harmony witnessed here are truly inspiring. It strengthens our shared faith and reminds us of the deep spiritual roots that connect us all."

Abandoned Newborn Rescued Near National Highway In Balasore



Balasore (correspondent):: A newborn boy was rescued by the Rupsa police near Dhari Bridge on National Highway No. 60 in Balasore district on Tuesday.According to reports, the infant, found stuffed inside a poly bag, was noticed by passersby who heard his cries. They immediately alerted the police.Upon receiving the information, the Rupsa police team rushed to the spot, rescued the newborn, and admitted him to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Rupsa.The child is currently undergoing treatment at the CHC and will later be handed over to the District Child Welfare Committee.The police have launched an investigation into the incident to determine the circumstances surrounding the abandonment.

Minister Harichandan Reviews Preparations For Lingaraj Jagar Jatra; Mahadeep To Be Lifted At 10 PM



Bhubaneswar(correspondent):: The state government held its final review meeting today, chaired by Law, Works, and Excise Minister Prithviraj Harichandan, to oversee preparations for the holy Jagar Jatra of Lord Lingaraj, scheduled to take place on Wednesday.Minister Harichandan emphasized the importance of coordination among officials and the timely completion of rituals. He advised all officers, employees, and volunteers to perform their duties to ensure a smooth and orderly experience for devotees.The meeting decided that the Mahadeep will be lifted atop the temple at 10 PM, marking the culmination of the day-long religious event. Discussions were held with employees, volunteers, and voluntary organizations to organize the mega event in an orderly manner.Key arrangements discussed during the meeting included traffic management, parking, drinking water supply, electricity, emergency services, fire services, sanitation, CCTV systems, security systems, and temporary health camps.The meeting was attended by prominent officials, including Ekamra MLA Babu Singh, Bhu baneswar Mayor Sulochana Das, and temple trust board functionaries.

Union Health Minister JP Nadda To Visit Odisha On Feb 28

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda will visit Odisha on February 28 to attend a National Health Mission program in Puri.The Odisha Health and Family Welfare Department shared this information on their official social media account.During his visit, Nadda will inaugurate the 9th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Healthcare in India and release the report of the 16th Common Review Mission.The event will be inaugurated in the presence of Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Health & Family Welfare Minister Mukesh Mahaling.

Odisha Govt To Conduct Strict Verification Of Ration Card Holders

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):: The Odisha government has announced a strict verification of ration card holders, including those who have filed income tax returns.This announcement was made by Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra, on Tuesday."We received a complaint that some people who filed their income tax returns had their ration cards canceled. I want to clarify that a physical verification will take place. Officials will do door-to-door inspections. Poor people will definitely receive ration cards and ineligible names will be removed," said Minister Krushna Chandra Patra, speaking to reporters in Bhubaneswar.He further explained that rural households with incomes above Rs 10,000 and urban households with incomes over Rs 15,000 per month may face the cancellation of their ration cards.He also said that officials have been assigned to make sure the verification process is fair and accurate and to protect the rights of eligible families in the state.

8 Students Caught For Malpractice In HSC 2025 Exam

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):: A total of eight students were caught for malpractice during the Second Language English paper of the High School Certificate (HSC) examination 2025 in Odisha on Monday.The information was shared by the Vice President of the Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Nihar Ranjan Mohanty.Speaking to the media, Mohanty said that students were generally happy with the English paper. After the exam, they shared that the questions were manageable, with only a few being slightly difficult. Overall, students felt confident and did not experience much pressure during the exam."We have detected and booked eight cases of malpractice," said Mohanty.He also mentioned that the Board is adding watermarks and QR codes to every question paper to conduct the exam in a fair manner and prevent cheating.

Odisha police arrest accused from Ahmedabad in Rs 1 cr fraud case



Bhubaneswar (correspondent):: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Odisha Police has arrested a fraudster, who had absconded after jumping bail, from Ahmedabad in Gujarat after around four years, said a senior EOW official on Tuesday.A non-bailable warrant has also been issued against the accused by the designated court under the OPID Act at Cuttack in 2022. The accused, Manoranjan Ray, a resident of Naugaon area in Jagatsinghpur district, was arrested by the police officers from Ahmedabad railway station on February 22 in connection with a case registered with the EOW in 2016. Ray, who was brought Odisha on transit remand was produced before the court at Cuttack on Tuesday. The above case was registered over the allegations of one Laxmi Narayan Mohapatra of Talcher in Angul district. As per the case details, the accused/warrantee Manoranjan Ray being the Managing Director of the companies namely M/s Inter Occean Videsh Ltd., M/s Interoccean Retail (India) Ltd., Realcon Ltd., M/s Alpine Fincrop Ltd. and M/s Interoccean Realcon Ltd. illegally collected deposits from the investors promising high returns. He also fraudulently issued bonds, certificates, agreements, money receipts, etc, to win the trust of the gullible investors. The accused had allegedly duped 1,061 investors of Rs 1,05,54,800 from 2010 to 2016. The police during the course of investigation arrested the accused Ray from New Delhi on October 20, 2019. The police officers also later submitted the charge sheet against the fraudster and his companies. The trial in the case is currently going on in the Court of Presiding Officer in a designated court under OPID Act in Cuttack. The accused Ray was granted bail by the Odisha High Court on June 4, 2021, with the condition that he would deposit Rs 10 lakh at the time of his release and Rs 40 lakh within a period of two months and thereafter the rest amount of Rs 59,00,500 within a period of six months subsequent to his release on bail. As per the order, Ray had deposited Rs 10 lakh only at the time of his release on June 11, 2021. "Subsequently, the accused/warrantee violated the bail conditions by not depositing any further amount within the time limit and absconded. Due to his non-compliance and non-appearance, the court was pleased to issue non-bailable warrant against him on July 19, 2022," the EOW official added.

EDITORIAL

Shiv parmatmane namah

Mahashivaratri is celebrated every year on the thirteenth night and fourteenth day of the month of Phalgun in the Hindu calendar, which falls in February or March. Unlike most Hindu festivals, which are marked with gaiety and revelry and are celebrated during the day, Mahashivaratri is a solemn occasion observed at night with fasting, meditation and all-night vigil at Shiva temples.

Mahashivaratri commemorates the divine descent of Shiva when the world is enveloped in the darkness of spiritual ignorance. Shiva has a special place in the Hindu pantheon and is referred to as the Supreme Soul, as indicated by the prayer, Brahma devaya namah, Vishnu devaya namah, Shiv parmatmane namah. Unlike the deities, who have a physical form, Shiva is represented by a lingam because he is always incorporeal. Since Shiva has no creator, his name carries the suffix Shambhu, which is short for Svayambhu, or one who incarnates on his own. Since he is unchanging and eternal, he is also called 'Sadashiva'.He comes to this world when humans have forgotten their true identity, forgotten that they are souls. This lack of awareness gives rise to negative emotions such as lust, anger and greed, which are root causes of human suffering. Shivaratri thus refers to not just one night but the entire period of ignorance and unrighteousness that is brought to an end by Shiva.This dark period is referred to as the night of Brahma in some Hindu texts. It covers the duration of the Copper and Iron Ages, when souls suffer because of having lost touch with their innate virtues. Due to the loss of their spiritual power, they are unable to resist vices, which drive them to act in harmful ways. When they have touched the nadir in their spiritual downfall, and impiety prevails everywhere, the souls call out for salvation.In a world where levels of crime, corruption, immorality and violence are increasing, it is clear to more and more people that we are lost in spiritual darkness. There is a growing sense of foreboding among people as humanity confronts several crises — environmental, economic, and political. But in the darkening horizon there is a ray of hope: the gathering gloom is a sign that a new day will dawn soon. This is the message of hope that Shivaratri offers, that God's helping hand will reach out to His children and salvage them to end all their sorrow and suffering.The incorporeal Shiva enlightens nescient minds by giving spiritual knowledge and instilling virtues in his children. He performs this task through a human medium, who is remembered as Brahma. This is alluded to in the Shivapurana, which says that Shiva had mercy on the beings of the world and incarnated himself in the forehead of Brahma and recreated the world through him. He reminds humans that they are spiritual, not physical beings and that purity, peace, truth and love are their original qualities. In this way, Shiva creates a new consciousness that acts as the seed from which emerges a virtuous and righteous world order — a world that is referred to as heaven or paradise in many cultures.This divine task of spiritual salvation performed by Shiva offers inspiration to all of us to carry out something similar in our personal lives, by destroying old, negative ways of thinking and adopting and nurturing a positive attitude. By doing so, we can individually contribute to make the world a better place for everyone.

