



PM Modi Charts Urban Future: Gujarat's 20-Year Growth Story

NEWDELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a gathering in Gujarat today, celebrating two decades of the state's transformative urban development journey. Launching the Urban Development Year 2025, the Prime Minister outlined ambitious plans to shape the future of urban infrastructure and sustainability. During his speech, Modi emphasised that urban areas should not merely expand but evolve as economic



hubs, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. He highlighted the government's success in nurturing startups, particularly in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, where young entrepreneurs, many of them women, are driving India's economic renaissance. Reflecting

on India's rapid economic ascent, Modi reiterated his vision of making India a developed nation by 2047, positioning the country as a global leader. The event also saw the inauguration of multiple urban development projects, including improvements in

transportation, housing, and clean air initiatives. With Gujarat as a model for urban excellence, Modi urged municipalities nationwide to adopt structured economic growth strategies, ensuring Indian cities become engines of prosperity.

Odisha CM Mohan Majhi Discusses State's Strategic Role in National Security with Rajnath Singh

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi met Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday, emphasizing the state's critical role in strengthening India's eastern defence frontier. The meeting took place during Majhi's ongoing four-day visit to the national capital. Following the discussion, CM Majhi shared on social media platform X, calling the



meeting "productive" and noting that they addressed key issues related to defence infrastructure and Odisha's strategic importance. "Had a

productive meeting with Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh ji in New Delhi. Discussed key issues related to defence infrastructure and

Odisha's strategic importance. Grateful for his support and commitment to strengthening national security," he posted. Odisha's 480-kilometre coastline and its defence assets — notably the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Bhadrak — make it a vital component of India's missile testing and coastal defence systems.

Mumbai Airport on High Alert After Fresh Bomb Threat

MUMBAI: Security was heightened at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport on Tuesday after authorities received a bomb threat call, marking the second such incident in a week. The Mumbai Police, along with airport security personnel, swiftly activated emergency protocols, deploying bomb detection squads to investigate the matter. Despite thorough inspections, no suspicious items were discovered, and officials later declared the threat a hoax. However, given the recent surge in such alerts, law enforcement agencies are taking the matter seriously, working to trace the origin of the calls and prevent future disruptions.

Suspected Babbar Khalsa terrorist killed

NEWDELHI: A man initially thought to be a scrap dealer was killed in a powerful blast on Majitha Road Bypass in Punjab's Amritsar on Tuesday morning around 9:30 AM, triggering panic and prompting a swift police response. According to officials, the explosion blew off the man's arms and caused critical injuries. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, but succumbed to his injuries later in the day. At first, authorities suspected the blast resulted from accidental mishandling of explosive material, possibly an old bomb the individual had discovered while sorting metal waste.

Tragedy in Panchkula

7 Family Members Found Dead Inside Parked Car

HARIYANA: In a shocking turn of events, seven members of a family were discovered dead inside a parked car in Panchkula, Haryana, late Monday night. The victims, identified as businessman Deshraj Mittal, his wife, their son Praveen Mittal, Praveen's wife, and their three teenage children, allegedly died by suicide. Police investigations suggest financial hardships might have driven the family to take this extreme step.



Authorities received an emergency call around midnight regarding suspicious activity near a house in Sector 27. Upon arrival, officers found the family members in

a semi-conscious state. They were rushed to Ojas Hospital, but tragically, all succumbed. Preliminary forensic findings indicate poisoning as the cause

of death. The family, originally from Uttarakhand, was reportedly struggling with mounting debts from their tours and travel business. Panchkula Deputy Commissioner of Police Himadree Kaushik confirmed that a detailed probe is underway. This heartbreaking incident raises concerns about the rising pressures of financial instability and mental health issues within families.

Legends Remembered, Icons Felicitated In Padma Ceremony

New Delhi: In a grand ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday conferred Padma Awards to 69 individuals who have made exceptional contributions in diverse fields such as art, literature, education, public affairs, medicine, social work, science, sports, and industry. The event, attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and other dignitaries, marked the second phase of the Padma Awards ceremony for the year 2025. The Padma Awards, among the



highest civilian honours of India, are conferred in three categories: Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri. This year, the government had announced a total of 139 Padma awardees on the eve of Republic Day. Among those

honoured in this phase were 3 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan, and 57 Padma Shri awardees. The ceremony held special significance with 13 posthumous recognitions, honouring legends who left a lasting legacy in their fields.

Petition Against Waqf 1995 Act, SC Issues Notice To Centre And States

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Centre and state governments on a petition challenging the validity of several provisions of the Waqf Act, 1995. At the outset, a bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai indicated that it would dismiss the petition challenging the constitutional validity of the 1995 Act solely on the grounds of delay. "We will dismiss on the grounds of delay. You are challenging the 1995 Act in 2025. Why should a challenge to the 1995 Act be entertained in 2025?" questioned the Bench, also comprising Justice A.G. Masih. In response, the petitioner's counsel cited the notice issued



in 2021 by the top court on a plea challenging the validity of the Places of Worship Act, 1991. Further, he contended that the plea questioned the constitutional validity of the Waqf Act, 1995, including the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2013 and the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. Additional

Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, the law officer of the Centre, expressed that no difficulty should arise if the present petition is tagged with the pending batch of pleas challenging the Waqf Act, 1995. ASG Bhati said that the top court has already clarified that it would not hear the pleas challenging

the Waqf Act, 1995, along with the clutch of pleas challenging the validity of the recently promulgated Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. After hearing the submissions, the CJI Gavai-led Bench issued notice to the Centre and state governments, and tagged the matter with the pending pleas challenging the validity of the Waqf Act, 1995. The plea filed before the apex court contended that the Waqf Act, 1995 is against Articles 14, 15, 21, 25, 26, 27 and 300A of the Constitution, and therefore, it must be "abrogated and a secular law should be enacted in spirit of the constitutional principles of equity, justice and good

conscience". "The Act is made to administer the properties of Muslims, but there are no similar laws for followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Judaism, B a h a i s m , Zoroastrianism and Christianity. Hence, it is totally against the secularism, unity and integrity of the nation. Waqf is not mentioned anywhere in the Constitution," the plea said. It added that if the impugned Act has been made to protect the fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 29 and 30, then the law has to cover all minorities, i.e., followers of Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Bahaism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity and not only Muslims.

UK: 50 Injured As Car Rams Into Crowd In Liverpool Premier League Win

Liverpool: At least 50 people were injured, including four children, after a car ploughed into a massive gathering of Liverpool fans celebrating the club's Premier League title win in the city centre. Of the injured, 27 have been hospitalised, with one child and one adult reported to be in serious condition. The horrifying incident took place on Water Street just after 6 p.m. on Monday as celebrations were winding down. Videos circulating on social media show the car speeding through crowds lining the street, at one point swerving slightly away from the densest group of people. Eyewitnesses described the car initially halting after striking some victims, only for the driver to accelerate again, hitting dozens more. One eyewitness, Rashid, said, "People rushed toward the car and started smashing its windows, but the driver kept going." The car eventually came to a stop, where an enraged group of fans surrounded it. Police officers had to intervene to protect the driver and maintain order at the scene. The driver, a 53-year-old white British man from the Liverpool area, was arrested at the scene. Police confirmed that he is believed to be the sole person responsible and that no other individuals are currently being sought in connection with the incident. Authorities have also ruled out terrorism as a motive. Temporary Deputy Chief Constable Jenny Sims said, "At just after 6 o'clock this evening, as the parade was drawing to a close, we received reports that a car had been in collision with a number of pedestrians on Water Street in Liverpool city centre."

BJP Angul District Core Committee Meeting



Angul:0(Correspondent):-An important meeting was held at the Angul District BJP office on Tuesday. The district core committee meeting held under the chairmanship of District President Yayati Patnaik reviewed various programs including Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's district visit and the programs organized by the party. It was also discussed that Ahalya Bai's birth anniversary will be celebrated on May 31 in the coming days. The formation of all the mandal committees was discussed. Among others, former district president Dileswar Pradhan, state executive member Dilip Mishra, Dilip Pradhan, Chaudhary Pradhan, Vijay Majhi, Sudip Gadanayak, Prakash Maharana, Parsuram Barik, Chittaranjan Meher, Dilip Das, Akshay Pada Behera, Gopabandhu Gadanayak and all the core committee members attended.

COVID-19: Nine New Cases Reported In Rajasthan

Jaipur: Rajasthan reported nine new Covid-19 cases, including a 16-day-old infant, in the past 24 hours, taking the total number of cases this year to 32.Of the newly detected cases, seven were reported in Jaipur, while two were confirmed at AIIMS Jodhpur.The Health Department has collected samples from all the patients and sent them for genome sequencing. Health officials said that two cases were detected in AIIMS Jodhpur and an equal number tested positive in Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital, Jaipur.Four cases tested positive in B Lal Diagnostic Lab, Jaipur – four cases, while one case came positive in Aanavik Diagnostic Centre, Jaipur. In Jodhpur, a 16-day-old male infant has tested positive with a 35-year-old female.The cumulative COVID-19 from January 1 to May 27 this year is 32, while one death has been registered.

Above-Normal Rainfall Expected in June, Says IMD

NEWDELHI: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted an above-normal monsoon for the month of June, with rainfall expected to exceed 108% of the long-term average.This surge is likely to bring cooler temperatures across much of the country, though parts of Northwest and Northeast India may experience above-normal maximum temperatures.Experts indicate that Central and South India will receive significantly higher precipitation levels, surpassing 106% of the long-term average. However, Northeast India may see below-normal rainfall, potentially impacting agriculture and water availability.The forecast for Northwest India, which includes the national capital, Delhi, remains within the normal range of 92-100 per cent of the long-term average. All other regions are anticipated to witness either normal or above-normal rainfall throughout the season.

