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Lone Survivor Emerges from Tragic Air India Flight Crash

Ahmedabad: the skies above Ahmedabad, India, turned catastrophic as Air India Flight 171, a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner bound for London Gatwick, crashed mere minutes after takeoff. The flight, carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew members, plummeted into a medical college hostel in the densely populated Meghani Nagar area, claiming at least 204 lives, including those on the ground. Amid the wreckage and heartbreak, one man, 38-year-old Ramesh Vishwaskumar, a British national originally from Daman and Diu, emerged as the lone survivor from the aircraft, defying the odds in a tragedy that has gripped the nation.The crash occurred shortly after the plane departed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. Eyewitnesses reported a loud explosion followed by a fireball as the aircraft struck the hostel, reducing parts of the building to rubble. Emergency services rushed to the scene, battling flames and navigating debris to rescue survivors and recover bodies.

Tragedy in Ahmedabad: Air India Flight Crashes



Bhubaneswar/Ahmedabad,: An Air India Flight AI171 crashed near Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on Thursday afternoon. The Gujarat State Police Control Room confirmed that the flight was carrying 242 passengers."Flight AI171, operating Ahmedabad-London Gatwick, was involved in an incident today, 12 June 2025. At this moment, we are ascertaining the details," Air India said, sharing an update on its X handle.The incident occurred in the Meghani Nagar area, with eyewitnesses reporting heavy smoke rising from the crash site. Emergency response teams, including the fire brigade and medical personnel, have rushed to the scene to assess the situation and provide aid.At least two dozen ambulances were rushed to the spot for relief and containment efforts. Some of the injured have been rushed to the nearby hospital.The cause of the crash remains unclear, and authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. Initial reports suggest that the aircraft was on its way to London when it encountered difficulties near the airport. The impact site is said to be close to residential areas, raising concerns about potential collateral damage.Meanwhile, Home Minister Amit Shah is understood to have spoken to the Gujarat Chief Minister, Home Minister and the Police Commissioner about the plane crash, regarding all possible Central assistance.Emergency teams are working to rescue passengers and crew members. Officials have yet to confirm the number of casualties or injuries. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has reportedly launched an investigation to determine the cause of the crash and ensure safety measures are reinforced.

UK To Join Indian Investigation Into Ahmedabad Plane Crash, US Offers Support



London/Washington: The United Kingdom's Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) and the United States' Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) on Thursday offered assistance in the investigation that is being carried out by the Indian authorities following the tragic crash of Air India flight AI171, operating from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick (LGW).

"The UK Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) has formally offered its assistance to the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, India. In addition, the UK AAIB will have expert status in the Indian safety investigation. This is in accordance with ICAO Annex 13 because UK citizens were on board the aircraft," read a statement issued by the AAIB."We are deploying a multidisciplinary investigation team to India to support the Indian-led investigation. Our thoughts are with all those affected by this tragic accident," it added.At least 169 Indians and 53 British nationals were travelling in the London-bound Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft which crashed Thursday afternoon soon after take-off from the Ahmedabad airport.Soon after the plane crash, the British High Commission in India said that it is working with local authorities to urgently establish the facts and provide support to those involved.Meanwhile, in London, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) stated that British nationals who require consular assistance or have concerns about friends or family should call the listed phone numbers.The advisory also mentioned that the Government of Gujarat State has established an Emergency Centre that can be contacted while Air India too has set up a dedicated passenger hotline number.

Ex-Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani Killed in Ahmedabad Crash



newdelhi: Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani was among the 242 people killed when Air India flight AI171, bound for London, crashed shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad on Thursday, June 12, 2025.Union Minister C.R. Patil confirmed Rupani's death, making him the second Chief Minister from Gujarat to die in a plane crash. The ill-fated Boeing 787 Dreamliner went down minutes after leaving Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, striking a residential area near Meghani Nagar.

Ahmedabad Plane Crash: PM Modi Speaks To Civil Aviation Minister

New Delhi: A London-bound Air India flight carrying over 200 passengers crashed shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad airport on Thursday, triggering a massive emergency response. The incident occurred near the Meghaninagar area of the city.Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally spoke to the Minister of Civil Aviation Rammohan Naidu, and took stock of the Air India flight crash incident in Ahmedabad.The Minister informed the Prime Minister that he is rushing to Ahmedabad to oversee rescue and relief operations on the ground.The Prime Minister has directed the Minister to ensure all necessary support is extended immediately and asked to be kept regularly updated on the situation.All relevant agencies are on high alert, and coordinated efforts are underway.Union Minister of Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu expressed deep shock over the crash. "Shocked and devastated to learn about the flight crash in Ahmedabad. We are on the highest alert. I am personally monitoring the situation and have directed all aviation and emergency response agencies to take swift and coordinated action," the minister posted on X.

CM Majhi Launches Statewide Bikash Vahan Yatra To Mark One Year Of Governance



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): To mark the completion of one year in office, the Odisha government launched a statewide Bikash Vahan Yatra on Wednesday at Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Bhubaneswar.Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi flagged off the initiative, calling it a step toward deeper public engagement and inclusive governance.Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister emphasized that people are the true authority in a democracy, and the government's foremost duty is to serve them. "With a double-engine government in Odisha, development is progressing at double speed. This Yatra is a celebration of the work done and a vehicle to connect with every citizen," he said.The Bikash Vahan Yatra is designed to inform citizens about the government's welfare schemes and achievements over the past year. Special vehicles will tour all 314 blocks, 115 notified area councils, and 5 municipal corporations, distributing the government's report card titled Pragati Pravah along with other booklets and audiovisual content.Highlighting major milestones, the Chief Minister said Odisha has witnessed transformation across sectors including women's empowerment, tribal welfare, youth development, agriculture, infrastructure, and industry. "From villages to cities, a wave of hope has swept across Odisha," he noted.The initiative reflects the government's emphasis on transparency, accountability, and citizen participation, with the Vikas Vahan serving as a mobile information hub for rural and urban communities alike.Minister for Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Rabi Narayan Naik hailed the launch as a "new chapter" in Odisha's development, reiterating the government's commitment to building a Vikasit Odisha under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Majhi.Also present were Ekamra-Bhubaneswar MLA Babu Singh and Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Anu Garg.Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja delivered the welcome address, while Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department Commissioner-cum-Secretary Girish S.N. offered the vote of thanks.

