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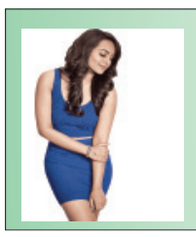
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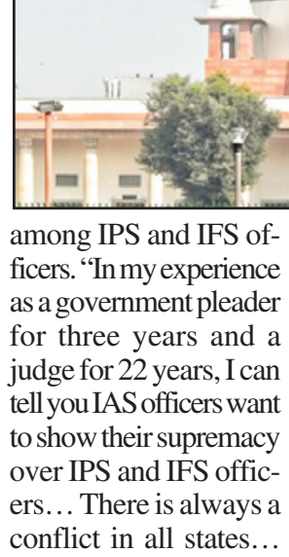
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India's Future Is Determined By Investments In Innovation, AI A Game Changer: PM Modi



New Delhi: The future of the nation is determined by investments in innovation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday, highlighting that artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to not only contribute several lakh crore rupees to India's economy but also generate millions of jobs.He mentioned the allocation of Rs 500 crore in the Union Budget for AI-driven education and research.Mentioning the plans to establish a National Large Language Model to develop AI capabilities in India, the Prime Minister urged the private sector to stay ahead of the global curve in this field."The world awaits a reliable, safe, and democratic nation that can provide economical AI solutions," he added during a post-Budget webinar, emphasising that investments made in this sector today will yield significant advantages in the future."India has become the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world," said PM Modi, adding that several measures have been introduced in this budget to promote startups.He mentioned the approval of Rs 1 lakh crore corpus fund to boost research and innovation, which will increase investments in emerging sectors through the 'Deep Tech Fund of Funds'.The Prime Minister noted the provision of 10,000 research fellowships at IITs and IISc, which will foster research and provide opportunities for talented youth.The role of the National Geo-spatial Mission and the National Research Foundation in accelerating innovation was also touched upon during PM Modi's speech during the webinar.Underlining the significance of the Gyan Bharatam Mission in preserving India's rich manuscript heritage, PM Modi announced that over one crore manuscripts will be digitised under this mission, leading to the creation of a National Digital Repository."This repository will enable scholars and researchers worldwide to access India's historical, traditional knowledge and wisdom," PM Modi added.The Prime Minister also mentioned the establishment of a National Gene Bank to preserve India's plant genetic resources, emphasising that this initiative aims to ensure genetic resources and food security for future generations.Citing the remarkable observations made by the IMF regarding India's economy in February, PM Modi noted that between 2015 and 2025, India's economy has recorded a 66 per cent growth, making it a $3.8 trillion economy.The Prime Minister emphasised that this growth surpasses that of several major economies, and that the day is not far when India will become a $5 trillion economy.

CM Majhi Congratulates Successful Candidates In Constable Recruitment Exam



Bhubaneswar (correspondent):: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has congratulated all the candidates on their success in the examination conducted for the recruitment of Constables/Sepoys in the state.The Chief Minister stated on social media that the recruitment advertisement was published for 2,080 posts. A total of 1,853 candidates have passed the examination held for this purpose.This recruitment of Constables/Sepoys will help provide better police services to the people and further strengthen the law and order system in the state.

IAS Officers Want To Show Supremacy Over IPS, IFS Officers: Supreme Court



New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday made a significant observation, stating that Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers often try to assert their superiority over Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers. This observation was made during a hearing on the misutilization of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) fund, which is meant to promote afforestation and conservation of forest resources. A bench of Justices BR Gavai and Augustine George Masih remarked that, from their experience as government pleaders and judges, IAS officers show supremacy over IFS and IPS officers. According to Justice Gavai, this tendency of IAS officers to show supremacy is a persistent issue across all states, leading to resentment among IPS and IFS officers. "In my experience as a government pleader for three years and a judge for 22 years, I can tell you IAS officers want to show their supremacy over IPS and IFS officers… There is always a conflict in all states… There is always heartburning amongst the IPS and IFS that though they are part of the same cadre, why should the IAS treat them as superiors," said Justice Gavai. Further, the apex court expressed concern over CAMPA funds being used for non-admissible activities, such as buying iPhones and laptops, and directed the Chief Secretary of the concerned state to file an affidavit. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was present during the hearing of the case, assured the bench that he would try to resolve such internal conflicts between the officers. The bench, stating that the "CAMPA fund is to be utilised for increasing green cover" and expressing concern over the utilisation of the same for non-admissible activities and not depositing interests is a matter of grave concern, the bench directed the Chief Secretary of the concerned state to file the affidavit.

Two Successive Quakes Hit Manipur Districts, No Casualties Reported

Imphal: Two consecutive earthquakes, including one of 5.7 magnitude, jolted several Manipur districts and adjoining northeastern states, officials said.According to the Disaster Management officials, there has been no immediate report of loss of life or damage to property due to the two earthquakes. The moderate tremor of 5.7 magnitudes struck eastern Manipur's mountainous Kamjong district, which abuts the Ukhrul, Tengnoupal, Imphal East, and Imphal West districts and shares a border with Myanmar.The tremor, which struck at a depth of 110 km from the surface, was also felt in neighbouring Assam, Meghalaya and other parts of the northeastern region, the officials said.Another mild quake, measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale, shook the same Kamjong district on Wednesday afternoon, officials said. As per the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) data, the tremor struck at a depth of 66 km from the surface.

Amarnath Yatra To Start On July 3

Jammu: This year's annual Yatra to Amarnath Cave shrine in J&K will start on July 3 and conclude on August 9 coinciding with the Raksha Bandhan festival.J&K Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha chaired the 48th Board meeting of Shri Aarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) at Raj Bhawan, on Wednesday."This year, Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra will commence on 3rd July, simultaneously from both the routes, the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district and it will culminate on 9th August 2025 on Raksha Bandhan," SASB said in a statement.Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, D. C. Raina, Kailash Mehra Sadhu, K. N. Rai, Pitambar Lal Gupta, Shailesh Raina and Prof Vishwamurti Shastri, members of the Shrine Board attended the meeting.The Board proposed various measures and interventions to further improve the facilities and services for the devotees. Considering the likely increased inflow of pilgrims for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025, the meeting discussed measures for the enhancement of lodgement capacity at centres in Jammu, Srinagar and other locations, operatio nalisation of Yatri facilitation centres for e-KYC, issuance of RFID cards, on-spot registration of pilgrims at a number of locations including Nowgam and Katra Railway Stations.It was further discussed that these facilities must also be suitably enhanced at Baltal, Pahalgam, Nunwan, and Pantha Chowk Srinagar, as per the requirement.

Whatever They Tax Us, We Tax Them: Trump To India, EU, China

Washington: US President Donald Trump, in his first address to a joint session of Congress, said the reciprocal tariffs would take effect on April 2, reinforcing his administr ation's stance on trade policy and criticising European Union, China, Brazil, India, and South Korea for high tariffs.He said, "Whatever they tax us, we tax them."Trump said."Other countries have used tariffs against us for decades, and now it is our turn to start using them against those other countries. On average, the European Union, China, Brazil, India, Mexico, Canada, and countless other nations charge us tremendously higher tariffs than we charge them; it is very unfair," said Trump."India charges us tariffs 100 per cent, China's average tariff on our products is twice what we charge them.. South Korea's average tariff is four times higher… the system is not fair to the US, and it never was…on April 2, reciprocal tariffs kick in, and whatever they tariff us… we will tariff them…whatever they tax us, we will tax them. If they do non-monetary tariff to keep us out of their market, then we will do non-monetary barriers to keep them out of our market…""Those goods that come in from other countries and companies, they're really, really in a bad position in so many different ways. They're uninspected. They may be very dirty and disgusting as they come in, and they pour in and hurt our American farmers," said Trump.While hitting out at the previous Democrat regime, he said, "We inherited from the last administration an economic catastrophe and an inflation nightmare. Their policies drove up energy prices and drove the necessities of life out of reach for millions of Americans…we suffered the worst inflation in 48 years…As president, I am fighting every day to reverse this damage and make America affordable again".



In a push for tax deductions, Trump said he wants to make interest payments on car loans tax-deductible, but only if the vehicles are made in the US. He also stressed his commitment to boosting domestic manufacturing, stating, "We want to cut taxes on domestic production. "He clarified that there would be no tax on Social Security benefits for seniors.Trump emphasised his administration's commitment to lowering energy costs as part of his fight against inflation. He criticised the Biden administration for shutting down over 100 power plants and asserted.

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Hitech Hospital official helps ED in investigation l

Bhubaneswar:(Correspondent) :- Hitech Medical College Rourkela and Bhubaneswar officials helped ED officials in investigation regarding medical admission process in NRI quota. Data collection is going on all over India regarding NRI medical admission in the current academic year. On this occasion, it has been revealed that admission is being done following the government's policies and guidelines as well as the proper advice and guidelines of Odisha JEE. The admission fee for medical education in Hitech has been kept very low in all over India and the students selected as per the rules through Odisha JEE are admitted here in a very clean process, the Hitech authorities informed the Enforcement Directorate officials during the investigation.

Rajasthan: Sachin Pilot Slams BJP's 'Double Engine' Govt Over A Host Of Issues

Jaipur: Congress general secretary and Tonk MLA Sachin Pilot criticised the BJP government, stating that its "double-engine" governance — at both the Centre and the state (Rajasthan) — has completely failed, claiming that the repeated announcements of providing lakhs of jobs remain mere promises with no implementation on the ground.He asserted that law and order had collapsed, with criminals no longer fearing the law.Addressing journalists in Tonk, Pilot said that the government is in disarray, with officers dominating the administration and multiple power centers emerging.The lack of coordination within the Cabinet, he claimed, is directly affecting the people.Despite being in power for over a year and presenting two budgets, the BJP government has failed to achieve anything significant, the former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister added.The repeated announcements of providing lakhs of jobs remain mere promises with no implementation on the ground.Taking aim at the Centre, Pilot accused the BJP-led Union government of neglecting Rajasthan due to its poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections, where it won only 14 out of 25 seats.He pointed out that Rajasthan was not mentioned even once in the two Budgets presented by the Union Finance Minister, despite being the largest state geographically and needing major infrastructure projects like railways and bridges.