ECI Files FIRs Against Two Election Officers In Bengal For Irregularities In Electoral Rolls

Kolkata: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has filed FIRs against two West Bengal government employees engaged in the electoral process in the state, on charges of irregularities in the voters' lists in the block they were responsible for.One is Sudipto Biswas, an inspector attached to the West Bengal co-operation department and the other is Avijit Patra, a clerk attached to the same department.Both were engaged in the electoral process at Namkhana block in

South 24 Parganas district.Earlier this week, the ECI suspended Arun Gorain, assistant system manager attached to Kakdwip sub-division also in South 24 Parganas district, on charges of inappropriate behaviour, which according to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) West Bengal, "tantamounts to gross misconduct in the discharge of duties."orain was accused of having inserted his mobile number in the login credentials of a Block

Development Officer (BDO) and an Assistant Election Returning Officer in the same division of the district.An insider from the CEO's office said that an investigation was initiated following complaints received over irregularities in the voters' lists in South 24 Parganas district, especially at Namkhana and Kakdwip.The alleged irregularities mainly related to the inclusion of bogus names in the voters' list, inadequate deletion of names of deceased voters or electors in

whose cases addresses have been changed, and identification of voters having duplicate EPIC cards."An investigation has already been initiated against Patra and Biswas following the FIRs registered against them," confirmed a CEO office insider.Recently, the ECI also ordered a probe following complaints over the wife of BJP's West Bengal president and Union Minister of State Sukanta Majumdar holding two voters' cards from two different districts in the state.

Bodies Of 3 Andhra Youths Recovered From Godavari

Amaravati: Bodies of three out of eight youngsters who were feared drowned in the Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh's Dr B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district have been recovered, police said on Tuesday.Personnel of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) continued the search for the remaining youth.Bodies of Vaddi Rajesh (15), his brother Vaddi Mahesh (15) and Subbitha Paul Abhishek (18) were recovered in the morning.

BSF Releases Video Of 'Op Sindoor', Says 'Fully Prepared' To Prevent Pak Infiltration

Jammu: The Border Security Force (BSF), which played a critical role in 'Operation Sindoor' alongside the Indian armed forces, has released new visuals of the military action undertaken on May 7 against nine high-value terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK).The offensive was launched in direct response to the brutal April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, where four heavily armed terrorists from The Resistance Front (TRF), a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) affiliate, killed 26 innocent and unarmed

people, mostly tourists from India.The Indian armed forces, through multiple Press briefings, have kept the public informed about 'Operation Sindoor'.In continuation of this, the BSF released a 5-minute, 21-second video capturing intense action by Indian forces on several terror infrastructure facilities across the border.In the video, the Indian armed forces are seen targeting and destroying multiple key launchpads and military posts.The footage also shows the Pakistan Rangers fleeing from the scene as the BSF retaliated with



precision. BSF personnel are seen actively engaged at various posts, launching calculated strikes on enemy positions across the border.During a press conference, BSF Inspector General (IG)

Jammu, Shashank Anand, detailed Pakistan's response following the Indian operation."On May 9, Pakistan targeted several of our posts, using flat trajectory weapons and mortars.

They even fired on one of our villages, Abdullian. Our jawans gave them a befitting reply. When their firing slowed down, they increased drone activity. In retaliation, BSF targeted and

destroyed the Mastpur terror launchpad," he said.He further warned of potential infiltration attempts, saying, "We are receiving several inputs about terrorists returning to their camps and launchpads, and possible infiltration along the LoC and the International Border. Security forces must stay alert."Highlighting the BSF's prepared ness, Anand stated, "The BSF operates its Intelligence network and maintains close coordination with national Intelligence agencies.

18 Maoists Surrender In Chhattisgarh's Sukma

Raipur: In a significant development, 18 Maoists, including four associated with Battalion No. 1, surrendered in Sukma, Chhattisgarh, under the influence of the 'Niyad N e l l a n a r ' scheme.According to Sukma SP, Kiran G Chavan, Naxals from four different battalions, including those active in South Bastar, chose to

abandon insurgency.He urged others to follow suit, highlighting that surrendered individuals would receive benefits from state government schemes aimed at rehabilitation.After elimination of Basvaraju – the dreaded Maoist who was carrying a Rs 1.5 crore bounty on his head, more Maoists are expected to surrender, the officer said.The

surrender is an outcome of the 'Lon Varratu' campaign launched by the government and actively propagated by security forces.'Lon Varratu' means come back home to your roots. The officers talk with the Maoists, particularly the young ones to lay down arms and join the mainstream of development.The government has assured

full support, including financial aid and skill d e v e l o p m e n t training.The police officer also stated that these individuals would be offered government jobs, emphasising the administration's commitment to reintegrating former Maoists into society.He made a strong appeal for others still involved in militant activities to surrender promptly.

Terrorism Biggest Threat To Civilisation And Human Development: Om Birla

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday highlighted that terrorism, in whatever form it may exist, is the biggest threat to civilisation and human development."A threat to one country or one region is a threat to humanity," he added. He expressed hope that in the fight against terrorism, all the countries would stand together with a common front and strategy.Birla made these remarks during a bilateral meeting with a visiting Sri Lankan Parliamentary



Delegation led by Dr Rizvie Salih, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees of the Sri Lankan Parliament, in Parliament House, on Tuesday.The Speaker urged Parliaments of the world's democratic countries to work unitedly against the

global threat of terrorism. Welcoming the Members of the delegation to the Parliament House, Birla said that the friendship between India and Sri Lanka is based on shared cultural, spiritual, and

civilizational values. He also thanked the Sri Lankan Parliamentary Delegation for expressing its solidarity with India's fight against terrorism.The Sri Lankan Parliamentary Delegation is currently attending a week-long capacity-building program being organised by the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE).Birla noted with pride that the common Buddhist heritage connects the two nations.

HM Amit Shah To Visit Bengal Two Days After PM Modi's Program

Kolkata: The Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be on a two-day visit to West Bengal this weekend, two days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be attending two programmes, in Alipurduar district on May 29.As per the schedule, the Union Home Minister will be arriving in Kolkata on the evening of May 31. On the same evening, he will have a meeting with the state leadership of the BJP at the hotel in Salt Lake on the northern outskirts of Kolkata, where he will make a night stay.On the following day, June 1, Shah will address a rally of the party workers, which has been scheduled at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in central Kolkata. He will go back to New Delhi on the evening of June 1.BJP's former national secretary Rahul Sinha said that over 10,000 party workers, including all the elected MPs and legislators of the party, will be

attending the rally at Netaji Indoor Stadium.Political observers feel that the subsequent tours to West Bengal in the same week, first by the Prime Minister and then by the Union Home Minister, are extremely significant amid the crucial state assembly election scheduled next year, as well as the by-polls for Kaliganj Assembly constituency in Nadia district next month.A member of the state committee of the BJP in West Bengal said that in the meeting with the state leadership of the party on May 31, the Union Home Minister is expected to outline the political, organisational and campaign strategy for the party for the forthcoming elections." He is also expected to give the blueprint on how to highlight anti-incumbency and corruption issues against both the West Bengal government and the ruling Trinamool Congress," the state committee member said.

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Bid Identification No. SEUKID-01/2025-26 Dated: 22.05.2025

Bid Documents consisting of work, Estimated Cost, cost of bid document, Time of completion, Class of Contractors and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in Govt. Website i.e. www.tendersodisha.gov.in

1. Name of the Work	:Civil Works
2. No. of Works	:16 Nos
3. Estimated Cost	:Rs.7.36 Lakhs to Rs.11.84 Lakhs
4. Period of completion	:Two calendar months
5. Date & Time of Bidding	:From 11.00 hours of 28.05.2025 Up to 17.00 hours of 09.06.2025
6. Last date & time for receipt of bids in portal :	09.06.2025 up to 17.00hours.
7. Bids received online shall be opened on	:11.00 hours of 10.06.2025
8. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	:Superintending Engineer, Upper Kolab Irrigation Division,Borigumma (K)

Further details can be seen from the www.tendersodisha.gov.in.

Addendum/cancellation required, if any will be published in Govt. Website only.

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Maoist Leader Surrenders to Rayagada SP with Arms and Ammunition

R a y a g a d a (Correspondent):- In a significant development, a hardcore Maoist leader, identified as Vijay Punem alias Ajay, has surrendered to the R a y a g a d a Superintendent of Police (SP) with arms and ammunition. The Maoist, who was wanted in several cases of violence in Odisha, had a reward of Rs 4 lakh on his head. According to sources, Vijay, a resident of Batiguda village in Chhattisgarh, had been active in the Basadhara-Ghumusar-Nagabali division and was involved in various Naxalite violence cases in Rayagada, Koraput, N a b a r a n g p u r ,



Kalahandi, Boudh, Kandhamal, and other districts. He had joined the Naxalite organization in 2009 and rose through the ranks to become an Area Committee Member (ACM) in 2014 and later a cadre in charge of the Basadhara-Ghumusar-Nagabali division in 2024. Vijay surrendered to the Rayagada SP,

Swathi S, with a 9mm pistol, 8 live rounds of ammunition, a wristwatch, and a mobile phone. The SP assured him of rehabilitation and benefits under the government's Naxalite r e h a b i l i t a t i o n policy. The Maoist leader expressed his willingness to persuade his wife and other associates to

surrender, marking a significant breakthrough in the state's efforts to curb Naxalite activities. The surrender is seen as a major success for the state's anti-Naxalite operations, which have been intensified in recent times. The Rayagada SP's office has confirmed that Vijay's surrender is a result of the state's efforts to provide a safe and secure environment for Maoists to surrender and reintegrate into mainstream society. The development is expected to have a positive impact on the region, which has been affected by Naxalite violence for years.

Suspected Dengue Death Reported In Ganjam; State To Launch Awareness Drive From June 1

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):- A minor reportedly died of dengue in Bada Aryapalli village under Chatrapur block of Ganjam district. State Public Health Director Dr. Nilakantha Mishra confirmed that the health department received a complaint and has started an investigation. "We have received a complaint about the death. A detailed inquiry is being conducted to ascertain the exact cause," said Dr. Mishra while speaking to reporters on Monday. To stop the spread of dengue, the state government will



start an awareness campaign from June 1 across Odisha. This campaign will follow the model of the previous 'Dengue Rath' initiative. "Health workers will visit homes and inform people about dengue prevention. Around 100 volunteers will also take part in the campaign in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation areas," Dr.

M i s h r a added. Meanwhile, a medical team from Chatrapur Community Health Centre (CHC), led by Dr. Swadhin Kumar Rath, visited the village. The team collected water samples from different spots where water was found stagnant. These samples will be tested in laboratories to check for dengue mosquito larvae

Woman Killed as Oil Tanker Hits Motorcycle in Dhenkanal

D H E N K A N A L (Correspondent):- A routine journey turned tragic when a 20-year-old woman lost her life in a horrific road accident on National Highway 55 near Anand Nagar Chhak. The deceased, identified as Lucy, was riding pillion with her husband and young child when a speeding oil tanker struck their bike early this morning. While Lucy succumbed to her injuries instantly, her husband, Rashmi Ranjan, suffered serious injuries and was rushed to the local hospital for treatment. Miraculously, their toddler son escaped unharmed.