Britain's King Charles III Mourns Ahmedabad Plane Crash



NEWDELHI: In a rare show of international solidarity, His Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom has expressed profound shock and heartfelt condolences following a devastating Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crash in Ahmedabad earlier today.In a statement released by Buckingham Palace at 12:22 UTC (5:52 PM IST), King Charles III, alongside his wife, conveyed their deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those affected. "Our special prayers and deepest possible sympathy are with the families and friends of all those affected by this appallingly tragic incident across so many nations," the King wrote, paying tribute to the heroic efforts of emergency services. This gesture is notable given the rarity of royal statements on foreign aviation incidents, possibly reflecting heightened diplomatic ties amid recent global tensions, including U.S. annexation threats to Canada, where Charles spoke on May 27, 2025.Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation, describing the crash as a "heart-wrenching loss" and assuring a thorough investigation by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB). The cause remains under scrutiny, with early reports suggesting a mayday call from the pilots—Captain Sumeet Sabharwal and First Officer Clive Kundar —just before the crash.

Two Wanted Maoists Killed In Sukma Encounter

Sukma: In a major breakthrough in the ongoing anti-Maoist operations in Chhattisgarh, security forces recovered the bodies of two senior Maoists following an intense encounter in the forested terrain of Dunampara Pusgunna within Kukanar police station in the Sukma district, officials said on Thursday.The deceased have been identified as Muchaki Baman, a commander of the Katekalyan Area Committee carrying a bounty of Rs 5 lakh, and senior Maoist cadre Anita Avalam, both considered key operatives in the banned Communist Party of India-Maoist outfit.In addition to the two bodies, security forces recovered an INSAS rifle, a Bharmar firearm, and a significant cache of explosives as well as Maoist materials from the site.

Air India Plane Crash: Tata Group Announces Rs 1 Crore Support For Families Of Victims



New Delhi: Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran on Thursday announced that the company will provide Rs 1 crore to the families of each person who lost their life in the tragic crash of Air India Flight 171 in Ahmedabad.He also said that the Tata Group will cover the medical expenses of those who were injured and ensure they receive full care and support.In a statement, Chandrasekaran said: "No words can adequately express the grief we feel at this moment. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost their loved ones, and with those who have been injured."He added that the Tata Group would also help build a new hostel at B.J. Medical College as part of its support efforts."We remain steadfast in standing with the affected families and communities during this unimaginable time," he mentioned .Expressing his grief, Tata Trusts Chairman Noel Tata said the tragedy has brought "immense grief to countless families", "This heart-wrenching incident has brought immense grief to countless families, and our thoughts are with all those who have lost their loved ones today," he said."We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and stand in solidarity with them during this unimaginable time."The crash involved Air India Flight 171, which was flying from Ahmedabad to London. According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the plane had 242 people onboard, including ten cabin crew members.The DGCA reported that the aircraft took off from Runway 23 at 1.39 p.m. Shortly after, it sent out a MAYDAY distress signal to the Air Traffic Control (ATC), but no further communication was received after that.The aircraft crashed just outside the airport boundary and was seen emitting thick black smoke.The flight was being commanded by Captain Sumeet Sabharwal, with First Officer Clive Kundar as the co-pilot.

Amit Shah Assesses Air India Plane Crash Site in Ahmedabad



NEWDELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today visited the Air India plane crash site in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, to oversee rescue and relief operations. Accompanied by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol, and Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi, Shah evaluated the situation firsthand.Earlier, he coordinated with Patel, Sanghavi, and the Ahmedabad Police Commissioner to ensure swift action. Shah assured full Central government support for the affected families and ongoing efforts.The crash, which occurred earlier today, prompted an immediate response from local authorities and central agencies. Rescue teams worked tirelessly to assist victims, while investigations into the cause began.

Prez Murmu, PM Modi Express Deep Grief

NEWDELHI: Union President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have expressed deep grief over the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad.
In her X, Smt Murmu wrote,"I am deeply distressed to learn about the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad. It is a heart-rending disaster. My thoughts and prayers are with the affected people. The nation stands with them in this hour of indescribable grief".
Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that the tragedy has stunned and saddened the nation and described it as heartbreaking beyond words. He said that he has been in continuous communication with Ministers and relevant authorities to ensure swift and effective assistance to those impacted.
In a post on X, he wrote:"The tragedy in Ahmedabad has stunned and saddened us. It is heartbreaking beyond words. In this sad hour, my thoughts are with everyone affected by it. Have been in touch with Ministers and authorities who are working to assist those affected."

Influencer Kamal Kaur Found Dead in Car

NEWDELHI: In a shocking incident, social media influencer Kamal Kaur, whose real name was Kanchan Kumari, was found dead in a parked car at Adesh Hospital in Bhucho, Bathinda, on Wednesday evening.The 30-year-old, popularly known online as 'Kamal Kaur Bhabhi', had over 3.83 lakh followers on her verified Instagram account and was active on multiple social media platforms.Police suspect murder, with investigators believing that her body was dumped in the rear seat of the vehicle after her death. The vehicle was discovered after locals noticed a foul smell emanating from it. Due to the advanced stage of decomposition, officials said it was difficult to determine visible injury marks. Her body has been sent for post-mortem at Shaheed Bhai Mani Singh Civil Hospital.