PM Modi To Visit Uttarakhand ToDAY

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Uttarakhand on Thursday (March 6). During his visit, he will have a darshan of Maa Ganga and also address a public function.As per the schedule, the PM will perform pooja and darshan at the winter seat of Maa Ganga in Mukhwa at around 9:30 a.m. Thereafter at around 10:40 a.m., he will flag off a trek and bike rally and also address the gathering at a public function in Harsil.The Uttarakhand government has initiated a Winter Tourism programme this year. Thousands of devotees have already visited the winter seats of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath. The programme is aimed at promoting religious tourism and boosting the local economy, homestays, and tourism businesses, among others. Ahead of PM Modi's visit to the state, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami took to X to extend his greetings to the PM.

K'taka HM Seeks Internal Report From Police Department After Actress Held For Gold Smuggling

Bengaluru: Karnataka Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Wednesday sought an internal report from the Police Department after Ranya Rao, Kannada actress and daughter of the senior IPS officer in the state, was arrested in connection with the gold smuggling worth crores of rupees.

Speaking to reporters at Vidhana Soudha, Parameshwara said, "The investigation is underway. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) is investigating the case. Unless and until, they come out of definite information, I would not be able to react to the incident."Parameshwara said: "We discussed the matter with the police chief. The department has asked him to look into it and they will definitely get some information.""I will be speculating if I say something. DRI is a central agency," he said, claiming that if the Police Department had been probing it, they could have information.

When asked about reports suggesting the Rao misused the protocol, the Home Minister stated that all claims have to be investigated.

Suspended Despite Withdrawing My Remarks On Aurangzeb: SP Leader Abu Azmi Speaks Out

Mumbai: As the Maharashtra Assembly suspended Abu Azmi for the ongoing Budget Session, following his controversial remarks about Mughal ruler Aurangzeb, the under fire Samajwadi Party (SP) legislator issued a video message to clear the air on the raging row. Yesterday also, he told the press that his remarks on Aurangzeb were not a statement but a reaction to Assam CM drawing parallel between Rahul Gandhi and the Mughal invader.The beleaguered SP leader said that he was suspended from the Assembly despite him withdrawing the controversial statement."I've just learned that I've been suspended from the Assembly for the remainder of this session. When I spoke about a historical figure, I did not disrespect any leader or insult anyone. My comments on Aurangzeb were rooted in history," Azmi said in a video statement.Interestingly, the SP leader issued video clarification in the backdrop of a portrait of Chhatrapati Shivaji, whose legacy he has been accused of insulting and demeaning by the rival parties.Azmi



reiterated his commitment to the functioning of the Assembly."I wanted the Assembly to function smoothly. To ensure that, I was ready to retract my words. Even after being suspended, I took back my comments for the sake of the session's progress."He further stated, "There are individuals like Prashant Koratkar and Rahul Solapurkar who have made derogatory statements about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, but they faced no repercussions. They weren't even jailed, while those who have criticised Shivaji Maharaj aren't banned. This feels like a double standard."He also expressed frustration over the disruption of the Assembly session."I had important issues to raise concerning my constituency during this session, but this suspension is an injustice. I am unwell, but I will pursue legal action," he said.His praise for Aurangzeb sparked significant controversy, leading to demands for his suspension.Azmi later clarified his stance in a post on X, asserting that his words had been misunderstood and were based on historical accounts.He emphasised that he had never intended to disrespect Shivaji Maharaj or other national figures, and if his comments caused any offence, he regretted it. Azmi also accused political forces of using the issue to disrupt the budget session, which, he argued, harmed the people of Maharashtra.

DRDO Conducts High-Altitude Trials Of Indigenous ILSS For LCA Tejas

New Delhi: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted high-altitude trials of the indigenous Integrated Life Support System (ILSS) for LCA Tejas.The ILSS is an On-Board Oxygen Generating System (OBOGS). DRDO informed that the OBOGS-based ILSS is a cutting-edge system designed to generate and regulate breathable oxygen for pilots during flight, eliminating dependence on traditional liquid oxygen cylinder-based systems.

Tejashwi Yadav Claims He Made Nitish Kumar CM Twice

Patna: Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly Tejashwi Yadav hit back at Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday, claiming that he made the latter the CM twice and that JDU is surviving only because of his support.The sharp response of Tejashwi Yadav came a day after Nitish Kumar claimed that he helped Lalu Prasad Yadav become CM in 1990.Tejashwi called it misleading, "I am highly surprised that he has made such a statement inside the Bihar Assembly. It was highly misleading and way beyond the truth. Nitish Kumar should remember that when my father was twice an MLA and once an MP,



he (Nitish) was nothing. My father has made many Prime Ministers of the country."He mocked Nitish Kumar's statement, emphasising that JDU is now the third-largest party in Bihar. "I made Nitish Kumar the CM twice, that is why JDU is still alive today,"Yadav said while indicating towards the 2015 Assembly elections and Nitish Kumar's separation from BJP in 2022.Taking a swipe at Nitish Kumar, he said, "The system in Bihar is sick and worn out. There are retired officers and a tired Chief Minister in the state who are running the government. If he would remain for some more time, he would make the entire state sick."A day earlier, during a Bihar Assembly session, Nitish Kumar had said: "I was the one who made Lalu Prasad Yadav the Chief Minister in 1990, even when people from his own caste (Yadav) opposed him."He dismissed Tejashwi Yadav's attacks, calling him a "child" and said that he had no knowledge of the past. Kumar said that there was no road, no hospital, no infrastructure in Bihar.When he came to power in 2005, he took several initiatives to put Bihar on the path of progress. This verbal clash highlights the deep-rooted rivalry between Nitish Kumar and the Yadav family.As Bihar gears up for Assembly elections, this political tug-of-war could shape alliances and voter sentiments in the state.

Mamata Banerjee To Deliver Lecture At Oxford University This Month

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will visit UK to deliver a lecture at the historic Oxford University.The invitation to deliver the lecture there was sent to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) last year.As per the schedule, the Chief Minister will fly to Dubai first from Kolkata on March 21, and from Dubai to London."Besides delivering the lecture at Oxford University, the Chief Minister has some other scheduled programmes in the UK. She is also expected to meet some UK-based industrialists and discuss the potentials of their investments in West Bengal," said a state government official.However, it is not yet clear on which subject the Chief Minister will be delivering her address at Oxford University.She was also invited in 2021 to deliver a lecture at Oxford University, however, the Trinamool Congress alleged that the program was canceled due to the clandestine initiative by the Central government.Earlier in 2015, the Chief Minister made a visit to the United Kingdom. There he was accompanied by a number of members of her cabinet, including the then state Finance Minister Amit Mitra, who is the Chief Economic Advisor to the Chief Minister now.

Rain Helps Contain Wildfire In Japan's Iwate

Tokyo: Steady rainfall on Wednesday has helped contain the spread of a week-long wildfire in Ofunato City of Japan's Iwate Prefecture, local media reported.The wildfire, which began on February 26, has affected wide areas, burning approximately 2900 hectares, or nine per cent of the city's total area, national broadcaster NHK reported.For the first time since the fire began, steady rainfall was recorded on Wednesday, with 17 mm measured by 5 pm local time. The city reported that no further spread of the fire was confirmed, attributing this to the rain.A recent survey confirmed damage to 78 buildings, including houses, vacant properties, and workspaces, adjusting the previous estimate of at least 84 structures, according to the NHK.

Officials warned that the number of affected structures may increase as further surveys are conducted, Xinhua news agency reported.

Bomb Explosion In Patna University Ahead Of Students' Union Elections; Security Tightened

Patna: Patna University witnessed a chaotic scene on Wednesday when a bomb exploded inside the campus, an official said.The incident occurred outside the library of the economics department near Darbhanga House inside the campus of Patna University. police investigation is underway to determine the exact reason behind the blast. It is suspected that the incident was an attempt to establish dominance among student groups before the students' union elections scheduled for March 29 this year.Diksha, ASP town along with the cops of Pirbahor police station swiftly arrived to control the situation and increased security in the area.Following the explosion, the windshields and windowpanes of a Scorpio SUV and the window of the library were shattered due to the intensity of the blast.The SUV belongs to Laxmi Narayan Singh, a professor of the Sanskrit department."I was taking a class in the college when a loud explosion took place. When we reached the spot, the windowpanes of my SUV and library were found to be shattered," Professor Singh said.Professor Singh further said that the disturbance might have been caused by unruly students illegally occupying hostel rooms or it could be related to the upcoming students' union elections.ASP Diksha and Pirbahor police have begun an investigation into the incident.

Police have recovered the remains of explosive materials from the site and have sent them to the Forensic Science Laboratory to ascertain the nature of the bomb.The area is considered a high-security zone due to the presence of the university and the students residing there.Patna University Students' Union Election will be held on March 29 and the nomination filing begins from March 10 onwards. The results will be declared on March 30.

Cabinet Approves Two Ropeway Projects

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the construction of two ropeway projects at a cost of Rs 6,811 crore to provide last mile connectivity to pilgrims visiting the holy temple at Kedarnath and the Gurudwara at Hemkund Sahib, both in Uttarakhand.The 12.9 km ropeway project from Sonprayag to Kedarnath will be developed on Design

Severe Storms Batter US South, Causing Damages

Houston: From Texas to Tennessee, a number of severe storms have battered large parts of the US South with winds, hail, plumes of dust and tornadoes, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without power.More than 400,000 homes, businesses and other utility customers across five states — Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee — are without power, according to PowerOutage.us.The National Weather Service confirmed a brief EF1 tornado hit the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb of Irving in northern Texas earlier on Tuesday, with damage spread over a few blocks, Xinhua news agency reported.More than 375 flights to or from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport have been cancelled, according to airline tracker FlightAware.com. Another 660 were delayed.Nearly nine million people are under a Level 3 out of 5 risk of severe weather. This includes cities such as New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport in Louisiana, Mobile in Alabama and Jackson in Mississippi.In Lewisville, Texas, a warehouse for Benjamin Moore Paints was seen torn open after a suspected tornado ripped through. Part of the warehouse collapsed and the debris buried semi-trailers and other vehicles nearby, local media reported.Much of the East can expect a washout on Wednesday as the storm's center moves into the Northeast. The system will bring periods of rain, gusty winds and the potential for thunderstorms as a cold front approaches.In Oklahoma, another confirmed EF1 tornado heavily damaged a volunteer fire station and snapped numerous trees in Pontotoc County.