Om Namah Shivaya



Prafulla Kumar Das

'Maha Shivaratri' is one of the most important festivals of Hindus. Maha Shivaratri literally means the great night of Shiva or the night of Shiva. It is the festival celebrating the marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Maha Shivratri falls on 13th night/ 14th day of Krishna paksha of Phalgun month, according to the Hindu calendar. It is celebrated with great enthusiasm all over India. Mahashivarathri - It is also called Night of Awakening The day before the Amavasya (new moon) of each lunar month is called shivarathri. It is the day Shiva was married to Parvati. Mahashivaratri marks the night when Lord Shiva performed the 'Tandava'. Among all the shivarathris of the year, the one that falls in the lunar month of Magha in February-March each year is considered to be most auspicious, and is celebrated as Mahashivarathri.Maha Shivratri is a Hindu festival celebrated every year in reverence of Lord Shiva. The Maha Shivratri festival, also popularly known as 'Shivratri' or 'Great Night of Lord Shiva', is observed on the 13th night/14th day in the Krishna Paksha every year on the month of Falgun according to the Hindu calendar. Alternate common spellings include Sivaratri, Shivaratri, Sivarathri, and Shivarathri. It marks the convergence of Shiva and Shakti. Maha Shivratri is celebrated on the Krishna Paksha Chaturdashi of Hindu calendar month Maagha as per Amavasya-ant month calculation. As per Poornima-ant month calculation, the day is Krishna Paksha Chaturdashi of Hindu calendar month Phalguna which falls in February or March as per the Gregorian calendar. Of the twelve Shivaratris in the year, the Maha Shivarathri is the most holy.Mahashivarathri has many symbolisms and stories attached to it. Among householders, it is considered the night when Shiva married Parvati. Among the ambitious, Shiva is said to have defeated all his enemies on this day. For spiritual seekers, this is the day when Shiva merged with Mount Kailash. These stories reflect the auspicious nature of this most significant of nights. In yoga, Shiva is not considered to be a god. He is seen as the Adi Guru or first Guru and the Adiyogi or first yogi. He is seen as the spine from which all spiritual knowledge on the planet originated. His first seven disciples were the Saptarishis, the celebrated seven sages, to whom he transmitted the yogic sciences. The Saptarishis took this knowing to all corners of the planet, sowing the seeds for the spiritual process. Shiva balances the nature by acting as a God of destruction. During the Samudra Manthan, Shiva gulped the poison and all the Gods performed dance and sang hymns to keep him awake. This day is celebrated as the wedding day of lord Shiva and Parvati. On Maha Shivaratri, very early morning, Shiva temples are flocked by devotees. Shiva devotees observe fast throughout the day and night. On this day, they perform various rituals by doing rurdrabhishek and pour water and milk over the Shiva Lingam. Leaves of Bael tree are also offered. Religious songs and mantras are held. The devotees chant the mantra "Om Namah Shivaya".

Maha Shivratri



Nirupama Bhuyan

Mahashivratri, the great night of Lord Shiva, is one of the holiest days of the Hindu calendar. It falls on the new moon day in the month of Maagha, and is dedicated and celebrated in honour of the beloved Hindu deity, the destroyer, Lord Shiva. It is a festival of great importance because of its religious and spiritual implications. It is believed that no prayer goes unanswered on this sacred day and those who pray to Lord Shiva with the utmost devotion on Mahashivratri are absolved of their sins and attain Moksha, Salvation, and Enlightenment.Mahashivratri is celebrated by offering water, milk, dhatura, bhaang, akwan and flowers to Lord Shiva. In addition to this, devotees observe a fast, mantras are chanted, all night vigils and special prayer ceremonies are held, and Shiva scriptures are read. Different mythical shivaratri stories are associated with Maha Shivratri. According to a popular legend, Mahashivratri is the night when Lord Shiva performs the cosmic dance of creation, preservation and destruction. Hence, Mahashivratri is marked by annual dance festivals at major Hindu temples Konark, Khajuraho, Pattadakal, Modhera and Chidambaram. Lord Shiva's dances, Tandava and Lasya, are also performed by classical dancers in veneration of Shiva.Another Maha Shivratri story identifies Mahashivratri as the night of Lord Shiva's wedding to Goddess Parvati. Yet another popular belief associates Mahashivaratri with the legend of Lord Shiva drinking poison to save the universe. A pot of poison was amongst the many things discovered during the churning of the ocean (the legendary Sagar Manthan). Lord Shiva drank the poison to save the universe from its ill effects. Gods danced in order to protect Shiva from the harmful effect of the poison and to keep him awake for a night. The poison eventually didn't harm Shiva, but it turned his neck blue, which also explains why Lord Shiva is called Neelkanth.Legends apart, Mahashivratri celebrations are of tremendous significance since this festival is considered to be a powerful time for prayers and prayer fulfillment, spiritual awakening and realisation. Whether one seeks worldly happiness or spiritual wisdom, Mahashivratri is considered as an auspicious day to seek the blessings of God! Mahashivratri Celebrations at the Shivoham Shiva Temple. At the Shivoham Shiva Temple, the festival of Mahashivratri is celebrated with grandeur, devotion and love. It is regarded as a day of gratitude, a day of thanksgiving to Lord Shiva for His kindness and blessings. It is looked upon as a day when all devotees, believers and seekers can express their Bhakti to Lord Shiva and seek His grace to spiritually guide them to the truth of Shivoham, self-realisation, and God realisation.

That's the the ABC of life



Puspamitra Mohapatra

Once the Buddha was confronted by a monster called Suciloma, whose name translates as 'Needle-hair'. He was a prototype punk with needles for hair! He wanted to find out if the Buddha was really enlightened. So, he sat next to the Buddha and leaned towards him to prick him, but the Buddha leaned away. "Aha!" said Needle-hair. "You don't like pain. You're not really enlightened. An enlightened person would maintain equanimity no matter what. He wouldn't have any likes or dislikes."The Buddha said, "Don't be stupid. There are things that are going to cause problems for my body. It's going to hurt it and make it unhealthy." Often blinded by our experiences and conditioning, though that's exactly what we do, we step on snakes, run into fire and allow needles to poke us. Snakes of attachments, fire of desires, and needles of jealousy and covetousness. They bite, burn and hurt. We call it suffering and we think that this is the way of life. We mistake our pain for our suffering. We have little control over the former, but the latter is almost entirely in our hands. We can take things in our stride or be tossed into the tide. This choice is in our hands.It's the same life; if you want it all to yourself, then, whether you divide it in six or ten, it doesn't matter. The sooner you realise this, the quicker conflicts will stop bothering you. Pain is inevitable, suffering is optional. Loss is unavoidable, grief isn't. Death is certain. Life's uncertainty, unpredictability, even irrationality, make it what it is: worthwhile, a blessing. You can see its attributes as appalling, boring and cunning or as adventurous, beautiful and captivating. Your choice. That's the ABC of life.As in a game of Scrabble, what letters end up on your rack are not in your hands, but what words you coin and where you place them are a matter of skill and knowledge. The less ignorant you are in vocabulary, the more chance you have of scoring. The faster you empty your rack, the higher the odds of getting better letters and more options. If you don't let go of the existing letters or crib about how unfortunate you are, you lose your chance of scoring. Life is no different.The alphabet is the same, it's just what words you construct with the letters available to you that makes all the difference to what you feel about everything. Fill your heart with loving-kindness, your time with noble actions, your mind with good thoughts, and suffering will disappear from your life, like sadness from a content heart. "Acchedyo yam adahyo yam akledyo soya eva ca …," says the Bhagwad Gita (2.24). Needles can't prick your soul nor can fire burn it. Water can't rot it and heat can't dry it. And snakes you ask, what about the snakes of attachment? Well, those, a yogi wraps around his neck and yet remains unharmed. This is the path of lasting peace.

