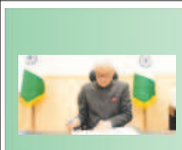
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Operation Sindoor Was Just Trailer, World Will See Full Picture When Time Comes: Rajnath Singh



New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday that Operation Sindoor was just a trailer and the Indian armed forces will show the full picture at the right time."Operation Sindoor isn't over. What the world saw was just a trailer, and the Indian armed forces will show the full picture when the right time comes," Defence Minister Singh told the air warriors and security forces at the IAF airbase in Gujarat's Bhuj.Lambasting Pakistan for nurturing terror factories on its soil, the Defence Minister said that the rogue nation was forced to realise the power of BrahMos missile."Just like the way, any habitual offender or a criminal with past antecedents is kept under watch, we have put Pakistan under probation. The ceasefire is not a cessation of action. If Pakistan doesn't mend its ways and engages in misadventures again, our forces will teach it a firm lesson. Again!" he said.Minister Singh's direct warning to Pakistan came while he visited the airbase along with Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and congratulated the forces for the successful execution of Operation Sindoor."There is an old saying in our country, 'Din mein taare dekhna'. Made in India BrahMos missile showed 'raat ke andhere mein din ka ujala' to Pakistan…," he roared, while forces shouted in support."Just 23 minutes were enough for the Indian Air Force to crush terrorism being nurtured in Pakistan. What you did during Operation Sindoor made us all proud," the Defence Minister told the warriors.He further vowed to uproot terror and punish their handlers anywhere in the world, while reiterating India's new security doctrine, which stresses on punitive measures rather than forgiveness for those who terrorise the nation.He further told the armed forces, "Through Operation 'Sindoor', you have shown the world that it is not a symbol of adornment but of your valour and firm resolve.

Odisha CM Launches Dubuna Mine On OMC's 70th Anniversary, Eyes Mixed Economy



BHUBANESWAR :(correspondent):Odisha, a state rich in mineral resources, holds a leading position in India, with over 41.9% of the country's total mineral reserves. For over 60 years, the Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) has been responsibly exploring and extracting mineral resources from nature's reserves. OMC has made significant contributions to enriching the state economically, said Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi while addressing the 70th Foundation Day of OMC as the chief guest.Speaking at the event organized at OUAT's Krushi Sikshya Sadan in Bhubaneswar, the Chief Minister highlighted that OMC began its journey in the 1960s with a turnover of just ?1 crore and has achieved a turnover of ?23,600 crore in the financial year 2024-25 through mineral production and sales. Today, OMC ranks among the top five mineral-producing companies in the country. It has established itself not only in Odisha but across India as an exemplary profit-making State PSU. OMC is a key driver of Odisha's development and plays a crucial role in the nation's economic growth.He further noted that Odisha is an agriculture-dominated state, but relying solely on agriculture will not lead to progress. There are numerous opportunities to bring change in this regard. The government's goal is to transform Odisha into a mixed economy. To achieve this, more focus must be placed on the manufacturing sector. The state has abundant raw materials needed for manufacturing. Previous governments failed to fully utilize Odisha's industrialization potential, but the current government has adopted a different approach, emphasizing value addition to minerals before sale. The government is committed to rapid industrialization through this strategy, he said.

Chad's Former PM Masra Arrested For 'Inciting Hatred'

Yaounde: Former Chadian Prime Minister Succes Masra was arrested on Friday in connection with a probe into allegations of inciting the public to hatred and hostility, according to the country's Attorney General, Oumar Mahamat Kedelaye."Following the violence of May 14, 2025, in Logone Occidental, investigations conducted by the judicial police revealed the alleged involvement of Mr Succes Masra… in particular through hateful messages circulated on social media calling on the population to arm themselves," Kedelaye told a briefing in the capital, N'Djamena.He was referring to clashes on Wednesday triggered by a land dispute between farmers and herders in Mandakao Village in Logone Occidental Province, which led to the death of about 40 people.

80 Killed In Israeli Airstrikes In Gaza, Cancer Hospital Knocked Out Of Service

Gaza: At least 80 Palestinians were killed and dozens of others wounded in Israeli airstrikes across Gaza, said Palestinian medical sources.
The Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis reported that 54 people, including women and children, were killed in strikes on the southern city, according to a press statement on Thursday.According to Gaza-based health authorities, the Gaza European Hospital, the only hospital providing medical follow-up care to cancer patients in the enclave, was out of service due to recent Israeli attacks, Xinhua news agency reported.The Israeli attacks "caused significant damage to infrastructure, such as sewage lines, damage to internal departments, and destruction of roads leading to the hospital," the authorities said in a press statement.Meanwhile, medical sources told Xinhua news agency that 26 others were killed in Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City and other areas in northern Gaza.The airstrikes came after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Tuesday that the Israeli military would enter Gaza "with full force" in the coming days to press forward with efforts to defeat Hamas.Israel resumed large-scale military operations in Gaza on March 18, ending a two-month ceasefire.Since then, 2,876 Palestinians have been killed and more than 7,800 injured, according to health officials in Gaza.The total Palestinian death toll since the war erupted on October 7, 2023, has reached 53,010, the officials said on Thursday.

Prez Murmu Confers 58th Jnanpith Award On Sanskrit Scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya



New Delhi,: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award on Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya and also praised his invaluable contributions in the field of literature and social service.President Murmu, conferring the award at the city's Vigyan Bhawan, also extended congratulations to Gulzar for the Jnanpith Award, who could not attend the Award ceremony. She wished for the good health of the noted lyricist and writer.Speaking about Jagadguru Rambhadracharya, President Murmu said that he has set an inspiring example of excellence. She praised his multi-faceted contributions and said that he has rendered extraordinary service to literature and society with his divine vision.She further said that the next generation can take inspiration from his glorious life and move ahead on the right path in literary creation, society-building as well as nation-building.President Murmu said that the literature unites and awakens society."From the social awakening of the 19th century to our freedom struggle in the 20th century, poets and writers have played a great role in connecting people. The song 'Vande Mataram' composed by Bankim Chandra Chatto padhyay has been awakening the children of Mother India for almost 150 years, and will always do so. From Valmiki, Vyas, and Kalidas to the works of eternal poets like Rabindranath Tagore, we feel the pulse of a living India. This pulse is the voice of Indianness," she said.
The President also praised the Bharatiya Jnanpith Trust for awarding outstanding litterateurs of various Indian languages, since 1965.

Joint Forces Eliminated 6 Terrorists In Last 48 Hours

Srinagar: A joint Press briefing was held here on Friday during which the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF's senior officers said that six terrorists were eliminated by the joint forces in the Valley during the last 48 hours.The joint Press briefing was addressed by IGP (Kashmir) V.K. Birdi Kumar, GoC Victor Force Major General Dhananjay Joshi and IG CRPF, Mitesh Jain.
IGP (Kashmir) Kumar said that 6 terrorists were neutralised in the Valley under two separate operations in Kelar, Shopian and Tral conducted by the Army in coordination with J&K Police and the CRPF."In the wake of heightened terror activities in Kashmir Valley, all the security forces deployed here reviewed their strategies. Following this review, there was an intensified focus on operations."On the basis of this intensified focus and coordination, we conducted two successful operations in the last 48 hours during which we had significant achievement."These two operations were conducted in Kelar in Shopian and Tral areas, which resulted in the neutralisation of a total of six terrorists."We are committed to finish the terror ecosystem in Kashmir Valley", IGP Kashmir said.

Ukraine, Russia Prepare For Peace Talks In Istanbul As Zelensky Meets Erdogan In Ankara



Istanbul,: Ukrainian and Russian delegations were expected to meet for peace talks, as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky prepared for a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara.Upon arriving in Ankara on Thursday, Zelensky told reporters that Ukraine's delegation included top-level representatives from the Foreign Ministry, Defence Ministry, military, and intelligence agencies, Xinhua news agency reported."We have a top-level delegation," he said, although he noted that the composition of the Russian delegation had not yet been officially communicated.Zelensky also emphasised that decisions on the next steps in the negotiation process would be made after his discussions with Erdogan."We need to understand what level of the Russian delegation (we're dealing with) and what mandate they have," he said.The talks followed a proposal from Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday to resume direct negotiations with Ukraine in Istanbul on May 15.Zelensky confirmed his participation and expressed hope of meeting with Putin, but the Russian leader has yet to show up.Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump, speaking in Doha, Qatar on Thursday, said he might attend the talks in Istanbul on Friday."If something (a development) happens and it's appropriate, I might go on Friday," he said.US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who was in Antalya for a NATO Foreign Ministers' meeting, said Trump supports any initiative that could bring about a just peace."There is no military solution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict," Rubio said."We want to see progress made in the coming days."Earlier on Thursday, Zelensky and Erdogan held a nearly three-hour closed-door meeting in the Turkish capital, ahead of the planned peace talks between Ukrainian and Russian delegates in Istanbul.Zelensky previously met Erdogan in Ankara in February, during which the two leaders reportedly discussed Turkey's potential participation in a peacekeeping force after a ceasefire.