Orissa High Court Allows Sarathi Baba To Visit Kendrapara With Conditions



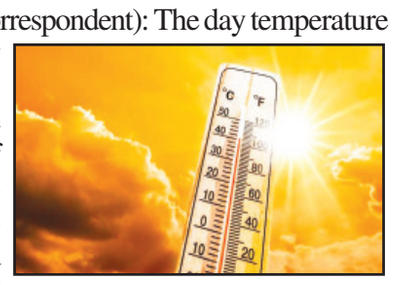
Kendrapara(Correspondent): One's time popular spritual guru Santosh Rahul(Sarathi) allowed to entry in Kendrapara after long period with restrictions by Highcourt today. Honourable court allowed him to see his illness brother at Barimul village of the district. That's time from morning 5.30 AM to 5.30 PM and can't go to the temple which was set up by him at Barimul village. Another restriction also fixed by court that, he could not gathering two hundred above people and speach also. One time within two months he can visit to Kendrapara and couldn't stay at night honourable court ordered on this judgement.

Odisha Introduces New Colour Code for Government Schools



Bhubaneswar (correspondent):The Odisha government has introduced a new colour code for the buildings of all state-run schools.In a directive issued by the Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA), the Collectors of all 30 districts have been instructed to ensure that school buildings adhere to this new color scheme.According to the new guidelines, the walls of school buildings will be painted in a shade of orange frost with orange tan borders during construction, repair, and renovation works. This updated color code will apply to all government schools as well as PM SHRI schools throughout Odisha.OSEPA State Project Director, Ananya Das, emphasized the importance of uniformity in the appearance of school buildings. "It is requested to issue suitable instructions to concerned field functionaries for adoption of the approved color code in government schools, including PM SHRI schools, during construction, repair, and renovation work," Das stated in the letter to district Collectors.This new order supersedes all previous instructions related to the color code of school buildings.It is noteworthy that in the previous year, the Odisha government had also introduced a change in the uniform color for Class-IX and Class-X students in government and aided schools. The new uniforms feature a combination of light brown, chocolate, and clay-baked yellow colors.

Odisha To Witness 2-3°C Rise In Day Temperature: IMD



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): The day temperature is likely to rise by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius over the districts of Odisha, according to the prediction of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)."No large change in minimum temperature (night temperature) during next 04-05 days over the districts of Odisha", read IMD prediction.Odisha is likely to experience a maximum temperature of around 35°C and a minimum temperature of around 23°C.

Currently, the temperature range across Odisha varies, with Jharsuguda recording the highest maximum temperature of 39°C and Cuttack experiencing the lowest minimum temperature of 34.6ºC.

Khadi Chhuan', 'Pravesh Utsav' for children in Odisha on April 2



Bhubaneswar (correspondent): In preparation for the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 in primary schools from the academic year 2025-26, the Odisha Government will launch a campaign titled 'Pravesh Utsav' and 'Khadi Chhuan' in all schools on April 2, 2025. The new academic session will commence on April 1, 2025.This State-level campaign will see participation from parents, elected representatives, senior officials, and members of civil society.Per official sources, the school-level programmes will be conducted from April 3 to 5, 2025, exclusively involving teachers and students. The initiative will also focus on identifying out-of-school children and enrolling them in age-appropriate classes.Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi will distribute the 'Nimantrana Patra' (Invitation Letter) at the State-level between March 17 and 19, 2025, to families of children enrolling in 'Shishu Vatika' and Class-I.Additionally, the 'Shiksha Sachetanata Ratha' will be flagged off in each block on April 2, 2025, to raise awareness about the campaign.Each school will feature three dedicated learning stations—Literacy Station, Numeracy Station, and Creativity Station.In accordance with NEP-2020 guidelines, all primary schools will introduce an additional class, 'Shishu Vatika,' to accommodate children aged 5-6 years. Admission to Class-I will be for children aged 6+ years as of September 1 of the academic year.In January 2025, the School and Mass Education Department announced the implementation of NEP-2020 in Odisha. As per this decision, the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), with local contextual adaptations, will be adopted as the State Curriculum Framework.

Naveen skips legendary leader Biju Patnaik's state-level birth anniv celebration



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Odisha Assembly, Naveen Patnaik, did not attend the state-level celebration of legendary leader Biju Patnaik's birth anniversary in the capital city here today. Naveen, a five-time former Chief Minister, skipped the state-level celebration of Biju's birth anniversary at Jayadev Bhawan in the evening.Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi had invited Naveen, the youngest son of the legendary leader, to the state level celebration of Biju's birth anniversary.Apart from Naveen, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MLAs—Ananta Narayan Jena and Susanta Rout—did not attend the state-level celebration. Mayor Sulochana Das too skipped the event.Earlier in the day, Naveen was also absent in an event organised on the premises of Odisha Assembly to observe the birth anniversary of Biju, a former Chief Minister of Odisha. However, Naveen attended an event at BJD headquarters in the city here to mark the birth anniversary of Biju.

Notably, the BJD government, led by Naveen, was celebrating Biju's birth anniversary (March 5) as Panchayati Raj Diwas in Odisha.However, the BJP government announced that it would observe Panchayati Raj Diwas on April 24 instead of celebrating the same on March 5.According to the government, Odisha had been celebrating Panchayati Raj Diwas on March 5 since 2020. However, the National Panchay ati Raj Day or National Local Self-Government Day is observed across the country on April 24.

Jagmohan Meena Takes Charge As Bhubaneswar DCP



Bhubaneswar(correspondent: Jagmohan Meena, a 2013-batch IPS officer, has taken charge as the new Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) in Bhubaneswar. Meena succeeds Pinak Mishra as the DCP of the capital city.Addressing a press conference after assuming office, Meena emphasized the importance of swift investigation and prompt arrest of the accused. He also assured that the police department will be sensitive to the needs of the common people.Meena outlined several key priorities, including enhanced CCTV surveillance, strengthening the cybercrime unit to tackle the growing threat of online crimes, and improved traffic management to alleviate traffic congestion in the city.Meena also stressed the importance of using new technologies to aid in crime detection and prevention.DCP Jagmohan Meena also shared his WhatsApp number, 87630 04117, for citizens to report any wrongdoing.

Odisha Advances Urban Reforms Through ANKUR Initiative



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): In a major step toward sustainable and future-ready cities, Principal Secretary, H&UD, Usha Padhee chaired a high-level meeting on the Atal Network for Knowledge, Urbanisation & Reforms (ANKUR)—a transformative initiative aimed at fostering urban innovation, collaboration, and good governance.The meeting brought together senior officials, urban experts, and partner organizations to strategize Odisha's urban development in alignment with the broader vision of Viksit Odisha 2036 and Viksit Bharat 2047. Discussions focused on accelerating urban growth, alleviating poverty, strengthening infrastructure resilience, and promoting inclusive governance—key pillars of sust ainable urbanis ation.Padhee highlighted the importance of policy innovation and knowledge-sharing, emphasizing ANKUR's role in bridging expertise, fostering partnerships, and implementing forward-thinking urban solutions. The initiative seeks to enhance data-driven decision-making, smart governance, and community participation, ensuring cities are efficient, equitable, and climate-resilient.With a clear roadmap for scaling best practices, strengthening institutions, and leveraging technology, ANKUR is poised to be a catalyst for transformative urban reforms. The initiative will drive capacity-building, sustainable infrastructure, and digital interventions, accelerating Odisha's urban evolution. Reaffirming its commitment to innovation-led urban growth, Odisha is paving the way for cities that are engines of progress, inclusivity, and sustainability.

H&UD Minister Meets Union Railway Minister

Bhubaneswar (correspondent):: Minister for Housing & Urban Development Krushna Chandra Mahapatra met Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Rail Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday.The meeting focused on key railway-related matters concerning Odisha, particularly issues affecting Mayurbhanj district.

Odisha Govt to Launch Door-to-Door SUBHADRA Survey for Inclusive Coverage



Bhubaneswar (correspondent): Deputy Chief Minister Parvati Parida stated that despite extending the application deadline to March 31, the application process will no longer be available. Instead, officials will visit each household to conduct the survey.To date, 1.8 crore women have applied for the Subhadra Yojana. The house-to-house survey aims to include all eligible beneficiaries, ensuring comprehensive coverage under the scheme. The survey will commence after the application process closes on March 31.Deputy Chief Minister Parida mentioned that the eligible beneficiaries identified during the survey would receive three installments of money on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Additionally, the fifth installment of the first phase of Subhadra Yojana will be disbursed tomorrow, benefiting 1 lakh 70 thousand women.Moreover, the second installment of the Subhadra Yojana will be distributed on International Women's Day, March 8, with the first installment directly transferred to the beneficiaries' bank accounts. The subsequent installment will be given during the Raksha Bandhan festival.This initiative aims to strengthen the reach of the Subhadra Yojana, ensuring that it benefits as many women as possible.The Subhadra Shobha Yatra, aimed at raising awareness about the Subhadra Yojana, is being held across the entire state, including the capital, Bhubaneswar. The event focuses on empowering women and ensuring the scheme reaches every corner of the state.Women expressed their gratitude to the government through the Shobha Yatra for keeping its commitment to the Subhadra Yojana. Subhadra rallies have taken place in all Panchayats, with active participation from women and students from self-help groups.The rally will continue for eight days, culminating on International Women's Day, March 8. Throughout the state, 6,494 locations will host the Shobha Yatra, accompanied by roadside awareness meetings to educate people about the Subhadra Yojana.The initiative emphasizes women's empowerment and social welfare, with the goal of spreading the message of the Subhadra Yojana and ensuring its benefits reach as many women as possible.

