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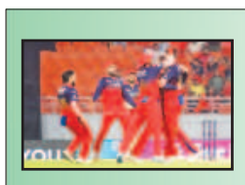
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PM Modi Holds Key Party Meeting In Patna After Grand Roadshow



Patna: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Patna on Thursday for a two-day visit to Bihar, marking his first visit to the state after the Operation Sindoor. The Prime Minister received a grand reception from thousands of supporters who lined up along the route of his roadshow from the airport to the BJP state office.The Prime Minister landed at Patna Airport at around 4.30 p.m. where he was received by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary, and senior BJP leaders including Dilip Jaiswal.Soon after his arrival, PM Modi took part in a roadshow, where people greeted him with flower petals and chants. The route stretched across prominent city landmarks including Sheikhpura Mor, Hartali Mor, Patna High Court, and Income Tax Roundabout, culminating near the BJP State Office on Bailey Road at around 6.15 p.m.Supporters along the way displayed posters of Operation Sindoor and BrahMos missile, underlining the nationalist themes.PM Modi kick-started his visit by inaugurating the new terminal of Loknayak Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport in Patna, built at a cost of Rs 1,400 crore.Following the roadshow, the Prime Minister held a closed-door meeting with BJP's core committee members at the state office. This meeting is being considered crucial in shaping the strategy for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections.

Nationwide 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' Launched From Puri To Educate 1.5 Cr Farmers



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, launched the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' today at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Sakshigopal, Puri.The event was inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, who planted trees under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign.According to an official press release, it is noteworthy that this campaign, set to continue for the next 15 days, aims to directly engage with approximately 1.5 crore farmers across the country to educate them about modern agricultural techniques and technologies. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi stated that the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, running from today until June 12, is a groundbreaking initiative by the Government of India to create awareness among farmers about modern technology and new seed varieties.Through this campaign, the government will reach out to around 1.5 crore farmers across 700 districts in India, informing them about the application of new agricultural technologies.At the district level, three teams will be formed, comprising scientists from Krishi Vigyan Kendras and departmental officials, who will collectively educate rural farmers about agriculture, horticulture, and soil conservation.Each team will visit two villages daily, meeting 250 farmers in each village to explain various Central and State Government farmer welfare schemes, discuss initiatives, and share practical aspects of new technologies.

Naxal-Free Bastar: 40 Years of Struggle Ends as Govt Declares 6 Districts Free from Extremism



NEWDELHI: After decades of insurgency, Bastar has finally been declared free from Naxal influence, marking a significant victory for the security forces and the government.The Ministry of Home Affairs has officially removed Bastar and five other districts from the list of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected areas, signalling a new era of peace and development in the region.The shift comes as a result of relentless counter-insurgency operations, with over 8,000 Maoists surrendering in the last decade.The latest crackdown in Abujhmarh jungles resulted in the elimination of 27 militants, including top commander Basavaraju.The government's firm stance on eradicating Naxal presence has evidently paid off, with hopes of complete national eradication before the initial 2026 deadline.Other districts of Bastar division – Sukma, Bijapur, Narayanpur and Kanker – are still categorised as 'most affected LWE districts' while Dantewada features among 'other LWE districts'Dhamtari, Kabirdham, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai and Rajnandgaon have also been sub-categorised under 'legacy and thrust districts'.

South Korea: All Four Navy Officers Aboard Patrol Aircraft Killed After Crash In Pohang



Seoul/Pohang: All four Navy officers aboard a maritime patrol aircraft were killed after the plane crashed on a mountain in South Korea's southeastern city of Pohang on Thursday, the Navy said.The crash occurred at 1.49 p.m., and witnesses reported smoke rising from the mountain with sounds of explosions."A P-3 maritime patrol aircraft that took off at 1.43 p.m. for landing and takeoff training from an air base in Pohang crashed at a nearby location at around 1.49 p.m., due to an unspecified reason," the Navy said.Four people were on board — two commissioned officers and two non-commissioned officers.The Navy said it recovered the dead bodies of all four officers. The officers' identities have yet to be confirmed.

US Judge Extends Order Blocking Trump Ban On Foreign Students At Harvard

NEWDELHI: US District Judge Allison Burroughs extended an order blocking the Trump administration from barring Harvard University from enrolling foreign students. It had already been paused last since last week when the judge had issued a temporary restraining order.After the Department of Homeland Security's Secretary Kristi Noem sent a letter to Harvard to comply with the administration's requirements, or it would revoke its ability to enrol foreign students, Harvard sued the DHS.Subsequently, on Thursday, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement director, Todd Lyons sent a letter to Harvard stating that the school has been given 30 days by the government to respond to the alleged grounds for withdrawal, including accusations that they had been fostering antisemitism and violence on campus and coordinating with the Chinese Communist Party.In its lawsuit, Harvard accused the DHS of failing to follow administrative procedures, and missing to give the school a 30-day window to respondThe university's director of immigration services, Maureen Martin, said that the Trump administration's efforts to stop Harvard from enrolling foreign students have created an atmosphere of "profound fear, concern, and confusion", in a court filing. Martin also said that domestic students had already shown an interest in transferring or deferring because they believed their experience would not be the same without an international student body, and many international students had asked about transferring.
Among these students is Cleo Carney, daughter of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, who has just finished her first year at Harvard.

Panamanian Leaders, Prominent Personalities Back India's Fight Against Terror

Panama City (Panama): Top politicians and several prominent personalities from Panama attended a reception hosted by Ambassador of India to Panama Sumit Seth for the visiting Indian Parliamentary delegation led by ??Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, on Thursday.At the event, Panama's Foreign Minister Javier Martinez-Acha Vasquez publicly spoke against terrorism and extended support to India as the visiting Indian delegation wrapped up its visit to the Central American country."Our trip ended with a spectacular reception hosted by Ambassador Seth for the diplomatic corps and influential Panamanian personalities. The Foreign Minister spoke, as did his Vice-Minister, Carlos Hoyos in strong sympathy for India, expressing support for our fight against terrorism and for enhancing the close cooperation between our two countries," Tharoor posted on X.As delegates, diplomats and others posed for photographs with the visiting delegation, Tharoor said that it was "great to meet and engage" with a cross-section of the diplomatic community in Panama at the Ambassador's reception."Also at the Ambassador's reception for the delegation, with: Genesis Alonjo, member of Parliament 2019-24; Lorena Castillo de Valera, former First Lady of Panama; Mehr Eliezer, Miss Panama 2109 and aspiring politician; and two ladies instrumental in the success of our mission, Kathy Bhiku, Indian-Panamanian Networker Extraordinaire, and Embassy staffer, Milena Alvarado," the MP from Thiruvananthapuram wrote while posting his photographs with the attendees.

Centre Clears Appointment Of Three Judges In SC



New Delhi: Acting swiftly on the recommendation made by the Supreme Court Collegium, the Centre on Thursday cleared the appointment of three judges to the top court.In a post on X, Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal said the President, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI), was pleased to appoint Justice N.V. Anjaria, the incumbent Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court; Justice Vijay Bishnoi, presently functioning as Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court; and Justice Atul S. Chandurkar of the Bombay High Court as SC judges.On Monday, the apex court Collegium, headed by CJI B.R. Gavai, forwarded its recommendations to the Centre."The Supreme Court Collegium in its meeting held on 26th May, 2025 has recommended elevation of the following Chief Justices / Judge of the High Courts, as Judges in the Supreme Court: (i) Mr. Justice N.V. Anjaria, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka, (PHC: High Court of Gujarat) (ii) Mr. Justice Vijay Bishnoi, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, (PHC: Rajasthan High Court) (iii) Mr. Justice A.S. Chandurkar Judge, High Court of Bombay," said a statement uploaded on the website of the apex court.Justice Anjaria was elevated as Additional Judge of the Gujarat High Court in November 2011, and in September 2023, he was confirmed as a permanent Judge. He took oath as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court on February 25 last year.Justice Bishnoi, the present Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, was appointed as Additional Judge of the Rajasthan High Court in January 2013 and took oath as a permanent Judge of the Rajasthan High Court in January 2015.Justice Atul S. Chandurkar was elevated as an Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court in June 2013.As per the existing Memorandum of Procedure (MoP), the CJI, along with the four senior-most SC judges, commonly known as the Collegium, forwards its recommendation to the Centre to fill up the vacancies in the top court.The Supreme Court has a sanctioned strength of 34 judges, including the CJI.

From fake flights to ticket recovery – Cyber North-West busts travel scammers

* Air ticket fraud of 3 lakh exposed, accused arrested.
* Woman alleges fraud of ?3 lakh, had booked 17 trips from Canada to Delhi and Mumbai.
* Nikhil and his brother-in-law Kailash Rathore were cheating people in the name of air ticket booking.
* Mobile phone linked to the account recovered.