Shivaratri, The Blissful Night For Evolution



Ajaya Kumar Behera

Shivaratri is a blissful night for devotees. On this night, Shiv bestows His grace through the cosmic dance of fusion -- Shiv with Shakti – leading to evolution and transformation. Shiv is the primal atman omniscient,omnipresent, and omnipotent. Shiv means that which is auspicious, propitious, gracious, benign, kind, benevolent, and friendly. His common epithets are Shambhu meaning benign; Shankar -- beneficent; Maheshwar -- great Lord; and Mahadev – great God. Shiv is represented in a variety of forms: as the cosmic dancer Nataraj; as a naked ascetic; a mendicant beggar; Adiyogi; and as Ardhanareshwar -- an androgynous union of half male and half female. Shakti paired with Him is the embodiment of power and manifestations of Uma, Sati, Parvati, Durga, and Kali. According to Kashmir Shaivism, Paramshiv is Parabrahmn, the ultimate reality, the one form wherefrom everything emerges. Paramshiv manifests himself by a process of descent, from Paramshiv to jiva, through 36 tattvas. The vibrant creative energy of Paramshiv known as spanda, moves him to manifest these 36 tattvas as lila, divine play, on Shivaratri.Shiv-Shakti -- consciousness and awareness of light -- are venerated and worshipped on this day. Their dimensions, the five pure tattvas of universal experience, are: the initial, creative, motionless Absolute; the energy, Bindu tattva, that polarises consciousness 'I' and 'this', subject and object; the Sadakhya tattva that is responsible for the appearance of aham, self; the Ishvara tattva in which you realise, 'this universe is my own expansion'; and the fifth, Sadvidya when puru?ha actually realises his own nature, and yet this realisation is in motion. Sometimes you realise it, sometimes you forget it.Seven pure-impure tattvas act as instruments that assist the soul in liberation. These are purusha and maya tattvas, the five kanchukas, cloaks, that block the subject from recognising the divine nature of the Universe: time, knowledge, desire, causality, and being limited. Twenty-four impure tattvas are: purusha and prakriti tattva; satva, tamas and rajas tattvas; five senses organs; five karmendriya, motor organs; five sensations; and five physical elements. The buddhi is the first to evolute from prakriti. It descends into ahamkara. The external sense of self is then experienced through the manas, sensory mind, which evolves to the lowest tattva.On the auspicious night of Shivaratri, a new cycle of creation begins. The two sources of light, Shiv and Shakti, merge to give rise to universal consciousness through the thirty-six tattvas. The universe is just a proliferation, pervaded at every plane by shakti, the divine presence. Shiv is supreme, non-evolving, undifferentiated and unmanifest Absolute. Both the unmanifest Absolute and manifest Absolute are His creative powers and, therefore, inseparable. According to quantum physics, there is no matter, it is only spanda, vibrations or wave formations in the ocean of consciousness. The universe is a vibration of waves. The cyclic movement of internalisation and externalisation occurs within consciousness at the most elevated plane in creation – the Shiv-Shakti tattvas. The visible world that emerges from spanda, subtle vibrations, is the throb of the divine. All souls are one with Paramshiv, the Absolute Consciousness, something that is forgotten due to maya or ignorance. However, through knowledge, we can recognise our divine nature and become liberated. And Shivaratri is the occasion to aspire for this.

RAYAGADA HOSTS FREE HEALTH CAMP FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS



Rayagada, (correspondent): A free health camp for differently abled persons was organized at the Ashok Kalyan Mandap in Rayagada on [Date]. The camp, attended by 495 differently abled individuals from various wards, provided comprehensive health check-ups and distributed assistive devices to facilitate their daily lives.The health camp was conducted by a team of specialist doctors from the Rayagada District Headquarters Hospital. The doctors examined the differently abled persons and provided them with necessary medical advice and assistance.As part of the camp, various assistive devices were distributed among the beneficiaries. These included 25 wheelchairs, 3 CP chairs, 8 tricycles, 16 three-wheeled cycles, 7 white canes, and 22 hearing aids.The camp was organized under the guidance of Executive Officer Kuldeep Kumar. Chairman P Mahesh Pattnaik, Vice-Chairperson Smt Subhra Panda, and councilors from Rayagada Municipality were also present on the occasion.The free health camp was a significant initiative aimed at promoting the welfare and empowerment of differently abled persons in Rayagada.

10th class girl gave birth to a baby in Residential school at Chitrakonda



Malkangiri, correspondent-: A class 10 student gave birth to a baby girl in a residential school. Such complaints have come from Chitrakonda Scheduled Caste and Tribe School. The class 10 student had returned to the school hostel after completing her HSC exams this morning. However, in the evening, when the student was not in the school premises, after searching all the rooms, the school principal Ajit Madkami said that he immediately informed the Chitrakonda police station. After searching for 7 to 8 hours, he found that the girl had given birth on the roof of the school. Immediately, the police and school staff together took her to the Chitrakonda hospital. Later, she was sent to the Malkangiri main hospital. The girl's father was called from the school hostel that her daughter was not in the hostel. As a result, the father and mother reached the school. However, it was learned that the girl had given birth to a child in the school hostel. However, the father and mother are worried about how such a big incident could have happened within the four walls of the school, and now they have informed the school authorities. Chitrakonda police reached the spot and rescued the student, took her to the hospital for further treatment and started an investigation. However, the principal told the warden and ANM are responsible for all this irregularities.

Heavy loading vehicles movement ban in day time for a month

Kendrapara, (Correspondent): In quick response on view of several road accident in the district collector Smruti Ranjan Pradhan ban all heavy loading vehicles movement at day time in the district for a month. Today collector Sri Pradhan issued a letter in this regard that, from today to 24 March 2025 especially vehicles like tippers carring sands,moorums,stone chips and metals cause of accidents and subsequent death in productive age group of 15 to 45 age. The above vehicles ban from morning 7 a.m to 9 p.m till a month, which effect from 25 February was said. The several accidents occured in the district and claims more life through this vehicles accident reports published and public demands through blocked the Cuttack -Chandbali state highway on this demand also.

Anganwadi center not completed



SUBARNAPUR(correspondent) :Anganwadi center has been running in a stall for many years in Ward No. 12 under Sonepur Municipality .The work on the new Aganwadi center is half-finished. Although the work on this Aganwadi center has started under the District Women and Child Development Department with a budget of about Rs 7 lakh from 2021-22, it is not functioning as the plaster work and painting work have not been completed yet. With the upcoming summer season, how will the tender-minded children study in this small stall without a fan? The local residents are worried and have drawn the attention of the government to complete the work quickly by reacting through the media. The working Anganwadi workers have also reacted to the media, fearing that they will suffer from heat-stroke due to the effects of the upcoming summer season. When tried to meet the local Integrated Child Development Project Officer, Mrs. Sagarika Swain, to inquire about this matter, she was found absent from the office. Local intellectuals, parents and the general public have strongly condemned the incident and warned of further agitation if the matter is not resolved.

Man Falls To Death From Atharnala Bridge In Puri

Puri(correspondent): A man died after jumping from the Atharnala Bridge in Puri district on Tuesday.The identity of the deceased has not been confirmed yet.According to reports, the fire brigade was alerted after a call was made to the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) 112.The fire brigade quickly arrived at the scene, rescued the man, and rushed him to the Puri District Headquarter Hospital (DHH). Unfortunately, upon arrival, the doctor declared him dead.Local residents believe the man may have been wandering near the bridge and could have lost his mental balance.

2 Passengers Injured In 'Mo Bus' Accident

Bhubaneswar: Two passengers sustained critical injuries after being hit by a Mo Bus in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday.Ranjit Behera and Hrudananda Mohanty were taking shelter under the bus due to the hot weather conditions. The driver, unaware of their presence, started the vehicle and moved forward slowly. Alert passengers shouted at the driver, who suddenly applied the brakes and reversed the vehicle.In the accident, Ranjit Behera suffered injuries to his right leg, while Hrudananda Mohanty sustained injuries to his shoulder and waist. Both were rushed to Capital Hospital for treatment.The Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), which operates the Mo Bus services, expressed regret over the incident and took immediate action against the driver and guide."Had the driver and guide been alert and careful, they could have avoided the incident.