AFFIDAVIT

I Tapaswinee Behera aged about 24 years W/O Dharmendra Das resident of AT-Indipur/ Po.Ps-Kamakhyanagar Dist-Dhenkanal Pin-759018 (Odisha)do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows.

That, my name is Tapaswinee Behera but the passport of my husband Dharmendra Das my name has been reflected as Tapaswini Behera.

That I declre myself Tapaswinee Behera and Tapaswini Behera is one and same person.

That I have concealed nothing and this affidavit is in support of the above facts which is require to be produced before the concerned authority for necesscary compliance.

And I swear that the facts stated in this affifdavit are true & correct to the best of my knowledge.

Tapaswinee Behera

EDITORIAL

Kind of responsibilities on movies

So far this responsibility was on the Vedas-Puranas and the scriptures that they used to tell everything. Every knowledge was there. Whether it is of science, mathematics, astrology or even ethos. We were told that everything is in our scriptures. civilization and rites were so well filled there. Then the responsibility of telling history was also put on them. All is written in the scriptures. But here the responsibility of telling history has also come on movies. The responsibility of promoting patriotic lessons for the last few days is also on them. Work loads can be said in terms of the responsibilities on the films have been called a lot. It's ok whatsapp also share something this responsibility. Many people call it WhatsApp University. In this regard, the films should also get the university status now. There was a Jamana, when Ishq-Mohabbat's text on movies was a Gemma. Film songs were the keys of Khair Ishq-Mohabbat. Then the movies began to boost crime science. How kind of criminals can be-it told us by movies only. But here's a chance to boost history on movies. Some may also consider it an enterprise carved into WhatsApp's rivalry. Well it would be much better to consider it an ally institution. Just as there are Subsidies of by industries. Movies on Yun history were made and made a lot earlier. Rather should say that most of all, history-related films were made. Somewhere MugleAzam was becoming, somewhere the Taj Mahal was becoming, somewhere the red fort was being built, somewhere Alexander was becoming. Somewhere Alamara was becoming, there was a halaku somewhere. Meaning there became countless movies about history. But no one considered the history of those movies as history. Someone used to accept them as a story of love and love, someone used to treat him as good anecdote. Overall, she remained a means of entertainment. History did not substitute. But here they have been assumed to be the option of history, made. Now films made about history are getting a status with exactly scriptures in terms of history. However, this status has been received earlier on WhatsApp. Like earlier it was said that everything is written in the scriptures. Just like now history can be said that this or that movie has shown. Just like it is said that it came in WhatsApp. Vijay Garg Retd Principal ? Educational Columnist MALOUT Punjab

Chemical Bonds Vs Social Bonding: The Power of Connections



Dr Annada Tripathy

Connections are a fundamental part of both nature and human life. In chemistry, atoms form chemical bonds to create stable molecules. In society, people form social bonds to build relationships and communities. Both types of bonds play an important role in maintaining stability, growth and harmony. Although they belong to different fields, chemical bonds and social bonding share many similarities and differences. Understanding them helps us appreciate the importance of connections in both science and human relationships.Chemical bonds are the forces that hold atoms together. These bonds allow atoms to combine and form new substances. There are three main types of chemical bonds:1. Ionic Bonds – These bonds form when one atom donates an electron to another. The result is two oppositely charged ions that attract each other. For example, sodium (Na) donates an electron to chlorine (Cl), forming sodium chloride (NaCl), or table salt.2. Covalent Bonds – These bonds occur when two atoms share electrons. This typeof bond is very strong and helps form essential molecules like water (H, O) and oxygen (O,).3. Metallic Bonds – These are found in metals, where electrons move freely between atoms. This property gives metals their strength, flexibility and ability to conduct electricity.Chemical bonds are responsible for the structure of all matter in the universe. They allow the formation of water, air, food and even the cells in our bodies. Without chemical bonding, life as we know it would not exist.Just as atoms form bonds to achieve stability, human beings form social bonds to create relationships. Social bonding refers to the emotional and psychological connections between people. These bonds are essential for human survival, happiness and social development. There are different types of social bonds:1. Family Bonds – The strongest and most natural form of bonding. The connection between parents, children and relatives provides emotional support and security.2. Friendship Bonds – Friendships are based on trust, understanding, and shared experiences. They provide comfort and companionship in life.3. Romantic Bonds – Love and affection create strong emotional connections between partners. These bonds bring emotional stability and happiness.4. Community Bonds – People form bonds with their neighbors, colleagues and society. These relationships help build a cooperative and peaceful environment.Social bonds contribute to mental and emotional well-being. They provide love, support and security, just as chemical bonds provide stability to atoms and molecules.Similarities Between Chemical Bonds and Social Bonds-Both provide stability – Chemical bonds stabilize molecules, while social bonds stabilize human relationships.Both involve attraction – Atoms are attracted to each other to form chemical bonds, just as people are drawn to one another through love, friendship and trust.Both require energy – Breaking chemical bonds requires energy, just as breaking social bonds can be emotionally painful.Both create something new – Chemical bonds lead to new substances, while social bonds lead to new relationships, families and communities.Differences Between Chemical Bonds and Social Bonds-Chemical bonds follow fixed rules – Atoms bond based on scientific principles, whereas social bonds depend on emotions, experiences and culture.Chemical bonds are predictable – Scientists can predict how atoms will bond, but human relationships are complex and often unpredictable.Social bonds involve emotions – Chemical bonds are purely physical interactions, while social bonds involve love, care and trust.The Importance of Strong Bonds.Both chemical bonds and social bonds are essential for a balanced world. Strong chemical bonds ensure the stability of substances, while strong social bonds ensure the stability of human society. When chemical bonds weaken, materials break down. Similarly, when social bonds weaken, relationships and communities suffer.To maintain strong social bonds, people must practice respect, kindness and communication. Just as scientists study chemical bonds to improve materials, individuals must nurture social bonds to improve relationships.Chemical bonds and social bonding are different yet share fundamental similarities. Chemical bonds create stability in nature, while social bonds create harmony in human life. Both are necessary for the existence of life and the progress of society. Understanding these bonds helps us appreciate the power of connections in both science and relationships. Whether in the microscopic world of atoms or the vast world of human society, bonds shape everything around us.

Faith in God



Umesh Chandra Patra

During our studies we have to learn how to lead a life of righteousness. We pursue our studies with diligence and devote our nights and days to acquire knowledge. But what efforts are we making to earn Divine love and grace? We feel sad about God not looking at me or talking to us but we do not try to find out why we are feeling this way. Are we enquiring into the purpose of education? Do we recognise the need for Self-realisation and control of the senses? Education should be for developing concentration of the mind and not collection of facts. Along with studies develop good character. Our conduct will determine our destiny. Have a wide-ranging mind. Narada was a master of 64 sciences. We have to make a distinction between knowledge and wisdom. When Valmiki was asked by Lava and Kusa why he described Ravana as murkha, although he was the master of all the Vedas and Sastras, while describing Rama as a high-souled person, he said: "Ravana was a well-versed scholar, but did not practise what he



knew. Rama was a Jnani who lived up to what he had learnt. By controlling His senses, Rama led a life of truth and righteousness." Education that is used only for selfish ends is no education at all. Education should be used for promoting the welfare of others. Ravana sought only his own pleasure. Rama dedicated His life for the welfare of all.We are doubtless on our best behaviour while we are here. We are not realising the magnitude of God's love for us. Engage ourselves in our duties with faith in God. It is inescapable destiny of every one to fulfill himself. Every living being has to attain fullness in the end. Each one is at present at a particular stage of this march, as a result of the activities engaged in during previous lives and the feelings he entertained in the past. The future is being built at present by the activities engaged in now and the feelings that urge and shape them. That is to say, what we do, feel or think about, at present - these are the basic reasons for the good fortune or bad fortune which is in store.

Laughed Today, Censored Tomorrow: The Joke That Shook India



Amatul Arshal Noyel

In today's digital age, can a single joke spark national outrage, legal battles and political maneuvering? The controversy surrounding Samay Raina's show, India's Got Latent, has reignited a nationwide debate on free speech, censorship and political opportunism. Unlike traditional talent shows, this one thrives on dark humor, with celebrity judges using sharp wit and sarcasm. Inspired by the American show Kill Tony, it streams on YouTube with both free and exclusive content. However, a recent episode sparked outrage after Ranveer Allahbadia made an offhand remark that many found offensive, leading to legal action and heightened political discourse.On February 8th, a members-only episode featuring influencers like Ashish Chanchalani, Jaspreet Singh, Apoorva Mukhija and Ranveer Allahbadia became the center of controversy. Ranveer made an offhand remark that initially went unnoticed, but when a specific clip went viral, backlash erupted. Public figures, including journalist and lyricist Nilesh Mishra, condemned the show, escalating the issue politically.Maharashtra's Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, defended free speech but stressed its limits, while Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi pledged to raise the matter in Parliament. As public pressure mounted, Ranveer issued an apology, yet the controversy continued to snowball. That evening, Assam's Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, announced legal action on X, stating that an FIR was being filed against Ranveer and others for promoting obscenity. The central government swiftly invoked Section 69A of the IT Act 2008 to remove the video. Mumbai's cyber police then ordered the deletion of all episodes and summoned all 30 guests. The situation escalated further when Mumbai police arrived at Ranveer's residence on February 11th.This controversy has reignited the debate over freedom of expression. Some argue that defending free speech equates to endorsing Ranveer's joke, yet true freedom of expression protects even speech that may be offensive. However, free speech has limits—it must not incite violence, spread hatred or threaten security. A poorly received joke, while distasteful, does not warrant criminal prosecution. Morality is subjective, shaped by cultural and personal beliefs, whereas the law should be objective and consistently applied. While public outrage is understandable, legal punishment for a joke sets a dangerous precedent.The Indian Constitution, under Article 19(1) (a), guarantees freedom of speech with reasonable restrictions, including those related to sovereignty, public order and morality. However, Ranveer's remark, though controversial, did not incite violence or disrupt public order. This selective outrage raises a critical question: should personal offense dictate legal consequences? If the law were applied consistently, numerous other forms of content would face similar scrutiny, exposing a troubling double standard.But this controversy isn't just about free speech—it's also about political strategy. Why did Assam's Chief Minister take such an active role? Indian politicians understand that visibility is key to success. In a fast-moving media landscape, controversies provide an opportunity to capture public attention, making them a powerful political tool.While politicians capitalize on the moment, the real issue lies in misplaced priorities. In a nation struggling with poverty, economic disparity and pressing social challenges, law enforcement resources are being diverted to investigate a YouTube video. Noam Chomsky's propaganda model explains how selective outrage shapes public discourse while overshadowing more pressing national concerns. The uproar over India's Got Latent is not just about a joke—it reflects how media and politics manipulate narratives for ideological and strategic gains.At its core, this controversy isn't about a joke—it's about who controls the narrative and to what end. The intersection of law, politics and media has transformed a debate over humor into a broader struggle over selective enforcement and the limits of free speech. As the dust settles, one question remains—how much of this outrage is real and how much is political theater? In the battle between individual liberties and political interests, the true stakes lie in a society's ability to discern the difference.