228 packets of Paddy seized by the Supply Department

S U B A R N A P U R (Correspondent):- The Supply Department has seized 228 packets of Paddy from the Weekly Bazar and PACS of Binika Block, Julunda, Subarnapur District. According to the information, Parameswar Swain of Binika Block, Amamunda Village, is running a grocery shop in Julunda Bazar and is selling paddy and rice. He has been bringing rice from Chhattisgarh for a long time and selling it in Dunguripali and Binika areas. A complaint was filed with the Supply Department. When the Binika Supply Officer Pramod Kumar

Panda reached the spot yesterday after receiving the news, the paddy had been unloaded from the OD- 17 AC 6793 Tata vehicle and loaded on the OD- 31 - M 1254 tractor and piled up. The Supply Officer Shri Panda inquired further about the paddy from the trader Parameswar and his son Manas. When the son Manas asked the Supply Officer he abused the supply officer and pushed him, took the tractor loaded with paddy to the Julunda PACS and sent the Tata vehicle elsewhere, and the father and son fled. Lachhipur police station officer and Sonepur

ACSO Lalit Mohan Pattnaik reached the spot and seized 228 packets i.e. 82 quintals of paddy from two places and deposited them at the K h u r d i a b a h a l Samaleswari Rice Mill, informed Mr. Panda. People who have hundreds of packets of paddy and rice in Swain's godowns have complained to the supply officer. Farmers are complaining to the supply officer that they are facing problems as the paddy imported from Chhattisgarh is being sold in various packets and rice mills of Binika and Dunguripali

Khordha DM holds Grievance camp at Banpur

K h o r d h a (Correspondent):- The Khordha district administration on Tuesday held a joint grievance hearing camp at Gambharimunda Panchayat under Banpur Block. Collector and District Magistrate Chanchal Rana received a total of 88 grievance cases from Banpur Block and NAC. All cases were referred to the relevant departments while a sum of Rs 20,000 was sanctioned out of the Red Cross fund for two eligible case each . Khordha SP Sagarika Nath , SDM Kishore Panda , BDO Sheetal Agarwal, Tehsildar T. Padmanabh Dora , Block Chairperson Amarendra Ranasingh, CDMO Dr. Rajyashri Patnaik , Asst Collector Bhubaneswari Kanhar, Deputy Collector Sritapa Mishra and all PRI members and line department were present at the camp .



Class10 Fail Poses as Doctor, Dupes Patients for Two Years

Ganjam, (Correspondent): In a startling revelation, a class 10 dropout named Prasannajit Sarkar was arrested by the Aryapalli Marine Police for posing as a doctor and running an illegal clinic in Aryapalli, Chhatrapur block, Ganjam district. For two years, Sarkar, originally from West Bengal, operated a clinic without a medical license, deceiving countless patients with his stethoscope and false credentials. Following complaints about a quack doctor operating in the area, the police conducted raids. Their investigation led them to Gandhi Chhak, where

they uncovered Sarkar's unauthorised clinic. Upon inspection, police discovered that Sarkar lacked any medical qualifications, with his education limited to failing class 10. Despite this, he had been treating patients, prescribing medicines, and running the clinic with confidence. The police seized a large quantity of medicines and medical equipment from the clinic. Sarkar was arrested and is set to be produced in court today. Vidya Bharati, the officer-in-charge at Aryapalli Marine Police Station, confirmed the arrest and stated that such raids would continue to crack

down on fake doctors operating in the region. This incident has raised concerns about the prevalence of unqualified practitioners exploiting vulnerable communities. Authorities have urged the public to verify the credentials of medical professionals and report suspicious activities to prevent such fraud. The case underscores the need for stricter regulations and vigilance to protect public health from unqualified individuals posing as medical professionals. Further investigations are underway to determine the extent of Sarkar's operations and their impact on patients.

Prof. Jagneshwar Dandapat Appointed In-Charge VC Of Utkal University

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent):- Odisha governor and chancellor of state universities Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati has appointed Professor Jagneshwar Dandapat as the In-Charge Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University with immediate effect from Tuesday. A notification issued by the Governor's House confirmed the appointment. Professor Dandapat, a senior faculty member in Biotechnology at Utkal University, will hold the position until a new Vice-Chancellor takes charge or until further orders. "In supersession of this Office Notification No. 10304/SG (HE) dated 21.11.2024, the Hon'ble Chancellor, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, has been pleased to appoint Prof. Jagneshwar Dandapat, Professor of Biotechnology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, as the In-Charge Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University with immediate effect, until the new Vice-Chancellor assumes charge or until further orders, whichever is earlier," the notification stated. This interim appointment is aimed at ensuring administrative continuity and academic leadership at one of Odisha's leading educational institutions.

Antyodaya Housing: 60K Homes Given, 2nd Phase Starts Post-Monsoon

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):- The Odisha government has reinforced its commitment to housing security for underprivileged families through the Antyodaya Housing Scheme. Panchayati Raj Minister Rabi Narayan Naik recently announced that families left out of other government housing schemes will now receive homes under this initiative. Addressing the press, Naik stated, "In the first phase, nearly 60,000 houses have already been distributed. The list for the next phase is being prepared, and the process will be completed within two months. Post-monsoon, the second phase of house distribution will commence." The Antyodaya Housing Scheme aims to provide shelter to economically weaker sections by ensuring financial assistance for permanent homes.

Odisha CM Visits Odisha Niwas in Delhi, Calls for Heritage Revival

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi visited Odisha Niwas and the Office of the Chief Resident Commissioner in the national capital, engaging with staff and guests while reviewing the existing infrastructure. During his inspection, he directed the renovation of the basement office to enhance administrative efficiency. A key



highlight of his visit was his emphasis on promoting authentic Odia cuisine at the canteen, aiming to serve the Odia diaspora in

Delhi-NCR and attract non-Odia guests to experience the rich culinary heritage of Odisha. Majhi stressed the importance of

showcasing Odisha's flavours at a national level to strengthen cultural ties. The Chief Minister also held discussions on upcoming events, including the first anniversary of the BJP-led Odisha government and preparations for the grand Rath Yatra festival in Puri. His meetings with key leaders underscored Odisha's strategic outreach to the central government for developmental initiatives

Prime Accused In Bolangir Journalist Assault Case Arrested In Jharsuguda

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): In a major breakthrough, police on Tuesday arrested the prime accused in the brutal assault on journalist Bijay Pradhan in Kulthipali village under Puntala police station limits in Bolangir district. The accused has been identified as Gajendra Dalai, was apprehended from Jharsuguda. According

to reports, Dalai was overseeing the construction of a retaining wall along the village road, a project that had come under scrutiny following allegations of corruption. On Friday, Pradhan visited the village with his nephew to report on the alleged irregularities. Dalai reportedly objected to the journalist filming the ongoing work and allegedly instigated others

to assault him. On Saturday, when Pradhan returned to continue his investigation, he was attacked by a group of men. The assailants allegedly tied his hands and legs, physically assaulted him, and paraded him through the village before taking him to a nearby temple. There, they reportedly threatened him with dire consequences if he published the report or

spoke about the incident. Following the attack, Pradhan immediately lodged a complaint at the Puntala police station. Acting swiftly, the police arrested four persons on Monday in connection with the case, including a juvenile. The adult accused have been identified as Abinash Dalei (25), Aditya Kumar Jena (31), and Gumar Naik (40).

No Need To Panic Over Covid-19 In Odisha: Health Director

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): State Public Health Director Nilakantha Mishra on Tuesday reassured the public that there is no cause for panic in Odisha regarding the rise in Covid-19 cases, even as India reports over 1,000 active cases. "The hospitalization rate remains low and the current symptoms are mostly limited to mild cough and cold," Dr. Mishra said while speaking to reporters. He further informed that two new Covid-19 variants—NB.1.8.1 and LF.7—have been detected. A meeting chaired by the Union Health Secretary is scheduled for tomorrow at 12 noon to review the situation in detail. Odisha has confirmed one case of the new variant, with the patient currently in stable condition. "We are closely monitoring the data and are fully prepared to take necessary actions," added Dr. Mishra. The state health department is maintaining round-the-clock vigilance and coordinating closely with the central government, World Health Organization (WHO), and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Dr. Mishra urged the public to remain calm and avoid panic

Land identified for District Tribal Society Mahasangh Office

Malkangiri correspondent:- There are more than 50 percent tribals in Malkangiri district. For a long time, the Joint District Tribal Society Mahasangh, which has been protesting for various demands on behalf of the tribal community, has been demanding the construction of a permanent house. In this regard, yesterday, the district administration allocated land at Siadimal of the local block Chalan Guda Panchayat and the auspicious occasion was given by the District Tribal Society Mahasangh's Bandhu Muduli and District BJD senior leader Durga Prasad Tripathi. All the workers of the Tribal community Mahasangh, including SC, ST Action President Jara Sabar Madhi, Dandakaranya Liberation Organization President Lalit Madkami, Budra Kartami, Kunda Majhi, Samaru Nayak, Nilakantha Dora, Ishwar Madkami and Baga Madhi were prominently present at the event.

EDITORIAL

A divine blessing for spiritual transformation

Spiritual seekers have pondered over three core questions: ‘Who am I? Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life?’ It is in pursuit of answers to the above questions that the spiritual quest starts moving beyond the mundane and humdrum existence of material life. So what is the way ahead? How can the seeker go about reconnecting to his true Self? Seekers need to now rediscover the original path to the Truth.We have all come from one ‘Source’, the Divine and we carry its essence in our hearts. The journey towards the source of our existence, the Divine, is the long awaited transformation our soul has been waiting for many lifetimes. Once the Divine within is awakened, all its qualities manifest within us. Eternal peace, joy and unconditional love, take over our being, removing all ignorance absorbed from our worldly surroundings which have kept us in the dark over lifetimes. It is only through divine grace that one can experience transformation within. In order to elevate the mind and transform deep-rooted fears and negative impressions in our consciousness into love, we need to attune and open our entire ‘Being’ to connect to the Divine within, thus becoming ‘awakened beings’. The moment this connection is made, the mind undergoes spontaneous spiritual change. Old, negative impressions in our consciousness are replaced by the seed of divine intelligence.As the layers of deep-rooted sanskars and detrimental, unpleasant past impressions are removed, we experience our own, true, divine essence, leaving us with the experience of love, peace, joy and internal freedom even in the most turbulent of times. The seeker now finds things changing as he gets established in the right direction which will, in time, fulfil the purpose of his life.