New Delhi: North West Cyber Thana North-West arrested an accused in air ticket booking fraud case.The team of Cyber Thana, North-West District has solved a case of fraud and arrested an accused Nikhil Rathore son Vinod Rathore resident of Sultanpur Dabas, Delhi, age 26 years.A complaint was lodged online at Cyber Thana by a lady Rashi Suri resident of Pitampura, Delhi that she was duped of 3 lakh in the name of air ticket booking. The complainant had booked 17 trips from Canada to Delhi and Mumbai. The accused initially booked the tickets and later cancelled them and transferred the money to a shadow account. Further, some tickets were booked through 'pay later' option which were not paid later. During the entire transaction, the complainant had WhatsApp conversations with the accused.On the complaint, a case was registered, FIR No. 21/25, Section 418(4) BNS, Cyber Thana, North-West District and investigation was initiated.Considering the gravity of the matter, a special team was formed under the leadership of Inspector Dinesh Dahiya (SHO/Cyber Thana) comprising SI R.N. Ashang, HC Sohan, HC Amit, HC Vineet and HC Sandeep. The team was supervised by Shri Rajiv Kumar (ACP Cyber North-West) and senior officers.During the investigation, based on technical and manual information, accused Kailash Rathore was identified, who was inducing customers to make payments for ticket booking through calls and transferring the money to Nikhil Rathore's account.The police team arrested Nikhil from Sultanpur Makara. During interrogation, Nikhil confessed his crime and told that he was committing this fraud in connivance with his brother-in-law Kailash Rathore.Nikhil told that Kailash used to call customers and ask them to make payments for ticket booking, and the money was transferred to Kailash's account. Both of them together hatched this entire conspiracy and cheated many customers.The investigation is ongoing and efforts are being made to trace co-accused Kailash Rathore, who is still absconding.

Why did Arvind Kejriwal now knock the door of the court, sent notice to ED-CBI



New Delhi: Delhi Excise Scam money laundering case accused and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has filed a petition in the Rouse Avenue Court to allow renewal of his passport. Hearing this petition, the court has issued notice to ED and CBI. The next hearing of the case will be on June 4. During the hearing, the lawyer appearing on behalf of Kejriwal said that Kejriwal's passport expired in 2018 itself. Let us tell you that on July 10, 2024, the Rouse Avenue Court took cognizance of the ED chargesheet and ordered Kejriwal to appear. On May 17, 2024, the ED filed the seventh supplementary chargesheet, in which Aam Aadmi Party and Arvind Kejriwal were made accused. ED arrested Arvind Kejriwal after interrogation on March 21, 2024 late in the evening. On May 10, 2024, the Supreme Court granted Kejriwal interim bail till June 1, 2024, after which Kejriwal surrendered on June 2, 2024. Kejriwal was arrested by the CBI on June 26, 2024. The Supreme Court granted regular bail to Kejriwal in the CBI case on September 13, 2024. Prior to that, the Supreme Court granted interim bail to Kejriwal in the ED case on July 12, 2024.

2 LeT Hybrid Terrorists Surrender By Security Forces In J&K

NEWDELHI: Two hybrid terrorists associated with Lashkar-e-Taiba have surrendered in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district.Irfan Bashir and Uzair Salam have been booked in an FIR after they surrendered following an operation launched by security forces in Baskuchan area on Wednesday.Two AK-56 rifles, 4 magazines

SOA'S ENGINEERING, LAW AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTES WIN TIMES NOW BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD (EAST)



Bhubaneswar, (correspondent): The faculties of engineering and technology, law and business management of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University(SOA) here have won the Times Now Business Excellence Award (East) for 2025after being chosen as the top institutes in eastern region.The three institutes are Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER), SOA National Institute of Law (SNIL) and Institute of Business andComputer Studies (IBCS). Besides, five departments of the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUMHospital, faculty of medicine of SOA, have been chosen as the best in Odisha. Thedepartments are Oncology, Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, Urology, Neurologyand Nephrology.The awards were presented at a hotel in Kolkata recently by Bollywood actor Nimrat Kaur in the presence of Bollywood actor Parambrata Chatterjee,Managing Director Times Network Digital Ms. Puja Shetty, film makers NanditaRoy and Siba Prasad Mukherjee, film director Raj Chakraborty and Assistant VicePresident of Times Now Network Mr. Biman Dutta.Mr. Ripti Ranjan Dash, SOA's Director, Corporate Relations and IndustryEngagement, and Ms. Subhadarshini Mishra, SOA's Public Relations Officer received the awards.ITER and SNIL were ranked 26 th and 9 th in the country earlier by the NationalInstitutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in 2024.

TPCODL Launches "Missed Call Service" for Instant Outage Updates and NPS Complaint Registration

Bhubaneswar, (correspondent): TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), a joint venture of Tata Power and the Government of Odisha, announced the rollout of its new smart and user-friendly Missed Call Service. Designed to streamline outage information and No Power Supply (NPS) complaint registration, this service exemplifies TPCODL's commitment to innovation, operational excellence and enhanced customer convenience.
This digital-first solution enables customers to receive real-time power outage updates or register a No Power Supply (NPS) complaint by simply giving a missed call to 97777 74841 from their registered mobile number. It serves as an additional option alongside the existing helpline number 1912, offering greater convenience and flexibility in complaint registration.The Missed Call Service gives customers an easy way to connect with TPCODL's support team, showing the company's commitment to using digital tools and improving customer service. "At TPCODL, our customers' time and trust are of the utmost importance," said Arvind Singh, CEO, TPCODL. "By introducing this Missed Call Service, we are not only simplifying the way our consumers report power outages but also accelerating our response times. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to harnessing technology for a more reliable and responsive electricity distribution network."

Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Launches Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar



Bhubaneswar, (correspondent):In a landmark initiative aimed at transforming Indian agriculture, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, launched the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA-2025) at the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The campaign aligns with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for a self-reliant and sustainable India, and seeks to promote the widespread adoption of advanced agricultural and fisheries technologies across the nation.Addressing the gathering, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan highlighted the campaign's ambitious goal to reach over 1.5 crore farmers across India through technology dissemination, capacity building, and grassroots engagement. He emphasized that fisheries is an integral pillar of India's food security and a viable pathway for livelihood development, and stressed that all technologies developed by ICAR-CIFA must effectively reach farmers to enhance their income and build a developed and resilient fisheries sector.The inaugural ceremony was graced by several eminent dignitaries, including Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment & Energy, Government of Odisha; ShriGokulanandaMallik, Minister of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development, Government of Odisha; Shri Babu Singh, MLA, Ekamra; and ShriAshritPattanayak, MLA, Pipili. From the ICAR leadership, the event witnessed the presence of Dr. M. L. Jat, Director General, ICAR & Secretary (DARE); Dr. J.K. Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries Science); Dr. Rajbir Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension); and Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata.

Hindalco's 'Project Basudha' empowers farmers and enriches futures



Bhubaneswar : Hindalco Industries Limited, an Aditya Birla Group company, has recently launched Project Basudha in 16 villages of Hirakud in Sambalpurdistrict for bringing a transformation in their livelihoods. This is a comprehensive rural development program which focuses on sustainable agriculture, livestock promotion and income generation of the farmers. Implemented in collaboration with the BAIF Institute for Sustainable Livelihoods and Development (BISLD), the project is already making significant strides toward improving the lives of farmers across Sambalpur district. Emphasizing the company's commitment to inclusive community growth, Mr. Debasish Malik, Unit Head of Hindalco Hirakud Complex, said: "We are not only working in areas like health, education, and rural infrastructure, but we are also deeply invested in agricultural development. Our goal is to ensure the sustainable and holistic progress of the community. This project, rooted in a holistic development approach, seeks to uplift farmers by promoting improved agricultural practices, crop diversification, and scientific livestock management, while ensuring access to government schemes and strengthening community participation," adds Mr Malik. Key highlights of the project include the promotion of modern and sustainable farming practices such as Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM); training and exposure visits in collaboration with institutions like Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), OUAT (Odisha University for Agriculture & Technology) Chiplima, and the Fisheries Department; successful outreach to over 400 farmers, with a target of 1,000 within the next three years; and awareness programs on crop insurance conducted in association with the State Bank of India, with more than 60 farmers already registered. In the livestock sector, artificial insemination and breed improvement are being facilitated through Livestock Development Centers managed by self-employed youth, with over 300 livestock and 60 households targeted.

Rahul Gandhi To Visit MP, To Restructure Party's State Unit, Iron Out Internal Issues

Bhopal: To iron out internal issues and restructure the Congress unit of Madhya Pradesh, Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, is set to visit Bhopal on June 3.During his stay, he will hold extensive discussions with local Congress leaders and party workers, dedicating approximately seven hours to crucial deliberations regarding the party's organisational restructuring.LoP Rahul Gandhi's primary objective in Bhopal is to launch the Congress's organisational rejuvenation campaign christened as 'Sangathan Srujan Abhiyan', an initiative aimed at revitalising the party's presence and influence in Madhya Pradesh.Strict action will be taken against members of the Congress who are colluding with the BJP. Regardless of their number, such individuals will be identified and dealt with firmly. This measure is intended to restore the party's credibility and strengthen its internal integrity," Umang Singhar, Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly, said.Making allegations against the ruling the BJP, he said, "The BJP has undermined democracy at every level. Now is the time for a well-organised Congress to respond with a mass movement."An ambitious team known as "Team-50" has been formed, comprising parliamentarians, legislators, and former ministers from various states, including Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

Odisha Govt To Launch Affordable Housing Scheme For Lower And Middle-Income Families



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): In a bid to address the growing demand for affordable housing, the Odisha government has announced a new housing scheme in Bhubaneswar with homes priced between 15 lakh and 50 lakh, primarily targeting economically weaker sections (EWS) and middle-income groups (MIG). The initiative aims to make home ownership a reality for thousands of urban families struggling with soaring real estate prices.Housing and Urban Development Minister Krushna Chandra Mahapatra informed that the new scheme will include homes under various categories—MIG, LIG, LIG-I, and MIG-II—and will be allocated through a lottery system to ensure transparency. Specific eligibility criteria will be framed to ensure that only genuine beneficiaries from targeted income groups can apply.The housing units will be developed on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar, with plans to expand similar projects to Cuttack soon. In its first phase, the scheme will focus on urban municipal areas. To fast-track development and ensure financial sustainability, the project will be implemented through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.To streamline operations, the government will collaborate with cooperative banks, which will monitor the housing units and facilitate EMI collection from the allottees.In addition to homeownership, the state is also considering the development of rental housing to curb the growth of slum settlements, which have expanded due to a lack of affordable housing options, the minister noted. Mahapatra further highlighted the government's renewed focus on the Town Planning (TP) scheme, which aims to deliver planned infrastructure—including roads, drainage, sewage systems, and street lighting.