Election Commissioner Vivek Joshi Reviews Preparations For Bihar Assembly Polls

Patna: Election Commissioner of India Vivek Joshi on Friday chaired a high-level meeting in Patna to review preparations for the upcoming Bihar Assembly polls, an official said.The meeting was attended by Chief Electoral Officer of Bihar, Vinod Singh Gunjiyal, State Police Nodal Officer Kundan Krishnan, District Magistrate and District Election Officer Patna Chandrashekhar Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police-Patna, Avkash Kumar, and other senior officials.During the meeting, detailed presentations were made on electoral preparedness, law and order measures, and polling infrastructure,



particularly for the Patna district.Dr. Joshi emphasised the importance of conducting free, fair, inclusive, and peaceful elections with maximum voter participation. During the meeting, officials presented the initiatives taken in the model code of conduct compliance, special summary revision of voter list, systematic voters' education and electoral participation, law and order situation, polling staff management, accessibility for PwD and senior citizens and grievance redressal mechanism.The Election Commissioner expressed concern over low youth voter registration.While the estimated number of youth aged 18-19 in Bihar is around 64 lakh, currently only 8,08,857 are registered.He directed officials to intensify efforts to increase youth registration.He also highlighted that Bihar's average voting percentage of 56.28 per cent in the last Lok Sabha elections was significantly below the national average of 66.10 per cent, and called for a micro-level strategy to boost voter turnout.The CEO of Bihar mentioned the number of total voters is approx. 7.80 crore including 7,69,046 PwD voters, 5,91,347 senior voters (85+) and 77,895 polling stations.Joshi stressed the need to ensure essential facilities at all polling stations and emphasized inclusive participation, particularly for PwD and elderly voters. He is expected to visit Motihari, East Champaran and also review the election preparation in Bettiah (West Champaran).On Sunday, he will meet SSB officials and conduct an area visit in Valmiki Nagar and on Monday, he will review the preparation at the ground level in Vaishali.These inspections aim to evaluate voter facilities, security arrangements, training programmes, and the overall readiness of electoral machinery on the ground.The Election Commission, through this visit, reiterates its commitment to conducting transparent, peaceful, and participatory elections in Bihar.

Operation Sindoor is a testament to India's intelligence precision and military prowess: Shah

NEWDELHI: India Revamps Multi Agency Centre for Advanced Intelligence OperationsUnion Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated India's revamped Multi Agency Centre (MAC) at North Block, New Delhi, marking a significant step forward in national security and intelligence operations.The new MAC is designed to enhance coordination among intelligence, security, and law enforcement agencies across India.At the heart of the inauguration was the historic anti-Naxal operation in Karregattalu Hills on the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border, showcasing seamless collaboration between security forces. Shah also



highlighted Operation Sindoor as a testament to India's intelligence precision and military prowess.The upgraded MAC integrates cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Geographic Information System (GIS), and advanced data analytics to provide predictive intelligence and trend analysis. With a budget exceeding ?500 crore, the MAC ensures nationwide connectivity, including remote and insurgency-affected areas.Shah emphasised that this intelligence hub will fortify India's efforts against terrorism, extremism, organised crime, and cyber threats. He praised its swift completion and urged further integration of crucial security databases to enhance operational efficiency.This transformation positions India at the forefront of global intelligence fusion, reinforcing national security against evolving threats.

CRPF Officer Killed, 3 Others Injured in Jharkhand Lightning Strike

Jharkhand :Atragic lightning strike claimed the life of a CRPF officer, M Prabo Singh, and severely injured Assistant Commandant Subir Kumr Mandal, along with two Jharkhand Police personnel, during an anti-Maoist operation in a forested area of the district.The incident occurred on Thursday at 5:30 PM in Keriburu village, amid heavy rainfall. Singh, a second-in-command officer of the 26th battalion, was stationed at a CRPF security outpost when the lightning struck. His colleague, Mandal, sustained serious injuries and was rushed to the Tata Main Hospital in Noamundi.Weather conditions impeded immediate evacuation efforts, creating challenges for rescue teams. Singh hailed from Manipur, while Mandal is a native of West Bengal. The officers were leading a joint task force of CRPF and Jharkhand Police in operations against Maoist insurgents in the dense forest region.Authorities are investigating the circumstances of the incident and have extended condolences to Singh's family.

Indian Climber Dies Near Everest Summit After Refusing to Descend

NEWDELHI: Ghosh, a native of West Bengal, reached the summit around 2 p.m. on Saturday as part of the Mountaineering Association of Krishnanagar – Snowy Everest Expedition 2025. However, while descending near the Hillary Step, a notoriously dangerous section just below the 8,848.86-metre (29,032-foot) summit, he began showing signs of exhaustion and altitude sickness.According to Bodhraj Bhandari, Managing Director at Snowy Horizon Treks, Ghosh refused to continue descending despite his Sherpa guide Champal Tamang's repeated efforts to help him. Tamang eventually had to leave Ghosh and return alone to Camp IV, reporting the incident early Friday morning.Efforts are currently underway to retrieve Ghosh's body, and a post-mortem will determine the exact cause of death.The Hillary Step, located in Everest's "death zone"—above 8,000 metres—remains one of the most dangerous parts of the climb due to critically low oxygen levels and extreme conditions.

Jagan Mohan Reddy's Ex-Secretary, Ex-OSD Arrested In Liquor Scam Case

Vijayawada: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged Andhra Pradesh liquor scam on Friday arrested K. Dhanunjaya Reddy, a retired IAS officer and former Secretary of former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, and Krishna Mohan Reddy, his former Officer on Special Duty (OSD).They were arrested after their questioning by the SIT officials for a third consecutive day. The former bureaucrats are likely to be produced before a magistrate on Saturday. Dhanunjaya Reddy and Krishna Mohan Reddy are accused numbers 31 and 32, respectively, in the case. They were grilled for nine hours on Friday.The SIT arrested them hours after the Supreme Court refused to grant them anticipatory bail. The apex court dismissed their petitions on the ground that the investigation in the case is at a crucial stage.Earlier, the Andhra Pradesh High Court had dismissed their petitions for anticipatory bail and they had challenged the same in the Supreme Court.During the last three days, the SIT officials reportedly grilled former bureaucrats about the recipients of kickbacks from the distillery companies.They, along with Govindappa Balaji, the Director of Bharathi Cements Corporation, were recently included in the FIR as accused into the alleged scam of Rs 3,200 crore.The SIT arrested Balaji in Karnataka on Tuesday. A Vijayawada court sent him to judicial custody till May 20.Balaji, alleged to be a close aide of Jagan Mohan Reddy, is listed as accused number 33 in the case and is accused of distributing kickbacks among liquor syndicate members through shell companies.Meanwhile, the SIT continued questioning Sajjala Sridhar Reddy in its custody. Friday was the second day of his custody.A court granted three-day police custody of Sridhar Reddy, who is accused No. 6 in the case. He was arrested from his residence in Hyderabad on April 26.Sridhar Reddy, who is also the Managing Director of Spy Agro Industries, along with other accused, allegedly participated in the meetings conducted on the liquor policy.

Organisational Reshuffle In Trinamool, Core Committees Replace Chiefs In 2 Districts

Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress on Friday announced the organisational reshuffle for West Bengal, a party leader said, adding that it has been decided that organisational matters for two out of 35 districts will henceforth be handled by a core committee of multiple members instead of individual district unit presidents.The two organisational districts where the individual organisational district presidents have been replaced by core committees are Birbhum and Kolkata (Uttar), where the complaints of the organisational infighting had been the maximum.Trinamool Congress strongman Anubrata Mondal had been the party's Birbhum organisational district president for a long time. Even after his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) official in August 2022 in connection with the multi-crore cattle smuggling scam in West Bengal, his name was retained as the organisational district president for quite some time.However, later, following the instructions of the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, a core committee of multiple members took over the charge of organisational functioning of the Birbhum organisational district, and the system continued even after Mondal was released on bail recently.In the organisational reshuffle announced on Friday, it has been mentioned that a nine-member core committee will be handling the organisational affairs in Birbhum henceforth, with Mondal being just a member of the said committee.Similarly, the party Lok Sabha member from Kolkata (Uttar) constituency, Sudip Bandopadhyay, has been removed as the organisational district president of Kolkata (Uttar). Instead, the organisational affairs of Kolkata (Uttar) will now be handled by a nine-member core committee with Bandopadhyay as just the chairperson of the panel.In the reshuffle, the names of the district presidents for Darjeeling (plains) and for North 24 Parganas (Barasat) are yet to be announced and the leadership had claimed that these names will be announced later.
s per the reshuffled list, the "old guards" have been given preference over "new blood" in almost all the organizational districts. Political observers feel that there is every possibility of the resurrection of the old debate on "old guards versus new flood" following the organizational reshuffle.The decision for an organizational reshuffle was first announced from the dais of Trinamool Congress' annual "Martyrs' Day" programme on July 21 last year in Kolkata. In September last year, a draft list on organisational reshuffle was submitted to the Chief Minister.

INDIA Bloc Opportunistic, Greed-Driven Coalition; Won't Last Long: BJP Responds To Chidambaram's Doubts

New Delhi: The BJP on Friday hit out at the opposition INDIA bloc, calling it an opportunistic and unsustainable alliance, following senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram's public expression of doubt over its future.Chidambaram, speaking at the launch of the book "Contesting Democratic Deficit" by Salman Khurshid and Mritunjay Singh Yadav, questioned the current state of the Opposition alliance."The future of the INDIA bloc is not so bright, as Mritunjay Singh Yadav said. He believes the alliance is still intact, but I am not sure. Only Salman (Khurshid) can answer that since he was part of the negotiating team. If the alliance is totally intact, I will be very happy, but it seems to be fraying," he said.Reacting to his remarks, BJP's Kerala unit President and former Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar contended that the alliance was built solely on opportunism and a shared dislike for Prime Minister Narendra Modi."The people of India made their choice in 2014, 2019, and again in 2024. No alliance rooted in opportunism, corruption, and dynastic politics can survive. The INDIA bloc is a coalition of parties united only by their fear and hatred of Modi. That's not a vision the people will support," Chandrasekhar told IANS.
He emphasised that the BJP's strength stems from its principles, commitment to national service, and leadership under Prime Minister Modi."The BJP is built on values, not power-hungry compromises. PM Modi works around the clock for the progress and safety of the nation. That's why people support us – not out of fear, but out of belief in our vision," he added.Chhattisgarh Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal echoed similar sentiments, calling the INDIA bloc a "greed-driven coalition".