Arya Samaj workers' organizational meeting held

SUBARNAPUR (correspondent): An organizational meeting of the workers of the Balangir division, comprising the three districts of Boudh, Subarnapur, and Balangir under the Western Odisha Arya Samaj, was held today at the Sonepur Dayanand Play School, Patabhadi. Hundreds of active members of the Arya Samaj participated in it and expressed their opinion to celebrate the 150th foundation year of the Arya Samaj with great pomp. The meeting was presided over by Pandit Bruhaspati Shastri,



Acharya of Naba Parvata Ashram, Padmapur, President of the Western Odisha Arya Samaj, Raj Kumar Barad coordinated the meeting. Pandit Dinamaani Barik conducted the meeting and Jagya. Shiva Prasad Patra managed the responsibility and tried to make the meeting organized and successful. Discussions were held regarding the meetings of Bargarh, Sambalpur, and Sundargarh divisions in the coming days. Many eminent personalities like former secretary Ananda Kumar Shastri, Purnananda Shastri, of Utkal Arya Samaj, Pandit Niranjan Sahu and others were present in the meeting and guided the way. The Arya Samaj is always vigilant against religious conversion, international movements, superstition, and hereditary casteism, so the general public called on the leadership present to cooperate fully in this social revolution or movement of the Arya Samaj. Acharya Bedaprakash was the speaker. The program was concluded after the Shanti recitation. Finally, with the blessings of God, the Anna Jagya was observed.

Brahman samaj organised collective thread ceremony

Dharamgarh Correspondent: The Subdivisional Brahman Samaj, Dharamgarh, organized a grand thread ceremony at Hotel Royal Palace, Dharamgarh. The event was marked by great festivity, where 22 Brahmin youths underwent the sacred thread ceremony (Upanayanam), guided by 18 Brahmin priests.Pandit Sarat Purohit presided over the event as Brahma, the Chief Pandit.Distinguished guests included Khariar MLAAdhiraj Panigrahi, former MP of undivided Kalahandi district



Basanta Kumar Panda, Junagarh MLA Divya Shankar Mishra, former MLA Mr. Basant Das, Journalist Satya Narayan Mahapatra,president thread commeettee Advocate Tushar Ranjan Patta joshi chairman Dharamgarh Block Mamita Pattjoshi,samaj secretary Hemanta Kumar panda Parshuram sena chief Prasanna Kumar Agasti and Biswa Ranjan Patra ,Sr.citizon Sunil Kumar Patra and several prominent Brahmin personalities.All the leaders and Brahmin dignitaries pledged to work towards establishing a progressive and unified Brahmin society.

Two Class VI Students Meet Watery Grave In Kendrapara

Bhubaneswar: Two minor boys drowned in a pond at Bandhakuda village under Mahakalapada block In Kendrapara district.The victims, identified as Durga Prasad Mahapatra and Dipanshu Mahapatra, both Class VI students, had gone to play after tuition classes on Tuesday evening.When they failed to return home, their family members and villagers launched a search operation. The bodies of the two boys were later found floating in the pond.

Biju jayanti celebration in Kantabanji constituency

Kantabanji , correspondence : Biju Jayanti was celebrated at Sarai of kantabanji which include kantabanji nac and turekela . First garland was placed in biju Babu pic and after that a rally started from Sarai which went through ambedkar chowk. Garland



placed in ambedkar statue and than the rally reached chc kantabanji . Garland was placed to biju Babu statue and fruits distributed to the patients at chc kantabanji. In this meeting ayub khan, bijay bansal,manoj sahoo, surjya bansi surya, ani nayar, khusi ram nayak, Abdul sajju, parma Hati , all leader and members of bjd kantabanji nac and turekela block were present. 2nd meeting held at borobahal bagicha of Bangomunda block. muribahal block bjd members ayub khan, parma Hati,sanyasi putel, radheshyam ketki, bhakta bandhu behera, purna behera, karna meher, nirmal Jani, manoranjan bhoi, mukesh, taichan gahir, manoj chandi,manoj sahoo and many more bjd leaders were present.

The minister urges completion of mega drinking water project by 3rd April

Malkangiri correspondent:- Panchayatraj Minister Mr Ravi Naik has sanctioned the right company working on the project to complete the Venkatapalam mega drinking water project in Kalimela block of Malkangiri district by April 3. The minister assured that the government will not hesitate to take action if the work is not completed within the stipulated time. Minister Shri Nayak Kalimela today After returning from worshiping Lada Thakur in Manmakonda of the block, he visited the mega drinking water



project being constructed near Venkatapalam. Although the project work was completed within the stipulated time, the project work could not be completed. The Minister emphasized that people should not be deprived of drinking water when there is going to be a strong monsoon. He directed the officials of the department to provide clean drinking water to the people after the completion of the project within the next one month But when people will get water due to this project is in the coming days. Because even now the roads are being dug and pipes are being laid in villages. It is worth noting that in the financial year 2017-18, a company named JMC Pvt. Ltd. was located on the banks of the river Venkatapalm at a cost of Rs. 37 crores. The project has been taken up on a temporary basis, but even after 7 years, the project has not been completed, and doubts have arisen as to how the project will be completed in just one month. When this mega drinking water project with a capacity of 4.5 SLD per day is completed, 5865 families of 5 panchayats of Kalimela block can be supplied with clean drinking water during this visit of the minister.

Retired Govt employees celebrated Biju Birth anniversary



Malkangiri correspondent :Malkangiri District Retired Government Servants' Association , under the chairmanship of President Bala Raju Padhi, celebrated the birth anniversary of "Odia son Biju Patnaik". On this occasion, Chief Guest Shashank Kumar Mishra, Speaker Prakash Chandra Patnaik, Guest of Honour, Vice President Rabinarayan panigarahi, Secretary Ashok Samal, Rabindra Kumar Maharana Biju Patnaik offered incense, lamp and flower garlands. Then highlighted the biography of Biju Babu. Among others, Jagannath Tiadi, Surendra Kumar Mallik, Jaydev Raul, Dhabaleswar Rao, Ladu Kishore Panda, Surendra Panda, Shiv Prasad Patra, Balakrishna Padhi, Purna chandra Sahu, Nava Kumar Sahu were prominently present.

Block-level Bhima Bhoi Disability Empowerment Camp

Malkangiri(correspondent): Malkangiri District Mathli Block Level Bhima bhoi Disability Empowerment Camp Held Under the leadership of Malkangiri BDO Tapan Kumar senapati in charge of Mathil Block, Chitrakonda MLA Mangu Khol attended as the Chief Guest while Mathli Block Vice chairman Devaki Dallei attended as the keynote speaker. The honorable guests were Sasmita Majhi of District Council Zone-3, Smrita Ranjan, Chaulamendi Sarpanch Jalandhar Naik, District Social Security Officer. Convener Nirmal Dharua, Sub-District Social Security Officer Sasmita Swain, Mathili Sarpanch Kaname Raju Naik, Samiti Member Bal Raju Cope, Additional Group Development Convener Saroj Kumar Pradhan, Mars Extension Officer Shiv Shankar Sahu were present. Disabled persons from all 20 panchayats of Mathili block were examined by experienced doctors. Assistive devices were distributed to the handicape by the guests. Social Security Officer Sanjay Kumar Samal informed that about 700 disabled person have been given certificates. BRC Phillip Kumar Dakua of Swachh Bharat Mission of Block conducted the stage and all the Anganwadis and asha of the block helped to bring Disabled person from their area. All the staff of the block cooperated.

Minister Khuntia mulled to quench the thirsty for this summer season

Bhawanipatna Correspondent): The Minister of Forest, Environment & Climate Change and Labour & Employees State Insurance Ganesha Ram Singh Khuntia has reviewed the progress of various development works of Kalahandi on Tuesday at ZillaParishad Confrence Hall in his two days visit to this district. Amid the allocation of funds in March budget the minister in his review meeting has issued the direction to all BDO to ensure the arrangement of drinking water facilities in rural pockets for upcoming summer season as well as remain vigil, no any



lapse on selection actual benecearies of any government schemes, he further emphasized. The BJP bestowing its honesty and accountability to tenants that "their focused has on maximum outputs". And as efforts the leaders including the parliamentarian of KalahandiMalabika Devi, Dharamgarh Assembly segment MLA SudhirRanjanPattajoshi clearly discernible that they gave a pinch to achieve the target. As a result in this review meeting they have been suggesting to expedite the progress the allmost all works including to education, health, old age pension to status of Anganwadi Centres. Further Minister Sri Khuntia reiterated to achieve the target.