Odisha Gears Up for Monsoon: 24×7 Flood Control Rooms to be Operational from June



BHUBANESWAR, (correspondent):Odisha Strengthens Flood Defence Measures for 2025 MonsoonIn a proactive move to safeguard the state from potential flooding during the upcoming monsoon season, the Odisha government has laid out a comprehensive preparedness plan.Under the leadership of Development Commissioner-cum-ACS Smt. Anu Garg, IAS, key government officials convened to ensure robust flood management strategies are in place.From June 1 to October 31, 2025, flood control rooms will be operational round the clock at Chief Engineer offices, the E.I.C office, and the State Hydrological Data Centre in Rajiv Bhawan. The government has confirmed that joint inspections of all river embankments have been conducted, ensuring that they remain structurally sound. In 2024, Odisha recorded zero breaches, a testament to the effectiveness of its flood control initiatives.To prevent obstructions in water channels, coffer dams and drainage obstacles will be removed by June 15. Mock drills for gates in major and medium projects, including barrages and weirs, have already been conducted to assess their efficiency. Moreover, a comprehensive inventory of flood-fighting materials—including sandbags, bamboo, brushwood, and equipment like excavators, JCBs, and water tankers—has been mobilised for emergency response.In collaboration with the Central Water Commission (CWC) and the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), daily flood and rainfall forecasts will be disseminated to the public. The contact details of dedicated officers for flood control and drainage issues will be shared with relevant authorities to ensure swift action when needed. Additionally, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be strictly observed to enhance response efficiency.

Home Guard Recruitment Tragedy: CM Announces Rs 4 Lakh Compensation For Families Of Deceased

Bhubaneswar(correspondent): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has expressed grief over the deaths of two Home Guard aspirants during a physical test in Gajapati district and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each to their families.The deceased have been identified as Sulant Mishal from Parisal village in Gajapati and Dipak Padalu from Rayagada.According to reports, Mishal collapsed during the physical examination and was declared dead at the district headquarters hospital in Paralakhemundi. Dipak Padalu, who also fell sick during the recruitment drive, was shifted to MKCG Medical College and Hospital but succumbed to his condition while undergoing treatment.The Chief Minister announced a compensation of Rs 4 lakh each from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the next of kin of the deceased.

NIA Begins Probe Into Heist Of Explosives By Suspected Maoists In Odisha

Bhubaneswar(correspondent): A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday launched an investigation into the looting of explosives weighing around four tonnes by the Maoists near the Odisha-Jharkhand border in Sundargarh district on Tuesday, a senior police officer said.The senior police official also said that the NIA team is examining the case to determine whether they should take over the investigation or not.He told the media that the involvement of the Maoists from neighbouring Jharkhand in the looting incident can't be ruled out."As per the information shared by the driver, the persons involved in the incident had told him in Odia language during the looting that they were Maoists. Based on this, an FIR has been lodged and investigation is going on that angle," said Brijesh Rai, DIG of Odisha Police (Western Range).Rai also told the media persons that after the incident came to fore, DGPY.B. Khurania along with other senior officials of state police reached K Balanga police station on Wednesday and took stock of the whole situation.The DGP instructed the officials to beef up security at all the vulnerable places in the area.Khurania has also directed strict adherence to the existing Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or guidelines regarding security measures for agencies engaged in trade of explosives. He also ordered a security audit of all such centers.It is pertinent here to mention that when a vehicle carrying around 200 packets, each containing 25 kg of explosives, from a private godown in the Badagaon area, reached a mining site at Banko under K Balanga police station area on Tuesday, some 30 to 40 unidentified gunmen suddenly appeared there and asked the staff at the mining site and the driver to reload the explosives into the vehicle.

Maoists Steal 4 Tons of Explosives: Odisha-Jharkhand Border Sealed, NIA Joins Search Operation

Bhubaneswar(correspondent):Authorities have sealed the Odisha-Jharkhand border and intensified security operations following the looting of four tonnes of explosives in Sundargarh district.Suspected Maoists intercepted a truck transporting the materials and fled into nearby forested areas, prompting an urgent response from law enforcement.A high-level meeting, chaired by Odisha DGP YB Khurania, focused on strengthening security protocols along vulnerable routes. A National Investigation Agency (NIA) team has also arrived to spearhead combing operations in coordination with state forces.While the stolen truck has been recovered, the explosives remain missing, raising concerns about their potential misuse. Security alerts have been issued across the region, and mining companies have been instructed to enhance surveillance of their logistics.Authorities are closely monitoring movements along the border, ensuring that extremist elements do not transport the stolen materials beyond the region. The incident has heightened concerns over increasing Maoist activity in western Odisha, triggering an urgent effort to contain further threats.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Visits Puri Jagannath Temple

Bhubaneswarr (correspondent):: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today visited Puri Jagannath Temple, accompanied by Deputy CM Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo.He was welcomed by administrative officials, including the Agriculture Secretary and the Chief Administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), Arabinda Kumar Padhee.Chouhan, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, offered prayers and sought the blessing of the sibling deities.After the darshan, Chouhan interacted with the media, discussing the launch of the Union Government's Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan from Puri.After seeking blessings from Lord Jagannath, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will participate in a tree plantation programme at Sakshigopal Krishi Vigyan Kendra.Taking to his X handle, Deputy Chief Minister Singh Deo wrote: "Accompanied Hon'ble Union Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan ji today on a spiritually enriching visit to the sacred Shri Jagannath Temple in Puri, ahead of the commencement of Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan. Offered heartfelt prayers to Mahaprabhu Jagannath for the well-being of all and shared thoughts with the media on issues that matter deeply to the people of Odisha."

CM Majhi Grants Rs 50 Lakh For Sital Sasthi Festival In Sambalpur



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has sanctioned an additional 50 lakh as financial assistance for the grand celebration of the Sital Sasthi festival in Sambalpur, a city known for its deep-rooted cultural traditions.Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), the Chief Minister said, "Sital Sasthi is an integral part of our rich cultural heritage. I am pleased to sanction ?50 lakh to enhance the grandeur of this sacred festival that celebrates the divine marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati."This fresh grant comes in addition to the previously sanctioned 1.08 crore by the state government for the organization of the annual festivities in the western Odisha city. According to officials, the funds will be distributed among various organizing committees responsible for conducting the elaborate rituals and cultural processions associated with the divine wedding.The five-day festival began today with the ritual of 'Patarpendi', symbolizing the engagement of the deities.

Odisha Health Director Confirms No Rise in COVID Cases, Ensures Preparedness Measures

Bhubaneswar(correspondent):In response to concerns surrounding COVID-19, Odisha's Public Health Director Nilakantha Mishra has assured citizens that the situation remains stable, with only five reported cases and no new infections.

While the numbers are low, authorities remain cautious and are closely monitoring developments. Odisha's health infrastructure is well-prepared, with RTPCR machines and oxygen plants ready for any emergencies.The state has procured adequate testing kits, ensuring timely detection and response to potential outbreaks. Distribution of these kits to districts will be carried out as needed.

National Lakhpati Didi Conference-2025 Celebrates Women's Economic Empowerment



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): "Under the visionary guidance of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Lakhpati Didi Yojana has paved the way for women to earn an annual income of over ?1 lakh. This initiative is not just about income generation but aims to provide financial independence to women and foster leadership qualities among rural women," said Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi during the National Lakhpati Didi Conference-2025 today.According to an official press release, notably, the event, organized by the Mission Shakti Department at the Lok Seva Bhawan Convention Centre, saw participation from Lakhpati Didis and government officials from 25 states and Union Territories of India.The Chief Minister stated that today's Conference is not merely a celebration of achievements but a testament to our commitment to women's leadership. The strength and efforts of women fortify the future of families and the nation. The Lakhpati Didi Yojana is not just a welfare scheme; it is a strategy for inclusive and sustainable development. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken numerous steps to ensure women's political, social, and economic independence.The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam has been passed in Parliament to ensure women's representation in politics, enabling at least 33% of women to be elected to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies in future elections.The Chief Minister further noted that Odisha has implemented the Lakhpati Didi Mission with dedication. By empowering around 17 lakh women as Lakhpati Didis, Odisha has secured the top position in India. This success is a result of the dedication of women in Self-Help Groups (SHGs), the sincerity of Mission Shakti, and the efficient grassroots efforts of the Odisha Livelihoods Mission.He added that interest-free loans of up to ?10 lakh are being provided to women in SHGs across Odisha. The revolving fund assistance has been increased from ?15,000 to ?30,000, and the Community Investment Fund has been raised from ?35 lakh to ?60 lakh.These measures have enabled SHG members to confidently advance their businesses and livelihoods. Through Subhadra Shakti Melas, SHG women have conducted business worth lakhs, establishing their identity and boosting their confidence.The Subhadra Shakti Café has been launched as a new livelihood model, enabling SHG women to operate large-scale cafés. The dedication and hard work of our women are now entering international markets through their businesses.