Girl Students Excel In Class 10 Exams In Punjab

Chandigarh: Girl students on Friday excelled overall in the Punjab Class 10 board exam results by achieving a pass percentage of 96.85 per cent, outshining their male counterparts (94.50 per cent).Akshnoor Kaur of Sant Mohan Das Memorial Senior Secondary School at Kot Suthiyan in Faridkot district scored 100 per cent (650/650) and topped the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) exams.Ratinderdeep Kaur of Baba Farid Public Senior Secondary School at Chhatiana in Muktsar, Arshdeep Kaur of Ram Saroop Memorial Senior Secondary School in Chaunda in Malerkotla, and Jahsanpreet Kaur Gill of Sant Mohan Das Memorial Senior Secondary School in Kot Suthiyan in Faridkot scored 650/650 to bag the second, third and fourth positions, respectively, owing to age difference criteria.School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains extended congratulations to students on their outstanding performance in the Class X board examinations.Applauding the top scorers, the minister said Akshnoor Kaur topped the state with perfect 650/650 marks, followed by Ritinderdeep Kaur and Arshdeep Kaur, who secured second and third spot, respectively.

JSW Foundation Unveils Community Center in Dhubenchhapal Village



BHUBANESWAR :(correspondent) In a significant step toward fostering rural development, JSW Foundation has inaugurated a new Community Center in Gauntiapada, Dhubenchhapal village, under the Thelkoloi Gram Panchayat. The initiative addresses a long-standing request from local residents for a dedicated space to support social, educational, and cultural engagement.The newly established center is envisioned as a hub for community activities, including village meetings, children's programs, and events promoting unity and collective growth in the community. It aims to strengthen the bond between the villagers and the organization, while enhancing the overall quality of life in the region.The inauguration ceremony was graced by Mr. Vishal Raj, Head of CSR (BPSL), JSW Foundation; Mr. Mihir Mishra, AVP Civil, Projects; and Mrs. Avanti Nayak, Sarpanch of Thelkoloi, along with other JSW BPSL officials and enthusiastic community members. This initiative underscores JSW Foundation's continued commitment to building sustainable infrastructure that empowers rural communities and drives inclusive development.

NTPC Darlipali Launches "SwachhataPakhwada 2025" with a Cleanliness Pledge



Darlipali ,(correspondent) NTPC Darlipali Launches'SwachhataPakhwada 2025" on May 16, 2025, with a SwachhataPledge-taking ceremony held at the plant and administrative building. Employees, support staff, and workers actively participated in the event, expressing their commitment to cleanliness and hygiene by taking a collective pledge in support of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.Shri Ram Bhajan Malik, Executive Director of NTPC Darlipali, administered the SwachhataPledge to all department heads and employees at the administrative office. Similarly, Shri Hare Ram Singh, GM (O&M), led the pledge at the service building and plant canteen, while the Chief Medical Officer conducted the oath-taking at the Niramaya Hospital.Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 will be observed from May 16 to May 31 with great enthusiasm and active participation across the NTPC Darlipali premises. A large-scale cleanliness drive is planned in and around the plant, including the Shubhrajyoti Nagar Township, nearby Darlipali village, bus stand, and market areas.In addition to the cleanliness drives, various competitions and creative activities will be organized throughout the fortnight. These include drawing contests, slogan writing, calligraphy, and "Best Out of Waste" competitions aimed at engaging employees, township residents, women, and school children. These activities are designed to raise awareness about cleanliness and inspire community involvement in the initiative.The primary goal of SwachhataPakhwada 2025 is to promote awareness about cleanliness among employees and contribute to creating a cleaner workplace and society.

BJD To Stage Protest Outside Raj Bhawan On May 21 Over OBC Reservation



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) has announced a protest rally in front of Raj Bhawan on May 21, demanding reservation in higher education for Other Backward Classes (OBC).In a press meet, BJD criticized the BJP government over the OBC reservation issue, calling it a hoax.BJD's OBC Cell Vice President Arun Sahu slammed the government, saying that despite raising the issue several times in the Odisha Assembly, the BJP government has not taken any concrete steps to provide reservation to OBCs in higher education, including medical and engineering courses.The BJD has been demanding 27% reservation for OBCs in higher education, including medical, engineering, and professional courses. Sahu said that the government's reluctance to provide reservations is a clear indication that they do not want OBCs to become doctors and engineers

Massive Tiranaga Yatra In Sambalpur To Honour Armed Forces For Success Of Operation Sindoor



Bhubaneswar (correspondent): A massive tricolour (Tiranga) rally was held in Sambalpur city of Odisha on Friday in a show of solidarity with the Indian Armed Forces following the recent counter-terror operation against Pakistan.The rally, organised by Citizens for National Security, witnessed significant public participation and the presence of key political leaders, including Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Odisha Deputy Chief Minister K.V. Singh Deo, and Panchayati Raj Minister Rabinarayan Naik.The rally was held to honour the bravery and success of the Indian Army and paramilitary forces in Operation Sindoor, launched in retaliation for the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, which saw 26 innocent civilians killed.In the operation, Indian forces targeted and destroyed multiple terror camps deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied territory, marking a major success in India's counter-terror efforts.The event at Sambalpur on Friday commenced with a floral tribute to noted freedom fighter Veer Surendra Sai at his statue. The rally then proceeded from Jail Chhak to the Shaheed Stambha (Martyrs' Pillar) at Kacheri Chhak, where participants paid homage to fallen soldiers.

Orissa High Court Denies Bail To Raja Chakra, 3 Associates

Bhubaneswar(correspondent): In a significant development, the Orissa High Court on Friday rejected the bail pleas of prime accused, Raja Chakra, along with those of his three associates, Manas Barik, Utkal Das, and Sushant Samal in the high-profile Gandhamardan Loading Agency and Transporting Cooperative Society Limited corruption case.The decision marks a setback for the accused, who have been implicated in a multi-crore scam involving the Gandhamardan Loading Agency and Transporting Cooperative Society Limited .The Crime Branch had arrested Raja Chakra and his associates on March 20, 2025, following allegations of widespread financial irregularities. Investigations uncovered that Raja had disbursed ?33 crore to villagers over four years, with ?9.1 crore allegedly funneled to a petrol pump named Maa Kali. Additionally, workers were reportedly defrauded under the guise of payments, further intensifying the charges against the accused.The High Court's decision to deny bail comes after it had previously revoked interim protection granted to Raja. The rejection of bail for Raja and his associates underscores the gravity of the charges, which include corruption and fraudulent practices in the mining sector.

Odisha Guv Launches Language Training Centre, Skill On Wheels At SDI Bhubaneswar



Bhubaneswar (correspondent): In a significant step toward enhancing skill development in Odisha, Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati inaugurated the International Language Training Centre at the Skill Development Institute (SDI) Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). The Governor also launched the 'Skill on Wheels' initiative, flagged off with a green flag, aimed at taking skill training to remote areas.The event, held at SDI Bhubaneswar, was attended by Odisha's Minister for Industries, Skill Development, and Technical Education, Sampad Swain, along with key officials, including Commissioner-cum-Secretary Bhupendra Singh Poonia, SDI Bhubaneswar Chairman Rashmi Govil, and representatives from NSDC and IOCS. Governor Kambhampati lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mission Skill India and Odisha's progressive strides in skill development.

BMC Launches Mass Dog Sterilization Drive To Tackle Stray Dog Menace



Bhubaneswar (correspondent): In a bid to tackle the growing issue of stray dogs in the Capital city, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has launched a mass dog sterilisation drive.Bhubaneswar Mayor Sulochana Das flagged off the initiative at the BMC headquarters, launching two dedicated vehicles for dog sterilisation.The sterilisation process will be carried out by the Vets Society for Animal Welfare and Rural Development, a Hyderabad-based organisation. As part of the initiative, 2,000 stray dogs will be sterilised every month. The BMC estimates that there are around 70,000 stray dogs roaming the city, and the initiative will cover all 67 wards. Mayor Sulochana Das said, "We often receive complaints of people being bitten by stray dogs. This initiative will help us tackle the dog

Koraput CWC Takes Over Rayagada's Child Welfare Responsibility Amid Controversy

Rayagada, (correspondent):In a major administrative move, the Odisha government has transferred the responsibilities of the Rayagada District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) to the Koraput District CWC following serious allegations of irregularities involving the illegal transfer of a nine-day-old baby girl to a couple from Andhra Pradesh.The incident, which raised grave concerns about child protection protocols, came to light after media reports and subsequent investigation revealed multiple lapses by the Rayagada CWC. The case uncovered unauthorized adoption procedures and deliberate negligence in reporting the matter to the district administration. Following the probe, the Odisha Women and Child Development Department suspended the chairperson of Rayagada CWC, Mrs. Bidulata Huika, along with four members. The suspension orders, bearing letter numbers 10910, 10902, 10934, and 10926, were issued on May 1, 2025, after approval from the Hon'ble Governor.A departmental inquiry had earlier found significant lapses, including the issuance of an unregistered adoption agreement dated December 11, 2024, and the alleged involvement of notaries and lawyers in preparing illegal documents. Despite being issued show-cause notices, only the chairperson responded, and the response was deemed unsatisfactory, prompting a recommendation for the committee's dissolution.Pending the constitution of a new CWC for Rayagada, the department, through Order No. 11549 dated May 8, 2025, directed the Koraput District CWC to assume interim charge. However, the previous chairperson and committee members did not cooperate in handing over the office, necessitating administrative intervention.On May 16, acting on orders from the District Collector, Rayagada Sub-Collector and Assistant District Magistrate Mr. Kailash Swain, accompanied by District Child Protection Officer Mr. Mahadev Chichhua and other staff, forcibly entered the CWC office in the presence of a magistrate by breaking open the locks to facilitate the transfer of charge to the Koraput CWC.The state government's firm action underscores its commitment to safeguarding child rights and ensuring accountability in child welfare institutions. The Koraput CWC will manage all child protection matters for Rayagada until a new committee is formally appointed.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/LAN/Branch	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Interest has been created	NPA Date	Date of Notice sent & Outstanding Amount
1	Mani Behera, Kunja Behera/ MHL00780007030/ KHURDA	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Situated At Ror No-1002/415 & Plot No-2404/3149, A0.031 DCML, (0.0125 Hector) At Mouza-mansinghpur, Ps No-43, Tahasil No-457, Tahsil-chilika, Ps-tangi, Dist-khordha, Po Soran, Khordha, Odisha, Pin: 752027. East-Varanda, West-vendee, South-vendee, North-Road	17-04-2025	21-04-2025 & Rs.547463/-
2	Mamina Biswal, Santosh Biswal/ MLAP0078005698/ KHURDA	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Situated At Ror No-930/170, Plot No-322, Mouza-birihibadi, Ps No-17, Tahasil No-387, A0.026 Dcml, Tahasil-chilika, Ps-tangi, Dist-khordha, Po Biribadi, Khordha, Odisha, Pin: 752027. East-mochi Dei, West-musiram Ranasingh, South-kaethapala Mouza Boundry, North-prasanta Sena	16-04-2025	21-04-2025 & Rs.635465/-

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower, MAHOFIN shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by MAHOFIN at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.
Take note that in terms of S- 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or dealing with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner.