50 Years Of Emergency: BJP Hits Out At Congress, Hails PM Modi's Legacy Of Governance



New Delhi: As India approaches the 50th anniversary of the Emergency imposed in 1975, senior BJP leaders have intensified their criticism of the Congress era, drawing sharp contrasts with the governance model of the present Modi government.Speaking at a public gathering in Cuttack, Odisha, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan invoked the historic judgment of the Allahabad High Court that declared then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi guilty of election malpractice, leading to political turmoil and the eventual imposition of Emergency."Those who tore apart the Constitution during those days were held accountable by Justice Sinha of the Allahabad High Court, who gave a historic verdict," said Pradhan.
"Indira Gandhi had violated the law and was removed from her post. To prevent this, she trampled the entire system and Constitution of the country and imposed Emergency," he added.Pradhan's comments come as the BJP plans a nationwide campaign to mark 50 years since June 25, 1975, when civil liberties were suspended, and democratic institutions were brought under direct control by the central government. Similarly, the party is also celebrating the 11 successful years of the Modi era.Talking to IANS, BJP MP Hukmdev Narayan Yadav said that, "The BJP wave is rooted in people's trust... and will be remembered even 200 years from now," the leader said.Taking a jibe at the Congress, he said, "Unlike those who are obsessed with protecting their family legacy, Prime Minister Modi has worked relentlessly over the past 11 years. During the British and Congress rule, such work was never done. The magnificent Chenab Bridge has been built. Even Farooq Abdullah acknowledged PM Modi's efforts."

Air India Blacks Out Social Media After Devastating Plane Crash in Ahmedabad

NEWDELHI: Air India has removed its signature red profile and cover images across social media platforms following the tragic crash of flight AI171, a London-bound Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, which went down shortly after taking off from Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport.Air India has changed its profile and cover images on X, Facebook and Instagram.The flight, which was headed to Gatwick Airport, London, took off at 1:38 PM and crashed within five minutes, reportedly after issuing a mayday call, according to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).The aircraft had 242 people onboard, including 2 pilots, 10 crew members, and 230 passengers. The breakdown of passengers includes 169 Indian nationals, 53 British nationals, 1 Canadian, and 7 Portuguese citizens.The crash site is located in a residential area in Meghani Nagar, where the plane reportedly hit a doctors' hostel—believed to house MBBS students. At least 20 students have been reported injured, and visuals from the site show burning debris near buildings, thick smoke, and damaged infrastructure.

Centre Mulls 33% Women's Reservation in Lok Sabha Elections 2029

NEWDELHI: The Union government is gearing up to implement 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies, aligning it with a fresh delimitation exercise.The move, expected to be in place before the 2029 general elections, is aimed at ensuring greater gender representation in India's legislative process.According to officials familiar with the plan, the delimitation exercise will take place after the much-delayed national census, scheduled to be completed in two phases before March 2027. The government intends to use updated census data to restructure parliamentary const ituencies and ensure equitable representation, addressing concerns from southern states about potential seat reductions.Initially expected to be implemented by 2034, the sudden announ cement of the census has accelerated plans, making the 2029 elections the new target for rolling out the women's quota. The delimitation commission, formed post-census, will finalise constituency adjustments before the reservation policy takes effect.According to SP (City) Narinder Singh, Kanchan had left Ludhiana on June 9 for a promotional event in Bathinda a nd had not been in contact with her family since then. Originally from Lachman Colony in Ludhiana.

Honeymoon Murder Case: 5 Accused To Be Taken To Crime Spot Next Week To Reconstruct Crime



Shillong: The Meghalaya Police would take all five accused in the Raja Raghuvanshi murder case to the crime spot at Sohra-Cherrapunji areas of the East Khasi Hills district next week for reconstruction of the crime, officials said on Thursday.East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police, Vivek Syiem, said that police officials are now interrogating the five accused to unearth the truth of the sensational killing."After three to four days of questioning, we would take all five accused to the Sohra-Cherrapunji areas to recreate the crime. This is a part of our investigation of the killing," Syiem told IANS.He said that they would submit the charge sheets against the accused before the court as soon as possible.The SP also said that as part of the ongoing investigation, he is unable to disclose anything about the confession of the five accused, including Raja's wife, Sonam Raghuvanshi.Deputy Inspector General, Eastern Range, Davis N.R. Marak on Thursday said that two of the accused in the murder case –Sonam Raghuvanshi, 24, and her alleged lover Raj Singh Kushwaha — have confessed to being part of the conspiracy.

Civil Aviation Minister Expresses Shock, Leaves For Gujarat

New Delhi: A London-bound Air India flight carrying over 200 passengers crashed shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad airport on Thursday, triggering a massive emergency response. The incident occurred near the Meghaninagar area of the city.
Union Minister of Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu expressed deep shock over the crash. "Shocked and devastated to learn about the flight crash in Ahmedabad. We are on the highest alert. I am personally monitoring the situation and have directed all aviation and emergency response

Kerala Triple Murderer Found Dead In Kedarnath

Thrissur (Kerala): A Kerala man, who was on the run after murdering his second wife and her mother last week, is reported to have been found dead in a rest centre in Uttarakhand's Kedarnath, officials said on Thursday.The development came as the Thrissur police were alerted by the locals in Kedarnath rest centre when a body was found on Thursday morning.On checking the personal effects of the deceased, they recovered an Aadhaar card and based on the information, they called the home of Prem Kumar, 48, and passed on the information to his family members.The family members subsequently informed the local police, who immediately alerted a team of Kerala Police officials who were in Delhi searching for the accused.The team in Delhi has been asked to reach Kedarnath at the earliest.So far, the cause of the death is not known, as the local police in Kedarnath suspect Prem Kumar suffered a cardiac arrest.Prem Kumar, after coming out on bail for murdering his first wife Vidya in 2019, had got close to Rekha, who hails from Thrissur, and later married her.It was last week that the decomposed bodies of a 74-year-old woman and her 43-year-old daughter were discovered in their rented home near here.Later, they were identified as that of Rekha and her mother and Prem Kumar was found missing.Police reached the Thrissur home, the bodies were removed, and a manhunt for Prem Kumar was launched.The police have also disclosed that a handwritten note.