EDITORIAL

Nature is the effect and God is the cause

Nature is the effect and God is the cause. God and Nature are not distinct entities; they are one unified whole. When we observe Nature, we see the divine manifestation of unity and purity, a giving and receiving between all beings amid the cycle of Earth's life-sustaining processes. Life is given to us humans for the ultimate goal of realising God. Nature helps us to do so. Hence, we must make careful use of Nature, with no thought of harm but rather a gratitude, reverence, and pure, selfless Love. Through the five elements from which Nature emanates, all necessities of life are provided. Earth, water, fire, air, and space are pure in their original form, but impure human activities can defile them and result in harm to humans and other beings. It is our responsibility to show respect and gratitude for the purity in Nature and do our best to uphold it.Within Nature, trees are perfect role models for unity and purity, while also teaching us selflessness and sacrifice. In all their rich variety and beauty, trees have been revered by humans since ancient times and they continue to deserve our reverence today, not only for the physical benefits they provide but for the spiritual ones too. They are an essential part of Nature through which we may realise God. Trees are the ultimate bearers of silence. They radiate silence while at the same time absorbing sound. They stand resolute, poised, in a state of equanimity, ready for whatever comes their way. When we walk into a forest, we may feel a sense of awe and peace as the collective hush of the trees draws us into our own inner world. The silence can be so strong it is palpable. Forests provide this rare opportunity to encounter deep stillness in the outer world. In that sacred space, we may sense the changeless 'beingness' of all things, the presence of God.Trees age slowly … their life unfolds at a much slower rate than our own. We humans, however, are often hurried. We connect best with forests when we take slow, contemplative walks beneath their canopy. And, if we want to deepen our spiritual connection, we simply need to stop, listen, and let the trees teach us. If we cannot go into a forest, we can connect with an individual tree close to home. It could be one struggling to thrive in a congested urban environment or an old one comfortably situated in a sprawling park, or it could be a shade tree in our backyard.We can sit and speak to a tree, as if talking to a friend, remembering that some trees have lived for hundreds of years and have weathered many storms. We may share our concerns about life and the state of the world, and let the tree know we are grateful for their presence and all they provide. We can even give our tree a hug, as if we are hugging someone we especially love, really feeling it. We may then sit in silence, even meditate, and end with a prayer for our tree and all trees. Through these acts of silence, communion, love, and prayer, we may experience not only God's presence but also a knowing that everything is in its place and, despite life's challenges, all is as it needs to be. This acknowledgment of the valuable physical and spiritual roles of trees and our love for them will help protect life on Earth while also transforming us, thereby serving Sri Sathya Sai Baba's ongoing Divine mission.

Kinds of karma and their consequences



Ajaya Kumar Behera

The feeling, intent and circumstances behind any action is important. To understand the deep meaning of the fruits of action, we must understand what the three types of actions are. Sanchita karma can get one through without any intent. The environment impacts the individual. So too the company of bad or good characters. Similarly the association of pious persons will also leave some impact on the individual. If this impact is not willingly adopted, it will leave very faint and weak imprint on one's consciousness.Another example of sanchita karma can be actions undertaken under pressure and unwillingly. The doer will not perform such acts – at work or at home – if he is not under pressure. The impact of such sanchita karma lies dormant for long periods without turning into any fruit of action. But, if similar acts or deeds are willingly performed later on, these imprints too get activated and result in fruits of action. Good and bad sanchita karmas result in fruit or get destroyed according to other actions, depending on the intent and circumstances.Prarabdha karmas are actions performed willingly and with deep intent. Their imprint on consciousness is very strong, especially if they are negative karmas. Therefore whatever results we are getting in this life are results of our own prarabdha karmas. We should



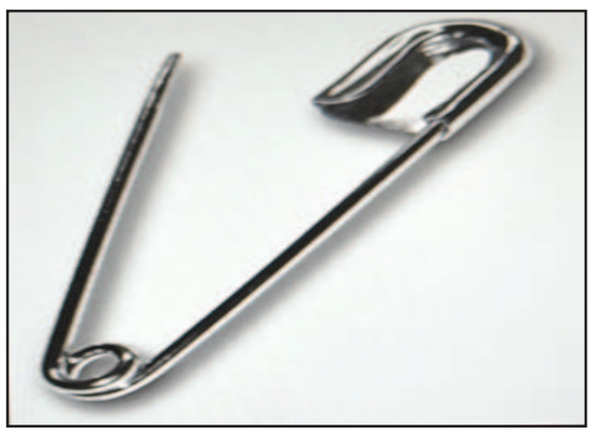
not accuse fate, God or any other for the misfortune visiting us. This is the result of our own deeds some time ago or perhaps so long ago, that we have no inkling of them. Out of nowhere and suddenly the fructification of prarabdha karma confronts us in the shape of death, injury, house collapse, or wealth lost. It does not come as deliberate deeds of another person. Deliberate acts of other persons are new karma and the sudden events happening out of nowhere are result of prarabdha.Kriyamana karma involves bodily acts and generally, result is instant. Hand burns on touching fire, carelessness in eating results in upset stomach and illness, consumption of alcohol results in intoxication, and eating poison results in death. Labourer gets reward for work as salary. Acts which have no specific intent and are bodily acts are kriyamana acts. Result and fructification of sanchita karma are uncertain; those of prarabdha karma are certain but timing is uncertain. The result of kriyamana karma is immediate and sometimes instant. Pain, suffering and sorrow will look unwarranted and unwelcome because immediate impact appears bad. However in the long run, they are for the purification and reform of jivatma, for ultimate merger with Super Consciousness.

Safety Pin: The Timeless Twist



Ashis Kumar Panda

In the bustling heart of New York City in 1849, a 53-year-old self-taught mechanic and inventor named Walter Hunt sat bent over his messy desk. Scattered around him were countless sketches and notes—some mechanical, some medical—each filled with dreams and possibilities. But on that particular day, Hunt wasn't pursuing a grand invention. He was in a hurry to create something small and simple—just enough to repay a modest $15 debt.He picked up an eight-inch-long brass wire and was nervously twisting it around his finger when a bright idea struck his mind. As he worked, something began to take shape—a thin, curved piece of wire with a small spring at one end, and at the other end, a sharp pointed tip and a clasp placed side by side. He pressed the coil down and tucked the sharp end into the clasp. It held firm—simple, effective, and most importantly, safe.Thus, Walter Hunt invented the "safety pin"—which he initially referred to as the "dressing pin."The idea of fastening clothes with pins wasn't new. In ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, pins crafted from bone, wood, or metal had long been used to secure clothing. By the 19th century, straight metal pins were common, but they were unsafe. They had sharp ends and no locking mechanism. They easily pricked fingers or slipped out. Hunt's design solved these problems. The coil acted as a spring, while the clasp safely shielded the sharp tip, making it both practical and safe. It was a brilliant upgrade to a basic tool—one that felt both fresh and familiar.On July 10, 1849, Hunt was granted a patent for the safety pin—a date now remembered as International Safety Pin Day. But in need of money, he sold the patent rights for just $400 to W.R. Grace and Company. He never became wealthy from his invention, but what he created quietly went on to change everyday life.The safety pin proved its worth across every corner of life. It wasn't just a tool; it was trust in the simplest form.



Mothers pinned diapers with it. People used it to secure missing buttons, broken zippers, and loose garments. Nurses fastened bandages. Tailors mended hems in seconds. Punk rockers wore it as a badge of rebellion. Soldiers used it to secure their insignia with uniforms. Refugees held dignity together with it when all else was falling apart.As decades rolled by, the world transformed. Empires rose and fell. Horse-drawn carriages gave way to electric cars. Telephones shrank into pockets. Computers outpaced imaginations. Humans stepped on the moon. Artificial intelligence began writing and thinking like humans. Diseases once deadly were cured with a single shot. Yet, amid all this breathtaking progress, the safety pin remained the same—modest, simple, and unchanged.Engineers and designers tried to improve the safety pin over the years. They added colourful plastic casings, built fancier clasps, even tried magnetic closures. But time and again, people returned to Hunt's original design—simple, balanced, and just right the way it was. Today, safety pins rest quietly in women's purses, dressing tables, sewing kits, first-aid boxes, toolboxes, and museum displays—not as a loud invention, but as a whisper of brilliance.The safety pin teaches us a quiet but powerful lesson: 'not everything needs change for survival; sometimes, being right from the beginning is more than enough'.In a world that often demands constant upgrades, fast trends, and endless versions, the safety pin stands as a symbol of stability, clarity, and purpose. It has remained almost entirely unchanged for over 175 years—not because it was ignored, but because it was already enough since beginning. Its design held such perfect balance between form and function that no improvement was necessary. This is a reminder that true strength sometimes lies in consistency, not in transformation. Some things are built with such clarity of purpose and simplicity that they naturally withstand the test of time. They don't need to evolve—they survive by doing what they were meant to do, and doing it flawlessly. The safety pin is more than just an object—it is timeless trust, a quiet triumph of design.