Wave upon wave of transformation will be on its way. Each wave of transformation will create an enormous opportunity to connect with the Light within, followed by a period of integration as the wave recedes. Then arrives the next wave, higher, bigger and more powerful than the previous one. Each wave of higher vibration will be bigger than the one before. Its effects will be more dramatic because the number of people able to experience their own true nature will increase. Such divine energy transfer enables us to ride this wave of transformation and experience more joy, peace and love – our true nature. As we align with our higher Self, we will no longer feel the turbulence as these waves come, and will be able to use the wave power to lift ourselves higher and align with the current flow of nature. Our alignment with the wave of transformation can assist humanity and Planet Earth in making a calm and peaceful transition to a Golden Age.

God is Love and can be won only through the cultivation and exercise of Love. He cannot be trapped by any trick; He yields Grace only when His commands are



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followed - command to love all, serve all. When we love and serve all, we are serving ourself most, ourself whom we love most! For God's Grace envelops us then and we are strengthened beyond all previous experience. Let all days of living be a continuous offering of Love, as an oil lamp exhausts itself in illumining the surroundings. Bend the body, mend the senses and end the mind - that is the process of attaining the status of 'children of immortality', which the Upanishads have reserved for man.God is the embodiment of sweetness. Attain Him by offering Him, who resides in all, the sweetness that He has dowered on us. Crush the cane in the mill of Seva, boil it in the cauldron of penitence; decolorize it of all sensual itch; offer the crystallized sugar of compassionate Love to

Him.Seva brings out all that is great in man. It broadens the heart and widens ones vision. It fills one with joy. It promotes unity. It proclaims the truth of the spirit. It drives out all evil qualities in a man. It must be regarded as a great spiritual discipline.We are born to serve, not to dominate. Everyone in the world is a servant and not a master. All relationships - husband and wife, mother and child, the employer and employee - are based on mutual service. The world is progressing because of such mutual service. Seva should be done out of a sense of duty.The body has been given to man for the performance of right action. Every person has to discharge his duties in life. It is a sin to ignore one's duties. Perform our duties without regard to what others say or do. Engage ourself in service activity. Consider social service as service to God. To earn the Love of God, this is the easiest way. The best way to love God is to love all and serve all. Our entire life sanctified thereby. Devotion consists in expressing love towards all. We cannot effect a change of heart by speeches. They often lead to confusion and conflict. Better than speeches is practice of love with faith in the divine. Follow the path of love and redeem our love.Man knows that God is the very embodiment of love. Only through the cord of love can God be

bound. But it is only when love is for love's sake that this cord can bind God to man. If love is motivated by desire for worldly objects, God will be beyond our reach. We must become embodiments of love. If we are merely loving, our love will be confined to a few. Only when you become the embodiment of love can our love comprehend all. Only then we will realize that it is the same God who is the indweller in all beings.We owe a debt of gratitude to the Divine who has not only endowed us with this precious human body but which also sustains it. We shall be able to enjoy these gifts of the Divine only if we discharge this debt to the Divine. How is this to be done? It is by rendering service to other bodies saturated with the same Divine, by doing righteous deeds and consecrating all actions in the service of the society. This debt to the Divine has to be discharged in full in this life itself or during many future lives. The earlier we repay this debt, the sooner we shall realize Divinity. It is needless to search for God. Verily we are the Divine. Strive to realize this Truth. There is a simple and easy way. Have faith that every human being is an embodiment of the Divine. Love every one. Serve all. The best way to God is to LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL.

You can bring hope back into your life



Dr. Gurupada Mishra

Life is a meandering journey, with joys and sorrows, generosity and miserliness, success and failure, simplicities and complexities. Within these different shades of experiences, we need to find and hold on to threads of hope, reassurance, faith and courage, to survive the low phases. But for some people, in troubled times, their optimism dries up completely or fails them miserably, leading to an existential crisis. Such experiences shake their psychological foundations, pushing them into the throes of depression. They may even contemplate suicide.In the midst of emotional mayhem, a person who feels low, often asks himself, ‘Why should I live? What is the meaning and purpose of life? Does it make sense to give life another chance?’ If he can find

convincing answers to these questions, the will to live is resurrected and he valiantly fights off the miasma of despair. But if persuasive answers to these questions cannot be found, the despair worsens, often crushing the will to survive.How could a person who is feeling utterly hopeless, reclaim hope? We need to first understand the aetiology of hopelessness. When a person is reeling under despair and depression, he usually perceives his circumstances to be excruciating and his self-esteem touches rock bottom, so he feels completely worthless. He feels an intense loathing towards his existing life situations and personal identity and there is a strong desire to escape from it all. His reasoning and vision are clouded by melancholy and a vague, self-defeating feeling tells him that perhaps suicide is the only way to break free of suffering.But this is a dangerous illusion, a self-destructive wish that takes one to the point of no return. Rather than taking this self-destructive and untrustworthy route to deal with pain, why not create a lasting foundation for hope, renewing faith in self and in the world? The Bhagavata Purana says that steadfast hope could be cultivated

by contemplating on the distinction between soul and matter, between the real and the ephemeral, truth and falsehood, reality and delusion. Such contemplation dispels ignorance and reveals the Atman – the seer and knower of truth, the one who is aware that what really exists is Supreme Consciousness.When we see through the eyes of this great seer, we begin to realise that our tiny self is not alone; it is not worthless, separated or fragile – it is securely embedded in the Supreme Consciousness. We also understand that the external world and all our life circumstances, whether favourable or unfavourable, are manifestations of the Supreme Consciousness, a part of the plan for our self-growth. Consequently, there is no reason to despise self, the world or circumstances. We cheerfully accept various internal and external impediments, working through them unwaveringly and patiently, shaping and welcoming a better self and a better world.

The Triumph of Righteousness

In a small village, a poor farmer named Arjun faced a moral dilemma. His landlord, a wealthy but unjust man, demanded exorbitant rent,

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threatening to seize Arjun’s land. Despite the pressure, Arjun refused to cheat his neighbors to pay the debt, choosing honesty over survival. His resolve inspired the village to unite, pooling resources to support him. The landlord, moved

by their solidarity, relented, reducing the rent and acknowledging his greed.This story echoes the Bhagavad Gita, where Lord Krishna advises Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra (Chapter 2, Verse 47). Krishna emphasizes dharma - duty without attachment to outcomes. Arjun’s choice to uphold truth, despite personal loss, mirrors Arjuna’s struggle to fight for justice, guided by Krishna’s counsel to act selflessly. In Hindu ideology, righteousness (dharma) is the foundation of a harmonious society, where good will fosters unity and compassion, as seen in

the village’s collective action. The teachings of this tale and the Gita are timeless: uphold truth and integrity, even in adversity. Selfless action, rooted in compassion, creates ripples of positive change. Arjun’s village showed that collective goodwill can overcome injustice, reflecting Krishna’s wisdom that righteousness prevails when guided by duty and unity. By embracing dharma, we cultivate a life of purpose, inspiring others to act with kindness and courage, ensuring justice triumphs in the face of greed.

Effective ways to memorise everything you learn



Vijay GarG

Most people struggle to retain new information, even if they genuinely enjoy learning. It’s not a lack of intelligence. It’s a lack of method. In our fast-paced world, we’re consuming more content than ever—books, podcasts, tutorials, courses. But without a way to store and retrieve that knowledge, it all slips through our mental cracks. Whether you’re a student facing exams, a professional upskilling to stay relevant, or a curious mind diving into new topics, one thing is clear: you need to remember what you learn. And memorising doesn’t have to be stressful. It can be strategic—and even enjoyable. 10 methods to actually remember everything you learn 1.) Use spaced repetition Spaced repetition is the practice of reviewing information at increasing time intervals—like today, then in two days, then a week, then a month. Instead of cramming once and forgetting fast, you reinforce the content over time. Why it works: Your brain is wired to forget things it doesn’t revisit. The

spacing effect combats this by prompting you to review material just before you’re about to forget it. This strengthens neural connections and moves knowledge into long-term memory. 2.) Teach what you learn One of the fastest ways to test your understanding is to teach the concept to someone else, even if it’s just to yourself in the mirror. Why it works: When you teach, you’re forced to organise your thoughts, simplify complex ideas, and identify any gaps in your understanding. This active recall and reprocessing deepens memory and reinforces comprehension. It’s called the “protégé effect”—we learn better when we teach others. 3.) Apply the Feynman Technique Break down what you’ve learned into simple explanations as if you were teaching it to a 12-year-old. Use analogies and avoid jargon. Then, identify what parts you struggled with and revisit those. Why it works: Explaining things in your own words forces you to process the material deeply. The method reveals blind spots in your understanding and encourages a more active engagement with the content, which improves retention. Nobel physicist Richard Feynman swore by this approach—and it helped him master some of the most complex topics in physics. 4.)Use mnemonics and acronyms Mnemonics are memory aids—think “PEMDAS” for math operations or “ROYGBIV” for the colours of the rainbow. These tricks compress complex info into simple cues. Why

it works: Mnemonics tap into your brain’s natural preference for patterns, imagery, and structure. They reduce cognitive load by making abstract or lengthy data easier to chunk and recall. When information is tied to a clever rhyme or acronym, it becomes easier to pull from memory. 5.) Visualise the information Rather than just reading text, convert the material into visuals—mind maps, charts, diagrams, or even vivid mental images. Why it works: The brain processes visuals 60,000 times faster than text. Visual cues create stronger mental associations than abstract words. When you visualise an idea, you create multiple pathways to remember it: linguistic, spatial, and emotional. This multisensory involvement makes the memory more durable. 6.) Connect new info to what you know Don’t memorise in isolation. Link new knowledge to something you already understand—be it a life experience, a concept from another field, or a hobby. Why it works: The brain remembers through associations. When you connect unfamiliar material to existing knowledge, you create “neural hooks” that make it easier to retrieve the information later. These bridges between old and new information create a robust memory network. 7.)Use the power of emotion Make your learning emotionally engaging. Whether it’s humour, curiosity, awe, or surprise, emotions add weight to memories. Why it works: Emotionally charged experiences activate

the amygdala, which helps encode memories more effectively. If a fact or concept is tied to an emotional response, your brain flags it as important. That’s why you remember a passionate story more than a dry textbook definition. 8.) Take breaks with the Pomodoro Technique Study in focused 25-minute intervals followed by 5-minute breaks. After four sessions, take a longer 15–30-minute break. Why it works: The brain fatigues after prolonged focus. Short, intense bursts followed by rest refresh your attention span and prevent mental burnout. This rhythm mirrors your brain’s natural ultradian cycles, making learning more efficient and enjoyable. 9.)Write by hand, not just type While typing is faster, writing notes by hand is slower and more deliberate. Summarise in your own words, draw connections, and highlight key ideas manually. Why it works: Writing by hand activates more regions of the brain involved in memory and learning. It forces you to process and prioritise information, making it more likely to stick. Studies show handwritten notes result in better conceptual recall than typed ones. 10.) Sleep on it (literally) Sleep isn’t just rest—it’s memory consolidation time. Learning something and then sleeping helps transfer it from short-term to long-term memory. Why it works: During deep sleep, your brain strengthens and organises new neural connections formed during the day. It’s like hitting “Save” on everything you’ve studied.