Sd/-
Date: 17/05/2025
Place: ODISHA
Authorised Officer
Manappuram Home Finance Ltd.

EDITORIAL

With faith, on the wings of a prayer

Since ancient days prayer is considered as the medium of harmonious relationship maintained by people with the Almighty. During crisis, people pray through vocal or mental communication with their beloved deities, to recover from such crises. Research throws light on what makes prayer measurably useful to human beings, especially in current times when there is lack of mental peace. Prayer, when done with right attitude and intent, can do a lot for people, especially for youth whose intellectual capacity hinges on their ability to embrace reality. Prayer can be a powerful force for change in our lives and the importance of doing it on a daily basis should be instilled in our children. Focus and concentration is the most vital outcome of prayer.Prayers enable us to send out powerful vibrations into the world and contribute to peace and social harmony. One may pray loudly, but silent prayers are better. In silence, we come closer to God and make ourselves heard. We pray for communion with God with single-minded devotion. It is the wings of our prayers that count, wings that help us fly to make the impossible possible, Wings that take us to that unreachable; these are the wings on which we must soar ever so gently, ever so slowly, but ever forward, ever higher inch by inch; wings that could be so often injured, sometimes weakened, sometimes aching to fold in defeat, even broken. And then prayer somehow opens them again.As prayer opens doors and clears the clouds along the way, as prayer guides our thinking, as prayer carries us on the wings of success to that unreachable star, it infuses further hope and faith in God. In schools there are morning assemblies where all students and teachers gather and pray. Prayer is a way to influence students to make wise choices and excel in their studies. It makes students feel fresh, energetic and spiritual to start his day with positive vibrations. Prayer grants the time to flow with pleasing power and purifies the climate of school, creating favourable educational environment. School time prayer brings students and teachers in discipline and guides them with good practices.God is pure love. As the indweller of everything, he promptly responds to every call and every pull of your love and need for help. In whatever way we invoke the Supreme, he returns our love and devotion. Nothing moves him as strongly as a call from a distressed soul. At times we do feel that God has abandoned us and our faith is put to great test. We become frustrated that God's help has not reached us in time. On such occasions some people lose their faith and develop resentment towards God. The fault perhaps lies with us and our weak minds. It is not God who does not listen. It is we who are not sensitive enough to discern his response. It is we who are incapable of breaking out of our own limited thinking and the veil of self-induced illusions to see Truth as it is. God is ever-attentive. It is we who are asleep and who need to be awakened from our deep slumber of egoism and selfishness to pay attention to the messages coming from Him.

World Telecommunication day : Exploring the essence of telecommunication



Biswarupa Rath

Telecommunication is a source for transformation of information, audio data , video data or images over long distances through various mediums. The medium can be electronic or optical . This system benefits people to connect worldwide and share data as per their requirements. To spread information and awareness regarding this digital technology and foster advanced communication system, World Telecommunication and Information Society day is observed every year on 17 May since 1969 .This day has a historic importance as it marks the foundation of the International Telecommunication Union on May 17 , 1865. On 1969, World Telecommunication Day was celebrated for the first time. Since that day , every year this day is observed with a specific theme. The theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society day 2025 is " Gender Equality in Digital Transformation". This theme makes sure that not only men , but also girls and women get the equal privilege to be a part of technological advancements and innovations.

Advantages of Telecommunication 1. Faster communication across a long distance .

2. Promotes business by providing business ideas and information.

3. Simplifies quality of education by various learning methods like online study platforms and notes.Telecommunication has been evolving gradually with the introduction of advanced tools and technologies.

• The ARPANET is the first packet switching network introduced by U.S. The main objective of creating this is to enable communication in the context of the cold war.

• In 1973 , the first mobile phone call was made by a researcher named , "Martin Cooper ". This marks a significant milestone in the history of communication.

• The first Digital communication was in 1971 via email .

• In 1983 the Internet Protocol came into the picture.

• Tim Berners-Lee introduced a system named World Wide Web for accessing and sharing information.

• 2000 - 2019 is referred to as the "Smartphone Revolution Era " when various technologies like cloud computing, 2G and 3G networks, smartphones etc came into existence.

• 2020 - present: The era of advanced connectivity . With the introduction of Artificial intelligence and robotics, communication and data sharing became easier then earlier.

Objectives of telecommunication day

1. To encourage people to perform research on telecommunication platforms and introduce innovations.

2. To promote the use of telecommunication system.

3. To spread awareness about the recent tools and technologies.

Be Thankful for Hand of God



Kishore Kumar Jena

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for the immense blessings in our lives. We must first and foremost, give thanks to the One who brought creation into being. The Divine's unseen hand supports us every moment of our lives, and for this, we must be grateful. We need to be thankful to the Almighty with every breath in this human existence. It is only because of His grace that we have this human birth - a golden opportunity for our soul, which has been separated from its Source for eons, to extricate itself from the wheel of transmigration and return to God's abode.Positive creation comes only when we drive away our negative fellings from our mind.Asking the help of the god only in our difficult times will not reach god's ears as he will swept away from any selfish prayers.Bowings our heads and making a false worship and offering sacrifices only for personal benefeits will not make us to know the god.Only indispensable love knows to find the god within ourself.Only our respectful offerings are not throgh our material goods to god as god lives in disguse in



our mnd. We can not seek blessings of god by showing our riches and false prayers.To avoid hardness of heart, we must submit our hearts to God's Word and God's ways, especially in times of trial. We desperately need new hearts, for we are unable on our own to soften our hard hearts. We can become like Jesus only when we allow God to rid us of our old, hardened hearts and give us new hearts. A change of heart toward God requires a supernatural transformation. When we are born again, God performs a heart transplant, as it were. He gives us a new heart. It is that great change which God works in the soul, when He brings it into life; when He raises it from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. It is the change wrought in the whole soul by the Almighty Spirit of God, So is every one that is born of the Spirit.But we should remember that the heart of the devotee is the abode of God. He dwells, no doubt, in all beings, but He especially manifests Himself in the heart of the devotee. A landlord may at one time or another visit all parts of his estate, but people say he is generally to be found in a particular drawing-room. The heart of the devotee is the drawing-room of God.

IAS officer: Duty or digital stardom



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

From administration to popularity: The digital journey of IAS officers. IAS officers: Social media stars or true servantsThe growing trend of IAS officers on social media is becoming a new challenge. They are sharing policy-related information and inspirational stories on Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter, which can increase awareness. But is this digital stardom compromising their actual administrative responsibilities? Transparency and impartiality can be affected in the race to build a personal image. In such a situation, a balance is necessary, where officers give priority to serving the public while being active in the digital world.Civil services in India have always been a symbol of respect and prestige. The responsibility of an IAS officer is not only to implement policies but also to understand the problems of the public and solve them. But in recent years, a new trend has been seen—the growing attraction of IAS officers towards social media. Some officers are constantly active on platforms like Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter, sharing aspects of their lives, creating vlogs, and trying to inspire through their administrative experiences. But the question arises whether this digital activism is becoming a distraction from their core duties or is it a new kind of public service.With the advent of the era of social media, every sector has registered its presence there, so how could bureaucracy remain behind? IAS officers have also become a part of this digital world. They share their experiences, government schemes, and inspirational stories, which increases the trust of the general public in the administration. For example, whether it is the famous IAS officer of Bihar, Tina Dabi, or Shah Faisal of Kashmir, these officers have inspired millions of youth with their online presence.IAS officers active on social media not only inform their followers about government schemes but also spread awareness on social issues. They share important information during disasters and establish direct communication with the public. This is completely different from the old pattern of traditional bureaucracy, where officers were confined only to papers orgovernment meetings.But the question is, does this digital activism mean that these officers are deviating from their real duties? Is this game of image building on social media compromising their administrative responsibilities? It has been seen many times that some officers become so busy on social media that their core responsibilities start getting affected. For example, the time of the DM of a district should mostly be spent on regional problems and development work, not on making Instagram reels.Some officers get so involved in increasing the number of their social media followers that they acquire celebrity-like identities. This not only affects their personal lives but also raises questions about the transparency of their decisions. Is it possible for an officer to strike a balance between serving the public and competing for popularity?In addition, it is also worth noting that when officials share their personal views on social media, it can also raise questions about their impartiality. It can be difficult to maintain a balance between their accountability and impartiality towards the public. On the one hand, they are communicating directly to the public, while on the other hand, they are also engaged in creating an image, which may often be different from reality.Being more active on social media can also put the privacy and security of officers at risk. The way they share information about their daily routine, location, and personal life can be dangerous from a security point of view. Also, there is a risk of cybercrimes and trolling.Apart from this, officers should also be careful about what information they are sharing. Sometimes their statement or opinion can give rise to political controversies. This can raise questions not only about their personal image but also about the impartiality of the entire administrative structure.When the public praises an officer after seeing him on a digital platform, their expectations also increase. They start believing that an officer who is so active online will be equally dedicated on the ground. But is this always true? Can digital stardom be effective in real administrative work as well?IAS officers being active on social media can be a positive step, provided they do not put it above their duties. Their presence in the digital world can inspire society, raise awareness, and become a guide for the youth. But it is also true that sometimes it becomes a game of chasing popularity, which can affect their administrative work. For example, Tina Dabi from Bihar, who inspired millions of youth to join the civil service through her social media posts, or Shah Faisal, who remained active on social media and openly expressed his views on Kashmir issues. But on the other hand, excessive digital activism also raises questions about their transparency, impartiality, and security. In such a situation, it is important that the officer maintain a balance between digital stardom and administrative responsibilities so that they can prove to be not only a good leader but also a responsible officer. After all, their biggest service is to solve the problems of the public, not just to garner likes and followers.IAS officers being active on social media can be a positive move, provided they do not put it above their duties. Their presence in the digital world can inspire society and raise awareness, but it is imperative to maintain a balance. After all, an officer's biggest duty is to serve his public, not just digital stardom.