Need to tackle the problem of food wastage in the country



Vijay GarG

In Indian culture, food is considered a god and is considered an important part of life. This is why insulting food, throwing it away or leaving it uneaten is considered a major sin from all religious and cultural perspectives. But in today's time, when the blind race of modernity is taking us away from our cultural heritage, we are slowly forgetting this important ritual. The result is that today, hundreds of tons of food are being wasted every day in events like hotels, restaurants and weddings.This has become a reality not only in India but also in the entire world. While billions of people are suffering from hunger and malnutrition, millions of tons of food are being wasted every day. One-third of the food produced worldwide every year, or about 1.4 billion tons of food, is wasted. This waste is so large that it could feed about two billion people. This problem is very serious in India as well. The level of food waste at weddings and other events is so high that about 40 percent of the food waste is found in garbage dumps near wedding venues.This situation is very worrying not only from an economic point of view but also from a social and environmental point of view. According to a report by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, every year in India, 230 million tonnes of pulses, 120 million tonnes of fruits and 210 million tonnes of vegetables are wasted due to shortcomings in the distribution system. In addition, according to a report by the World Food Organization, food worth Rs 70,000 crore is wasted in India every year, which is 40 percent of the country's total production. This food wastage not only affects our financial situation but also puts a huge pressure on our natural resources.Our country is facing a severe water shortage, while 350 cubic meters of water is being wasted every year in food production. Hunger and malnutrition are a serious problem in our country, especially for millions of families whose income depends on casual labour. A large number of people in Indian society earn their living by collecting garbage or begging. More than 60 percent of the families in the country have casual labour as their main source of income, and about 40 percent of families living in villages have a monthly income of less than Rs. 10,000. In such a situation, it is a matter of concern that on the one hand, millions of people are struggling with hunger.On the other hand, there is a huge wastage of food grains in our country. The wheat wasted every year in India is equal to the entire wheat production of Australia. The



value of the wasted wheat is estimated to be around Rs 50,000 crore, which can feed about 30 crore people for a whole year. In addition, 50 million tonnes of our food grains are wasted simply because we do not have adequate storage facilities to store it. This highlights the shortcomings in our storage and supply chain, which leads to huge wastage of food grains. Food wastage during weddings, celebrations and festivals has become a common sight in India.A lot of food is wasted on these occasions, which is against our culture. However, the Government of India is concerned to stop this wastage and is running many schemes for this. But the role of women can be important in this direction. Especially children should be taught to serve as much food as they are hungry. The habit of sharing food with each other can also help in preventing food wastage. We need to re-examine our traditions and philosophy, so that we can reduce the wastage of food and grains.We need to change our habits and voluntary organizations should also take active steps in this direction. Apart from this, initiatives like the 'Think, Eat and Save' campaign being run by the United Nations Environment Programme are also a positive step. If we all join this campaign and spread social awareness, food wastage can be stopped.It is not only the responsibility of the government and organizations, but we all need to bring about changes in our daily lives. If we adopt the habit of saving food, storing it properly and preparing food in adequate quantities, then we can reduce food wastage at our level. This is the time when we need to re-adopt our traditional approach and appreciate food. Only then can we find a solution to this serious problem and take the society forward in a positive direction.

BDO and his team visited at night to verify drains and make them clean



Malkangiri (correspondent): BDO Mathili has come forward at midnight to build a clean environment and a healthy society. Hr visited Street to street of the town at midnight and examined how to clean the drains and how to drain rainwater from the street during the rain. Such a scene seen in the Mathili Block of Malkangiri District. Late last night, Mathili BDO Pramod Kumar Behera, Block Executive Engineer Fareed Ranjan Bagh, Junior Engineer Subhendu Mohanty and Sadar Panchayat Executive Officer Ashok Kumar Maharana discussed how to immediately clean the drains in all the Street in Mathili Sadar Mr Behera expressed the opinion that the block administration would pay special attention to how the Street of all the villages of the Panchayat would be kept clean and pure, not just rainwater. If the environment is clean, a healthy society can be formed. The local residents of the area have praised the local BDO Mr Behera for being an efficient administrator , many intellectuals including local businessman B. Nauka Raju and many youths including Jeetu Chowdhury were present during his visit.

Koraput Police Arrests Notorious Maoist Kunjam Hidma



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): In a significant breakthrough, the Odisha Police today arrested notorious Maoist Kunjam Hidma in Koraput district.Hidma, a wanted Maoist leader, was apprehended from the Petaguda jungle near the Baipariguda police station.According to Koraput Superint endent of Police Rohit Verma, Hidma was involved in several major Maoist incidents in Koraput and Malkangiri districts. A reward of Rs 4 lakh had been announced for information leading to his capture. A reward of Rs 8 lakhs had been announced by the Chhattisgarh government for providing information to arrest him. Acting on a tip-off, Koraput police, led by the SDPO, laid a trap and arrested him.Hidma, a resident of Jhanaguda village in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, had joined the Maoist organisation at the age of 14 in 2007.During the arrest, the police seized several incriminating items, including 47 firearms, 35 live rounds of ammunition, one magazine, 27 detonators, 90 wire-bound detonators, two kg of gelatin powder, two steel tiffin boxes, two radios, two earphones, one walkie-talkie, two knives, four torchlights, Maoist literature, medicines, and clothing.

Continuous Rain 6 Villages Detached from World by Landslide



Paralakhemundi(correspondent)-At Mohana block of Gajapati district,due to heavy & continuous rainfall by landslide 6 villages out of communication.At Kottama,Panigonda & Gordoma areas those 6 villages situated. Pajigudi ghat section of Kottama panchayat from hill due to landslide Pajigudi,Jadingi,Gotha, Tangili,Rangagudi & Tuabadi villages are out of communication.So area people requested to evacuate & clear the road communication.

CM Visit To Kendrapara On June 2



Kendrapara(Correspondent): Chief minister Mohan Charan Majhi will visit Kendrapara on June 2 and conduct a review meeting with district level officers. For this visit a preparation meeting was held at collectorate office today on chairmanship of the collector Smruti Ranjan Pradhan. In this meeting Mahakalpada MLA Durga prasan Nayak and BJP district president Sasanka Sekhar Sethi also present. Sri Majhi's visit will first time to Kendrapara after Chief minister. He will also visit Sri Baladevjew temple and participate in Tiranga rally. Other official programmes of the chief minister will awaited.

Gajapati Minor Irrigation Officials Nabbed While Taking Rs 30K Bribe Through UPI



Bhubaneswar: Vigilance sleuths arrested Divisional Accounts Officer Suraj Prasad Jaiswal and Senior Assistant Naresh Pattanaik from the Office of the Superintendent Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Gajapati, for taking a bribe of Rs. 30,000.According to reports, the duo demanded a bribe from a contractor in exchange for clearing pending bills worth Rs 32 lakh for work orders amounting to over Rs 86 lakh. The contractor was issued three work orders and one work order in the name of his relative.The accused officials were demanding Rs. 30,000, with each taking Rs. 15,000, for clearing the bills through UPI transaction and promising to clear the remaining bills after the work was completed.Upon being informed by the complainant, the vigilance authorities laid a trap and caught both officials red-handed while accepting the bribe of Rs. 15,000 each through UPI transaction. The receipt of the bribe money has been established, and simultaneous searches are being conducted at two locations associated with each accused to investigate dispropo vrtionate assets.

7 Absconding Wildlife Offenders Arrested In Mayurbhanj; Animal Parts And Hunting Gear Seized



Baripada(correspondent): In a major crackdown on wildlife crime, forest department officials on Wednesday arrested seven absconding wildlife criminals from Dudhiani and Anlakata villages under Karanjia police limits in Mayurbhanj district.The arrests were made during house searches conducted in connection with a 2023–24 case under the National Park Wildlife Range. The operation led to the seizure of one barking deer horn, one spotted deer antler, six bows, eleven arrows, two snares, and two catapults.Similipal Deputy Director (South) Samrat Gowda confirmed the arrests and identified the accused as Raghunath Soy alias Mayen, Baburam Soy alias Sukura, Sukulal Hembram, Mangal Badra alias Tase, Jaysingh Sirka, Kunaram Samad alias Kanda, and Baya Banara.All the accused were produced in court on Wednesday following their arrest, Gowda said.

Another Home Guard Aspirant Dies During Treatment; Toll Reaches Two

Bhubaneswar(correspondent): Another youth, who fell sick during a physical test for Home Guard recruitment in Gajapati district, died while undergoing treatment at MKCG Medical College and Hospital, Berhampur. He has been identified as Dipak Padal. With Dipak's death, the death toll reached two. Five others are still undergoing treatment.Earlier, Sulant Mishal, a resident of Parisal village in Gajapati district, collapsed during a physical test and was declared dead on arrival at the district headquarters hospital. The incident occurred during a 2 km running test held between Ranipenth and Padmapur near Parlakhemundi.According to sources, Mishal suddenly collapsed just 30 seconds before completing the run. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi expressed grief over the incident and announced a compensation of Rs 4 lakh for Mishal's family.

Youth Kills Mother After Being Denied Money To Buy Drugs In Puri

Puri(correspondent): In a shocking event, a youth allegedly killed his 55-year-old mother with the help of a sharp weapon after she refused to give him money for substance abuse.This incident of matricide has shaken the residents of Samangara village under the Puri Sadar police station.The deceased has been identified as Kanak Pradhan, while the accused is her 30-year-old son, Pinku Pradhan.According to reports, Pinku demanded money from his mother in the morning, which she flatly refused. Enraged, Pinku attacked his mother with a sickle, inflicting severe head injuries. When villagers rushed to the scene after hearing Kanak's screams, Pinku allegedly assaulted them as well. Kanak succumbed to her injuries on the spot.However, the villagers managed to overpower Pinku. Upon being informed, police arrested him and sent Kanak's body for the post-mortem.