Police Officers Trained on iRAD and e-DAR to Enhance Road Safety in Rayagada



Rayagada(correspondent): A training program was conducted for police officers in Rayagada district to enhance their skills in using the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) and e-Detailed Accident Report (e-DAR) platforms. The program aimed to improve road safety and facilitate a more efficient and streamlined process for accident reporting and claim settlement.The training program was attended by investigating officers and station house officers from various police stations in the district. The officers were trained on how to prepare and upload accident reports on the e-DAR platform, which will enable faster and more efficient processing of claims.The iRAD platform aims to analyze accident data and provide insights for reducing accidents. The e-DAR platform is a user-friendly process that facilitates the accident claim settlement process. The reports generated on the e-DAR platform can be used by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT), State Legal Services Authority (SLSA), and insurance companies, making the claim settlement process faster and more efficient.The training program is a significant step towards enhancing road safety in Rayagada district and streamlining the accident reporting and claim settlement process.

Teenager Dies By Suicide Over Alleged Failed Love Affair In Balangir

Balangir(correspondent) : Tusura police in Balangir district recovered the body of a 16-year-old boy who allegedly jumped into the Tel River, on Tuesday.The deceased has been identified as Amlan Chhatria of Tusura village.According to eyewitnesses, the boy had parked his bicycle on the bridge before leaping into the river.Upon receiving information, police immediately rushed to the spot to rescue the boy. Police managed to retrieve Amlan's body and rushed him to the Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital in Balangir, where he was declared dead by the doctors.Initial reports suggest that Amlan might have taken the extreme step due to a failed love affair. However, the exact circumstances leading to his death are still unclear.

5.1 Magnitude Earthquake Recorded In Bay Of Bengal Near Puri

Bhubaneswar(correspondent) : A magnitude 5.1 earthquake struck the Bay of Bengal near Puri in Odisha at 6:10 am on Tuesday, with its epicentre located at latitude 19.52°N and longitude 88.55°E. The quake occurred at a depth of 91 km, according to the National Center for Seismology (NCS). Mild tremors were felt in parts of Odisha, particularly in the coastal regions. Fortunately, no immediate reports of damage or casualties have surfaced.An Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) official confirmed it.

Suspicious death of 6-year-old girl, police investigation underway

SUBARNAPUR (correspondent) A 6-year-old girl has died under suspicious circumstances in Kotsamalei village of Ulunda block of Subarnapur district. The deceased has been identified as Nisha Mohapatra, daughter of Ganesh Mohapatra. It is suspected that she was murdered because of the scar on her neck. According to information, the child was studying in class 1 at a local school. As usual, the child was sleeping at home after returning home from school yesterday afternoon. The child's father Ganesh returned home at around 4 pm and woke up the child, but she did not wake up. Seeing the scar on the girl's neck, Ganesh immediately brought the child to the Ulunda Community Health Centre on a bike. But after primary treatment here, the doctor declared the child dead. On the other hand, the husband Ganesh, who had earlier stated that the wife's mental condition was not good, has raised suspicions about the scar on the child's neck. Birmaharajpur police are investigating the incident further.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi: 48,606 Beneficiaries in Rayagada District

Rayagada(correspondent): District-level PM Kisan Samman Nidhi program Rayagada/24/02(): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has directly transferred the 19th installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme to the accounts of farmers through a live broadcast from Bhagalpur, Bihar.The Rayagada district administration organized a district-level Kisan Samman Samaro at the local Biju Pattanaik Kalyan Mandap, where 250 PM Kisan beneficiaries from different blocks attended. The program was attended by district officials, including the District Collector and the District Agriculture Officer.The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme provides financial assistance of ?2,000 to farmers in three installments every four months. In Rayagada district, 48,606 beneficiaries received the 19th installment of 2,000 each.

116 Students Walk 22 Km To Meet Collector Over Alleged Mistreatment In Mayurbhanj

Baripada(correspondent): 116 students from Basipitha Ashram School in Khunta block of Mayurbhanj district walked 22 kilometers overnight to meet the Collector after they were allegedly given bad food and mistreated by their teachers. According to reports, the students, who stay in the school hostel, claimed they were given substandard food. When they complained, they allege that the teachers often used abusive language against them for no reason.Frustrated by their concerns being ignored, the students left the hostel around midnight and made their way to Baripada, the district headquarters. Upon receiving the information, Baripada Sub-Collector Dayasindhu Parida and District Welfare Officer (DWO) Guru Charan Mallick immediately reached the spot to address the issue. Baripada Additional District Magistrate Netrananda Mallick stated that the Collector had promised to provide all necessary facilities for them."It is sad that the students had to walk such a long distance to raise their concerns. We will ensure their demands are met," he said.In response, DWO Guru Charan Mallick confirmed that the students' complaints about the food quality and mistreatment would be investigated."If the allegations are found to be true, we will report it to the Collector for further action," he said.

Manamunda Police Arrest 6 Gamblers in Boudh

Boudh:- In a significant operation, Manamunda police in Boudh have successfully busted a gambling racket in a jungle near Para village. The police raid resulted in seizure of ?30,000 in cash from the gambling spot.Police also seized three motorcycles& arrests of six gamblers.

Differently-abled Girl Assaulted Inside School Premises

Udala, (correspondent): A differently-abled girl was allegedly assaulted inside the school premises. The incident was reported at Bhimatali High School under Udala police limits.The victim has been identified as Rachana Behera, daughter of Jugala Behera of Madanapala village.According to reports, she had gone to the school with some of her friends. The victim, who is mentally retarded, vomited and peed inside the school premises due to some reason.Following this, some students of class IX asked her to clean the mess. As she was not able to do so, the students beat her with sticks, injuring the victim critically.Taking note of the incident, family members of the victim lodged a complaint with Udala police. More details are awaited as the investigation is underway.

Odisha: Youth Held For Impersonating Matric Exam Candidate

Nimapara, (correspondent):: Police on Tuesday arrested a youth for allegedly writing the annual matriculation examination on behalf of the actual student. The incident was reported at Nahantara High School under Nimapara block in Puri district.The youth has been identified as Raja Bhoi (19) of Dangura area under Sakhigopal police limit.According to reports, the matter came to fore when the invigilator verified the admit card of the candidate. During the verification, it was learnt that Raja , on the name of one Seikh Musilimi Udin, had reached the examination hall to appear for the paper.

AFFIDAVIT

By the virtue of an affidavit executed before Notary Public,Bargarh, odisha I Rashmi Ranjan Pradhan, S/o-Sarat Kumar Pradhan Of Khaliapali, Po-Bardol, Dist-Bargarh declared that I have Purchased a land vide Khata No-5, Chaka no-207, Plot No 614(P), A.o.06 dec Mouza -Khaliapali, Bargarh from one Smt.P.Bharati, Smt.P. Bharati Purchased the Said land vide Regd No-795 dtd. 15.05.92 had handed over the aforesaid Regd.sale deed to me. I was inpossession of R.S.D No-795. The Original sale deed misplaced on dtd 07.02.2025 in Bargarh Town.

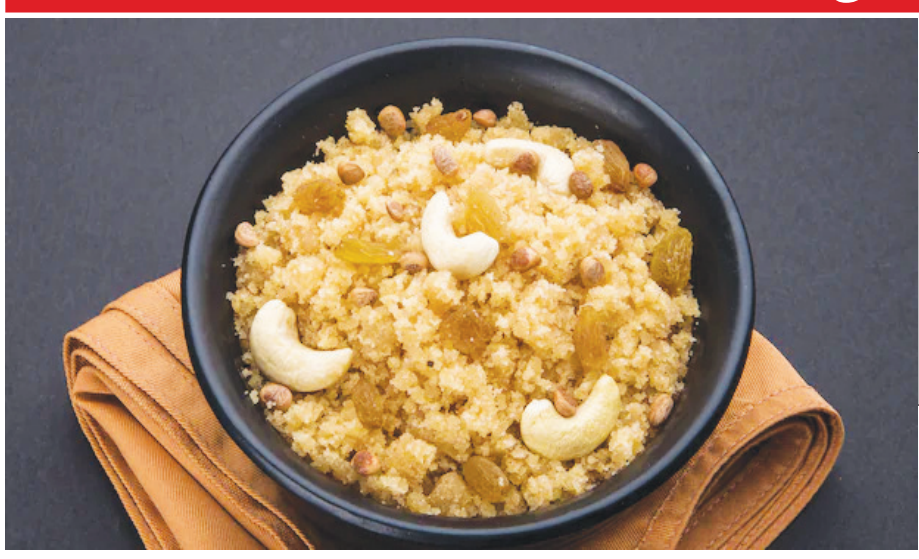
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Parineeti Chopra Begins Shooting For Her OTT Series Debut



Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra has officially started shooting for her highly anticipated series OTT debut with a Netflix project. On Tuesday, the Kesari actress took to her social media handles and shared a note that read, "Some mysteries don't just unfold – they pull you in, keep you guessing, and refuse to let go". A new mystery thriller series is in the making! Can't wait for you all to see this labour of love from Team Netflix and us, when it's ready! Shooting had begun .. Marking my OTT series debut!"She also posted photos of other cast members, including Tahir Raj Bhasin, Anup Soni, Jennifer Winget, Chaitannya Choudhry, Harleen Sethi, and Soni Razdan.Parineeti is all set to make her digital debut with a thrilling drama for Netflix. Set against the scenic backdrop of Shimla's hills, the upcoming yet-to-be-titled project is poised to deliver an intense mix of mystery and suspense. Produced by Siddharth P. Malhotra and Sapna Malhotra, the series will be directed by Rensil D'Silva.Speaking about the show, creators Siddharth Malhotra and Rensil D'silva shared, in a statement, "We are thrilled to collaborate on this Noir Mystery Thriller with Netflix, a platform that celebrates storytelling in its most diverse and compelling forms. Working with Netflix has allowed us the creative freedom to push boundaries and bring a unique narrative to life. With a cast as talented as this and Parineeti choosing to foray into series with our production, we are excited for what lies ahead and cannot wait for the world to watch the mystery unfold."This upcoming thriller series will be Chopra's fourth collaboration with Netflix. She previously worked with the platform on Ribhu Dasgupta's mystery drama "The Girl on the Train," Imtiaz Ali's biographical film "Amar Singh Chamkila" alongside Diljit Dosanjh, and an upcoming romantic comedy directed by Dhruv Tripathi.

Desi Khand Panjeeri Recipe



Ingredients:

1 cup whole wheat flour1/2 cup desi khand1/4 cup ghee1/4 cup mixed nuts (almonds, cashews, pistachios)1 tbsp edible gum (gond)1/2 tsp cardamom powder

Method:

Heat ghee in a pan and roast the whole wheat flour on low flame until golden brown.In the same pan, fry edible gum until it puffs up and then crush it.Add crushed nuts and roast for a minute.Mix in desi khand and cardamom powder, stirring well.Let it cool slightly before offering as prasad.2. Desi Khand Malpua RecipeSoft, syrupy pancakes that make for a divine prasad.Ingredients:1 cup whole wheat flour1/2 cup milk1/2 cup desi khand1/2 tsp cardamom powderGhee for fryingChopped nuts for garnishMethod:Make a smooth batter by mixing flour, milk, and desi khand. Let it rest for 10 minutes.Heat ghee in a pan and pour small portions of the batter to form pancakes.Cook on low flame until golden brown on both sides.Garnish with nuts and offer as prasad.

9 Benefits Of Ghee You May Not Have Known

One of Ayurveda's most treasured foods, ghee has incredible healing properties. From our dal, khichdi to halwas and chapatti; ghee is one kitchen staple we are never getting enough of. In fact, swapping ghee with fattening refined oils has perhaps been one of the biggest blunders of the modern cooking, according to Macrobiotic Nutritionist and Health Practitioner Shilpa Arora. According to her, "Ghee consists of fat soluble vitamins, which aid weight loss. Ghee also plays a key role in balancing hormones and maintaining healthy cholesterol. Ghee also has a high heat point, which prevents it from producing free radicals that damage cell function." Ghee is clarified butter made from the milk of a buffalo or cow. Pure desi ghee, is ghee made of cow's milk. It contains plenty of omega-3 fatty acids along with Vitamin A. Beyond our kitchens, ghee finds a coveted space in beauty and hair care rituals too.



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3. Good Source Of Energy

According to the book, 'Healing Foods' by DK Publishing House, ghee is a good source of energy. It contains medium and short-chain fatty acids, "of which, lauric acid is a potent antimicrobial and antifungal substance." Nursing mothers are often given ladoos loaded with ghee, since they are loaded with energy.Pinni is another Punjabi treat, which is relished across North India, not just for its taste but for its energy boosting properties too.

4. Source Of Good Fat

Are you on a weight loss spree? You may have heard a lot of people coming up with a pro-tip or two. And one of the most common weight loss tips we have all heard is- avoid fats. In a bid to lose weight, you may have even considered eliminating all fats sources from your diet. But doing so may do you more harm than good. Fats, carbs and proteins are three macronutrients that are essential for sustaining a healthy life. Removing any food group from your diet is never a sustainable way to lose weight. What you do need to do however is - choose better. Avoid all bad fats in fries, burgers and processed junk, and choose better alternatives in the form of ghee, avocados etc. According to Shilpa Arora, ghee is one of the most preferred vehicles for oleation: a process of ingesting oil over a period of time. This actually helps pull fat soluble toxins out of the cells and triggers fat metabolism, a process where the body kick-starts to burn its own fat for fuel.

5. Good For Intestinal Health:

Shilpa also shares with us, that ghee happens to be one of the highest quality food sources of butyric acid, which makes it an ideal pick to support the health of the intestinal walls. The cells of the colon use butyric acid as their preferred source of energy.

6. Apply It Over Your Rotis To Decrease Glycemic Index:

In India, spreading ghee over chappatis and parathas is a standard practice. It is said that applying ghee on chapattis could bring down the glycemic index of the chapatti by some amount, in addition to making it more moist and digestible. Bangalore-based nutritionist, Dr. Anju Sood recommends eating chapatis with a little ghee on top. "Latest research says that about 4 tablespoons of oil is the adequate amount of saturated fats per meal, so one percent of the saturated fats could be derived from sources like ghee. Teaming it with ghee facilitates the digestibility of the chapatti." Applying ghee on chappatis is a hit with celebrities too, Kareena Kapoor in one of her media interactions said that her grandmother, who is eighty years old, always spreads ghee on her chappatis. Even during pregnancy, Kareena made sure she had her regular dal with a spoonful of ghee, she revealed at the book launch of 'Pregnancy Notes' by Rujuta Diwekar.

7. Keeps Constipation At Bay:

Having a tough time with your bowel movements? Ghee may come to your rescue. According the book, 'The Complete Book of Home Remedies' by Dr. Vasant Lad, milk and ghee make for a mild and effective remedy for constipation. "Taking 1 or 2 teaspoonfuls of ghee in a cup of hot milk at bedtime is an effective but gentle means of relieving constipation," notes the book.

8. Good For Heart:

Much like all fats, ghee too has been guilty of raising cholesterol levels. But contrary to popular belief, ghee is in fact a much safer bet to invest in for heart health as compared to refined oil. The book 'Healing Foods' notes that the fats present in ghee are not associated with heart disease in the way that long-chain fatty acids are, as they are used directly as energy by the body and not stored as fats. Consultant Nutritionist, Dr. Rupali Datta says, "Ghee can be consumed daily in small quantities as a source of saturated fats. Children can afford to have a larger quantity every day." Studies have shown that ghee can be good for lowering bad cholesterol and increasing good cholesterol.

9. Great For Skin:

Ghee has been a staple part of various beauty care rituals since time immemorial. Its vital fatty acids act as a nourishing agent that can do wonders to infuse life in your dull skin. Pure desi ghee is made out of cow's milk and is said to be extremely powerful in giving you a soft and supple skin. Ghee is known to be suitable for all skin types and it also has vital fatty acids that help in hydration of the skin cells.

How To Make Ideal Ghee Face Mask For Supple And Glowing Skin:

Steps:Mix 2 tablespoons of ghee, 2 tablespoon of besan or haldi and water in a bowl. Stir the mixture thoroughly.Make sure that the consistency is firm but not dry. If you find the mixture too watery, then add besan or haldi to it.Mix the paste well and apply it on your face. Let it sit for 20 minutes; rinse it off with cold water. Repeat thrice a week for best results.