Curd Water Distribution by NCC Alumni Association



PARADEEP, (correspondent):This noble initiative continues today, sponsored by our esteemed alumni Anandi Senapati and Padmanav Das. Special thanks to supporters Hrudananda Nathsharma, Lipuna Barik, Ambika Prasad Mohapatra, and NCC cadets Binayak, Kanha, and three other dedicated cadets.This effort is dedicated to honoring our brave soldiers who courageously countered the Sindoor attack against Pakistan-backed terror.

Tiranga Yatra In Kendrapara For Successful Operation Of 'Sindoor'



Kendrapara(Correspondent): In response of successful operation of 'Sindoor' by India against Pakistan a mega tiranga rally was held in Kendrapara town today. Various sectors of people including muslim community participated in this rally. It commenced from new busstand and ends at old busstand with crossing the Kendrapara town. Students, public, political leaders,NCC cadets,police, ex-military personnel, ladies and intellectual mass also participated in this rally. Tribute to Indian warriors 'Bharat mata ki jay and soldiers jindabad' slogans draw the attention of the public in this occasion.

Law Min reviews drinking water supply arrangements in Chilika



Khordha:(correspondent):Chilika MLA and Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan on Friday reviewed the condition of various projects related to drinking water supply, digging of new tube wells and repair in various areas under Chilika constituency to combat the heat wave. The Minister has directed the departmental officers to take necessary steps to solve the drinking water problem especially during the current summer season and to complete the projects within the stipulated time frame.The state government has given full priority to providing clean drinking water to everyone. To ensure this, the Minister said that huge investment is being made in drinking water supply projects. On this occasion, Banpur and Chilika Block Chairman, both BDOs, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation SE and other officials were present.

Three Killed In Lightning Strike In Koraput



Koraput(correspondent): At least three persons were killed in lightning strikes on Friday in Pardiguda village in Odiapentha gram panchayat under Laxmipur block in Koraput district.The deceased include a 60-year-old woman Budri Madinga and her 16-year-old grand daughter Kasa Madinga and 35-year-old Ambica Kasi. Four others have been also injured in the lightning strikes. The injured have been hospitalised in the nearest government hospital.According to reports, Budri and her grand daughter Kasa were killed when they had taken shelter in a hut near their farmland during the thunderstorm and lightning. Similarly, lightning struck Ambica Kasi, while he had taken shelter under a tree in the village to protect him from rain.

Birmaharajpur Development Committee Meeting for the Development of Subarnapur District



SUBARNAPUR :(correspondent) :The Birmaharajpur Assembly Constituency Development Committee meeting was held today at Ulunda Block Confrence Hall. Presiding over the meeting, Birmaharajpur MLA Hon. Er. Raghunath Jagdala gave important suggestions by emphasizing on the development of the district and the implementation of government schemes. The MLA informed in the meeting that all the departmental officers should work together for the development of the district. The government's public welfare schemes should reach the people in a fast and systematic manner. He pointed out that no eligible person should be deprived of the scheme. The meeting discussed the ongoing and proposed projects of various departments at the district and block levels such as Panchayati Raj, Housing Scheme, Health, Agriculture, Irrigation, Forests, Education, Social Security, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry, Labour Department etc. In the meeting, the officers presented information on the status, progress and comprehensive proposals of various projects. As per the advice of the MLA, steps will be taken to ensure information exchange and connectivity through departmental WhatsApp groups. The meeting was attended by Additional District Magistrate Anjalina Pradhan, Birmaha rajpur Sub Collector Lalatendu C, Zilla Parishad Executive Pallavi Rani Raj, Binika Block MP Representative Babulu Bishi, BJP District President Benudhar Das, Planning and Management Department Officer Roshan Giddhi, while all the departmental officers of the block and district levels were present in the meeting

Maoist Camp Busted In Bolangir; Explosives Seized

Bolangir:(correspondent): A joint operation by police, District Voluntary Force (DVF), and Special Operations Group (SOG) have successfully dismantled two Maoist hideouts in the Khaprakhol and Tureikela police station areas of Bolangir district.

Acting on specific information about Maoist presence in the Gandhamardan Hills and Chhatradandi forest, security forces conducted a combing operation.

Khaira Police Crack May 7 Robbery Case, Arrest Three Interstate Robbers

Balasorecorrespondent: In a major breakthrough, Khaira police in Odisha's Balasore district arrested three interstate robbers on Friday in connection with a violent robbery that took place on May 7 in Dalang village.The incident involved a brutal assault on local resident Kranti Kumar Das, whose house was ransacked by armed assailants. Acting swiftly on a written complaint filed by Das, Khaira Inspector-in-Charge (IIC) Shachindra Kumar Mahalik launched an intensive investigation with a dedicated team.By leveraging CCTV footage and mobile tracking technology, the police successfully identified and apprehended three suspects from the villages of Dogarpada, Tentuliapada, and Kurunia.During the arrest, police recovered a pistol, a telenga katuri (traditional sharp weapon), and a cache of stolen gold and silver ornaments, directly linking the accused to the crime.The three were produced before a local court on Friday.Speaking at a press briefing at Khaira police station, Nilagiri Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Pramod Mallick and IIC Mahalik praised the swift action of the police team and reiterated their commitment to curbing criminal activities in the region.

A shocking incident in Paralakhemundi

Minor girl murder's mother with lover's help



Paralakhemundi, (correspondent): A shocking incident of a minor girl killing his mother with the help of his lover has come to the fore at Telisundhi Sahi in Parlakhemundi of Gajapati district. Though the incident had occurred on April 29, it came to the fore in the girl's Instagram Chat on May 16.The deceased identified as Rajalaxmi Kar was staying in a rented accommodation in telisundhi Sahi for the last four years and her minor daughter was studying in Class VIII in the Kendriya Vidyalaya. However, the girl fell in love with a local youth and had a physical relationship with him. When Rajlaxmi got to know about it , she strongly objected to it.The girl rattled with the objection, conspired with his lover and decided to remove the thorn from her way forever.Accordingly, on April 29. she mixed sleeping pills in her mother's food and later choked her to death with the help of her lover and another associate. Later, they took Rajlaxmi to the District Headquarters Hospital(DHH) stating that she died of cardiac arrest. Then the accused girl took the body to Bhubaneswar and cremated it with the help of her relatives.But later the relatives' suspicion was aroused when they somehow managed to see her Instagram chats. Following which , they approached the Paralakhemundi police for a probe. The police after a preliminary probe have detained the accused girl and her lover and recreated the crime scene at the rented house of Rajlaxmi.Notably, the accused girl was rescued from the road when she was only seven-day-old and she looked after her well-being. The deceased's brother Shiv Shankar Mishra has alleged that the girl's lover and his associate have stolen a necklace of 10 grams of Rajlaxmi which she was wearing. The Model police are carrying out further investigations. The incident after coming to light has triggered shockwaves in the town.

To build a hospital in Madakapadar GP, Sarpanch requests to clear bushes in Bahadurguda



Malkangiri correspondent: Lack of quality healthcare in Madakapadar Panchayat area has been a major problem for the people for a long time. The poor and remote villages and residents of the area are forced to walk long distances to the hospital even for minor health problems. To solve this problem, a plan has been taken at the panchayat level to build a new hospital. Suitable land needs to be identified to implement this plan. In this context, the bush area in Bahadurguda area has been identified for the construction of the hospital. Since this area is under the jurisdiction of the Forest Department, permission from the Forest Officer is required for the clearance of that area. For this permission, Madakapadar Sarpanch Damburu Sisa met Forest Officer Mr Basudev Nayak and submitted a written request letter. In this letter, he has requested to clear the Lota Buda area in Bahadurguda and provide necessary communication and permission for the construction of a hospital in it.If this step is implemented, the people of this area will be able to avail the services of doctors and medicines as residents. The public is also enthusiastically welcoming this scheme and it is hoped that this step will be taken forward with their cooperation.If the administration and local development officials are aware of this scheme and take prompt steps, Madakapadar Panchayat will soon be transformed into a well-equipped hospital.

Koraput District Takes Over Child Welfare Responsibilities from Rayagada Amidst Adoption Scandal



Rayagada(correspondent): As on May 16th, 2025, Koraput Assigned Responsibility of Rayagada District Child Welfare Committee by State Government Due to Non-Cooperation in Handing Over, Responsibility Transferred in Presence of Magistrate After Lock Breaking. The State Government has taken a decisive step by transferring the responsibilities of the Rayagada District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) to Koraput, following a controversial case involving the illegal adoption of a 9-day-old infant.Allegations had surfaced regarding the functioning of the Rayagada CWC after a newborn girl was allegedly handed over illegally to a couple from Andhra Pradesh. Following a high-level investigation led by District Magistrate Smt. Parul Patwari, serious lapses were uncovered.The Odisha Government's Women and Child Development Department, through letters dated 01 May 2025 (Ref. Nos. 10910, 10902, 10934, and 10926), suspended four committee members including Chairperson Smt. Bidulata Huika, with the Hon'ble Governor's approval.Irregularities identified in the probe included:1-Failure to report to district administration for five consecutive days2-Inactivity despite receiving an unregistered adoption deed on 11.12.2024,3-Preparation of illegal documents,4- Negligence from involved notary and legal advisorsDue to these lapses, the department conducted a hearing, but the Chairperson's responses were deemed unsatisfactory. Subsequently, the dissolution of the Rayagada CWC was recommended. Temporarily, the District Social Welfare Officer was assigned the role, but given the importance of the CWC, Government Order No. 11549 (dated 08/05/2025) authorized Koraput's CWC to assume full responsibilities.Despite repeated requests, the former Chairperson and members failed to appear or hand over charge. Following this, the Rayagada Sub-Collector Kailash Swain, acting as Magistrate under Collector's orders, along with the District Child Protection Officer and officials, executed the transfer by breaking the lock and officially handing over operations to Koraput CWC.This move underscores the government's commitment to child protection and legal compliance within welfare mechanisms.