4 Died & 36 Injured on Separate Accident at Gajapati

Paralakhemundi(Correspondent):-At Mohana & Gosani blocks on separate accidents 4 persons died & 36 are injured. At Mohana block near Luhagudi one mini truck slipped where one died & three persons are injured.Deceased driver name was Kiran Mohanty belonged to Pudamari of Ganjam district.Those injured persons are Badal Nayak of Pudamari,Pabitra Mallick & Sribacha Mallick of Rajanapalli village.That truck loaded with kirana items & was coming from Brahmapur to Mohana.Due to break fail that truck slipped on 326 NH.Under truck driver crushed & rest 3 injured. Similarly after attending feast one Pick up van lost control & 27 passengers injured.They left one daughter from Gubel village & reached at Dengili village.They left their daughter & after marriage feast they were returning.At Lakhari ghat section that vehicle lost control & one Samant Majhi of Gubel village died.Rest injured admitted at Birikote hospital.On third such incident at Dengama village one bike rider died which collided with a van under Adava police limits of Gajapati district. Binod Gomango & Jisoyo Sabaro were going by bike to their village & collided with a van.Locals admitted both at Chandragiri hospital where Binod died.Jisoyo referred to Brahmapur.Chandragiri Outpost staff seized deceased body. Investigation is going on.At Arsiling ghat under Garabandha police limits one auto overturned where an woman died & 5 persons injured.They are from Maringi & attended marriage at Lumudasing of Koinpur panchayat of Rayagada block.On return st Arsiling they faced accident. Locals admitted them at Garabandha hospital. Doctor declared dead to Sujata Sabar(26).

Six-Year-Old Girl's Body Recovered From Septic Tank

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): The body of a six-year-old girl was recovered from a septic tank at Chhend Colony in Rourkela on Thursday.The deceased girl has been identified as Sorun Badaik. It is suspected that the girl fell into the 30-foot deep septic tank while playing, as there was no cover on it.Chhend police have recovered the body from the tank and initiated an investigation into the incident.

Lightning Strikes Claim Two Lives In Bargarh

Bargarh(Correspondent): In a shocking incident, two women lost their lives due to lightning strikes at Atabira police station area of Bargarh district on Thursday.The victims have been identified as Shanti Chatria, 48, from Naliyan Jhupudi village, and Yashoda Mallik, 36, from Topa village.According to reports, Shanti Chatria was returning home after collecting firewood when she was struck by lightning on her chest. Yashoda Mallik, on the other hand, was on her way to the field to deliver food to her husband, a daily wage laborer, when the lightning strike occurred.Both women were rushed to the Atabira Health Centre, where the doctor declared them dead. The incident has sent shockwaves through the local community.The Atabira area has been experiencing unseasonal rain, thunder, and lightning for the past five days, which has not only caused loss of life but also damaged paddy crops, affecting local farmers. The incident highlights the vulnerability of people in rural areas to natural disasters and the need for adequate precautions and support.

10 Pilgrims Injured As Tourist Bus Collides With Truck In Ganjam

Bhubaneswar(correspondent): As many as ten passengers were injured as the tourist bus they were travelling in collided with a truck on National Highway 16 near Subalaya Square under Rambha police station area in Ganjam district on Thursday morning.The accident occurred when the bus, returning from a pilgrimage to Uttar Pradesh and heading to Andhra Pradesh, lost control and hit a parked truck.Ten passengers were injured in the accident and were rushed to Chhatrapur Medical for treatment. The bus was on its way back from a pilgrimage tour when the incident took place.Upon being informed, the Rambha police have launched an investigation into the accident and are looking into the circumstances surrounding the collision.

Odisha Vigilance Unearths Massive Assets in Raid on Rayagada Public Health Engineer



Rayagada, (corres pondent)Odisha Vigilance officials have uncovered significant wealth allegedly acquired through illicit means by Sahadev Kisan, Superintending Engineer (SE) of the Public Health (PH) Division in Rayagada.
Kisan was intercepted while carrying Rs 1.5 lakh in suspected ill-gotten cash, prompting simultaneous house searches at his properties in Rayagada and Sambalpur. The searches revealed two high-value plots, gold ornaments weighing 100 grams, household assets worth Rs 10 lakh, and bank deposits, insurance investments, and mutual funds amounting to nearly Rs 50 lakh.Having joined as an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) in the Housing & Urban Development (H&UD) Department in 2016, Kisan rose through the ranks to become a Superintending Engineer in March 2025. Vigilance is currently investigating whether his amassed wealth is disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Reliance Scion Akash Ambani Offers Prayers At Puri Jagannath Temple

Puri(correspondent): Akash Ambani, son of renowned industrialist Mukesh Ambani, visited the Jagannath Temple in Puri last night.According to reports, Ambani reached the temple around 1:15 am. Ambani was warmly welcomed by the temple administration and police near the Singhadwara gate. His visit took place shortly after the completion of the Banakalagi ritual.Ambani offered prayers to Lord Jagannath, accompanied by his hereditary priest, Jagannath Kar and witnessed the Bada Singhara Besha.

Gaddar Telangana Film Awards Announced; Allu Arjun Adjudged Best Actor For 'Pushpa-2'

'Kalki 2898 AD' has bagged the best feature film award while Allu Arjun has been adjudged best leading actor for his performance in 'Pushpa-2' as the Telangana government on Thursday announced Gaddar Telangana Film Awards.Veteran actress Jayasudha, who headed the 15-member jury committee, along with Telangana Film Development Corporation (TGFDC) Chairman Dil Raju, announced the awards here.Nivetha Thomas has been adjudged as the best leading actress for '35-Chinna Katha Kadu'.S.J. Surya bagged the best supporting actor award for 'Saripoda Sanivaram' while Saranya Pradeep received the best supporting actress award for her performance in 'Ambajipeta Marrige Band'.Nag Ashwin Singi Reddy got the best director award for 'Kalki 2898 AD'. Bheems Ceciroleo adjudged best music director for 'Razakar'.Sid Sriram is the best male playback singer for the song 'Nizame Ne Chebutunna' from the film 'Ooru Peru Bhairavakona'. Shreya Goshal is the best female playback singer for the song 'Suseti Aggi Ravva' from 'Pushpa 2'.The jury picked Satya and Vennela Kishore for best comedian award for the film 'Mattu Vadalara-2'.Venky Atluri is the best screenplay writer for 'Lucky Bhaskar' while Siva Paladugu is the best story writer for 'Music shop Murthy'.Chandra Bose bagged the best lyricist award for 'Raju Yadav' while Vishawanath Reddy got best cinematographer award for 'Gaami'.Actor Dulquer Salmaan bagged special jury award for 'Lucky Bhasker', Ananya Nagalla for 'Pottel', Sujith and Sandeep for 'KA', Prashanth Reddy and Rajesh Kallepally for 'Raju Yadav' and Faria Abdullah for rap song in 'Mattu Vadalara-2'.'Pottel' and 'Lucky Bhasker' were declared second and third best feature films respectively.'Committee Kurrollu' adjudged best feature film on national integration, communal harmony and social uplift of depressed classes. The jury declared '35 Chinna Katha Kadu' as the best children's film and 'Razakar' as the best feature film on history.



5 Ways To Transform Your Bowl Of Kheer Into A Guilt-Free, Weight Loss Treat



Kheer Recipe for Weight Loss: Are you someone who loves eating kheer but feels guilty right after? If so, you're not alone. This sweet delight is cherished for its thick, creamy texture and intensely sweet flavour. Just one bite of it has the power to uplift us, even on a dull day. However, as much as we adore kheer, it may not be the best option if you're trying to eat healthy or are on a weight loss diet. Being high in calories, it can quickly derail your weight loss journey. So, does this mean you should exclude kheer from your diet forever?

5 Ways To Make Kheer Weight Loss Friendly:

1. Swap White Rice With Healthier GrainsKheer is typically made with white rice, which gives it a distinct aroma and fluffy texture. However, white rice lacks the fibre and nutrients found in whole grains. To make weight-loss friendly kheer, consider using healthier grains such as bajra, ragi or millet. Don't worry, your healthy kheer will taste just as good and will also be more nutritious!

2. Use Low-Fat Milk Milk is a key ingredient in kheer, but you need to be mindful of the type you use. While full-fat milk is creamier and a preferred option, it's also high in calories. If you wish to make it healthier, always use low-fat milk. Your kheer may turn out less creamy, but at least you'll be consuming fewer calories compared to using full-fat milk

.3. Ditch White Sugar You must also avoid adding white sugar to your kheer. As we all know, white sugar has a high carbohydrate content and causes blood sugar spikes, making it a big no-no in a weight loss diet. Instead, you can opt for healthier sugar alternatives such as jaggery (gud) or stevia. Ditching white sugar from the recipe will make your kheer a lot healthier and weight loss friendly.

4. Add Nuts/Seeds Another thing you can do is add lots of nuts and seeds to your kheer. Whether you like almonds, walnuts or flaxseeds, you can add any of your choice. Being rich in fibre and protein, they will help give a nutritious boost to your kheer. Plus, they'll also add a nice, crunchy texture to the kheer, making it even more delicious.

5. Exercise Portion Control No matter how healthy you make your kheer, the truth is that you're still consuming calories. To avoid excess calorie intake, make sure to practice self-control while eating it. Always take smaller servings and avoid going overboard when someone offers extra. This way, you can enjoy kheer without worrying about gaining weight.

Veteran Tamil Actor Rajesh Passes Away At 75

Chennai: Veteran Tamil actor Rajesh, celebrated for his versatile performances across more than 150 films in South Indian cinema, passed away on Thursday, at the age of 75.Rajesh breathed his last at his residence in Ramapuram, Chennai. His body has been placed there for the public to pay their final respects.He is survived by his daughter Divya and son Deepak. His wife, Joan Sylvia, had predeceased him.Born on December 20, 1949, in Mannargudi in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvarur district, Rajesh began his professional journey as a schoolteacher. However, driven by a passion for acting, he eventually left teaching and made a foray into films — a decision that marked the beginning of an illustrious and impactful career in Indian cinema.Rajesh made his acting debut in 'Aval Oru Thoda rkathai' (1974), a critically-acclaimed Tamil film directed by K. Balachander.