Joint public grievance and redress camp held at Golamunda

B h a w a n i p a t n a : (Correspondent): The move "public grievance and redress camp arrangement" of government has been if continuing intermittently, with an anticipation to mitigate the problems of common-men at their door step, in spite of upward move, day-by-day the declining trend of complainants across the Kalahandi district gave some insinuate that it was just a formal duty of district level officers to accomplish it only. Allegedly, common men has been loosing their



temperament on the hearing mechanism of grievance and redress camp arranged by the district administration. As a result the event were more expensive in comparison to its trend of registration figure of

held joint grievance redress camp, in this district. In this series of event, organised 'district level joint public grievance and redress camp' at headquarter of Golamunda Block on Tuesday packed up

with below the number of one hundred only 89 number of complainants. Out of the 89 registered complaints, 52 vested to personal interest, 34 public interest, short out problems on the spot was 16 in number, while financial assistance was provided from 'MukhyaMantri Relief Fund' to three needy persons there, sources said. Including the collector and Superintendent of Police, Block Chairperson, various district level officers leaded the event.

LOPAR FORMS OVER THE BAY, HEAVY RAINS MAY POUND ODISHA: CEC

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): A low pressure area has formed over the north-west Bay of Bengal off the Odisha coast on Tuesday which is likely to intensify into a depression on Thursday, the Centre for Environment and Climate (CEC) of SOA Deemed to be University here, said. The system is likely to move in a north-easterly direction along the Odisha coast, a CEC bulletin said. Under the influence of the system, widespread rainfall is expected to occur across the state but heavy to very heavy precipitation may occur in the coastal and northern districts. The high intensity of rainfall is likely to be experienced between May 28 to 30 over the districts of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Sundargarh, Deogarh, Khurda, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Nayagarh and Ganjam, it said.

Forest Department Seizes Valuable Timber Worth Rs 1 Lakh in Gunupur

Rayagada (Correspo ndent):- In a major operation, the Gunupur Forest Department has seized a large quantity of valuable timber worth Rs 1 lakh in Rayagada division. The timber was being smuggled from Andhra Pradesh through Odisha, with the final destination believed to be other parts of Andhra Pradesh. According to sources, the forest department received a tip-off about the smuggling operation and laid a trap near the Andhra-Odisha border. A Max pickup van carrying 80 CFT of Saguan timber was intercepted and seized by the forest officials. One person, identified as Bidika Vijay Kumar from Sanjubai village in Andhra Pradesh's Maniyama district, was arrested in connection with the s m u g g l i n g



operation. The seized timber is estimated to be worth over Rs 1 lakh. The forest department officials said that the smugglers were using the cover of night to transport the timber from Andhra Pradesh through Odisha to other parts of Andhra Pradesh. The officials were able to track down the smugglers and seize the timber due to their prompt action. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Gunupur Forest Range Officer Gangadhar Mishra, F o r e s t e r Purnachandra, and other officials. The

forest department is further investigating the matter to identify other people involved in the smuggling operation. This seizure is a significant blow to the timber smugglers who have been operating in the region for a long time. The forest department has been working tirelessly to prevent timber smuggling and protect the state's forests. The department's efforts to curb timber smuggling between Andhra Pradesh and Odisha demonstrate their commitment to preserving the region's natural resources.

Congress Demands Accountability After Boudh Tunnel Collapse

BOUDH (Correspo ndent):PCC President Bhaktacharan Das, Vice President Santosh Singh Saluja, Rajgangpur MLA - Dr. Rajan Ekka reached the scene of the incident at 8 am on Tuesday after receiving the news that a part of the middle section of the railway tunnel under construction at Adenigarh in Boudh district had been buried. Earlier, Boudh District Congress President Nab Kumar Mishra, Chief Spokesperson



Shantanu Kumar Mahapatra, Harbhag Block President Pankaj Kama, Kantamal Block President Susanta Mallik, Keshav Kheta, Alr. GPRS District Coordinator - Samarendra Mahakud, ST Cell President Pradeep Mallik, Devendra Nayak, Pradeep Joshi,

Paulasthri Pradhan, Shiba Behera, Bibhu Prasad Behera, Suresh Bank, Vaidyanath M a h a n a n d i a , Kandhamal Congress President Chandra Shekhar Parida and Podashi Sonepur District Congress Netru Sangh The chief guest welcomed the guests at Madhapur.

UJA submits demand letter protest against journalist attacks

Malkangiri (Correspondent): Utkal Journalists Association Malkangiri branch has submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through the sub Collector to take strong action against those who attack journalists and to enact a Journalist Protection Act. Since the Journalist Protection Act has not been enacted, the incidents of attacks on the fourth pillar of democracy, the media, are increasing day by day in the state. Today, Malkangiri district Utkal Journalists Association has submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister

through the sub Collector Duryodhan Bhoi, demanding strict action against those who attack journalists and to expeditiously enact a Journalist Protection Act. It is reported that in the past few days, incidents of aggressive attacks on journalists working in different parts of the state while collecting and distributing news have been increasing continuously. In this context, a senior journalist from Kulthapally under Puintala police station in Balangir district, Vijay Pradhan, was brutally attacked and inhumanely treated by tying his legs and hands and beating him on the buttocks.

Teachers are on the door of retirement-Imposition of OTET is disgusting for them

S U B A R N A P U R (Correspondent): — Primary teachers working in Odisha have been demanding for a long time to increase their salary (grade pay) and to count their fixed term of 6 years as their main job. Even there is a movement from the countryside to Delhi to implement the old pension for all. And the Odisha government has stopped the promotion of primary teachers for the last two years. As a result, most of the schools are running with the head teachers in charge. Now another problem has been added to this problem in the name of Odisha Teacher Eligibility Test (OTET) because the government has decided that regardless of the number of years of service, even if a teacher has reached the verge of retirement, it is mandatory to pass the Odisha Teacher Eligibility

Test (OTET) to get promotion. It is reported that the NCTE, which was launched by the central government in 2001 for teachers The minimum qualification was fixed, according to which teachers were being recruited till 2010. Based on RTE-2010, NCTE, on behalf of the Central Government, on 23/08/2010, linked the Teacher Eligibility Test (OTET) to the minimum educational qualification of teachers. In para-04 of the said notification, it is clearly mentioned that the Teacher Eligibility Test is not required for the teachers who were already appointed, i.e., OTET was waived for the teachers who were appointed with the minimum educational qualification on the basis of the NCTE notification of 2001. The complete guidelines regarding OTET examination were



published on 11/02/2011. Therefore, OTET became mandatory for teachers in Odisha from 11/02/2011. NCTE notification dated. 29/07/2011 Once again, para-5(a) of point-IV clearly stated that the teachers who have already been appointed as per NCTE Notification-2001 do not need to undergo the Teacher Eligibility Test (OTET). The Odisha Elementary Cadre Rules-2019 also stated that OTET will not be applicable to the primary teachers appointed before 11/02/2011. Under this law, primary teachers were being promoted in Odisha. Due to the sudden change in the government's

decision, the matter went to the court. The government expressed dissatisfaction with the decision of the first bench of the Hon'ble Court and said that OTET is not required for those who have been appointed after fulfilling the minimum qualifications. Those who have completed higher education after 11/02/2011 can get promotion but they will have to pass OTET within three years. The government, not satisfied with this, has filed an application before a two-member bench and has deliberately stopped the promotion process. In this regard, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has reserved its verdict in a case related to OTET of

another state. In this case, the affidavit filed by NCTE in the Supreme Court on 07/03/2025 clearly states that the notification of the teachers appointed before 11/02/2011 is not valid. The minimum qualification for which OTET was waived on 23/08/2010 is still in force. OTET is mandatory for untrained teachers appointed before 11/02/2011. The Odisha government has appealed the verdict of a single bench to the higher bench of the court and has deprived the primary teachers who are on the verge of retirement after serving for 25/30 years of their promotion for more than two years. In the meantime, hundreds of primary teachers have retired without getting promotion and are going to retire in the coming days. If the government implements the order and

promotes only the teachers who have qualified OTET and deprives the teachers who are on the verge of retirement after serving for 25-30 years of their promotion, then the senior one will be the junior one and the junior one will be the senior one. Hundreds of teachers and teachers leaders from Subarnapur district including Hrushikesh Chand, Dolagobinda Panda, Gopesh Panda, Srinivas Rath, Saroj Sahu, Biswabihari Mishra, Pranabandhu Sahu, Bharat Haripal, Chaitanya Sethi, Chaitanya Jagdala, Jyotiranjana Padhan etc. have strongly demanded the government to immediately withdraw such orders and promote them as per the previous rules, Elementary Cadre Rules-2019, as before.

Previous Rayagada BDO's Vehicle Fuel Record Enquiry Demanded

Paralakhemundi (Correspondent):- On grievances Rayagada block Chairperson Purnabasi Nayak demanded serious investigation of previous BDO, who hired a private vehicle for its detail log book. As that vehicle (OD33AC5721) used for housing scheme review. So manipulation on log book marked, where over meter reading recorded without quality uses of vehicle. Before Collector Gajapati Chairperson Rayagada demanded & accordingly Collector assured to review on irregularities of vehicle use by previous BDO. While interacted with driver Krushnachandra Sabar of that vehicle he said that BDO told him to follow his instructions on log book keeping. While new BDO Santosh Kumar Barik taken charge he marked variances on log book & speedometer. Detail enquiry will more open loss of government revenue & irregularities, said Chairperson.