Ajay Devgn-Starrer 'Dhamaal 4' Books Eid 2026 Release



The 4th instalment of the superhit film franchise 'Dhamaal', now has a release date. The makers of the film have booked its release on Eid 2026. The film boasts of a stellar star cast including Ajay Devgn, Riteish Deshmukh, Arshad Warsi, Sanjay Mishra, Jaaved Jaaferi, Sanjeeda Shaikh, Anjali Anand, Upendra Limaye, Vijay Patkar and Ravi Kishan.'Dhamaal 4' promises a laugh riot like never before. The film's shooting is currently underway in Mumbai. This comes after the crew finished an extensive first schedule in Malshej Ghat of Maharashtra.Last month, Ajay had shared an update about the film and announced the wrap of the first schedule of 'Dhamaal 4'. He shared some pictures with co-stars Arshad Warsi, Jaaved Jaaferi, Anjali Anand, Sanjay Mishra, and Sanjeeda Shaikh, and wrote, "The madness is BACK! #Dhamaal4 kicks off with a bang — Malshej Ghat schedule wrapped, Mumbai schedule rolling! Let the laughter riot begin".The starting of the 'Dhamaal' franchise was marked by the release of 'Dhamaal' which was released on 7 September 2007. The film gave birth to two sequels, 'Double Dhamaal', which was a direct sequel to the first film, and 'Total Dhamaal'. The first two films featured Riteish Deshmukh, Arshad Warsi, Jaaved Jaaferi, Saanand Verma, Ashish Chaudhary, Karan Deol, and Sanjay Dutt in lead roles.The third installment also featured Ajay Devgn, Anil Kapoor, Johnny Lever, Boman Irani, Mahesh Manjrekar and Madhuri Dixit along with the original cast, but Sanjay Dutt did not appear in the third film.Gulshan Kumar and T-Series present, in association with Devgn Films, a T-Series Films, Maruti International, Panorama Studios production. 'Dhamaal 4' is directed by Indra Kumar and produced by Ajay Devgn, Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Ashok Thakeria, Indra Kumar, Anand Pandit, and Kumar Mangat Pathak.

Why Amla-Moringa Shot Deserves A Place In Your Morning Ritual

Something is grounding about starting the morning right. Whether it is a moment of stillness before the day begins, a glass of warm water, or a detox drink made with natural ingredients, morning routines often shape how we carry ourselves through the day. Enter the Amla-Moringa shot - a potent blend of moringa leaves and fresh amla juice rooted in traditional Indian wellness and supported by modern science. Rich in antioxidants, gentle on the digestive system, and known to support immunity naturally, it is no surprise that this drink is gaining popularity among health-conscious individuals.



5 Incredible Benefits Of This Drink

1. Improves Iron AbsorptionAmla is rich in vitamin C, which helps the body absorb iron more efficiently. A study published in the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences confirmed that ascorbic acid enhances iron absorption, making this combination ideal for those with low iron levels or iron-deficiency anaemia.

2. Aids DigestionThe anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties of both moringa and amla help soothe the digestive tract. Regular consumption may reduce acidity and support gut health, making it a useful natural remedy for bloating, indigestion, and acid reflux.

3. Boosts Skin And Hair HealthMoringa and amla are known for their ability to purify the blood, improving circulation to the skin and hair follicles. This may lead to clearer skin, stronger hair, and reduced hair fall. The vitamin A in moringa and the vitamin C in amla support collagen production, which contributes to skin elasticity and repair.

4. Balances The Body's pHAmla is acidic, while moringa is known for its alkalising effect. When combined, they may help maintain a balanced pH in the body, which is essential for bone health, reducing inflammation, and improving gut microbiota balance.

5. Supports Blood Sugar ControlMacrobiotic Nutritionist and Health Coach Shilpa Arora highlights that amla supports insulin sensitivity and helps flush out toxins. Moringa, being rich in zinc, supports blood sugar regulation. This pairing can benefit those managing type 2 diabetes or aiming to prevent blood sugar spikes after meals.

Step-By-Step Guide To Make Amla-

Moringa ShotAn online search will offer multiple ways to make an Amla-Moringa health shot, using either powders or fresh ingredients. Here is a simple, nutrient-dense version recommended by nutritionist and weight loss coach Leema Mahajan.Ingredients:2 chopped amlaA handful of fresh, clean moringa leavesA handful of fresh, clean mint leaves1/2-inch raw turmeric1/2-inch jaggery1/2-inch fresh ginger1/4 tsp cumin (jeera) powder1/4 tsp black pepper powder1/4 tsp black saltMethod:Blend all ingredients with a little water. Transfer to a shot glass and consume immediately without straining for full fibre benefits.Expert Tips To Keep In MindIf fresh moringa leaves are unavailable, one teaspoon of moringa powder can be used instead. This substitution still provides the key nutritional benefits.Leema Mahajan advises avoiding moringa during pregnancy, as it may increase the risk of uterine contractions.Those on medication for diabetes, hypertension, or thyroid disorders should consult their doctor or a certified nutritionist before adding moringa to their diet to assess potential interactions and appropriate dosages.

Millet Curd Rice Recipe

Ingredients of Millet Curd Rice

1 Cup foxtail millet (kangni)2 ½ cup water1/2 cup milk3 cups whisked curd1 cup grated cucumber1 cup grated carrot3 tbsp onion , chopped3 tbsp capsicum2 tbsp coriander leaves, choppedto taste saltFor tempering:21/2 tsp Oil1 tsp mustard seeds2 tsp urad dal2 tsp chana dal2 red chillies1/2 tsp hing2 tbsp peanuts2 green chillies, finely sliced6-7 curry leaves

How to Make Millet Curd Rice

1.In a pot, take rinsed millet with 2 ½ cups of water and cook it for 15-20 minutes. Make sure to keep checking the millets from time to time. Cook the millets on medium-low heat, and once cooked, set it aside to cool.2.After the millets have cooled down, mash them a little with the back of your spoon or your hand. Now add whisked yoghurt, along with other veggies – grated cucumbers, carrots, onions, coriander leaves, and capsicum. Mix it well.3.Then add milk and salt to the curd mixture and mix it well. You can also add buttermilk instead of normal milk if you want a healthier version of the dish. Keep it aside.4.In a pan, take some oil and add mustard seeds. Let them splutter. Then add urad dal, chana dal, hing, peanuts, red chillies, green chillies, and curry leaves in it. Saute for a few seconds so that the ingredients lose their rawness and are crisp.5.Pour the hot tempering into the millet curd rice mixture set aside previously. Mix it well. And voila! your millet curd rice is ready to serve!



5 Proven Health Benefits Of Drinking Almond Milk In Summer



When summer is in full swing, the body begins to crave cool, nourishing drinks that refresh without causing discomfort. While juices and cold coffee are popular choices, many people tend to avoid dairy during this time as it can feel heavy on the stomach. This is where nut milks come into the picture. A dairy-free and hydrating option, nut milks serve as an ideal base for drinks and desserts alike. Among all the options available, almond milk stands out as the most suitable to counter the summer heat. Whether poured over cereal or sipped chilled in the afternoon, almond milk offers more than just flavour. Here is why almond milk is the ultimate summer beverage.

5 Health Benefits Of Drinking Almond Milk In Summer:

1. Helps Protect Skin From Sun DamageAlmond milk is rich in vitamin E, an antioxidant known for its skin-protective properties. According to a 2018 research paper published by the National Library of Medicine, vitamin E plays a crucial role in neutralising cell-damaging free radicals, which can harm the skin. The antioxidants found in almond milk may also help reduce the risk of premature ageing and sunburn. Including almond milk in your summer diet could support skin health from within.

2. Low In Calories, Ideal For Weight ManagementWhen trying to stay cool while maintaining a balanced diet, almond milk can be a helpful choice. According to Fat Loss Expert Aman (@diet_dynamo_), 240 ml of almond milk contains only 35–40 calories, far less than cow's milk or many sugary summer drinks. This means you can enjoy it in iced coffees or smoothies without worrying about excess calories.

3. Naturally Lactose-Free, Gentle On The GutIf you are lactose intolerant or avoiding dairy, almond milk is a gut-friendly alternative. As it is naturally lactose-free, there is no risk of bloating, cramping, or digestive discomfort after consumption. During summer, the digestive system can become more sensitive, and almond milk provides a soothing, dairy-free option that is easy on the stomach.

4. Hydrating And Nutrient-RichStaying hydrated is essential in the heat, and almond milk offers more than just hydration. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), almond milk contains key nutrients such as calcium, vitamin D, and vitamin E. These contribute to bone strength, immune support, and skin health, making almond milk a functional drink as well as a refreshing one.5. Versatile And Naturally RefreshingWhat makes almond milk a summer staple is its versatility. It can be blended into smoothies, poured over cereals, or used as a base for iced coffees and teas. Its creamy texture and nutty flavour enhance the taste of any dish. With a light consistency and refreshing profile, almond milk is perfect for cooling down. You can also use it to create dairy-free versions of summer desserts.



16th KIIT International Chess Festival 2025 Concludes with Historic Highs – 1.20 Crore prize pool Announced for 2026



Bhubaneswar, :(correspondent) – The 16th KIIT International Chess Festival, held from 9th to 16th May 2025 at the Viswanathan Anand International Chess Hall, KIIT Campus-10, Bhubaneswar, closed with an unprecedented celebration of talent, diversity, and ambition. Organized under the aegis of the All India Chess Federation (AICF), and with the help of All Odisha Chess Association (AOCA) the tournament featured over 1,200 participants from 43 countries, making it one of the most inclusive and competitive chess events ever hosted in India.