CBI Court Denies Bail To ED Deputy Director Chintan Raghuvanshi In Bribery Case

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): A Special CBI Court has rejected the bail plea of Chintan Raghuvanshi, Deputy Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), who was arrested on bribery charges in Bhubaneswar. Raghuvanshi, a 2013-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, was caught red-handed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) while allegedly accepting a bribe of ?20 lakh. The arrest took place in the Sahid Nagar area, following a sting operation based on a complaint by a Dhenkanal-based mining trader.The complainant, Rohit Ranjan Rout, alleged that Raghuvanshi initially demanded 5 crore to "settle" a case against him. When Rout refused, the demand was reportedly reduced to ?2 crore. Subsequently, the CBI laid a trap and apprehended Raghuvanshi during the first tranche of the alleged payoff.Sources indicate that this was not an isolated incident, and the ED officer had allegedly received bribes on multiple occasions through a middleman. During interrogation, Raghuvanshi was unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for possessing the cash, prompting the CBI to place him under formal arrest.The Special CBI Court found sufficient prima facie evidence to deny bail, and investigations into the wider network of corruption are currently underway.

Odisha Leaders Mourn Victims of Ahmedabad Air India Plane Crash

Bhubaneswar(correspondent): The tragic crash of the Air India Ahmedabad–London flight has sent shockwaves across the country, with Odisha's top political leadership expressing deep sorrow and solidarity with the victims and their families.Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, taking to X (formerly Twitter), said he was "deeply saddened" by the incident. "My thoughts and prayers are with all the passengers, crew members, and their families during this difficult time. I earnestly pray to Lord Shri Jagannath for the safety and swift recovery of everyone affected," he posted, adding that Odisha stands in solidarity with the people of Gujarat and all those impacted by the tragedy.Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo also conveyed his condolences, calling the crash in Ahmedabad's Meghani Nagar "truly heartbreaking." In his message, he said, "The loss of precious lives in such a devastating manner is profoundly saddening. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

Odisha Govt Steps In To Support Family Of Deceased In Bhadrak Clash

Bhubaneswar(correspondent): In response to a tragic incident in Bhadrak's Tihidi police station area, where a clash between two communities led to the death of Santosh Parida, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has announced comprehensive support for the deceased's family. Parida succumbed to injuries while receiving medical treatment following the altercation.On Thursday, the Chief Minister declared that the state government would fully cover the educational expenses of Parida's children, ensuring their academic future is secure. This announcement follows earlier measures outlined on Wednesday, where Majhi promised swift and exemplary action against those responsible for the violence. Additionally, the government committed to providing ?10 lakh in financial aid from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to Parida's immediate family and a job for one family member to support their livelihood.The initiatives reflect the state government's commitment to supporting families affected by such tragedies and maintaining law and order in the region. Authorities have been directed to ensure justice is served, and the financial and employment assistance aims to provide long-term stability to the bereaved family.

Odisha Govt Tightens Noose On Latecomers With Strict Attendance Rules



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): The Odisha government has come up with a series of measures, including the installation of biometric attendance systems in all departments, to ensure the timely attendance of government servants in the offices run under the state government.General Administration and Public Grievance Department have issued a notification in this regard.To minimise late coming to the office, all departments are requested to install necessary equipment like biometric attendance systems, wherever not installed already. Wherever such systems have been installed, Departments must ensure they are functional. The biometric data should be linked to the Biometric Attendance System Portal developed by NIC and must be analysed by a designated officer of the Department on a fortnightly basis.The state government, however, has exempted staff deployed in the Secretariat of the Honourable Governor, the Offices of the Honourable Chief Minister and Ministers from these instructions.

Diarrhoea Outbreak Claims Two More Lives In Jajpur: CDMO

Bhubaneswarcorrespondent): : The diarrhoeal outbreak in Jajpur district has claimed two more lives today, taking the total death toll to four, confirmed Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) Prakash Bal on Thursday."As of now, 134 patients are undergoing treatment at the Jajpur District Headquarters Hospital. The deceased are two women, aged 75 and 42, who succumbed to the illness today", informed the CDMO while talking to the media.CDMO Bal provided an update on the diarrhoea situation, stating that currently, 134 patients are receiving treatment at Jajpur Headquarters Hospital. Thankfully, the condition of patients at other hospitals, including Jajpur Road, Dharmasala, and Korei, is reported to be stable. Unfortunately, with two more deaths due to diarrhoea, the total death toll in the district rose to four.According to reports, patients are being treated at various hospitals, including Community Health Centres (CHCs) in Dharmasala, Jajpur Road, and Danagadi, as well as the District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) in Jajpur. Critical cases have been referred to SCB Medical College in Cuttack.Meanwhile, Director of Public Health Services, Dr. Nilakantha Mishra informed that all patients and sporadic cases in adjacent areas are being promptly treated by Rapid Action Teams (RATs) constituted at the district level.Zwo state-level RATs, comprising medical officers, microbiologists, epidemiologists, and officials from the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, have been deployed to the region to support local efforts. These teams are working closely with the Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer in Jajpur.

All Roads Lead To Alarnath As Lord Jagannath and His Siblings In Hibernation

Bhubaneswar(correspondent):: The Anasara darshan of Lord Alarnath has begun today, and devotees can witness the deity in the form of a four-armed Narayana for the next 15 days beginning today.According to reports, hundreds of devotees flocked to the historic Alarnath Temple near Brahmagiri in Puri district today, as the deities of Lord Jagannath and his siblings are in seclusion following their grand bathing ritual on Deba Snana Purnima yesterday. During this 15-day Anasara period, the deities will be unavailable for public viewing, and devotees believe that worshipping Lord Alarnath, a four-armed standing, is equivalent to seeking blessings from Lord Jagannath himself. The temple has become a major pilgrimage site during this time, with devotees gathering to catch a glimpse of the presiding deity and savour the temple's signature khiri, a special rice porridge.Historians attribute the establishment of the temple to the rulers of Alwar in Rajasthan, which is why it came to be known as Alwarnath or Alarnath Temple. Although the exact date of construction remains unclear, the temple gained prominence after Sri Chaitanya Dev's visit in 1510 AD. During his stay, Sri Chaitanya wrote extensively about the place and the temple, claiming to have experienced a manifestation of Lord Jagannath at Alarnath. He spent considerable time worshipping the deity, further solidifying the temple's significance.