Women's Pro League

India Beat World No. 1 Netherlands



Hockey India Announces Cash Prize

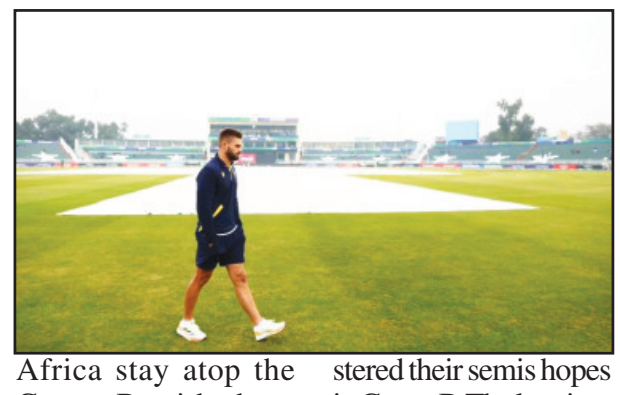
Bhubaneswar: After a thrilling 2-2 draw, India grabbed the bonus point as they defeated the reigning champions and World Cup winners Netherlands 2-1 via a shootout in a Women's FIH Hockey Pro League match at the Kalinga Stadium here on Tuesday. Despite being two goals down, India made a remarkable comeback in the third quarter with goals coming from Deepika (35') and Baljeet Kaur (43'). Captain Pien Sanders (17') and Fay van der Elst (28') scored for the Netherlands.Following the incredible upset victory, Hockey India announced a cash award of Rs 1 lakh to each Indian player and Rs 50,000 to each member of the support staff in addition to their existing policy of rewarding Rs 50,000 for every victory.The Dutch were dominant in the first quarter, both in terms of possession and attempts on goal. The visiting team won the first penalty corner of the evening in the 5th minute as Matla Frederique took a powerful shot, met by a breathtaking save by Savita. The Netherlands won three back-to-back corners in the remaining minutes but India's tight defence denied them the opening goal.The Dutch continued to pile on the pressure in the second quarter and found the opening goal in the 17th-minute courtesy of a penalty corner. The Netherlands played out a variation perfectly as captain Sanders received the ball on the baseline and found the net from a tight angle to give her side the lead.The Netherlands won their sixth penalty corner in the 23rd minute and tried to play the same variation as before but this time, Sanders' shot was blocked by an Indian defender. In the 28th minute, Lalremsiami made a brilliant individual run with the ball from the left flank and pierced into the circle but unfortunately for India, they couldn't make a goal attempt.With two minutes left in the first half, the Netherlands extended their lead with a fine attack. Luna Fokke received a lofted pass on the baseline and played it across perfectly to Elst in front of goal, who made a diving finish into the net.India improved on the attacking front in the third quarter as they found two crucial goals to get back on level terms. In the 35th minute, Deepika dribbled down the left flank brilliantly as she went around the Netherlands' backline, kissed the baseline, and found the net with a perfect finish.The Dutch continued to put pressure on the Indian defence as they continued with their relentless attacks. In the 39th minute, the Oranje won yet another penalty corner but Savita ensured the scores remained the same. India created another scoring opportunity as Deepika did well to hold the ball in the circle and pass it on to Salima Tete on the far post but the Indian captain failed to connect and squandered the chance.India scored the much-needed equaliser in the 43rd minute courtesy of a brilliant finish from Baljeet. Sharmila Devi dribbled down the right wing and found Baljeet whose first-time finish towards the near post sneaked into the net past the Dutch keeper.With all to play for in the final quarter, both teams went hammer and tongs searching for the winner. The Netherlands piled on multiple attacks but were wasteful in front of the goal. In the 53rd minute, India launched a counterattack as Salima paced down the middle into the shooting circle but the Dutch were quick to fall back and fend off the attack. India ensured they defended their goal in the dying embers of the game as it went into a shootout for the bonus point. Deepika and Mumtaz Khan scored for India while Savita made crucial saves as they ensured the home team won the shootout 2-1 against defending champions the Netherlands.

Kantabanji Premier League: Prabhat Club enter into final



Kantabanji, correspondence : The first qualifying match of the ongoing Kantabanji Premier League at the Railway Playground of Kantabanji was played between Kantabanji Prabhat Club and Sahara Club in which Prabhat Club emerged victorious and entered the finals. Batting first, Prabhat Club gave Sahara Club a target of 171 runs in 20 overs. But Sahara Club could only score 145 runs in 20 overs by losing 8 wickets. The man of the match in this match was Prabhat Club captain Amit Jued. He took important 4 wickets by giving only 15 runs in 4 overs. OCA vice President Bhairav sahu attends as the chief guest in this match.

Champions Trophy: Persistent Rain Washes Out Aus Vs SA Clash In Rawalpindi



Rawalpindi: The Champions Trophy Group B fixture between Australia and South Africa was abandoned without a toss due to incessant rain in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.The conditions in Rawalpindi didn't improve even after more than three hours of the scheduled start and the officials took the ultimate decision to abandon the encounter.The first-ever encounter between the two sides in the tournament saw an unwanted end as both sides shared a point each due to no result. With this, South Africa stay atop the Group B with three points at a NRR of +2.140, while Australia are second with +0.475.South Africa and Australia started their campaign on a winning note against Afghanistan and England respectively. A win in the clash would have bolstered their semis hopes in Group B.The last time these two sides met in an ODI at an ICC event, they played out an absolute nail-biter where the Australians overcame South Africa by a close margin in the semi-final of the 2023 World Cup.England and Afghanistan are the other two teams in the group, set to face off on Wednesday in Lahore.Australia will next take on Afghanistan in the final Group B match on February 28 while South Africa will play England in their last game on March 1.
India and New Zealand have already secured their spots in the semi-finals from Group A. The semi-finals are scheduled for March 4 and 5.India will play their semi-final in Dubai on March 4, and New Zealand will play their semi-final in Lahore on March 5.

Indian Shooting Team For Cyprus Shotgun World Cup Announced

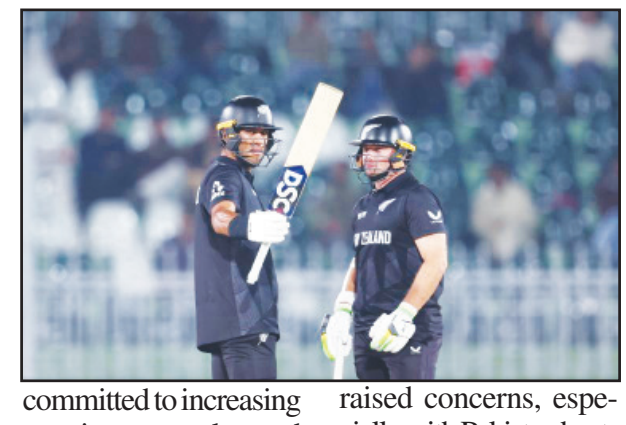
New Delhi: Tokyo Olympian Kynan Chenai and seasoned Mairaj Ahmad Khan will be the top attractions in the 12-strong Indian squad for the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun scheduled between May 3 to 12, 2025 in Nicosia, Cyprus, has been announced. As per the national selection policy, shooters ranked 4-6 in the India rankings of the respective individual events have been selected for this particular World Cup.Tokyo Olympian Kynan Chenai will lead the men's trap trio while Paris Olympian Rajeshwari Kumari will headline the women's trap competition, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) informed on Monday.The skeet discipline will also have a couple of Olympians in their ranks in Nicosia, a legacy world shotgun venue. India's most decorated men's skeet exponent Mairaj Ahmad Khan will line up for yet another World Cup assignment while Maheshwari Chauhan finds a place in the women's skeet event.The Nicosia Shotgun World Cup follows two back-to-back combined (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) ISSF world cups, the first two of the year, in Argentina and Peru respectively, in April.