IPL 2025: Will Jacks Returns To India, Shares Post On Social Media



New Delhi: Mumbai Indians received a significant boost ahead of the IPL 2025 resumption, with England's Will Jacks confirming his availability through an Instagram post that showed him on a flight back to India.Taking to Instagram story section, Jacks shared a special post, featuring his boarding pass, accompanied with an Indian tricolour emoji along with a back arrow.A consistent presence in MI's campaign, Jacks featured in 11 of their first 12 matches, contributing 195 runs across nine innings and chipping in with five wickets through his off-spin. His impact has been notable, having earned Player-of-the-Match honours in crucial home wins against Sunrisers Hyderabad and Lucknow Super Giants, underlining his value as a dependable all-rounder in the side.Though Jacks has returned to India ahead of MI's last two group-stage games but his availability for the final stages of the season is in doubt due to international duty as he has been named in England's limited-overs set-up for the West Indies series, clashing with the rearranged knockout stage.The 25-year-old all-rounder's return puts an end to speculation around his participation after foreign players were flown home due to rising military tensions between India and Pakistan earlier this month.The IPL was temporarily suspended following an air strike alert that led to the abandonment of the May 8 fixture between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals in Dharamsala. Since then, uncertainty has gripped the availability of overseas stars.With the World Test Championship final beginning on June 11, several key players from Australia and South Africa—including Mitchell Starc and Jake Fraser-McGurk—have opted out of the remaining matches.

Wankhede Is Even More Iconic Now," Says SKY On Unveiling Of Rohit Sharma Stand



Mumbai: India and Mumbai teammate Suryakumar Yadav congratulated India batter Rohit Sharma after the talismanic batter's years of hard work saw the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) reward him with his very own stand in the iconic Wankhede Stadium here on Friday.The Rohit Sharma Stand was unveiled at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday evening, with the Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also in attendance.Yadav, who is also Rohit's teammate with the Mumbai Indians, claimed that the mecca of Indian cricket, the Wankhede Stadium, is now 'even more iconic.'"Congratulations @rohitsharma45 on achieving incredible things on the cricket ground, from finisher to opener to our captain, you have been an inspiration and our pride, in every role."Very rarely comes a leader who leads from the front, and changes the game for the better. You are that leader who has changed not just the game, but the approach, the attitude, the dressing room atmosphere, the team, and redefined the role of a captain."Like I have said before, good things happen to good people, and you deserve it all and more. Wankhede just got even more iconic," read the post by SKY on Instagram.Rohit, who recently retired from Test cricket, has been a stalwart of Mumbai cricket and has successfully captained India to successive ICC trophies with the T20 World Cup 2024 and Champions Trophy 2025 triumphs.The opening batter has represented India since as early as 2007 and was a part of the side that won the 2007 T20 World Cup. He has represented the nation in 159 T20Is, 273 ODIs, and 67 Test matches. He called the curtains on his T20I career after the World Cup victory in Barbados last year.As part of the event, the MCA officially unveiled the Sharad Pawar Stand, Rohit Sharma Stand, Ajit Wadekar Stand, and the MCA Office Lounge in memory of the former MCA president Amol Kale.

PKL: Bengal Warriorz appoint Naveen Kumar as head coach

Mumbai: Bengal Warriorz have appointed Naveen Kumar as the team's new head coach for the next season of the Pro Kabaddi League.A kabaddi veteran hailing from Haryana, with an illustrious career both as a player and a coach, Naveen brings with him a wealth of experience and a winning mindset to the Warriorz franchise.The new Bengal Warriorz coach has a remarkable track record in the sport. He has represented India and won Gold medals at multiple events, including the 10th South Asian Games (2006), 15th Asian Games (2006), 2nd World Cup (2007), and 2nd Indoor Asian Games (2007). His know-how, combined with his winning mindset and fighting spirit, will benefit the Warriors, one of the founding teams in the PKL.As a coach, Naveen Kumar has demonstrated exceptional leadership and tactical acumen. He is also well known for his ability to nurture and work with young talent, setting them up for a successful career. Naveen Kumar has also coached national and domestic teams, guiding them to multiple podium finishes. Among the teams he has coached are the Indian Navy and the Sports Authority of India teams.

Neeraj Chopra At Doha Diamond League: When And Where

Doha: India's two-time Olympic medallist and reigning World Champion in javelin throw, Neeraj Chopra, will participate in his first Diamond League meet of the season in Doha, Qatar, on Friday, hoping to make a winning start in the event in which he has won the final.On the back of his mind will also be the elusive 90m mark as Neeraj, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in track and field in Tokyo and followed it up with a silver in Paris in 2025, prepares for his first full season under his new coach Jan Zelezny—a three-time Olympic gold medallist and world record holder.This shift follows a successful four-year stint with biomechanics expert Dr. Klaus Bartonietz, under whom Chopra won both his Olympic and World Championship titles.Neeraj will be hoping to give his best in Doha as he will have a break after that because of the cancellation of the NC Classic 2025, which he was organising in association with World Athletics and the Athletics Federation of India in Bengaluru on May 24.So, Doha will his first big meet of the month where he will face top stars like two-time world champion and 2024 Olympics bronze-winner Anderson Peters of Grenada, Jakub Vadlejch of Czechia, who won here in 2024, the German duo of Julian Weber and Max Dehning, Kenya's Julius Yego and Roderick Genki Dean of Japan.

Test Captaincy Race Over? Report Reveals Big Meetings Before Rohit Sharma Retirement



NEWDELHI: India's hunt for the next Test captain seems to be over, with multiple reports suggesting that Shubman Gill is set to succeed Rohit Sharma in the longest format. Gill, who is already India's vice-captain in ODIs and T20Is, seems to be beating the favourite Jasprit Bumrah to the role, leaving many unimpressed. While Bumrah was India's vice-captain in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, leading the first Test in Rohit Sharma's absence, the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee reportedly prefers Shubman Gill because of the pacer's poor injury record.Gill's impressive show as a leader in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 campaign has also impressed many, instilling confidence in the decision-makers to give the baton to the top-order batter.As per a report in the Times of India, Gill held a lengthy discussion with Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir at the latter's residence when the Gujarat Titans had arrived in the national capital for a match against Delhi Capitals.The two reportedly spoke for four to five hours, with Test captaincy, understandably, being the biggest point of discussion. When GT took on the Mumbai Indians at Wankhede Stadium on May 6, Agarkar is said to have also had a discussion with Gill.

Italian Open: Coco Gauff Storms Into Semi-Final With Hard-Fought Win Over Andreeva

Rome: American sensation Coco Gauff breezed past world number seven Mirra Andreeva to confirm her berth in the semi-finals of the Italian Open on Wednesday.In the quarter-finals clash, Gauff overwhelmed Russia's Andreeva in straight sets by 6-4, 7-6(7-5) to set up a mouth-watering semi-final in the women's singles against the winner of the top seed Aryna Sabalenka and Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen.The 21-year-old, who stormed into the last eight after dominating Emma Raducanu, nullified the Russian's serve with her strong backline game. Despite Gauff's bold play, Andreeva maintained the parity by using the court to her advantage.With the scoreboard reading 5-4 in the first set, Gauff had the opportunity to break Andreeva's serve, but she fluffed it after her forehand went straight into the net. However, she bounced back and secured two consecutive points to seal the first set in her favour.The second set was yet again a back-and-forth affair with both tennis stars pushing each other to their limits. The second set went to a tie-break, and Coco took an early 3-1 advantage to take a step closer to the semi-finals.Andreeva retaliated perfectly with a ferocious smash that stayed out of Gauff's reach to make it 3-2.

'The Mind Had Told The Body, It's Time To Go': Shastri Reveals Conversation With Kohli Ahead Of Retirement

New Delhi,: It was a Monday that shook Indian cricket fans to the core. Just weeks before India's much-anticipated five-Test tour of England, Virat Kohli, one of the modern greats of the game, announced his retirement from Test cricket. But for former India head coach Ravi Shastri, there were signs—quiet, personal, and deeply telling.In a conversation on The ICC Review, Shastri opened up about his private chat with Kohli just days before the official announcement. "I did speak to him about it, I think a week before that," Shastri said. "His mind was very clear. He told me, 'I've given everything.'"According to Shastri, Kohli had no second thoughts, no regrets—only a calm resolve that the time had come. "There were one or two questions I asked, but what stood out was the clarity in his voice," said Shastri. "The mind had told the body that it's time to go."Kohli's Test retirement closes a glorious chapter of Indian cricket. He walks away with 9,230 Test runs, 30 centuries, and as India's most successful captain in the format, 40 wins in 68 matches, far ahead of MS Dhoni's 27.But beyond the stats lies the intensity that defined his game: the roaring celebrations, the relentless aggression, the heart-on-sleeve passion that made him a fan magnet and a fierce competitor.Shastri, who coached India from 2017 to 2021 and oversaw the golden era of Indian Test cricket alongside Kohli, shed light on the toll such intensity takes."If he decided to do something, he gave it 100%," said Shastri. "But when you're that involved—it's as if he had to take every wicket, catch every ball, make every decision—it eventually leads to burnout."While the decision was shocking to most, the reasons were not hard to understand. The spotlight on Kohli has always been blinding. Whether it was his animated celebrations in Australia or his animated confrontations in England, Kohli polarised audiences—and united fans.Shastri acknowledged that the pressure of being the face of Indian cricket for more than a decade had finally caught up."He's got a bigger following than any cricketer in the last decade," said Shastri. "He brought people to stadiums. Whether it was Australia or South Africa, his presence alone elevated the game. There was a love-hate relationship—people admired him, feared him, and even got annoyed with him. But they could never ignore him."