Chariots Construction for Car Festival Fast at Paralakhemundi

Paralakhemundi (Correspondent):- At Paralakhemundi historical & mythological Car Festival preparation started. Formal 3 chariots are under construction. On coming 27th June Car Festival will be started. Those carpenters are serious on their work. Administration & committee are too monitoring the work.



Jt. Grievances at Koinpur

Paralakhemundi (Correspondent):- At Koinpur of Rayagada block of Gajapati district joint grievances held. Chaired by Collector Bijay Kumar Dash, SP Jatindra Kumar Panda, Sub Collector Anup Panda, Chairperson of Rayagada block Purnabasi Nayak were on dias. From Laxmipur, Jirango, SKaradasing & host Koinpur panchayats 52 grievances received. Among them 36 individuals & 16 village levels grievances received. Collector instructed to sort out those grievances to block & line department officers. Among others Vice Chairman Jyoti Prasad Pani, BDO Rayagada, CDMO Gajapati, DSSO with local PRI members & line department officers were present.



"Kantya Anmol Hai" chariot reached Keonjhar

Keonjhar, (Correspondent) On the third day, the "Kantya Anmol Hai" chariot, Keonjhar, today reached Keonjhar after touring Jharka, Kalinganagar, Jajpur, Anandpur, Ghasipura. During this tour, Rotarians, intellectuals, social workers, along with the presidents and editors of Rotary clubs at various places, welcomed and felicitated the awareness chariot organized by Rotary 3262 about the news of "Kantya Anmol Hai" and participated in the padyatra and signature campaign. On this occasion, the girls performed dance and solo to convey the message of "Kantya Anmol Hai". It is worth mentioning here that this campaign will travel 1500 kilometers in 15 days and create awareness for the protection of the dignity, honor and self-respect of the girl child. Rotarian and national coordinator of Kanya Anmol Hai, Saroj Dash, participated in this journey. The program is being held at various places to express their views on the theme of this program. This awareness program is being widely appreciated by the general public and intellectuals. It is worth noting that from tomorrow onwards, it has been decided to tour Keonjhar, Joda, Barbil, Rairangpur, Baripada, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jagatsinghpur, Paradweep, Khordha, Balugaon, Berhampur, Bhanjanagar, Phulbani, Nayagarh, Angul, Dhenkanal etc. Rotary has appealed to the public to join this campaign.



Fardeen Khan On His Comeback With Diverse Roles In A Year

Actor Fardeen Khan, who will be next seen in the upcoming potboiler ‘Housefull 5’, has spoken up on his return to the screen with 3 diverse roles in a span of a year.Fardeen attended the trailer launch of the film in Mumbai on Tuesday, where he was asked by the media on his consistent performance in his last three films with big directors with ‘Housefull 5’ being 4th in the line.The actor told the media at the sidelines of the trailer launch, “When I think of coming back it feels like a second coming. In my case you can argue it’s a third. To be received and met with love and respect from my colleagues, curiosity and appreciation is something that I am extremely grateful for. To make a comeback after a period of 12 years is not something that you can really plan. I just prepared for it. All I knew was, ‘This is what I know how to do’. I missed being on set. I missed being a part of telling stories. I missed the connection that takes place between the people you work with at a very human level and that’s very special and exclusive to this profession”. “Finally, for me, this will be my fourth release in just over a year and to have it with ‘Housefull 5’, the greatest comedy franchise, the most successful comedy franchise in Hindi film history which brings everyone together through joy, through love, through madness, for me it just feels like a celebration of this process or comeback or however you want to frame it. Having said that, I am extremely grateful to all those who have believed in me, who thought that I had a few rounds left, who have given me an opportunity to work with this kind of talent and specially to Sajid Nadiadwala, it’s the second time we are working together and I felt very much at home”, he added.

How Bael-Basil Tea Can Help Manage Blood Sugar Naturally

Diabetes is no longer just a lifestyle issue - it is a major global health concern. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), over 422 million people worldwide are living with diabetes, with a large number residing in low and middle-income countries, including India. In fact, India is often referred to as the 'diabetes capital of the world'. A 2023 report by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) revealed that more than 101 million Indian adults are affected by this condition. While diabetes cannot be cured, it can be effectively managed through a healthy lifestyle, a balanced diet, and regular monitoring. Alongside conventional treatment, many Indian households turn to natural remedies to support blood sugar control. Two such time-tested herbs are bael and basil (Tulsi), both known for their potent anti-diabetic properties.

How Bael Leaves Can Help Manage Diabetes?

Bael, known as 'Bilva' in Sanskrit, is commonly found in Indian



households. While the fruit pulp is well-known for digestive health, its leaves have been traditionally used in Ayurveda for managing diabetes.A study published in the International Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences highlights that bael leaves contain bioactive compounds like flavonoids and alkaloids, which contribute to their anti-diabetic, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory effects.How Basil Leaves Can Help Manage Diabetes?Tulsi is a staple in Indian kitchens and gardens, revered for its wide range of health benefits. Among its many uses, blood sugar regulation stands out.A study by Nottingham University found that people with type-2 diabetes who took 250 mg of Tulsi daily, along with their regular medication, experienced significant improvements in blood sugar control. Tulsi's hypoglycaemic properties help lower blood sugar levels and may reduce the risk of diabetes-related complications.



3 Everyday Foods And Drinks That Weaken Your Bones And What to Eat Instead



Your bones may be out of sight, but they should never be out of mind-especially when it comes to your diet. While most of us think of calcium-rich foods as the key to bone health, the flip side is often overlooked: some everyday foods and drinks can actually weaken your bones over time.

maltodextrin aren't just bad for your waistline- they're also harmful to your bones. Kiran Kukreja warns that high sugar intake can trigger insulin resistance and systemic inflammation, both of which interfere with the hormones that help build and maintain bone mass. Moreover, excessive sugar hampers the absorption of crucial minerals like magnesium and calcium, further compromising bone health.

Bone-Boosting Foods to Add to Your DietNow for some good news-your diet can also actively support stronger, healthier bones.

Here's what you should be filling your plate with:

1. Leafy GreensVegetables like kale, spinach, and bok choy are rich in calcium and magnesium, both essential for bone formation and maintenance. They also contain vitamin K, which helps in calcium absorption and bone mineralisation.
2. Dairy ProductsMilk, yoghurt, and cheese remain excellent sources of bioavailable calcium and protein, two key nutrients for building bone density. Opt for low-fat or full-fat versions depending on your dietary preferences.
3. Fatty FishSalmon, mackerel, and sardines are high in vitamin D and omega-3 fatty acids. Vitamin D helps the body absorb calcium efficiently, while omega-3s have anti-inflammatory properties that protect bone tissue.
4. Nuts and SeedsAlmonds, chia seeds, and sesame seeds are packed with calcium, phosphorus, and magnesium. These nutrients play synergistic roles in bone structure and strength.

5 Unexpected Hacks To Make Your Mangoes Last Longer



There's no fruit that screams summer like the mango. Juicy, vibrant, and bursting with flavours, mangoes are what make our summer truly delightful. And the best part is, it is currently the season where you'd buy it in bulk, or people would gift them to you. But before you can actually think of storing them, they start to ripen and spoil, leaving most of us longing for their last bite. Do you want to enjoy their luscious taste for as long as possible? While freezing them whole or turning them into pulp are common tricks, we have some unique ways that can keep the King of Fruits fresh for longer!

Here Are 5 Quick Hacks To Store And Increase The Shelf Life Of Mangoes

1. Charcoal Method

This might sound a bit odd, but if you store mangoes near a small piece of activated charcoal, it can actually delay spoilage and increase their shelf life. Charcoal is a natural moisture and odour absorber as it reduces ethylene gas build-up that speeds up ripening in fruits. All you have to do is wrap a charcoal piece in a muslin cloth and place it near your mangoes. Make sure not to touch them. This will increase its shelf life, and you can have your fresh mangoes anytime.

2. Wrap Stems With Paper Towels

Most of us don't store mangoes properly and put them stem-side down, thinking it won't affect the fruit, but it does. The stem area is where moisture and rot usually begin. A simple hack to keep your mangoes fresh for long is by wrapping the stem ends with a paper towel. This absorbs sap and excess moisture and helps keep the mango fresher for a long time. If you combine this hack with storing the mangoes in a cool, dry area with good air circulation, you'll have a

batch of your favourite fruit that lasts long.

3. Make Sweet Mango Pickle

Yes, most of us are used to eating tangy mango pickles, but did you know your mango pickles can be sweet too? All you have to do is slice the ripe mangoes and soak them in a jar with sugar/jaggery syrup, lemon juice and some cardamom and saffron. This syrupy concoction not only acts as a preservative but also makes a delicious side for your toast, meals and even parathas. If you store it in the fridge, this sweet mango pickle will easily last for three weeks without losing its flavour!

4. Dehydrate Them

If you want to make a quick snack, make your overripe mangoes into a chewy, dehydrated snack! Just slice them into thin strips and bake them in an oven on the lowest possible heat for a couple of hours. If you think the oven is complicated, you can even sun dry them with a mesh cover. The result is a naturally sweet, preservative-free dried mango snack that easily lasts for months in an airtight container. It's a great way to use mangoes and enjoy their sweetness for a long time.

5. Mango Ice Cubes

Now, you can easily puree and freeze mango as-is, but if you want to take it to another level, try freezing it into cubes. Just blend ripe mango with a dash of black salt, lemon juice, and mint, and then pour it into ice trays. These cubes are perfect for summer sodas, cocktails, lemonades, or even to add some flavour to your chaas. This way, you won't just preserve mangoes but also put them to a delicious use!