IDCA Announces Indian Squad For T20I Tri-Series And ODIs For Deaf Cricket



New Delhi: Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) has declared the 16-member Team India squad for the upcoming International T20 and ODI Deaf cricket series. The T20 International tri-series between India, South Africa and Australia will be held from March 2 to 8 in New Delhi.Following the tri-series, the Indian Deaf Cricket team will be playing a three-match ODI series with Australia from March 10 to 12. Team India Deaf squad was picked by the All-India Men's Selection Committee. The team will be led by Virender Singh.The Indian deaf cricket team will be undergoing extensive training and practice sessions under the expert guidance of head coach Dev Dutt and assistant coach Susheel Gupta. Dev Dutt lauded chief selector Vinod Kumar Matta for selecting a highly competent and promising squad. He further extended gratitude to IDCA for their support in organising and hosting the series.President of IDCA, Sumit Jain, said, "The Indian squad looks extremely promising. I stay optimistic that our players in the Deaf Cricket Team will deliver stellar performances to be on the top of both the tournaments. The international tri-series and ODI series will be a massive platform for the Indian Deaf Cricket Team to showcase their outstanding performances on a consistent stretch. This will also be an opportunity for the players to establish the team as one of the bests in the world."Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) is a member of the Deaf International Cricket Council (DICC). DICC works closely with the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the promotion of cricket amongst hearing-impaired athletes all over the world.IDCA CEO Roma Balwani, said, "ICDA has always been dedicated towards organizing and hosting series like these to promote and keep appreciating the special athletic talent of our hearing-impaired players. I keenly look forward to witnessing competitive tournaments ahead, where players from all teams will be showcasing their exceptional talents. My fingers always stay crossed for our Indian players, who have the potential to excel and win many such tournaments."Squad India Deaf: Virender Singh – Captain (Himachal Pradesh), Umar Ashraf-WK (Jammu & Kashmir), Abhishek Singh (West Bengal), Akash Singh (Haryana), Yashwanth Naidu (Andhra Pradesh), Sanju Sharma (Rajasthan), Santosh Kr. Mohapatra (Odisha), Kuldeep Singh (Haryana), Vivek Kumar (Haryana), Sudarsun E (Tamil Nadu), Krishna Gowda-WK (Maharashtra), M. Shramith, (Karnataka), Sibun Nanda (Odisha), Ankit Jangir (Rajasthan), Sharik Majeed (Jammu & Kashmir).

Champions Trophy: PCB Enhances Security After Fan Invades During NZ-Ban Clash



Lahore: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has taken serious note of a security breach that occurred during the ICC Champions Trophy match between New Zealand and Bangladesh in Rawalpindi, where a spectator entered the field of play and attempted to hug Kiwi batter Rachin Ravindra.The pitch invader was swiftly removed by security officials and was later arrested. The PCB has since announced that the individual has been permanently banned from all cricket venues in Pakistan."The PCB has taken serious note of the security breach that occurred yesterday when a spectator entered the field of play. Ensuring the safety of players and officials remains our top priority. As a responsible organisation, we have engaged with local security agencies, who have committed to increasing security personnel around the field of play at all venues and strengthening access control measures," the PCB said in a statement."The individual involved was arrested and presented before a court of law today (Tuesday). In addition, he has been permanently banned from entering all cricket venues in Pakistan. To prevent such incidents in the future, the PCB is working closely with security agencies and venue authorities to review and reinforce security protocols," the statement added.Pitch invasions, though not uncommon in cricket, have raised concerns, especially with Pakistan hosting its first ICC tournament since the 1996 ODI World Cup. The PCB has vowed to work closely with security agencies to prevent similar incidents in the future.Despite the interruption, New Zealand continued their dominant performance, with Rachin Ravindra scoring a brilliant 112 to steer his side into the semi-finals. The victory also ended Pakistan's hopes of advancing, marking a disappointing campaign for the 2017 Champions Trophy winners, who suffered consecutive losses to New Zealand and India.

VIGYAN RATH LAUNCHED BY CSIR-IMMT TRAVELLED ACROSS ODISHA

Bhubaneswar, (correspondent):- Vigyan Rath, a mobile science exhibition promoting the One Week One Theme (OWOT) research initiative by CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar, travelled across Odisha from 19th to 22nd February to raise awareness about scientific research in Mining, Minerals, Metals, and Materials (4M), encouraging employment, start-ups, MSMEs, and collaboration between researchers and industries.The Vigyan Rath, visited educational and research institutions such as ICT-Mumbai - IOC-Bhubaneswar, ABIT Cuttack & DRIEMS



University, Cuttack, Rajsunakhala College, Nayagarh; Paramananda Mahavidyalay, Bolgarh, Khorda; Kridashpur High School, Nayagarh; Kunjabihari Girls High School, Kantilo, Mohan Goswami Govt. UP School, Janhikuda; Charchika Upper Primary School, Garabai, Krushna Prasad; Chilika Nodal UP School, Nuapada, Puri, Madhab Samanta Singhar Vidyapeeth, Joranda, Athagarh, Cuttack; Saranda Vidyapeeth, Subarna pur, Banki, Cuttack; Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kirikicha, Badamba, Cuttack; Ragadipada & Maa Bhatarika Temple, Badamba, Cuttack. The Vigyan Rath received an overwhelming response from the local students and public creating a major impact in the field of science and technology.Scientists, technical staff, and students engaged with the public, highlighting the significance of research in the 4M domain. The event also included inaugurations of the AROGYAM health center, RP Das Centre for Hydro Bio & Electrometallurgy, Additive & Specialty Chemicals Lab, and the Solar Photo-Reactor Pilot Plant. Foundation stones were laid for the Platinum Group of Elements (PGE) Pilot Plant and the Solvent Extraction Pilot Plant for Rare Earth Element Separation.

SUMUM HOSTS 2-DAY NATIONAL MEDICAL RECORDS CONFERENCE



Bhubaneswar, (correspondent):: More than 450 delegates including healthcare professionals, medical record specialists and industry experts attended the two-day 24th annual national conference of Health Records Association of India (HERAI) which concluded at the SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM) here on Saturday.The event, organised by the Medical Records Department of the hospital, was inaugurated on Friday by Dr. Swetapadma Dash, Chief Executive Officer of SUMUM in the presence of Brig. (Dr.) Biraj Mohan Mishra, Chief of Medical Services, Mr. Suresh Carleton, President and Mr. Wilson Thaya G., Secretary respectively of HERAI.Medical Records are going to be the major source of data for hospitals for the Artificial Intelligence revolution, Dr. Dash said adding they were the bedrock on which extension of quality healthcare to the patients depended . The theme of the conference was 'Current Trends in Medical Records and Health Information Management with Reference to Quality Accreditation and Medico Legal Aspects'. The event featured keynote sessions, panel discussions, workshops and presentations on the latest advancement and best practices in the field of Medical Records and Health Information Management.Dr. Dash also inaugurated the website and online portal of HERAI and presented the Dr. Daniel Gajraj award to seven members of the Odisha chapter of HERAI for their outstanding contribution in the field of medical records for more than two decades. The awardees were Mr. Bijay Kumar Behera, Mr. Prafulla Chandra Rana, Mr. Manoj Kumar Behera, Mr. Narayan Chandra Behera, Mr. Ajay Kumar Mohapatra, Mr. Sujit Kumar Roul and Mr. Ratikant Barik.

Kotak's New Brand Philosophy 'Hausla Hai Toh Ho Jayega'

BHUBANESWAR, (correspondent):Kotak Mahindra Bank ("KMBL" / "Kotak") today introduced 'Hausla Hai Toh Ho Jayega'-a transformative



new group brand philosophy that marks a pivotal movement for Kotak. This powerful new group brand philosophy reinforces Kotak's commitment to not just evolve as a Bank but to establish itself as the go-to financial services organisation for the Aspirational Indian.To bring this philosophy to life, Kotak is rolling out a high-impact multi-channel marketing campaign, spanning television, digital, print, outdoor, and social media, aimed at inspiring Indians to take big steps toward fulfilling their aspirations.

SBI NEW BRANCH AT ITAMATI

BHUBANESWAR, (correspondent)A new branch of State Bank of India Bhubaneswar Circle was inaugurated at Itamati of Nayagarh District by the Chief General Manager SBI Bhubaneswar Circle Shri Dinesh Pruthi on 24.02.2025. SBI Itamati is the 13th Branch of SBI in Nayagarh District. On this occasionamong other dignitaries, General Manager NW-I, Shri Ponnambalam M,DGM (B & O) Shri Prasanta Kumar, Regional Manager Shri Narendra Kumar Jena, Branch Manager Shri Dipesh Prasad and other Bank officials were present. This initiative of SBI has fulfilled a longstanding demand of the locality to open the Branch.