Subhadra Procession is held at Sonepur

SUBARNAPUR Correspondent)--Subhadra Awareness Procession was held on the occasion of International Women's Week on the five day on Wednesday by the Sonepur Integrated Child Development Project of Subarnapur district. On this occasion, a Subhadra Awareness Procession was held from the Sub Collector's office to the block office today. The program was organized under the leadership of Sonepur CDPO Smt. Sagarika Swain.



Sonepur BDO Shri Sanjeeb Kumar Sahu attended the event as the guest of honor and flagged it off by showing the green flag. Today's Procession was organized with the aim of making women self-reliant, empowered and literate, free from domestic violence and child marriage and joining the Subhadra Yojana to make Odisha prosperous. "Join Subhadra - Take the lead in Odisha's prosperity "Women gave slogans like this. Anganwadi workers, helpers, self-help group women, Subhadra beneficiaries, women volunteers and intellectuals participated

2 Inter-State Robbery Kingpins Arrested

Bhubaneswar Correspondent):: The Commissionerate Police arrested two inter-state robbers on Tuesday in connection with the ATM robbery that occurred on January 24 at Sriram Nagar under Lingaraj Police Station in Bhubaneswar.The arrested persons have been identified as Abdul Haq alias Rustam (36), who was apprehended in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh and Sheikh Mijanur Rehman Mulla alias Raju (45), who was arrested in West Bengal.

One Killed, Four Injured In Group Clash Over Witchcraft Practice Allegations In Balangir

Bhubaneswar Correspondent): One person died and four others sustained critical injuries after a group clash broke out between two families at Athagaon within the jurisdiction of the Tusura police station in Balangir district.The clash, which occurred late Friday night, was reportedly sparked by suspicion of witchcraft practice. According to sources, a long-standing feud between two families in the village boiled over into violence, which claimed the life of 40-year-old Sushant Bag. Family members of one group allegedly stoned him to death and severed his head from his body.Four others, believed to be from the same group, sustained severe injuries in the altercation and were rushed to a nearby hospital.pon being informed, Tusara police rushed to the spot and restored law and order in the village. Police also launched an investigation in this regard.

BJD Pays Tribute To Biju Patnaik On His 109th Birth Anniversary at Paradip

Paradip Correspondent):- Paradip BJD unit celebrated 109th birth anniversary at here in Paradip on Wednesday. In the morning garlands were offered to the statue of late Biju Babu at Atharbanki square and later a meomorial meeting was held under the leadership of Basant Biswal, president, BJD and chairman of Paradip Municipality. On the occasion former MP Dr. Kulamani Samal was present as the chief guest and highlighted the greatness and contribution of Biju Babu.Paying homage to Bijayananda Patnaik, the former Chief Minister of Odisha, fondly remembered as Biju Babu, on his 109th birth anniversary. Recognizing his legacy, the BJD president cum municipal chairperson Shri Biswal lauded Biju Patnaik's contributions to Odisha's development and his unwavering commitment



to democracy. Acknowledging Patnaik's pivotal role in shaping the state's progress. "Humble tributes to the former Chief Minister of Odisha, the legendary Biju Patnaik, on his birth anniversary. His efforts in empowering people and shaping the state's development remain an inspiration. He will always be remembered as a great politician, freedom fighter, and nationalist leader," added Shri Biswal.Among others various local leaders, municipal councilors and party activists were present and spoke on Biju Patnaik visionary whose policies transformed Odisha. "From increasing the number of districts from 13 to 30 for better administration to formulating the state's industrial policy and developing Paradip Port, his contributions are immense.



Sonakshi Sinha To Make Telugu Debut in Supernatural Fantasy Thriller 'Jatadhara'!

Sonakshi Sinha, who has carved a niche for herself in Bollywood with her diverse roles, is now gearing up to step into Telugu cinema.If reports are to be believed, the actress has been roped in as the leading lady in Jatadhara, a supernatural fantasy thriller directed by Venkat Kalyan.While an official confirmation is awaited, the buzz suggests that Sonakshi will be seen in a never-seen-before avatar, sharing screen space with Sudheer Babu. Adding fuel to the speculation, sources claim that she is set to begin shooting for the film on March 8.The film has already created a stir following its grand muhurat in Hyderabad. With Jatadhara reportedly blending mythology, supernatural elements, and an intriguing narrative, the anticipation among fans is soaring.Sonakshi was last seen in the horror-comedy Kakuda and Sanjay Leela Bhansali's highly anticipated period drama series Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar. If these reports hold true, her Telugu debut will mark another exciting chapter in her career—one that not only expands her repertoire but also transcends language barriers.With the excitement around the Jatadhara building up, fans are eagerly waiting for an official announcement. Will Sonakshi make a powerful debut in Telugu cinema? Only time will tell!

No More Slicing And Juicing! Lemon Powder Is The Game Changer You Need

Lemons are among the most widely used ingredients in the kitchen. Whether it's a dish, a beverage, or even a dessert, they serve multiple purposes. However, using them can often create a mess. Before we realise it, our hands get sticky and sometimes even start itching due to the acidity. But what if we told you there's an easier way? Thanks to a unique lemon powder recipe we recently came across on Instagram, you can now enjoy all the benefits of lemons without the hassle



What Is Lemon Powder Used For?

Lemon powder can be added to any recipe that calls for lemon juice, extract, or zest. Whether you're cooking or baking, this powder serves as a convenient substitute - offering all the flavour without the effort.Is Lemon Powder Just As Flavourful As Lemon Juice?Absolutely! Lemon powder delivers the same tangy taste you get from fresh lemon juice. Plus, there's no need to slice or squeeze lemons, making it a win-win!

How To Store Lemon Powder At Home

Store lemon powder in an airtight container to protect it from air and moisture. Keep the container in a cool, dark place, away from sunlight. This way, your lemon powder stays fresh for up to 3 to 4 months.

How To Make Lemon Powder

Lemon Powder RecipeWash the lemons thoroughly and pat them dry.Slice them into thin pieces and place them in direct sunlight to dry until they become crisp.Once dried, break them into smaller pieces and blend them in a food processor until smooth.Sieve the powder to remove any leftover peels.And that's it - your homemade lemon powder is ready!

5 Anti-Ageing Vegetarian Foods You Need For Healthier Skin



Is your skin feeling rough, dry, or showing signs of ageing? Instead of relying solely on skincare products, paying attention to your diet can make a difference. Research suggests that plant-based foods are packed with nutrients that support skin health. These foods are rich in bioactive compounds such as vitamin C, vitamin E, beta carotene, polyphenols, and phenolic acids. These nutrients help combat oxidative stress, reduce inflammation, and promote skin structure and hydration.

5 Best Plant-Based Foods For Youthful Skin:

1. OrangesOranges are an excellent source of vitamin C, which plays a key role in collagen synthesis and skin repair. Blood oranges, a variety with deep red flesh, are particularly beneficial. A study found that adults aged 20 to 27 who consumed 600 mL of blood orange juice daily for 21 days experienced reduced DNA damage and increased levels of vitamin C and carotenoids.

2. Tomatoes

Tomatoes contain lycopene, a powerful antioxidant that protects the skin from damage. A study involving women aged 21 to 74 found that consuming 55 g of tomato paste (containing 16 mg of lycopene) along with olive oil daily for 12 weeks significantly increased the skin's resistance to erythema (redness caused by UV exposure) compared to those who only consumed olive oil. This suggests that tomatoes may help defend the skin against environmental stressors, including sun exposure and pollution.

3. AlmondsAlmonds are rich in monounsaturated fats (MUFA), vitamin E, and polyphenols, all of which contribute to skin protection. A study found that postmenopausal women aged 55 to 80 who consumed almonds providing 20% of their total daily calorie intake for 16 weeks showed a significant reduction in overall wrinkle severity and width compared to those who ate nut-free snacks.

4. SoybeansSoybeans contain compounds known as isoflavones, which have a structure similar to estrogen and can interact with estrogen receptors. As estrogen levels decline during menopause, the skin becomes more prone to dryness, wrinkling, and poor wound healing. Studies have linked soybean consumption with improved skin elasticity, increased hydration, and a reduction in fine lines.

5. Cocoa

Cocoa is packed with flavanols, which support skin health by improving blood circulation and reducing oxidative stress. A study conducted on Korean women aged 43 to 86 found that consuming a cocoa beverage containing 320 mg of flavanols daily for 24 weeks significantly enhanced skin elasticity and reduced wrinkles and roughness.

Including these nutrient-dense, plant-based foods in your diet can help improve skin hydration, elasticity, and overall appearance. Their rich antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties make them excellent choices for promoting healthy and youthful skin.





Sliced Garlic Chicken Recipe



Ingredients

Chicken5 ml oil5 gm diced dry red chilli20 gm peeled garlic chop10 gm unsalted butter15 gm oyster sauce5 gm chicken aromat powder10 ml chinese cooking wine10 ml water20 gm onion slices5 gm chopped spring onions10 gm shredded red capsicum200 gm sliced boneless chicken breast1/2 egg40 gm corn flour3 gm salt5 ml light soya1 gm white pepper powder

How to Make Sliced Garlic Chicken

1.Start by cutting the chicken breast into slices. In a bowl, marinate the chicken slices with half an egg, salt, water, and corn flour.2.Heat 200 ml of oil for deep frying. Once hot, fry the marinated chicken slices on medium-high heat for 2 minutes.3.Heat oil in a pan over high flame. Add dry red chilli and garlic, then fry for about a minute.4.Add butter, oyster sauce, 10 ml of water, chicken aromat powder, Chinese wine, and light soy sauce.5.Add the fried chicken, onions, capsicum, spring onions, and onion slices. Toss for 2 minutes.6.Garnish with chopped spring onions and enjoy!