Samsung 'Galaxy Empowered' launches Immersive Programme for Bhutan's Teaching Community

NEW DELHI: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, is welcoming passionate educators from remote corners of Bhutan into its growing community, 'Galaxy empowered', a one-of-a-kind community-led programme designed to transform education by empowering teachers, principals, and administrators in the education sector. 'Galaxy empowered', which aims to prepare teachers for the classrooms of tomorrow through recurring on-ground and online learning events, was launched in India in December 2024. Now, through



immersive workshops and collaborative learning, Bhutanese teachers are also part of the movement that is redefining classrooms with technology and innovation. Samsung organised a 'Galaxy empowered' immersion programme for these educators, many of whom serve in remote and under served communities in Bhutan, at its Executive Business Centre (EBC) in Gurugram. During the immersion programme, teachers gained hands-on experience with the Galaxy ecosystem, including Galaxy smartphones, Galaxy Books, Tablets, flipboards, and displays.

IIM Sambalpur Champions Public Policy, Sustainability, AI- Launches Its First Ever Future-Focused Undergraduate Programmes

Sambalpur :(correspondent) : In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, IIM Sambalpur has launched its two cutting-edge new undergraduate programmes: "Bachelor of Science in Management and Public Policy" and "Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence". Anchored in the core values of Integrity and Innovation, the programmes provide strong roots in data analysis, critical reasoning, and evidence-based decision-making. The cross-functional courses are designed to develop responsible leaders who can address intri-



cate societal and industrial challenges with innovation, compassion, and a global perspective. The Bachelor of Science in Management and Public Policy programme is designed to meet national managerial aspirations in terms of Sustainability, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance), and community-led development. This programme aims to equip a new generation of change-makers to close the gap between policy and practice at the grassroots level.The Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence is focused towards developing India's digital capability and global competitiveness. The programme, co-designed with industry leaders builds future ready skill set among young students and encourages the use of ethical AI, reaffirming the institution's pledge to innovation with integrity.The event also witnessed a roundtable discussion with the theme: "Global Capability Centres (GCCs) as Engines of Innovation for Global Enterprises. Bramhanand Jha, PMP, Vice President, National eGovernance Division under MeitY, Ministry of Electronics & IT, Government of India graced the occasion as the chief guest. While Lt. Col. Piyush Shukla, Director (JEE), National Testing Agency (NTA) and Rajesh Kumar, Director (CUET), National Testing Agency (NTA) were present as the keynote speakers, who came together to discuss the evolving role of GCCs as crucial hubs driving innovation and global digital transformation and contributed valuable insights on the future of global enterprises and the strategic role of GCCs.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Observes National Dengue Day

BHUBANESWAR :(correspondent): AIIMS Bhubaneswar observed National Dengue Day with a series of public awareness programmes held at the Main OPD foyer, today. The initiative aimed to educate the public about Dengue, a mosquito-borne viral disease, and promote effective preventive strategies to combat its spread.The event was spearheaded by the Department of General Medicine, with active participation from faculty and healthcare staff. Informative pamphlets were distributed among patients and visitors, highlighting key facts about Dengue symptoms, transmission, and most importantly, prevention.As per the data released by the



National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Government of India, a total of 12,043 Dengue cases and 6 deaths were reported across the country till March 2025, with the highest number of cases from Tamil Nadu.Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Biswas, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhubaneswar and an international expert on Dengue and vector-borne diseases, emphasized the urgent need to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, particularly during the monsoon season."Larvae can survive for a long time in stagnant or even clean water. It is crucial to eliminate water stagnation and maintain hygienic surroundings to prevent mosquito breeding. During the monsoon, using bed nets, mosquito repellents, and wearing full-sleeve clothing is essential to avoid mosquito bites," said Dr. Biswas.The awareness drive was graced by the presence of Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, Medical Superintendent, along with Dr. Anupam Dey, Head of the Department of General Medicine. Faculty members Dr. Anupama Behera, Dr. Debananda Sahoo, Dr. Dhriti Sundar Das, Dr. Binod Behera, and Dr. Rashmi Das from the Department of Paediatrics were also present.During the programme, medical experts discussed the public health significance of Dengue, epidemiological risks, and the importance of community-level preventive practices. Insights were also shared on the clinical diagnosis and management of Dengue in both adults and children.

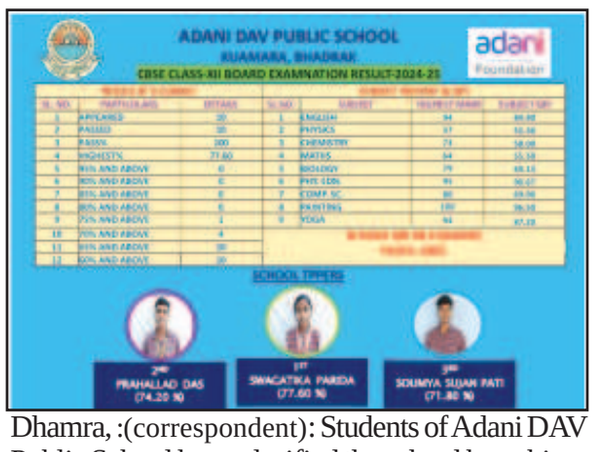
Augmentation of Coaches in Howrah-Puri Vande Bharat Express to Enhance Passenger Comfort

BHUBANESWAR :(correspondent) :In response to the growing demand for faster and more comfortable rail travel between Howrah and Puri, Indian Railways has announced 25% augmentation of 22895/22896 Howrah-Puri Vande Bharat Express with additional coaches. Starting today, the train will operate with 20 coaches, in place of earlier 16, adding four additional AC Chair Car Coaches.This augmentation includes the addition of four AC Chair Car Coaches, aimed at accommodating the growing number of passengers traveling on this prestigious semi-high-speed train service. The upgraded rake composition



will now consist of 16 AC Chair Car Coaches, 2 Executive Chair Car Coaches and 2 Crew & AC Chair Car Coaches.The decision to augment the train was made after a thorough review of passenger patronization and travel demand, highlighting the Puri–Howrah Vande Bharat Express as one of the most sought-after routes for both daily commuters and tourists. The enhanced capacity is expected to improve travel convenience, reduce waitlists and further popularize this premium train service. Patronisation of the train has seen a significant increase since its inception. Initially operating with an occupancy rate of 70–80%, the train has now reached an impressive patronisation level of over 110%. Currently, Train No. 22895 (Howrah–Puri) records 110.9% occupancy, while Train No. 22896 (Puri–Howrah) sees 109.2%. Specifically, patronage in AC Chair Car classes stands at 110.65%, and 103.19% in Executive Chair Car coaches.Passengers have overwhelmingly welcomed the augmentation, as more number of passengers can now avail the services of the prestigious train. Many regular commuters and tourists have shared positive feedback on social media and railway feedback portals, appreciating Indian Railways' responsiveness and sensitiveness to public demand. Enhanced coach capacity has also been applauded by public representatives, who have actively advocated for this upgrade in recent months.

100% Success in CBSE 12th Examination of Adani DAV School



Dhamra, :(correspondent): Students of Adani DAV Public School have glorified the school by achieving 100 percent successes in the CBSE 12th examination. All students of class 12th have passed with first class. Swagatika Parida secured the first position in the school with 77.60 percent marks. Prahallad Das secured 74.20 percent marks and Soumya Sujan Pati secured 71.10 percent marks and got second position and third position respectively.Dr. Keshab Chandra Satapathy, Regional Director, DAV, Odisha Zone, Dr. Sujata Sahu, Regional Officer, Mr. Devendra Thakar, Chairman, SMC, Mrs. Krishnapriya Sadangi, the School Principal along with all teachers, parents, guardians and well-wishers has congratulated the school for this success.

Aditya Birla Public School Shines in CBSE Board Exams 2025

Tikiri, (correspondent); Aditya Birla Public School, Rayagada, a premier educational institution in the region, has once again maintained its reputation for academic excellence with an outstanding performance in the CBSE Board Examinations 2025. The school recorded a 100 percent pass rate in both Class X and Class XII, reflecting its strong academic foundation and dedicated faculty. In Class X, 47 students appeared for the examinations, and among them, 8 students secured 90 percent and above demonstrating the school's consistent emphasis on high academic standards. Shinjini Sarkar, daughter of Mr. Jayanta Sarkar and Mrs. Sharmila Sarkar, topped the school with an impressive 96.6%, Soyam Sriyansi Sahoo, daughter of Mr. Gyana Ranjan Sahoo and Mrs. Surekha Sahoo, secured the second position with 96.2%, while the third position was achieved by Rohan Semili, son of Mr. Shisir Kumar Semili and Mrs. Rita Bhatra, with 95.8%.In Class XII, all 9 students who appeared for the examinations passed with flying colours. Hibah Beig, daughter of



Mr. Mazharullah Beig and Mrs. Hina Beig, emerged as the school topper with 84%. The second position was secured by Aunbhab Naik, son of Mr. Lambudhar Naik and Mrs. Sakuntala Naik, with 82%, and the third position got Prachi Pandey, daughter of Mr. Ramnarayan Pandey and Mrs. Saroj Pandey, she scored 81.4%.
The school management extended heartfelt congratulations to all the students, teachers, and parents for this remarkable collective achievement. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Aniruddha Tiwari, Principal of the school, expressed his joy and admiration for the students' hard work and the dedication of the teaching staff. He said, "We are thrilled with the outstanding performance of our students in the CBSE Board Exams. This achievement is a testament to the school's commitment to providing quality education and nurturing talent. We congratulate our students, teachers, and parents for their collective efforts."
Students and parents expressed immense gratitude for the school's supportive environment and academic guidance, which played a key role in their success.
Aditya Birla Public School, Rayagada, is devotedly run by Utkal Alumina International Ltd. The administration is committed to maintain high standards supporting students in achieving their full potential. It extends heartfelt congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents on this remarkable achievement. The voice of the locality says that the outstanding performance in the CBSE Board Exams reflects the school's dedication to nurture smart future leaders and responsible world citizens.

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