The Ultimate Cinnamon Guide: Types, Uses, and Health Benefits



Cinnamon, or dalchini, as it is fondly known in Indian households, is a beloved kitchen staple. Whether it is simmering in a pot of masala chai, adding depth to a rich desi curry, or lending warmth to a dessert, cinnamon is incredibly versatile and aromatic. But beyond its culinary appeal, this spice has long been valued in traditional medicine for its healing properties. What many do not realise, however, is that not all cinnamon is the same. The two most common varieties - Cassia and Ceylon - may look similar, but they differ significantly in composition, safety, and impact on health.

Ceylon Vs Cassia: What Is The Difference?Cinnamon is derived from the inner bark of trees belonging to the Cinnamomum genus. Once harvested, the bark is carefully dried, causing it to naturally curl into the familiar quills we know as cinnamon sticks. These can also be ground into a fine, aromatic powder widely used in Indian cooking and global cuisines.

The two primary types are:

1. Ceylon Cinnamon (Cinnamomum verum)Often referred to as 'true cinnamon', Ceylon is lighter in colour, has a more delicate, sweet flavour, and is primarily grown in Sri Lanka. It is less common and typically more expensive.

2. Cassia Cinnamon (Cinnamomum cassia)Also known as Chinese cinnamon, Cassia is more affordable and widely available in supermarkets. It is darker, thicker, and has a stronger and more pungent flavour. This variety is mainly cultivated in South China, Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar.

Ceylon Or Cassia: Which One Is Healthier?Both Cassia and Ceylon cinnamon contain cinnamaldehyde, a powerful antioxidant known for its anti-inflammatory properties. It helps reduce oxidative stress and supports the body's natural detoxification processes.

A study published in the journal Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism found that Cassia cinnamon was linked to significant reductions in fasting blood sugar levels after consistent use over several months. This makes it particularly relevant for those managing diabetes or blood sugar-related concerns.

However, there is a catch. Cassia cinnamon contains higher levels of coumarin, a naturally occurring compound that can be toxic to the liver and potentially carcinogenic when consumed in large amounts over time.Is It Safe To Consume Cassia In Food?According to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Cassia cinnamon can contain coumarin levels ranging from 0.8 per cent to 10.63 per cent, while Ceylon cinnamon typically contains only around 0.2 per cent. This significant difference makes Ceylon a safer option for regular consumption.

To ensure consumer safety and prevent food adulteration, FSSAI has set a regulatory limit - the coumarin content in cinnamon must not exceed 0.3 per cent by weight. "This inclusion of a new standard will help in distinguishing between Ceylon cinnamon and Cassia," the regulation states.

How To Tell The Difference Between Cassia And Ceylon Cinnamon?

1. Taste:Ceylon cinnamon has a sweet, mild, and delicate flavour.Cassia cinnamon offers a strong, spicy, and slightly bitter taste.

2. ColourCeylon cinnamon is light brown in appearance.Cassia cinnamon is reddish to dark brown in colour.

3. AppearanceCeylon cinnamon has thin, papery bark that curls like a rolled newspaper.Cassia cinnamon has thick, hard bark that curls inward from both sides.

4. TextureCeylon cinnamon has a smooth and soft texture and is easy to break.Cassia cinnamon has a rough, coarse, and woody texture.

5. Availability And CostCeylon cinnamon is less common and more expensive, often labelled as 'true cinnamon'.Cassia cinnamon is widely available and more affordable, commonly found in supermarkets.

4 Ways This Spice May Aid In Weight Loss

Choose The Right Cinnamon:Cinnamon can be a flavourful and health-boosting addition to your diet, but only if you are mindful of the type you are using. While it is generally safe to use Cassia in small amounts for cooking, always opt for Ceylon cinnamon when using it for medicinal or daily health purposes.

IPL 2025: Suyash, Hazlewood Pick Three-Fers As RCB Bundle Out PBKS For 101



New Chandigarh: Suyash Sharma and Josh Hazlewood picked stunning three-fers each as Royal Challengers Bengaluru bowled out Punjab Kings for a paltry 101 in 14.1 overs in the IPL 2025 Qualifier 1 clash at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium here on Thursday.Right from the toss, everything went RCB's way, as leg-spinner Suyash and a returning Hazlewood took 3-17 and 3-21 respectively to rip apart PBKS' batting line-up and ensure the visitors require just 102 runs to win the match and to book a direct spot in the final, set to happen on June 3.PBKS had a wobbly start as Priyansh Arya played a drive away from the body, giving a simple catch to cover off Yash Dayal. But Prabhsimran got the innings going by whipping Dayal for six, before carting Bhuvneshwar for back-to-back boundaries. Bhuvneshwar, though, had the last laugh as he found Prabhsimran's thin edge on a short ball and was caught easily by the keeper.PBKS' woes deepened as skipper Shreyas Iyer went for an almighty hoick off Hazlewood and gave a thick edge behind to the keeper. The pacer again struck in the last over of power-play by having Josh Inglis caught at deep fine-leg before a four and six from Marcus Stoinis ensured PBKS closed the six-over phase at 48/4.

But there was no end to PBKS' downward procession as Nehal Wadhera flattened his leg-stump after chopping on off Dayal, while Shashank Singh was castled through the gate off a googly by Suyash. Impact substitute Musheer Khan lasted only three balls, as Suyash went past his swipe across the line and trapped him LBW in front of the leg stump.Though Stoinis tried to wage a fightback, he was stopped in this pursuit by Suyash, who castled him through the gate with a googly yet again. Azmatullah Omarzai's four and six off Suyash, along with a boundary from Kyle Jamieson, got PBKS to reach the three-figure mark, with Hazlewood bagging his three-fer when Jitesh Sharma leapt full-stretch to his right and completed a stunning grab.

Asian Athletics: Women's 4×400 Relay Team, Jyothi, Sable Shine On Golden Day For India In Gumi



Gumi (South Korea): The women's 4×40 team ended a 12-year drought to win gold while hurdler Jyothi Yarraji and steeplechaser Avinash Sable set new records on their way to the top of the podium on a golden day for India in the ongoing 26th Asian Athletics Championships in the South Korean city of Gumi here on Thursday.The action on the third day of the competition was delayed by heavy rain, but the delay didn't dampen the spirits of the Indian athletes as they won three gold medals on the trot.Avinash Sable set the ball rolling by winning the men's 3000m steeplechase, followed by Jyoti Yarraji in the women's 100m hurdles. The third gold of the evening came in the women's 4x400m relay. The men's 4x400m relay team had to settle for silver.In a tactical men's 3,000m steeplechase, Sable, 30, surged ahead in the last lap to win gold with a time of 8:20.92 seconds. It was his season's best. Sable has nicely warmed up with back-to-back Diamond League events in China, and the Asian meet was his third competition of the season in preparation for the Tokyo World Athletics Championships, scheduled to be held in Japan from September 13 to 21."I was confident of winning gold as I was best in the field," Sable said in a post-race interaction. Sable has already qualified for the Worlds.Jyothi made the most of the situation in the 100m hurdles. She brilliantly sailed over the last two hurdles to surge ahead of her rivals and crossed the finish line in a new continental record of 12.96 seconds.

Roland Garros 2025: Fils Defies Injury, Zverev Advances, and Bublik Stuns De Minaur



NEWDELHI: Arthur Fils pulled off one of the most dramatic wins in Roland Garros, battling through a back injury to defeat Jaume Munar in five gruelling sets.The packed French crowd on Court Suzanne-Lenglen roared as Fils fought his way to a thrilling 7-6(3), 7-6(4), 2-6, 0-6, 6-4 victory, ripping off his shirt in celebration after four hours and 25 minutes on court.Meanwhile, third seed Alexander Zverev continued his strong run, overcoming Jesper de Jong 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 with 43 winners and seven service breaks. Zverev, who fell short in last year's final, now looks determined to claim his first Grand Slam title.The tournament also saw a massive upset as Alexander Bublik staged a remarkable comeback against ninth seed Alex de Minaur. After losing the first two sets, Bublik turned the match around, winning 2-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2, marking a historic achievement for Kazakhstan.Henrique Rocha added to the day's surprises by rallying from two sets down against Jakub Mensik, making history alongside Nuno Borges as two Portuguese men advanced to the third round of Roland Garros for the first time.With the next rounds promising more intense clashes, tennis fans worldwide eagerly await what's next at this exhilarating Grand Slam.

Big Battles Ahead! BCCI Unveils Fixtures for Australia and South Africa A Tours

NEWDELHI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has officially announced the fixture schedule for the Australia Women's team, Australia Men's A team, and South Africa Men's A team, set to tour India between September and December 2025.These tours will feature a total of 13 matches, covering One Day Internationals (ODIs) and multi-day formats across premier venues in Chennai, Lucknow, Kanpur, and Bengaluru.For the Australian Women's team, the three-match ODI series in Chennai will serve as crucial preparation for the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.Meanwhile, Australia Men's A squad will engage in both multi-day and one-day matches, ensuring a competitive showdown in Lucknow and Kanpur.Adding to the cricketing excitement, South Africa Men's A team will take on the hosts in multi-day encounters at the BCCI Centre of Excellence, followed by three one-day matches at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.With these fixtures in place, Indian cricket fans are in for a spectacular series of matches, showcasing the depth and talent of international teams in diverse formats.