ICC ODI Rankings: Shubman Retains Top Spot, Virat Climbs to Fourth, Surpasses Rohit



NEWDELHI: In the latest ICC ODI rankings, Virat Kohli has surged to fourth place among batters, surpassing Indian skipper Rohit Sharma, who has slipped to fifth. Kohli's impressive 84-run performance against Australia in the Champions Trophy 2025 semifinal played a significant role in this leap. Meanwhile, Shubman Gill continues to reign at the top spot.Australia's captain, Steven Smith, announced his retirement from ODIs after the semifinal loss to India. Smith's remarkable performance in the tournament has propelled him six spots to 16th in the batter rankings.Afghanistan's Azmatullah Omarzai has emerged as the top-ranked all-rounder, replacing his compatriot Mohammad Nabi. Omarzai's stellar performance, including a maiden five-wicket haul against England and a fifty against Australia, has catapulted him to the top of the all-rounder rankings.India's Axar Patel has also made a significant leap, moving up 17 spots to 13th in the all-rounder rankings, reaching a career-high rating.New Zealand's Matt Henry, following his superb tournament, has climbed three spots to third in the bowling rankings. He now trails behind Sri Lanka's Maheesh Theekshana and South Africa's Keshav Maharaj, who occupy the first and second spots, respectively.Indian seamer Mohammed Shami has ascended three spots to 11th, thanks to his remarkable performance in the Champions Trophy. Additionally, South Africa's Marco Jansen and England's Jofra Archer have made notable gains in the bowler rankings.These updates highlight the dynamic shifts in the cricketing world, with players making significant strides based on their recent performances in the Champions Trophy 2025.

Afghanistan's Azmatullah Omarzai Claims Top Spot in ICC All-Rounder Rankings

NEWDELHI: In a meteoric rise that has captured the attention of cricket enthusiasts worldwide, Afghanistan's Azmatullah Omarzai has clinched the top spot in the ICC all-rounder rankings following a phenomenal ICC Champions Trophy 2025 campaign.The 24-year-old all-rounder delivered a stellar performance throughout the tournament, showcasing his prowess with both bat and ball. Omarzai's standout moments included a five-wicket haul against England and a vital half-century against Australia, propelling him to the pinnacle of the rankings. His career-high 296 rating points reflect his consistent excellence. Omarzai's ascent dethroned his compatriot Mohammad Nabi, who now holds the second position. India's Axar Patel also made significant strides, jumping 17 spots to 13th place, buoyed by his own impressive all-rounder contributions.In the ODI batter rankings, Omarzai's batting heroics saw him climb 12 places to 24th. Afghanistan's Ibrahim Zadran also made waves, moving up to 10th place after a remarkable 177-run performance against England. Other notable movers include Australia's Steve Smith and New Zealand's Kane Williamson.The ODI bowler rankings witnessed a reshuffling as well, with New Zealand's Matt Henry moving up to third place. Sri Lanka's Maheesh Theekshana and South Africa's Keshav Maharaj retained the top two positions. India's Mohammed Shami, revitalized by his Champions Trophy form, climbed to 11th place, with England's Jofra Archer also making significant gains.India's Shubman Gill continued to hold the top spot in the ODI batter rankings, with his compatriot Virat Kohli moving up to fourth place following his semi-final heroics against Australia.

FIFA Announces First-Ever Half-Time Show For 2026 World Cup Final

Dallas (USA): FIFA President Gianni Infantino has announced that the FIFA World Cup 2026 will see the first-ever halftime show take place at the Metlife Stadium during the final of the tournament. The decision to add the half-time show, alongside separate events at Times Square during the final weekend of the tournament, was announced at the FIFA Commercial & Media Partners Convention in Dallas on Wednesday."It was my pleasure to speak with friends and colleagues attending the FIFA World Cup 26: FIFA Commercial & Media Partners Convention in Dallas, where we discussed some very exciting plans for the biggest-ever FIFA World Cup in 2026."I can confirm the first-ever half-time show at a FIFA World Cup final in New York, New Jersey, in association with Global Citizen. This will be a historic moment for the FIFA World Cup and a show befitting the biggest sporting event in the world. We also spoke about how FIFA will take over Times Square for the final weekend of the FIFA World Cup in 2026, during both the bronze match and final", read the post on Instagram.With the tournament scheduled to take place in the United States, Canada and Mexico, the football governing body has decided to follow in the footsteps of the National Football League (NFL) with a show similar to the Super Bowl halftime show, which is one of the major attractions of the final. American rapper Kendrick Lamar performed at the Super Bowl LIX on February 10.Infantino went on to reveal that the governing body will be consulting with Chris Martin and Phil Harvey, members of the popular English band Coldplay for the show, and the events at Times Square."These will be two incredible matches, featuring some of the best players in the world, and what better way to celebrate them than in the historic Times Square in New York City?"My thanks, of course, to Global Citizen CEO Hugh Evans and his incredible team, for helping us put together these amazing shows. I also want to thank Chris Martin and Phil Harvey of Coldplay, who will be working with us at FIFA to finalise the list of artists who will perform during the halftime show, as well as at Times Square," he added.

Rachin Ravindra creates world record with century vs South Africa



NEWDELHI: New Zealand batter Rachin Ravindra and his stellar performances in ICC ODI events continue as he raised his fifth century in the format during the all-important semi-final clash against South Africa in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.He scored his second century in the tournament, helping the Kiwis get on track for a mammoth first-innings score. His innings came to an end after scoring 108 off 101, with Kagiso Rabada dismissing the southpaw in the 34th over. He scored 13 boundaries and the one maximum during his innings. The batter was looking to accelerate but managed to get deceived by the slower delivery, which nicked the bat and carried to the keeper.Ravindra has now surpassed the former India cricketer Shikhar Dhawan to hold the record for the least innings taken to score five centuries in ICC ODI tournaments like the Champions Trophy and the World Cup. Along with the two tons he scored in the ongoing tournament, he has also scored three centuries in the 2023 ODI World Cup, where New Zealand were eliminated in the semi-final stages.Dhawan held the record, having reached five centuries in ICC ODI tournaments in 15 innings, but Ravindra has bettered that by doing it in just 13 innings. After making his debut in the format against Sri Lanka in March 2023. He went on to make a mark in his ICC tournament debut by scoring an unbeaten 123 against England in Ahmedabad. He also scored 116 against Australia in the ODI World Cup, followed by 108 against Pakistan in Bengaluru.

Lebron James Becomes First Player To Score 50,000 Career Points In NBA History

Los Angeles: The three-time Olympic gold medallist LeBron James has become the first NBA player in history to score 50,000 career points.The 40-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star reached the milestone after scoring a three-pointer during the NBA regular season game at home against the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday.James needed just one point heading into the Lakers' matchup against the New Orleans Pelicans at Crypto.com Arena. He drilled a three-pointer from the left wing off a Luka Doncic feed with 8:34 remaining in the first quarter. He went on to put up 34 points, eight rebounds, and six assists, leading the Lakers to a convincing 136-115 victory over the Pelicans.
The American's combined scoring total now includes 41,871 regular-season points and 8,162 postseason points. He is also a first player in NBA history to play both as a teenager and past the age of 40.Last month, James became the first player in the history of the NBA to have multiple 40 plus points in a game at age 40 or higher. The legendary Michael Jordan is the only other 40-year-old to have produced a 40 plus point performance.In December last year, James, a man whose longevity will be talked about for years to come, surpassed six-time NBA MVP Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the most minutes played in league history during Los Angeles Lakers' win over Sacramento Kings.He was already the league's top scorer after surpassing Abdul-Jabbar's regular-season scoring record on February 7, 2023, and broke Michael Jordan's playoff scoring record on May 25, 2017.
James also holds the NBA records for career field-goal attempts and turnovers while ranking fourth in assists, sixth in steals.

Mansukh Mandaviya Announces Khelo India Para Games 2025



NEWDELHI: Several international para-athletes will be seen in action at the upcoming Khelo India Para Games scheduled to be held in New Delhi from March 20-27, said Union Minister of youth Affairs & Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya. This will be the second edition of the Khelo India Para Games. The first edition was also held in Delhi in December 2023. Around 1230 para athletes will compete in six disciplines in the upcoming KIPG 2025, many of them medallists from 2024 Paris Paralympics and the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China.Competitions in KIPG 2025 will be held in para archery, para athletics, para badminton, para powerlifting, para shooting and para table tennis. In the first edition, football (cerebral palsy) was also played.The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium will host the para athletics, para archery, para powerlifting disciplines from 21st to 26th March, while IG Stadium complex will stage the para badminton and para table tennis events from 20th to 27th March. Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range will host the para shooting events from 21st to 25th March.Prominent among them will be gold medal winners Harvinder Singh (archery), Dharambir (club throw) and Praveen Kumar (high jump). India finished with a record 29 medals at Paris 2024. Seven of those medals were golds. Twenty-five Khelo India athletes were part of the 84-member Indian contingent at Paris Paralympics. Five of them returned with medals from Paris.Para sport is a priority area for the government of India. No less than 52 para athletes are in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme core group for the 2028 LA Olympics cycle. "The phenomenal rise of our para athletes is a huge inspiration to sportspersons at large. This 'can do' attitude is really motivating and I am sure we will see some great performances at the upcoming Khelo India Para Games," Dr Mandaviya. In 2025, the Khelo India Para Games will be the second national event conducted by the Sports Authority of India after the Khelo India Winter Games, the first part of which was held in Ladakh in January and the concluding portion scheduled in Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir from March 9-12.

Entertainers Cricket League To Stream Live On Waves OTT

New Delhi: The Entertainers Cricket League (ECL) after a phenomenal debut season, is set to return with its second edition, which will be broadcast live on Prasar Bharati's Waves OTT platform.It will be starting from March 5 and running until March 16. The influencer-driven cricket event promises to be more competitive, with 150 top digital influencers taking center stage.The tournament will kick off with a grand opening ceremony at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Delhi.