Asian Athletics C'ships: Gulveer Singh Clinches Gold, Sebastian Bags Bronze On Opening Day

Bangkok: India made a strong start to their Asian Athletics Championships 2025 campaign in Bangkok on Tuesday, with national record holder Gulveer Singh leading the charge by clinching the country's first gold medal in the men's 10,000m event. Earlier in the day, Servin Sebastian had opened India's medal account with a gritty bronze in the men's 20km race walk. Gulveer, a 26-year-old bronze medallist from the 2023 Asian Games, produced a measured and composed performance to top the 10,000m field, clocking 28 minutes 38.63



seconds to take the gold medal in a tactical race that came down to the final few laps. While his timing was well short of his national record of 27:00.22 – set earlier this year – the victory marked a major milestone for Indian long-distance running on the continental

stage. Japan's Mebuki Suzuki settled for silver with a time of 28:43.84 while Bahrain's Albert Kibichi Rop took the bronze in 28:46.82. With a smooth kick in the final 800 metres, Gulveer surged ahead of Suzuki and Rop, showing the confidence and tactical maturity that has defined his season. His win not only gave India its first gold of the Championships but also reinforced his growing reputation as one of Asia's best long-distance runners. On the other hand, Sebastian fought hard in a fiercely competitive men's 20km race walk to secure India's first

medal of the event – a bronze – clocking 1 hour 21 minutes and 13.60 seconds and set his new personal best, breaking his previous best timing (1:21:23), set during his gold medal-winning effort at the Uttarakhand National Games in February this year. China's Wang Zhaozhao clinched the gold in 1:20:36.90, edging past Japan's Kento Yoshikawa, who finished with silver in 1:20:44.90. Sebastian stayed in the leading pack for much of the race and managed to hold off a late challenge from the chasing group to finish on the podium.

Novak Djokovic Maintains Perfect First-Round Record at Roland Garros

NEWDELHI: Novak Djokovic opened his 2025 Roland Garros campaign with yet another commanding performance, defeating American Mackenzie McDonald in straight sets (6-3, 6-3, 6-3). The three-time French Open champion displayed his signature precision and tactical brilliance in his maiden Lexus ATP Head2Head meeting with McDonald, extending his flawless first-round record at the tournament to 20-0. The match, held on the iconic Court Philippe-Chatrier, saw Djokovic battling challenging weather conditions, with gusty winds and rain forcing the roof to be closed during the second set.



However, the Serbian's steadfast baseline game proved too strong for McDonald, as he converted five of his nine break-point opportunities. Reflecting on his victory, Djokovic expressed his gratitude for the historical significance of Roland Garros, emphasizing his commitment to leaving an indelible mark in tennis history. His triumph follows a momentous achievement—his 100th tour-level title—earned just days prior at the Gonet Geneva Open. With this win, the No. 6-ranked Djokovic advances to the second round, where he will face either Frenchman Corentin Moutet or qualifier Clement Tabur. His pursuit of another Grand Slam title continues, reinforcing his legacy as one of tennis's greatest competitors.

Grigor Dimitrov Forced to Retire from Roland Garros Opener Due to Injury

NEWDELHI: Grigor Dimitrov's Roland Garros campaign came to a disappointing end on Tuesday, as the 16th seed was forced to retire from his first-round match against American qualifier Ethan Quinn due to injury. Dimitrov had taken control of the match early, winning the first two sets 6-2, 6-3. However, trouble surfaced in the second set when he required medical attention for his left thigh. As the match progressed, Dimitrov's movement became visibly limited, and after losing the third set 2-6, he made the difficult

decision to withdraw. The Bulgarian star entered the tournament ranked No. 19 in the PIF ATP Live Rankings. His exit places him at risk of falling out of the Top 20 for the first time since July 2023, depending on other match outcomes. Meanwhile, Quinn, competing in Paris for the first time, continues his impressive run. The World No. 106 will now face Kazakhstan's Alexander Shevchenko in the second round. Should he secure a victory, Quinn is on track to break into the Top 100 for the first time in his career.

Ben Shelton Advances as Hugo Gaston Withdraws from Roland Garros

NEWDELHI: Paris witnessed an unexpected turn at the Roland Garros tournament today as French player Hugo Gaston withdrew from his second-round match due to abdominal pain. This withdrawal propelled American tennis star Ben Shelton into the third round without playing a single point. Gaston, who had mounted an impressive comeback in his first-round victory against fellow Frenchman Ugo Blanchet, did not mention any discomfort



in his post-match press conference. However, by Tuesday, the pain prevented him from continuing his campaign at the clay-court major. Shelton, ranked 13th in the tournament, defeated Lorenzo Sonogo in his opening match and is now aiming

to reach the fourth round in Paris for the first time. Last year, Shelton won his first-ever Roland Garros match against Gaston in a hard-fought four-set battle. His next challenge will come from either 20th-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas or rising Italian

talent Matteo Gigante. If Shelton advances, he will achieve the milestone of reaching at least the fourth round in all four Grand Slam tournaments. A two-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, Shelton continues to showcase his dominance on the international tennis circuit. With Gaston out of the picture, the American now has a prime opportunity to push further into the tournament and secure a breakthrough performance at Roland Garros.

French Open 2025: Medvedev Knocked Out, Zverev Shines in Round 1

NEWDELHI: World No. 11 Daniil Medvedev crashed out of the French Open in the first round after an intense five-set showdown against Britain's Cameron Norrie. The match lasted 3 hours and 53 minutes, ending with Norrie's triumphant victory: 7-5, 6-3, 4-6, 1-6, 7-5. Medvedev, known for his struggles on clay, failed to find his rhythm as Norrie, ranked No. 81, battled fiercely to secure his first-ever win against Medvedev in their fifth meeting. This victory marks a major comeback for Norrie, who has been rebounding from injuries that plagued his previous season. Meanwhile, third seed Alexander Zverev breezed past American player Learner Tien in straight sets, comfortably winning 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. Zverev's dominant performance sets the tone for what could be a promising tournament run for the German star. With Medvedev's unexpected exit and Norrie's rise, the tournament has already seen its fair share of drama, leaving fans eager for the action to unfold further.

Singapore Open: Sindhu, Prannoy Advance To Second Round

Singapore: Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy provided rare positives for India on an otherwise disappointing opening day at the Singapore Open Super 750 badminton tournament on Tuesday. Sindhu emerged as the lone bright spark among the women while Prannoy kept India's hopes alive in the men's singles by outclassing Denmark's Rasmus Gemke to advance to the second round. Sindhu cruised into the second round with a commanding straight-game win over Canada's Wen Yu Zhang. The 29-year-old made short work of Zhang with a dominant 21-14, 21-9 win in just 31 minutes. The Indian ace was in control throughout, mixing aggression with precision as she outplayed her Canadian opponent in both rallies and net exchanges. The win, however, sets up a



tough second-round clash for Sindhu, as she is scheduled to face Tokyo Olympics gold medallist and current world No. 5 Chen Yu Fei of China – a rival she has had a chequered history. In men's singles, Prannoy got the better of his Danish opponent in an hour and 12-minute clash. After going down in the opening game 19-21, the Indian shuttler made a strong comeback to keep himself alive in the tournament after clinching the remaining two games 21-16 and 21-14. Prannoy will next take on France's Christo Popov in the second round on Wednesday. Barring

Sindhu and Prannoy, the rest of the Indian contingent suffered early exits. Malvika Bansod and Priyanshu Rajawat both began promisingly, winning their first games, but could not sustain the momentum. Malvika went down 21-14, 18-21, 11-21 against Thailand's eighth seed Supanida Katethong in a 58-minute battle. Priyanshu also succumbed to a similar fate, losing 21-14, 10-21, 14-21 to Japan's seventh-seeded Kodai Naraoka in a match that stretched beyond the hour mark. Youngster Anmol Kharb showed grit against China's formidable Chen Yu Fei but eventually lost 11-

21, 22-24, narrowly missing out on forcing a decider in the second game. Kiran George, who had impressed earlier this year with a quarter-final appearance at the India Open, failed to carry forward that momentum. He was edged out by China's Weng Hong Yang in straight games, 19-21, 17-21. R. Santhosh Ramraj couldn't pose much of a challenge, losing 14-21, 8-21 to South Korea's Kim Ga Eun. The doubles events didn't bring any relief either. In mixed doubles, the Indian pair of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto lost 18-21, 13-21 to the Chinese duo of Cheng Xing and Zhang Chi. Another Indian mixed pair, Ashith Surya and Amrutha Parmuthesh, were also shown the door after an 11-21, 17-21 defeat to Japan's Yuichi Shimogami and Sayaka Hobara.

England Clinches Series Sweep Over West Indies, Eyes World Cup Glory

NEWDELHI: England's women's cricket team showcased their dominance as they sealed a 3-0 series victory over West Indies, marking a strong start under the leadership of Charlotte Edwards. In the final match, all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt delivered a stellar performance, ensuring England's clean sweep against their Caribbean counterparts.



With decisive batting and strategic bowling, England controlled the game from the outset, leaving West Indies struggling to find

momentum. The emphatic victory boosts England's preparations ahead of the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup. Under

Edwards' guidance, the team has displayed resilience and consistency, positioning themselves as formidable contenders in the tournament. Cricket analysts believe this triumph is a statement of intent as England eyes another World Cup title. Fans eagerly await the team's next moves, hoping the winning momentum carries into the global stage.

IPL 2025: Pant's Brilliant Ton, Marsh Fifty Help LSG Set RCB 228-Run Target In Lucknow

Lucknow: Rishabh Pant produced his best batting of the season in the last league match, scoring a scintillating unbeaten century to propel Lucknow Super Giants to 227/3 in 20 overs in Match 70 of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 at the Ekana Stadium here on Tuesday. Pant, who has struggled throughout the season, moving up and down the order but managing only one half-century, found his mojo in the last match and put up a brilliant display of

power-hitting as he hammered his second century in IPL history to help LSG set the biggest chase ever at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow. The previous highest chase here is 206 and RCB will not have to set a new record for the venue if they have to win this match. Pant remained unbeaten on 118 off 61 balls while Mitchell Marsh continued with his superb form for the season with 67 off 37 balls as

LSG reached a massive total. RCB, who need to win this match to finish among the top two and secure a place in Qualifier 1, faltered with their team selection, leaving out skipper Rajat Patidar on the bench. Asked to bat first, Lucknow Super Giants were off to a poor start as debutant Matthew Breetzke (14 off 12, 1x4, 1x6), who was struck on his head by Nuwan Thushara, departed with 25 runs on the board, Thushara casting him with a beauty.