APGC Junior C'ship: Ranveer's Good Show Takes India To Tied Second Spot In Boys Team Competition

Hong Kong: Delhi lad Ranveer Mitroo submitted a second consecutive card of two-under 69 to help India jump to tied second place in the boys' team competition along with compatriot Krish Chawla after the second round of the ongoing Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) Junior Championship here at the Hong Kong Golf Club.With an overall total of one-under 283, the Indian duo are six strokes behind the leaders Parin Sarasmut and Warut Boonrod of Thailand. The Indian Golf Union (IGU) sent a four-member team to compete in the prestigious tournament organised by APGC.Individually, Ranveer maintained his fourth position in the individual boys' competition. Krish improved his overnight tied 16th place after posting a two-over 73 to end the second round in sole 15th position with an overall total of three-over 145. Thailand's Parin Sarasmut fired a five-under 66 to share the lead with Tuan Anh Nguyen of Vietnam with matching totals of eight-under 134.

After five straight pars, Ranveer birdied the sixth hole from five feet after his approach landed 15 yards short of the flag on the right rough. However, the 16-year-old stumbled upon a bogey on the next hole only to make amends with back-to-back birdies on the eighth and ninth holes. On the back nine, he birdied hole no. 14, 17 and 18 against a double bogey on the 10th and bogey on the 12th hole.Reflecting upon his round, Ranveer said, "Round 2 was great but I made a lot of mistakes. I made six birdies, one double bogey and two bogeys. I again shot 69 (-2). I am sitting in fourth place out of 32 amateurs after two rounds. I was decent off the tee and approach – good putting and chipping.

French Open: Italian Qualifier Stuns Tsitsipas, Reaches Third Round At Roland Garros



Paris: Italian qualifier Matteo Gigante caused an upset at the French Open on Wednesday, stunning former finalist Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 to reach the third round at a major for the first time.This was also a maiden Top 20 scalp captured by Gigante and will result in the Greek star slipping out of the Top 20 for the first time since August 2018 when the latest rankings are updated after the French Open.Tsitsipas entered the clash holding a 27-8 record at the clay-court Slam. He was a set away from winning the title in Paris four years ago and advanced to the quarterfinals in 2023 and 2024.

However, the three-time Monte-Carlo champion was on Wednesday unable to use his vast experience and clay-court pedigree to his advantage against Gigante, who is competing in just his second major main draw.The 23-year-old Italian pushed Tsitsipas off balance with his heavy forehand and array of backhand angles, while he crucially saved all eight break points he faced in the fourth set to seal victory in the pair's first Lexus ATP Head2Head meeting.Into the third round of a major for the first time, Gigante is up 37 spots to No. 130 in the ATP Live Rankings and will next play American Ben Shelton.Meanwhile, Tsitsipas has fallen to No. 25 in the Live Rankings and is set to drop out of the Top 20 for the first time since August 2018. The 26-year-old's latest defeat further highlights his struggles in the past 18 months.Tsitsipas fell out of the Top 10 in February 2024 and has failed to advance beyond the fourth round in seven of the past eight majors he has played. The former ATP Finals champion lifted the trophy at the ATP 500 event in Dubai earlier this year but is 17th in the ATP Live Race To Turin.

India Squad Announced For Historic Mixed Disability IT20 Series In England

New Delhi: Differently Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) announced the men's mixed disability squad for the landmark seven-match International T20 series against England, set to take place at premier venues across England in June and July.This series, in partnership with the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB), marks a historic debut for India's pan-disability cricket team on the international stage. Bringing together players from physical, hearing, and intellectual disability backgrounds, this team reflects India's inclusive sporting spirit.Ravindra Gopinath Sante has been appointed captain with Virendra Singh being his deputy.In a progressive move, select matches will be played as double-headers alongside key fixtures in England's mainstream cricket calendar. The sixth T on July 1 in Bristol v share the stage with England Women India Women.Ro Jhalani, head coach s "This team compe with the intensity of elite squad. Their fo and passion unmatched — they ready for internation arena."Santosh Kumar Rai, coach (Deaf Team) added, "Integrating deaf athletes with other disability categories is a milestone. This team's unity and discipline will leave a global mark."A national training camp will be held in Jaipur from June 7–14, focusing on physical fitness, strategy, and team synergy in preparation for the England tour."This series is about redefining



– the Home of Cricket – is a dream for any cricketer. For our players, it's a symbol of history and pride. We hope the BCCI extends its support to our team, just as the ECB supports their pan-disability squad," Ravikant Chauhan, general secretary, DCCI said.Sumit Jain, vice-president, DCCI added, "This squad represents the hopes of millions. Their journey is about courage, purpose, and vision. We are confident they will make India proud."Squad: Ravindra Gopinath Sante (Captain) (PD), Vikrant Ravindra Keni (PD), Radhika Prasad (PD), Rajesh Irappa Kannur (PD), Yogendra Singh (Wicket-Keeper), Narendra Mangore (PD), Sai Akash (Deaf), Umar Ashraf (Deaf), Virendra Singh (Vice-Captain) (Deaf), Sanju Sharma (Deaf), Abhishek Singh (Deaf), Vivek Kumar (Deaf), Vikas Ganeshkumar (ID), Praveen Nailwal (ID), Rishabh Jain (ID), Tarun (ID).

Vedanta Aluminium conducts free eye screening camp for drivers in Jharsuguda

Jharsuguda,(Correspondent)::
Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium,conducted a free eye screening camp for commercial and technical vehicle drivers at its Jharsuguda operations. The extensive initiative, which was organised in collaboration withTrilochan Netralaya, underscored the company's commitment to ensuring the health and safety of its employees, business partners and community members.Through this initiative, more than 1,500 drivers operating across various locations within the plant areahave been screened for detecting potential



vision-related issues. Those diagnosed with visual impairments were provided with expert medical advice and corrective spectacles at no cost, helping fix vision-related issues and enhancing their ability to work with utmost safety and confidence.The initiative aimed to promote long-term eye health, enhance road safety, and support the overall well-being of drivers employed in various roles at the plant, who are together integral to the smooth functioning of Vedanta's logistics and supply chain operations.It was organized at a crucial time as the onset of the monsoon season begins in the region. With heavy rains and winds increasing the possibility of unpredictable conditions while driving, the eye camp is expected to help the drivers undertake their duties in a safer manner.Sharing the impact of the initiative, Sunil Gupta, COO – Vedanta Aluminium said, "At Vedanta, we consider our employees and business partners to be the most essential pillar of our operations. Our Sarathis– the dedicated drivers who help keep our supply chain smooth and seamless- are vital to our progress. This initiative is therefore another step towards ensuring their complete well-being, in line with our deep commitment to a culture of care."

KIIT Signs MoUs with Indian Navy and Coast Guard

Bhubaneswar,(Correspondent):
In a step towards educational empowerment and inclusive nation-building, KIIT-DU has signed separate MoUs with the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard along with their respective welfare associations — the Navy Wives Welfare Association (NWWA) and the Coast Guard Welfare and Wellness Association (CGWWA). These collaborations aim to provide scholarships, reserved seats, and enhanced access to quality education for the children and dependents of defence personnel.Under the MoU with the Indian Navy, KIIT will offer a 10 per cent tuition fee waiver for two children



of deceased Navy personnel in the MBBS programme. In addition, five seats each have been reserved in BDS and BSc (Nursing), and four seats in BTech (Computer Science and allied branches).An unlimited number of seats in all other non-medical programmes have also been opened up to naval families with a 50 per cent scholarship on institutional fees.The agreement was formally signed by Prof. Saranjit Singh, Vice Chancellor of KIIT-DU, Shashi Tripathi, President of NWWA, and Commodore SM Urooj Athar, Naval Education Officer.The MoU is a significant recognition of the sacrifices made by naval personnel and is designed to support their families by easing access to high-quality education.
In a parallel initiative, KIIT has signed a similar MoU with the Indian Coast Guard and CGWWA, aimed at fostering academic collaboration, research, and capacity building.As per this agreement, two MBBS seats, five BDS seats, and five BSc Nursing seats will be reserved for the wards of Coast Guard personnel, with a 10 per cent scholarship on institutional fees.In the domain of technology and allied fields, four BTech seats in Computer Science and related branches have been earmarked. Additionally, all other non-medical programmes will be open to Coast Guard families with 50 per cent scholarships on institutional fees.

Indian Stock Market Ends In Green Over Positive Global Cues

Mumbai: The Indian stock market closed in green on Thursday amid positive global cues. Sensex closed 320.70 points or 0.39 per cent up at 81,633.02 while Nifty ended up 81.15 points or 0.33 per cent at 24,833.60.Buying was seen in midcap and smallcap along with largecap. Nifty Midcap 100 index was up 315.85 points or 0.55 per cent at 57,457.25 and Nifty Smallcap 100 index was up 105.40 points or 0.59 per cent at 17,889.On a sectoral basis, metal, IT, financial services, realty, media and energy indices were in the green, while, PSU Bank, FMCG and PSE sectors were in the red."Global sentiment improved after a US court struck down Donald Trump's reciprocal tax policy. However, the domestic market remained mostly rangebound during the day due to rising oil prices and higher US 10-year bond yields," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited.Some recovery was seen toward the end of the session, driven by F&O expiry led covering.

India's Real GDP Growth Projected At 6.5 Pc In FY 2025-26: RBI

New Delhi: The real GDP growth for India in FY 2025-26 is projected at 6.5 per cent, with risks evenly balanced, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on Thursday.The Indian economy is poised to remain the fastest-growing major economy this fiscal (FY26) by leveraging its sound macroeconomic fundamentals, robust financial sector and commitment towards sustainable growth, said the RBI in its '2024-2025 annual report'.This growth will come despite global financial market volatility, geopolitical tensions, trade fragmentation, supply chain disruptions and climate-induced uncertainties

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