Raksha Khadse Graces Australia India Sports Excellence Forum in Gujarat

NEWDELHI: Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Smt. Raksha Khadse inaugurated the Australia–India Sports Excellence Forum at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on Wednesday.The two-day forum is a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at strengthening sports cooperation between the two nations.Also present were HE Philip Green OAM, Australian High Commissioner to India, Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Minister of Sports, Youth Service and Cultural Activities, Gujarat and other dignitaries. Present in the morning session were Australian elite sports decision-makers, Indian and Australian sporting institutions, higher education providers, and industry stakeholders. The main aim of the forum is to explore opportunities for collaboration in Olympic and Paralympic bids, talent development, sports science, and event management.The Union Minister emphasized the growing partnership between India and Australia in sports beyond cricket and hockey, highlighting talent development, private sector engagement, sports science, and trade in sporting industries as key areas of cooperation. "A passion for sports is a common thread that connects India and Australia. Through this historic forum, we are expanding this partnership beyond cricket and hockey into elite athlete development, sports infrastructure, and investment in sporting industries.

Tata Motors Drives India's Green Future with Country's First Hydrogen Truck Trials



NEWDELHI: In a landmark development towards India's vision of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070, Tata Motors, the country's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, has launched the first-ever trials of hydrogen-powered heavy-duty trucks. This historic trial, which marks a significant step towards sustainable long distance cargo transportation, was flagged off by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy. The ceremony also saw the participation of Mr. Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors, among other distinguished delegates from the Government of India and the two companies.Through this pioneering initiative, Tata Motors underscores its commitment to leading the charge in sustainable mobility solutions, aligning with India's broader green energy goals. It was awarded the tender for this trial, which is funded by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under the National Green Hydrogen Mission. It marks a significant step forward in assessing the real-world commercial viability of using hydrogen powered vehicles for long distance haulage as well as setting-up the requisite enabling infrastructure for their seamless operation.

AM/NS India observes 36th National Road Safety month



Paradeep, (correspondent):: With an aim to spread awareness on the importance of road safety, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India has observed the 36th National Road Safety Month 2025 at its operational and project sites in Odisha. Keeping in line with the theme of the campaign "Drive Safe, Arrive Safe", various activities were conducted for employees and workers in Paradeep Pellet plant and Dabuna Beneficiation Plant, including a road rally followed by a mass meeting on road safety, quiz competition, song competition, slogan and poster competition, story writing competition and creative video competition. As part of the safety outreach program, awareness sessions were conducted in nearby communities and various competitions such as quiz competition, slogan and poster competition were conducted for students of Saraswati Vidya Mandir in Paradeep, etc.In the valedictory ceremony, Shri Suresha G, Executive Director, Odisha Operations, AM/NS India and Shri Nageswar Rao, Chief Safety Officer, AM/NS India addressed the gathering of employees and workers and awarded the winners of the various competitions held during the month-long campaign. The ceremony also witnessed insightful discussions and on-stage performances by employees on road safety. Across Odisha project sites a similar campaign was conducted to observe National Road Safety Week during January 11-17, 2025, in line with the theme "Promoting safer roads for all". The campaign was organised in Pradeep Projects, Sagasahi Projects at Koida, Sankari and Keonjhar Project sites, where employees, including contract employees, participated in the programme. As part of the event, numerous activities were organised such as vehicle fitness inspection camp, road safety quiz for workers and employees, defensive driving training for transport drivers, road safety rally and distribution of road safety leaflets to vehicle drivers. A valedictory ceremony was also conducted at the project site where the best safety performers among employees and workers were awarded in the presence of Shri Arun Kumar Rath, Head, ISP Paradeep Projects and Enabling, Odisha, AM/NS India, and other senior leaders.With dedicated efforts and spirited participation, AM/NS India reaffirmed its commitment to creating a culture of road safety and responsible driving across its operational sites and beyond.

Lineman Diwas 2025: Tata Power Discoms' Linemen recognized by Central Electricity Authority



BHUBANESWAR:(correspondent) Tata Power Odisha and Delhi Discoms achieved a significant national recognition as linemen from these utilities were felicitated by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on Lineman Diwas 2025 in New Delhi.The company operates distribution companies in Odisha, Delhi, Mumbai, and Ajmer, serving 12.5 million consumers through its Discoms, delivering reliable and affordable electricity to both urban and rural communities across these regions. special recognition segment honoured four high-performing Discoms and five Best Linemen. Among the awardees were Ladu Kishore Pradhan from TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd. and Jai Hind from Tata Power-DDL for their exemplary contributions to power distribution and service reliability.More than 160 linemen and linewomen from over 45 state and private power distribution, generation, and transmission companies across India participated in the event, including representatives from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal.Established in 2021, Lineman Diwas acknowledges the unwavering commitment of frontline workers who maintain India's power infrastructure. This year's event, graced by Shri Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson and Ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, highlighted the dedication of these professionals, who work in extreme weather conditions to ensure uninterrupted electricity for millions of consumers.The recent Cyclone Dana in Odisha caused widespread disruptions in power network. Linemen from Tata Power-led Odisha Discoms rose to the occasion and played a pivotal role in swiftly restoring power to hospitals, schools, banks, and essential services, often working under hazardous conditions.

CSR ACTIVITY BY SBI BHUBANESWAR CIRCLE



BHUBANESWAR,(correspondent): Shri Ashwini Kumar Tewari, Managing Director (CB & S) Corporate Centre has inaugurated the renovated premises of PBB Bapujinagar branch on 4th March 2025. On this occasion, Shri Tewari has donated one School Van to Nayagarh Kala Parisad for the benefit of SC, ST and drop -out children from class I to Class 10th. Besides, A Water Purifier cum Cooler has been donated to the NGO Sakhaa, Telengapentha for the benefit of destitute persons. Likewise, Refrigerator and Crockery items were donated to destitute shelter home namely Ashraya managed by the NGO Odisha PatitaUdharSamiti. CGM Bhubaneswar Circle Shri Dinesh Pruthi, General Manager Shri Ponnambalam M, General Manager Shri Kaushal Kishor Singh and other senior officials of SBI were present on the occasion.

Vedanta AluminiumConducts State-Level Mock Drill on Chemical Disastersat its Jharsuguda Plant



Jharsuguda, (correspondent): Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium,conducted a large-scale mock drill on offsite emergency preparedness at its plant premises to assess and enhance safety measures related to hazardous chemicals. The exercise was part of a statewide initiative held simultaneously across 23 districts of Odisha, reinforcing Vedanta's commitment to industrial safety.The drill witnessed active participation from employees, security personnel, and local authorities, reinforcing a safety-first culture for industries in the vicinity. Emergency response teams efficiently executed evacuation protocols, containment measures, and first-aid support to mitigate the simulated hazard.The drill simulated a hazardous chemical emergency scenario, testing emergency response mechanisms, coordination among various agencies, and workforce preparedness. The initiative was conducted in collaboration with the district administration, Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), fire services, and other emergency response teams. Additionally, mutual aid partners from various industries actively participated, ensuring a comprehensive and coordinated approach to emergency management.

Utkal Sambadika Sangha State Executive Committee and Angul District Media Association Annual Festival



Angul:(Correspondent) :-The state executive committee meeting of the Angul district branch of the Utkal Sambadika Sangha was held in Angul. In this meeting, Parajang MLA Bibhuti Bhushan Pradhan, Pallahara MLA Ashok Mohanty, Angul MLA Pratap Chandra Pradhan attended as guests and expressed their support for the long-standing demand of enactment of the Media Protection Act, provision of pension and inclusion of parents and children above 25 years of age in the health insurance scheme, formation of a grant-in-aid committee and provision of comprehensive grant-in-aid at the district and state levels. The guests expressed their opinion that they will discuss this issue with Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Union Minister Sj. Dharmendra Pradhan and take appropriate steps towards fulfilling the demand. The function was chaired by Angul District Branch President Purnachandra Sahoo. Utkal Sambadika Sangha State President Bibhuti Bhushan Kar joined the event as the chief guest and called upon the media to prepare for a massive movement if the government does not take immediate steps to resolve the professional problems of the media. Sangh State General Secretary Benudhar Panda, Working President Purnachandra Nayak and Treasurer Rajen Choudhury were the guests of honor and discussed the solutions to the problems of the media. District General Secretary and State Vice President Dr. Rashmiranjan Mishra conducted the function, while Advisor Devi Mishra delivered the welcome speech and Advisor Sangram Ranjan Das proposed the vote of thanks. Earlier, a state executive meeting was held under the chairmanship of State President Shri Kar. More than two hundred delegates from different districts of the state attended the event and discussed the problems of the organizations and media. On this occasion, organizations and individuals were felicitated for their outstanding achievements in various fields. On the second day, journalists from different parts of the state visited tourist spots such as Satkoshia Gand in Tikarpada.

Coal Production From Captive, Commercial Mines Rises

New Delhi: The total coal production from captive and commercial mines in the country for the financial year 2024-25 has jumped by 32.53 per cent to 167.36 million tonnes

Stock Market Shrugs Off Tariff Fears; Sensex, Nifty End Over 1 Pc Higher

Mumbai: The Indian stock market made a strong recovery on Wednesday, with both the Sensex and Nifty closing over 1 per cent higher, as US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick hinted at possible relief on some tariffs for Mexico and Canada.This raised hopes that other tariffs might also be reconsidered, which helped cool off investors' sentiment.The 30-share Sensex surged 740.30 points, or 1.01 per cent, to settle at 73,730.23, after touching the day's high of 73,933.80 in the intra-day trading session.The Nifty also ended the day on a strong note at 22,337.30, up 254.65 points or 1.15 per cent, breaking its 10-day losing streak.Earlier, Nifty had traded between 22,394.90 and 22,067.80 during the session. The index had previously lost 877 points or 3.8 per cent over the last ten trading sessions.Analysts attributed the intra-day bull run to strong buying in auto, power, and tech stocks. "Technically, Nifty on a daily scale has formed a bullish belt hold candlestick pattern, suggesting strength," said Hrishikesh Yedve from Asit C. Mehta Investment Interrmediates Ltd.He added that till the index holds the support of 21,800, a short-term pullback towards 22,300-22,500 could be possible.Investor sentiment remained bullish as 46 out of 50 stocks in the Nifty index closed in the green.The biggest gainers included Adani Ports, Tata Steel, Adani Enterprises, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Power Grid Corporation, with gains of up to 5.15 per cent.

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