Thunderstorms And Gusty Winds Likely In Seven Districts

Bhubaneswar correspondent): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange warning to seven Odisha districts predicting thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds reaching speeds of up to 60 kmph.The warning has been issued for districts across multiple states, including Ganjam, Puri, Khurda (including Bhubaneswar city), Cuttack (including Cuttack city), Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and Nayagarh.

Internet Services Suspended For 24 Hours In Bhadrak Amidst Communal Tension

Bhubaneswarcorrespondent):: In response to the escalating communal tensions in Bhadrak, the district administration has taken the unprecedented step of suspending internet services for 24 hours.The decision was taken to prevent the spread of misinformation and maintain law and order in the sensitive areas.As per the decision taken by the district, the suspension will be in effect from 6 am today until 6 am tomorrow. The affected areas include Bhadrak municipality, Bhadrak block, Tihidi, Dhamnagar block, and Dhamnagar municipality. To maintain peace and order, 27 platoons of police forces have been deployed in the sensitive areas.The district administration is closely monitoring the situation, with Bhadrak Superintendent of Police Manoj Rout personally overseeing the development.The decision of internet suspension was taken after a recent incident where a youth named Santosh Parida succumbed to injuries yesterday at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar after being attacked by cattle smugglers in the Thihidi police station area of Bhadrak a few days ago.

Tihidi police have registered a case based on the complaint filed by Santosh's wife, Minati Behera, and have arrested 12 accused individuals, including two main suspects. The situation in Bhadrak remains tense, with the police working diligently to apprehend the remaining accused and maintain peace in the area.In a gesture of support, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has announced a relief package of ?10 lakh for the family of the deceased.It is pertinent to mention that Parida had been undergoing treatment for 13 days before succumbing to his injuries at 2 pm yesterday.

Puri Jagannath Temple, Peripheral Shrines to Shine with Stunning Illumination Plan

PURI,(correspondent): The revered Jagannath Temple in Puri, along with its surrounding shrines, is set to undergo a transformative illumination project to enhance its visual grandeur.A crucial meeting, chaired by the Chief Administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), Arabinda K Padhee, was held today at the temple office to discuss the initiative.The project will be executed with technical assistance from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), ensuring that the temple's heritage value is preserved while elevating its aesthetic appeal.The meeting saw participation from senior engineers of the SJTA, officials from ASI's Puri Circle, and representatives from an ASI-approved consultancy firm based in Delhi. The consultancy presented a detailed overview of their previous work on illuminating heritage sites, showcasing innovative lighting techniques that balance tradition and modernity. The SJTA also provided specific recommendations to ensure the illumination aligns with the temple's spiritual and cultural significance.A Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared under ASI's technical guidance, outlining the scope and execution plan. The DPR will be submitted for approval in the coming months, with implementation to follow once necessary permissions are secured. The project aims to highlight the architectural splendour of the Jagannath Temple and its peripheral shrines, creating a mesmerising experience for devotees and tourists alike.This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to enhance the temple complex's infrastructure while preserving its historical and religious essence.



BJD Stages Symbolic Protest to Expose BJP Government's Shortcomings

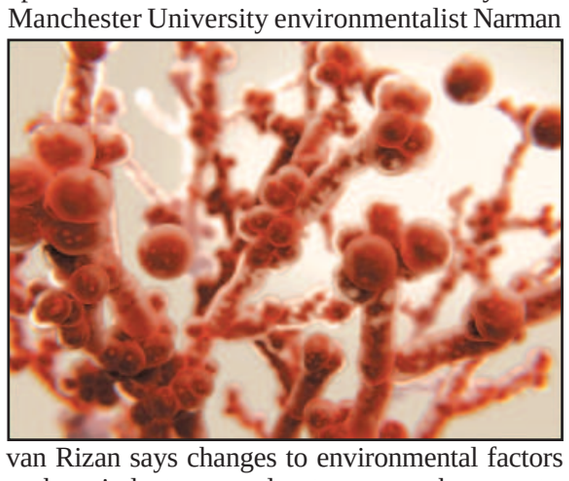
ANGUL :(correspondent)As the state government led by Mohan Charan Majhi marks one year in office, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) organised an innovative protest at Master Canteen Square in Bhubaneswar to demonstrate the failures of the government over the past year.The event was attended primarily by BJD MLAs, MPs, candidates for MLA and MP positions, and other party leaders.The protest emphasised the unfulfilled promises made by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and showcased these failures through handwritten placards. Participants creatively portrayed the deteriorating law and order situation, particularly the alarming rise in crimes against women and sexual offences.Other issues highlighted included the reduction in central grants, neglect by the Centre regarding critical matters such as Polavaram, Kotia, Mahanadi, and the Coastal Highway, as well as sporadic price increases for essential commodities. Additional concerns included mismanagement at the Jagannath Temple, neglect of the interests of OBC, ST, and SC communities, attacks on Odia identity, and the struggles faced by beneficiaries of the Ayushman scheme in accessing BSKY benefits.While the government has failed across these sectors over the past year, the placards pointed out that only superficial changes—namely alterations in names and colours—have been made, leading to the characterisation of the government as a "name-change and colour-change government." The local public showed support for this unique protest, engaging with the slogans on the placards as they passed by.At the protest site, crowds gathered, and tensions flared briefly when police attempted to remove BJD leaders who were staging a dharna (sit-in). However, despite police efforts, the dharna continued at the designated location.Prominent party leaders present at the dharna included Debi Prasad Mishra, Santrupt Misra, Pranab Prakash Das, Dr. Arun Kumar Sahu, Shri Sanjay Dasburma, Pratap Jena, Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Pratap Deb, Pramila Mallik, Snehangini Chhuria, Tukuni Sahu, and many other active leaders.