FACOR Hosts 26th Mines Environment & Mineral Conservation (ME&MC) Week 2024-25 Under Aegis of IBM, Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): - FerroAllys Corporation Ltd (FACOR), a prominent subsidiary of the Vedanta Group, proudly hosted the final, landmark day of the 26th Mines Environment & Mineral Conservation (ME&MC) Week 2024-25. This significant, week-long celebration, themed "Safeguarding the Future with Sustainable Mining," brought together over 91 dedicated mines from Odisha, including leading, reputable companies like TATA Steel, NALCO, JSW, and OMC. The event



was graced by the esteemed chief guest Mr. Peeyush Narayan Sharma, Controller General of IBM, along with Dr. Pukhraj Nenival, Controller of Mines (East Zone), IBM, Mr. Kamod Singh, Chief Operations Officer of FACOR, and Mr. Muthumari M, Chairman of the 26th ME&MC Week and Head Mines of

FACOR. The comprehensive event featured insightful inspections, engaging awareness campaigns, and informative knowledge-sharing sessions focused on promoting responsible, sustainable mining practices and environmental stewardship. The committed organizers and enthusiastic

participants demonstrated exemplary collaboration and visionary leadership, setting a high standard for the industry's future. FACOR's role as a gracious and dedicated host highlighted its unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability and progressive industrial development. The successful conclusion of the 26th ME&MC Week stands as a testament to the mining community's dedication to balancing industrial growth with environmental conservation.

India's FDI Inflows Jump 14 Per Cent To Cross \$81 Billion In 2024-25

New Delhi: India's FDI inflows increased to \$81.04 billion in FY 2024-25, marking a 14 per cent increase from \$71.28 billion in FY 2023-24, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Tuesday. There has been a steady rise in the annual flow of FDI into the country over the last 11 years, from \$36.05 billion in FY 2013-14, due to the investor-friendly policy, under which most sectors are open for 100 per cent FDI through the automatic route, the statement said. The services sector emerged as the top recipient of



FDI equity in FY 2024-25, attracting 19 per cent of total inflows, followed by computer software and hardware (16 per cent), and trading (8 per cent). FDI into the services sector rose by 40.77 per cent to \$9.35 billion from \$6.64 billion in the previous year. India is also becoming a hub for manufacturing FDI, which grew by 18 per

cent in FY 2024-25, reaching \$19.04 billion compared to \$16.12 billion in FY 2023-24. Maharashtra accounted for the highest share (39 per cent) of total FDI equity inflows in FY 2024-25, followed by Karnataka (13 per cent) and Delhi (12 per cent). Among source countries, Singapore led with a 30 per cent share, followed

by Mauritius (17 per cent) and the United States (11 per cent). Over the last eleven financial years (2014-25), India attracted FDI worth \$748.78 billion, reflecting a 143 per cent increase over the previous eleven years (2003-14), which saw \$308.38 billion in inflows. This constitutes nearly 70 per cent of the total \$1,072.36 billion in FDI received over the past 25 years. Additionally, the number of source countries for FDI increased from 89 in FY 2013-14 to 112 in FY 2024-25, underscoring India's growing global appeal as an investment destination.

India Reinstates Export Tax Rebates—RoDTEP Revival Begins June 1

NEWDELHI: The government has reinstated the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme for exports made by Advance Authorisation (AA) holders, Export-Oriented Units (EOUs), and Special Economic Zone (SEZ) units. This policy revision will take effect from June 1, 2025, benefiting exporters across diverse sectors. The RoDTEP scheme, initially launched in January 2021, is a WTO-compliant initiative designed to reimburse embedded taxes and duties that were not refunded under other export schemes. Although benefits for these special export categories were halted in February 2025, their reinstatement ensures a level playing field for all exporters. For the Financial Year 2025-26, the government has allocated ₹18,233 crore, covering 10,795 HS lines for AA, SEZ, and EOU exporters.

Indian Stock Market Ends Lower Over Profit Booking

Mumbai: The Indian stock market closed in the red on Tuesday due to profit booking, driven by valuation concerns and weakness across the Asian markets. At the end of trading, Sensex was down 624.82 points or 0.76 per cent at 81,551.63 and Nifty was down 174.95 points or 0.70 per cent at 24,826.20. The decline was led by FMCG, IT, auto and metal sectors. Nifty Auto index closed down 0.70 per cent, Nifty IT index 0.75 per cent, Nifty Financial Service index 0.64 per cent and Nifty FMCG index 0.88 per

cent. Unlike largecap, buying was seen in smallcap and midcap indexes. The Nifty Midcap 100 index rose 87.25 points, or 0.15 per cent, to close at 57,154.50, and the Nifty Smallcap 100 index rose 17.35 points, or 0.10 per cent, to close at 17,725.15. "The Nifty has been consolidating for the past 10-11 days, setting an indecisive tone among investors. However, the overall trend remains strong as the index continues to sustain above the short-term moving average," said Rupak De from LKP Securities. The short-

term outlook remains positive, with the potential to reach the 25,000-25,150 range. On the lower end, support is placed at 24,700, he mentioned. Markets had a volatile session, marked by sharp swings on both sides. Sectoral performance was mixed. PSU banks and realty stocks stood out with positive momentum, while major weakness was visible in consumer goods, IT, auto, consumption and financial services sectors. "All in all, today's session was a classic example of indecision, with bulls and bears both making

bold attempts," said Sundar Kewat from Ashika Institutional Equity. Conversely, "mid and smallcap segments remained relatively resilient, supported by better than estimated Q4 earnings and moderation in premium valuation," added Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited. On rupee's performance, Dilip Parmar from HDFC Securities said that in the near term, "the spot USD-INR pair is anticipated to rise incrementally due to month-end adjustments and demand from oil importers.

Rupee declines 19 paise in early trade

NEWDELHI: The rupee declined 19 paise to 85.29 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday (May 27, 2025) amid waning foreign fund inflow and subdued domestic equity market sentiment. Forex traders said though receding crude oil prices supported the local unit, investors stayed cautious ahead of the release of industrial and manufacturing production data for April as well as the first quarter GDP growth numbers, scheduled later this week.

Rakesh Gangwal, family trust sell 5.7% stake in IndiGo for 11,385 crore

NEWDELHI: InterGlobe Aviation promoter Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust on Tuesday (May 27, 2025) sold a 5.7% stake in the airline for about ₹11,385 crore (\$1.33 billion) through a block deal," according to sources. "Apart from Gangwal, the Chinkerpoo Family Trust, whose trustees are Shobha Gangwal and JP Morgan Trust Company of Delaware, has also participated in the transaction for divesting its stake in IndiGo, the country's largest airline," the sources said.

Government restores RoDTEP scheme

NEWDELHI: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has, over the last few days, taken steps to enhance the competitiveness, cost-effectiveness and reach of India's exports, including for leather items made in Tamil Nadu.

Volkswagen Golf GTI Second Batch Confirmed For India

NEWDELHI: Volkswagen, the German auto major, unveiled the Golf GTI a few days ago, while the launch has been slotted for 26th May. Volkswagen has already started the pre-bookings for the hot hatch and reported that the first batch of 150 units has already been

booked. Now, as per recent news, Volkswagen is planning to bring the second batch of 100 units to India, the bookings for which are likely to commence by the year-end. Also, the delivery for the second lot is expected to start in 2026. The Volkswagen Golf GTI is powered by a 2.0-litre turbocharged

four-cylinder petrol engine that works in conjunction with a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission and produces 265 PS of peak power and 370 Nm of maximum torque. Also, it is claimed to sprint from 0-100 kmph in just 5.9 seconds and boasts a top speed of 250 km/h.

India's Exports Projected To Reach \$1 Trillion In FY26: FIEO

New Delhi: The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) on Tuesday said the country is projected to reach the export figure of \$1 trillion by the end of this fiscal (FY26). This will constitute merchandise exports at \$525-535 billion — a growth of about 12 per cent from last fiscal — and services exports at \$465-475 billion, a growth of nearly 20 per

cent. India's export sector achieved a significant milestone in the fiscal year 2024-25, with total exports reaching a record \$824.9 billion, marking a 6.01 per cent increase from the previous year's \$778.1 billion. Services exports surged 13.6 per cent to \$387.5 billion in FY25, driven by strong performances in IT, business, financial and travel-related services. Merchandise

exports reached \$437.4 billion, with non-petroleum goods exports hitting a record \$374.1 billion, up 6 per cent from the previous year. S.C. Ralhan, President, FIEO, said that to build upon this momentum and achieve sustained growth in both goods and services exports, certain strategies are recommended. "Expanding into emerging markets and

strengthening trade relations with existing partners can mitigate risks associated with over-reliance on specific regions. Also, shifting focus from raw materials to value-added products can increase export earnings and reduce vulnerability to price fluctuations in global commodity markets," the FIEO recommended. Negotiating and implementing Free Trade Agreements.

India's Rise To 4th Largest Economy Will Boost Manufacturing, MedTech: Aimed

New Delhi: With India on the brink of becoming the world's fourth-largest economy, the milestone will boost the country's manufacturing and medical technology sector, according to the Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (AiMeD) on Tuesday. NITI Aayog on Monday said India is set to become the fourth largest economy in the world by overtaking Japan by the end of 2025. The International

Monetary Fund (IMF), in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) report released in April, said that India is expected to be the fourth largest economy in the world with a GDP of \$4.19 trillion in 2025, ahead of Japan. For the medical devices sector, the achievement will boost indigenous manufacturing and self-reliance, said Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator of the AiMeD. "A growing economy allows us to



scale up R&D, invest in new technologies, and become globally competitive," Nath said. "The recognition of India as a top-tier economy will boost investor confidence,

drive global partnerships, and open doors for Indian manufacturers to lead not only in volume but in innovation and quality," he added. The World Economic Outlook

(WEO), released by the IMF in April showed that India's GDP for the full year 2025, would become higher than that of Japan. As per IMF data, India's per capita income doubled to \$2,880 in 2025 from \$1,438 in 2013-14. The country's nominal GDP for 2025 (FY26) is expected to be \$4.187 trillion marginally more than the likely GDP of Japan — estimated at \$4.186 trillion, the IMF said. Calling it a moment of immense national pride

and global recognition, Nath said the milestone marks India's transition from being seen as an emerging economy to becoming a global economic powerhouse. "Japan has historically been a symbol of industrial excellence and discipline, and to surpass such a formidable economy signals India's growing economic maturity, expanding influence, and increasing role in shaping global narratives. This isn't just about the

numbers — it's about momentum, demographic strength, and the vast untapped potential of India's young and dynamic population," said Nath. Nath also emphasised shifting the focus toward improving per capita income, enhancing the quality of life, and creating inclusive growth. "We must ensure that this economic rise translates into meaningful development at the grassroots level, across rural and urban India alike," he added.