Indian Stock Market Opens Higher, Sensex Above 74,600

Mumbai: The Indian benchmark indices opened higher on Tuesday as buying was seen in the media and auto sectors in the early trade.At around 9.36 am, Sensex was trading 192.68 points or 0.26 per cent up at 74,647.09 while the Nifty climbed 33.85 points or 0.15 per cent at 22,587.20.Nifty Bank was up 33.70 points or 0.07 per cent at 48,685.65. Nifty Midcap 100 index was trading at 49,688.40 after declining 324.70 points or 0.65 per cent. Nifty Smallcap 100 index was at 15,382.20 after dropping 95.10 points or 0.61 per cent.According to experts, Nifty has broken the low and decisively closed below it. Also, the Nifty closed below the support line. The bearish trend can pick up momentum on the downside since the support level is broken."The lower end of the downward sloping channel is at 22100. 22820 will be a crucial resistance level and trend reversal as well," said Vikram Kasat, Head Advisory of PL Capital.

SEBI Imposes Rs 5.05 Crore Fine On ICCL For Cyber Security Lapses

Mumbai: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Tuesday imposed a penalty of Rs 5.05 crore on the Indian Clearing Corporation (ICCL), a subsidiary of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), for failing to comply with cyber security and system audit-related rules.The SEBI conducted an inspection of the ICCL between December 2022 and July 2023 and later issued a show-cause notice in October 2024.After reviewing the findings, the market regulator found several violations in the ICCL's operations.One of the key issues was that the ICCL submitted its network audit report to the SEBI without any comments from its management or



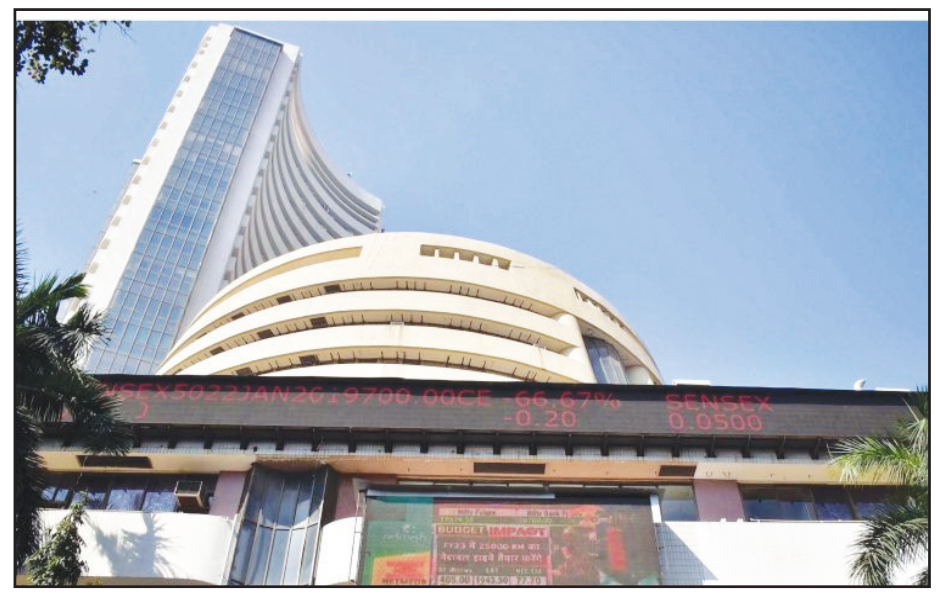
board.According to the rules, the audit report should first be reviewed by the governing board of market infrastructure institutions, and their feedback must be included before submitting it to the SEBI within a month of the audit's completion.The SEBI also found that the ICCL did not maintain an up-to-date inventory of IT assets, including software classifications. Although the ICCL conducted cyber audits twice a year, the issues raised in these audits were not resolved within the required time.Another major violation was related to the ICCL's disaster recovery system.The SEBI guidelines require a one-to-one match between the primary data centre (PDC) and disaster recovery site (DRS), but the ICCL failed to ensure this.Sebi's Quasi-Judicial Authority, G Ramar, referred to the Dr Bimal Jalan Committee's 2010 report on market infrastructure institutions while issuing the order.The regulator directed ICCL to pay the penalty within 45 days."These institutions (i.e., stock exchanges, depositories and clearing corporations) are systemically important for the country's financial development and serve as the infrastructure necessary for the securities market. These institutions are collectively referred to as Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs)… They are, therefore, 'vital economic infrastructure'. The recent financial crisis has shown the importance of financial institutions to economic stability," the committee report said.

Govt Committee To Review US Reciprocal Tariffs, Submit Report By March 15

New Delhi: As the US plans to impose reciprocal tariffs across trading countries by April 2, the Indian government has formed a high-level committee which is tasked to review tariff relief on imports from the US.The panel, formed under the Union Commerce Ministry, is likely to submit its report by March 15. The report would be submitted to both the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Finance.According to people close to the matter, the government review is looking at tariffs that currently range between 15–20 per cent, 50–70 per cent, and 70–80 per cent, and whether rate adjustment could be made in "8-digit code identifying a specific product for custom purposes".The committee is assessing the scope of possible tariff reductions and is tasked to recommend the best course of action.The mandate is to closely examine imported goods and propose tariff adjustments. Once the recommendations are submitted, the final decision on the tariff relief will need to be vetted by the Prime Minister's Office before being implemented, according to reports. India has already been "extremely responsive" in addressing the perception that it imposes high tariffs on foreign goods.

Sensex, Nifty End Flat Amid Mixed Market Sentiment

Mumbai: The Indian stock market on Tuesday ended the intraday's trading session on a flat note, as investors remained cautious amid the mixed market sentiment.The Sensex gained 147.71 points, or 0.20 per cent, to close at 74,602.12. During the intra-day, the index moved between 74,785.08 and 74,400.37.Meanwhile, the Nifty closed marginally lower by slipping 5.80 points, or 0.03 per cent, to settle at 22,547.55. The index touched a high of 22,625.30 and a low of 22,516.45 during the session.The market saw a mixed trend among stocks. Out of the 50 Nifty stocks, 31 ended lower.Rupak De from LKP Securities said the index remained mostly muted, except for a small correction towards the close, add-



ing that sentiment continues to favour the bears.A rise towards resistance is likely to attract selling pressure, he added.Hindalco, Dr Reddy's Labs, Trent, Hero MotoCorp, and Sun Pharma were among the top losers, with losses of up to 3.10 per cent.On the other hand, Bharti Airtel, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Nestle India, and Titan saw gains of up to 2.32 per cent.The broader market indices also saw some pressure. The Nifty Midcap100 index declined by 0.62 per cent, while the Nifty Smallcap100 index slipped by 0.44 per cent.Among sectoral indices, the market remained divided. Sectors like Nifty Auto, FMCG, Select Financial Services, Media, and Consumer Durables ended with gains of up to 0.84 per cent.However, other sectors saw declines — reflecting the cautious sentiment in the market."Technically, on the daily chart, Nifty has formed an inverted hammer candlestick pattern, indicating buying interest around 23,500 levels," said Hrishikesh Yedve from Asit C. Mehta Investment Limited.He added that as long as the index respects 23,500 levels, a pullback rally towards 22,700-22,800 could be possible. On the higher side, 22,700-22,800 will serve as a solid resistance zone.Sustenance below 22,500 levels could trigger fresh selling pressure. Traders should monitor these levels for potential trading opportunities.The volatility index, India VIX, cooled off by 5.03 per cent to 13.72 which indicates a decline in market volatility.The domestic benchmark indices will remain closed on Wednesday (February 26) due to the Maha Shivaratri holiday.The Indian rupee weakened by 50 paise on Tuesday, closing at 87.20 per dollar, compared to 86.70 in the previous session.

Committed To 100 Pc Railways Electrification, Boost Renewable Energy Usage: Ashwini Vaishnaw

New Delhi: The government aims to achieve 'Net Zero' carbon emissions for Indian Railways, with 100 per cent electrification slated for completion in the 2025-26 financial year, Union Minister for Railways and Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, has said.The next objective is to maximise renewable energy procurement. Till date, Indian Railways has tied up 4,260 MW (installed) of solar and 3,427 MW (installed) of wind energy for its energy requirements, the minister said while addressing investors and entrepreneurs at the 'Global Investors Summit 2025' in Madhya Pradesh via video conferencing.

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