EDITORIAL

Risk of infection of fungus in the world

Due to the rise in the temperature of the earth, such pathogens may be active which were not known much earlier. Scientists have expressed concern towards the increasing spread of fungus called aspergilas, including the role of climate change and hot temperature. This type of mildew can cause serious health problems in human, plants and animals and can also cause death in some cases. In a recent study, UK researchers have prepared a modal of the expansion of fungus, which states that three species of fungus, Aspergillus fumigatus, Aspergillus flex and Aspergillus niger, will spread north over the next 70-80 years. Manchester University environmentalist Narman



van Rizan says changes to environmental factors such as inductance and extreme weather events, will change habitats and boost the adaptation and spread of fungus. Under the scenario of severe climate change, the spread of Aspergillus fumigatus in Europe can increase by 77.5 per cent over 15 years, leading to 90 lakh and people at risk of infection. Aspergillus flex, which prefers hot areas, can spread up to 16 percent in Europe, allowing additional 10 lakh people to be at risk. This type of fungus infections can be more dangerous for vulnerable individuals, especially those with weak immune systems. The outbreak of fungus can destroy crops, thereby increasing challenges in providing food to the world's population in the scenario of climate change. The increase in human contact with Aspergillus fungus in Asia, Europe and other areas can increase the burden of public health and change the crop safety scenario. In addition, another fungus, Candida Aris also remains a concern for the scientists. This fungus is also spreading to the world's hot as well as new regions and other species are also likely to follow it. A second aspect of these fungus species is that they play an important role in environmental equilibrium. They benefit the ecosystem, including recycling of carbon and nutrients. It is necessary to keep all these aspects in mind when considering the changes caused by climate change. Scientists say it will also be necessary to raise awareness and develop effective therapeutic treatment to reduce the effects of fungus pathogens.

Four peace mantras



Ajaya Kumar Behera

A question that is often asked is whether we can make this world a more peaceful place. Yes, it is a possibility and all it requires is a little intention, attention and commitment to manifest it. Each one of us has the potential to create an oasis of assurance and security around. When people exercise this power to be beacons of peace, then it can create waves of positivity, joy and celebration across the planet. We need to shake off our despondency and look at life with renewed energy, zeal and enthusiasm. We need to have the right tools to be happier and spread it to people around us. Here are four simple and easy to follow mantras that can help us:Inner peace is the key to outer peace: Only a wealthy person can share wealth with others. Similarly, we need to recognise that a wealth of deep peace is within our own being. Usually, we expect the outer world – boss, spouse or anyone else – to behave in a certain way so that we feel peace inside. However, it is the other way around: the more we are connected to the peaceful core within, the more peace will manifest around. Our vibrations are more powerful than we think them to be and can even help influence others.Success is the by-product of inner peace: Peace is neither the mere absence of conflict nor is it about being passive and inactive. It is a bubbling positivity which brings about unending enthusiasm. It forms the foundation for being effective in the world around us. When the mind is quiet the intellect becomes sharp, emotions become light, behaviour becomes endearing and our life becomes a celebration. These are the manifestations of deep peace and are key ingredients for success. It is a state serene dynamism – calm on the inside, energetic on the outside!Take charge of your peace of mind: Peace is our true nature, but we still have to make the choice to access it. We need to spend just a few minutes a day to practise some breathing exercises and be with ourselves in silence and meditation. This can bring about a beautiful depth to our personality and give us the strength to gain over situations. Only one person can make this happen in our life and that is YOU.Be cool, it's all going to pass: To sustain inner peace, knowledge about life is very important. We may find meditation very peaceful, but when we open our eyes and mix with people, we come back to the same old pattern. A question that often arises is, 'Should we never get upset, should we always be smiling?' No! We do get upset, fight and argue but we can also snap out of it in an instant. We can do it like it's all a play and see that it doesn't stick to our minds. Every state of mind is temporary and changes with time and space. Remembering this aspect can help us relax and calm down.

The Key to Success



Badal Bhuyan

We look at successful people and marvel at their talents. We watch all-star basketballs players win championship titles and talk about how gifted they are. People see great golfers win one tournament after another and think they were born with a special gift. We notice how artists turn out one masterpiece after another and wish we were born with such luck. When billionaires top the "richest person in the world" list we wonder at their gift at business. Little do we realize that anyone who has attained anything in life has put in a tremendous amount of effort to get where he or she is. Success is not a gift one is born with. Success lies in determination.Few people see that the basketball player who wins all the championships is practicing on the court many hours daily, day after day, while others have to be forced by the coach just to show up on time for practice. Few see how a championship golfer practices hitting thousands of balls and does tedious drills day after day, year after year, to get to where he or she is. Few see how many hours the artist puts in to perfect his or her art. If we wish to attain our goal in the spiritual field, we must never give up. We have a long way to go from where we are now to attain divine knowledge. Although spiritual gifts are within us, closer to us than the veins in our body, we have to perfect the technique of finding them. Spiritual realization is so close yet so far due to our inability to still our mind, quiet our thoughts, and stay focused long enough to go within. We are hindered by millions of distractions that keep pulling our attention outside instead of letting us go within.Meditation provides a way to perfect our ability to stay focused so we can find the inner treasures. Through meditation, we perfect our ability to increase our concentration. We learn patience and perseverance. These two qualities help us progress spiritually within and will also help us achieve success in the outer world. It takes practice. We will not achieve our goal if we give up. We must never give up. Each day, we can be one day closer to achieving our goal. We should not let any failure cause us to give up. If we do not succeed in meditation one day, we should not quit and stop meditating altogether. We should sit again the following time. If we do not succeed, we should sit again. Day by day, we will find that we will begin to improve, until finally we will achieve success.In meditation, improvement is measured by the ability to keep our body and mind stilled and to keep our gaze focused in the field of darkness or light lying in front of us. We must continue to keep our attention focused without any distractions. Keep trying again and again. We should never give up. Then we will find that one day our goal will be achieved.

WOMAN AND GOLD



Kishore Kumar Jena

Sri Ramakrishna said to the others; 'He is totally free from attachment to land, wife and money, the three things that entangle one in worldliness. The mind that dwells on these three can not be fixed on God. He saw a vision, too. (To the devotee) Tell us what did you see?"Devotee (laughing); "I saw a heap of dung. Some were seated on it, and some sat at a distance."Master : 'It was a vision of the plight of the worldly people who are forgetful of God. It shows that all these desires are disappearing from his mind. Need one worry about anyting if one's mind is detached from woman and gold? How strange! Only after much meditation and japa could I get rid of these desires; and how quickly he could banish them from his mind is it an easy matter to get rid of lust?I myself felt a queer sensation in my heart six months after I had begun my spiritual practice. Then I threw myself on the ground under a tree and wept bitterly. I said to the Divine Mother, 'Mother, if it comes to that, I shall certainly cut my throat with a knife! (To the devotees) 'If the mind is free from 'woman and gold', then what else can obstruct a man? He enjoys then only the Bliss of Brahman." bliss (Brahma Ananda) is defined as the continuous human-happiness (Maanusha Ananda) multiplied by infinity. As per Veda, the human happiness is that of a king of this entire earth with full strength and health (Saeko Manusha-Ananndah…). But the king also is not having this happiness continuously because several troubles often interrupt this. Hence this human happiness must be made continuous and Veda does not mention this continuity while describing the human happiness. The continuity of human happiness can be attained by the clue of enjoying the sweet and hot dishes in meals or comedy and tragedy in a cinema. This divine clue is inherent to the state of God and its successful application continuously depends on the divine knowledge given by God along with His grace.

India Overtakes Japan in GDP: A Milestone, Not the Destination



Pratikshya Mohapatra

India has recently overtaken Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy in terms of nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP), as per the latest reports from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. This achievement has brought a wave of celebration and national pride. With a nominal GDP of around $4,187.017 billion, India has now surpassed Japan, whose economy stands at roughly $4,186.431billion. On the surface, this appears to be a huge step for a developing country like India. However, it is important to pause and reflect on what this really means. Does it mean that India is now more developed than Japan? Are we ahead in every sector? Sadly, the answer is no. The numbers, though impressive, do not tell the full story.Nominal GDP only measures the total value of goods and services produced in a country in dollar terms. It does not consider population size, standard of living, or the overall development of a country. When we consider GDP per capita, which is the average income of a citizen, Japan still leaves India far behind. Japan's GDP per capita is approximately $32,000 while India's is only around $2,800. This clearly shows that while India's economy is larger overall, the wealth is spread across a much bigger population, and the average Indian is still much poorer than the average Japanese citizen. Therefore, in terms of individual prosperity, India has a long way to go.When we look at other important indicators like Human Development Index (HDI), quality of infrastructure, education, healthcare, and innovation, Japan continues to remain far ahead. Japan ranks 23rd on the HDI while India stands at 130. Japan's cities are clean, technologically advanced, and extremely well-organized. Public transportation in Japan is among the best in the world. The bullet train system is a symbol of punctuality and technological excellence. In contrast, Indian cities struggle with basic issues such as traffic congestion, poor road conditions, and overcrowded public transport.Education is another area where Japan maintains a clear lead. Their literacy rate is nearly 100%, and their students consistently perform well in global education rankings. Indian education, especially in rural areas, faces challenges like lack of infrastructure, poor teacher-student ratios, and outdated curricula. Although India produces a large number of engineers and graduates every year, many of them lack the skills required by modern industries. This skills gap affects productivity and limits job opportunities, especially for the youth.Healthcare is also a crucial area where India lags behind. Japan has one of the best healthcare systems in the world, with a high life expectancy of over 84 years. In India, the life expectancy is around 70 years. Many Indians still do not have access to affordable and quality healthcare, especially in rural and remote areas. Hospitals are overcrowded, and out-of-pocket expenses are high. Government health schemes like Ayushman Bharat are helpful, but the overall healthcare infrastructure still needs a major overhaul.Japan is also known for its technological advancement and innovation. Japanese companies like Toyota, Sony, Panasonic, and Honda are global giants known for quality and innovation. Japan invests heavily in research and development, which keeps it ahead in fields like robotics, electronics, and automobile engineering. India is making progress in the tech sector, especially in IT services and startups, but we still rely heavily on foreign technology in core sectors like manufacturing and hardware.Even in terms of environmental care and sustainability, Japan has better systems in place. Waste management, renewable energy adoption, and disaster preparedness are well-structured in Japan. India, on the other hand, faces serious issues like air pollution, water scarcity, and poor waste disposal systems. Cities like Delhi and Mumbai often rank among the most polluted in the world. Climate change is a growing threat, and India must invest more in green technologies and environment-friendly practices.So, if India has overtaken Japan in nominal GDP, why are we still behind in most sectors? The answer lies in the size of India's population and the sheer volume of consumption. India's population is over 1.4 billion, and this creates a large domestic market. The rise in demand for goods and services has pushed up GDP figures. But growth based on population size alone is not sustainable or meaningful unless it improves people's lives. To become a truly developed economy and not just a large one, India needs to focus on improving the quality of growth.There are several steps India must take to become not just the fourth-largest economy in numbers, but also in real terms. First, we need massive investment in education and skill development. Young people need to be trained in modern technologies, and our education system must be updated to meet global standards. Second, healthcare systems must be strengthened to reach every corner of the country. A healthy population is essential for a strong workforce. Third, infrastructure development must be faster and smarter. Roads, railways, power supply, and digital connectivity must reach every village and town, not just metros.India must also focus on job creation, especially in manufacturing and the informal sector, where most people are employed. We must move away from jobless growth and create opportunities for the youth. Startups and entrepreneurship should be encouraged with access to easy credit, mentorship, and technology. At the same time, environmental concerns must be taken seriously. Clean air, water, and sustainable development should not be ignored in the race for growth.Corruption, bureaucratic delays, and inefficiency in governance are also major roadblocks. These issues discourage foreign investment and slow down reforms. Transparent systems, digital governance, and policy stability are necessary to attract businesses and investors. India must also improve law enforcement and justice delivery, so that trust in institutions remains strong.Becoming a real global economic power is not just about surpassing other countries in numbers. It is about improving the lives of your people, building strong institutions, and ensuring that every citizen has access to basic needs and opportunities. India has the potential to be not just the fourth-largest economy, but a truly developed nation. But that journey requires focused effort, smart policy, and the will to reform deeply and inclusively.In conclusion, India's rise to the fourth spot in GDP rankings is a proud moment, but it should also be seen as a reminder of how far we still have to go. Japan may be behind in numbers, but it is far ahead in terms of development, innovation, and quality of life. India's real challenge now is to convert its economic size into meaningful growth that touches every citizen. Only then can we say we are not just a big economy—but a strong, advanced, and truly developed one.

Dist Legal Services Authority observed World Day against Child Labour

Malkangiri, (correspondent) - A legal awareness program on World Day against Child Labour was organized today at the local Chalanguda Gram Panchayat Conference Hall in coordination with the District Legal Services Authority and under the supervision of District Judge Dr. Prasanna Kumar Panda.The meeting was attended by Legal Services Authority Secretary



cum Judge Mrs. Sangita Patra, Principal Legal Services Advocate Ashok Kumar Patnaik, Deputy Principal Legal Advocate Rajesh Patnaik, Assistant Legal Services Advocate Sagar Panigrahi, Chalanguda Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Arakshit Nayak. The Judge and Sarpanch explained about the Child Labour Prohibition Act, various problems arising due to employment of child labour and suggested to protect the rights of children by identifying them and building them as a golden community. He explained to the people present that their problems can be solved through the various facilities available by the Legal Services Authority and the use of the free toll free number 15100. He informed the Legal Services Secretary and Judge about some senior citizens who are not getting allowance and widow allowance despite repeated applications.. The Sarpanch brought to the notice of the Legal Services Authority that such senior citizens in the said panchayat are not getting their allowance despite repeated applications. About two hundred men and women, Panchayat workers, attended the event.

Woman Jumped To River With Her Child In Costal Kendrapara, Missing

Kendrapara(Correspondent): In a shocking incident a woman and her four years child is missing in Bramhani river at Patrapur under Aul block of the Kendrapara district today. Mother jumped with her child to the river from Patrapur bridge and missing. Fire brigade team immediately rushed the site and search option was going on till late evening but couldn't stressed them. Due to familiar disputes the incident happened was said.

Food Supplies Minister Distributed forty New Rasan card's In K'pada



Kendrapara(Correspondent): Food Supplies and consumer welfare,science and technology minister Krushna Chandra Patra today visited Kendrapara and distributed only forty new ration cards to the beneficiaries at cultural Bhavan. Out of thousands of applicants in the district only forty new ration card for three blocks and one municipality beneficiaries can get after a long gap. Out of them Kendrapara municipality and Derabish, Mahakalpada, Kendrapara block beneficiaries included. Very slow and monopoly processing of ration cards in block areas disappointed ambitious benificiaries public alleged.

Chhatra Congress Demands Free Bus Pass For Students

Kendrapara(Correspondent): Odisha Pradesh Chhatra Congress Kendrapara wings demands free students passed in government (Mo Bus) buses and fifty percent off in private buses. In this regard a memorandum presented to Kendrapara road and transport officer today by Kendrapara student congress. The students from the rural areas facing problems and financial crises for transportation. Other wise government emphasis on education and reduces drop out in educational institutions,at that time transport department should consider the matter Kendrapara Chhatra Congress president Divya Ranjan Rout demands in the memorandum.

Two Killed Due To Collision Of Bikes

Bhubaneswar(correspondant): Two persons were killed after two bikes collided at Sakasinga in Angul district on Thursday morning.According to reports, a collision between two bikes led to the fatal accident. Locals quickly rescued all those involved and rushed them to the Angul District Headquarters Hospital for treatment.Despite efforts to save them, two persons succumbed to their injuries, while another person sustained critical injuries.

PA Debonarayan Panda death case: Bail granted to Former DM Manish

Malkangiri, correspondent : Bail granted to former Malkangiri District Magistrate Manish Kumar Agrawal. Malkangiri SDJM Court has granted bail on two sureties of Rs 50,000 each. He has received some relief in the death case of Personal Secretary Debonarayan Panda. The Former District Magistrate of Malkangiri Manish Agrawal appeared in the SDJM court on Thursday morning. The court granted bail after hearing the case filed by Banaja Panda, wife of deceased Debonarayan



Panda. Senior lawyer Govind Patra said, even though Manish Agrawal is an IAS, everyone is equal before the law. His pride and arrogance has been shattered by coming to the court. Lawyer Govinda Patra alleged that he mistreated people while in administrative power.For kind information, when Manish Agrawal was the District Magistrate of Malkangiri, his personal secretary Debonarayan Panda died. Debonarayan's wife Banaja Panda filed a murder complaint against District Magistrate Manish Kumar at the Malkangiri police station. Three other employees of the District Magistrate's office are also named in this case. Debonarayan went missing from his house on December 27. The next day, his body was found under suspicious circumstances in the local Satiguda reservoir. The police registered a case of unnatural death. But Debonarayan's wife Banja Panda called it a murder. She blamed Manish Kumar and three other employees of his office and filed a case at the police station. However, the case was heard in the Malkangiri SDJM court today and Manish Agrawal was granted bail.

The village Sosia is facing an acute shortage of drinking water

Dharamharh, correspondant:An acute scarcity of drinking water has been reported in Sosia village, under Khamarhaldi Gram Panchayat, in the Golamunda Block — the most educated village in the block. The Tel River, located 2 kilometers from Sosia, is currently the only available source of drinking water. However, the village lies in a dry zone where traditional dug wells have proven ineffective.The Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RWSS) Department had been supplying water through a Piped Water Supply (PWS) system from the adjacent village of Khamarhaldi. This system relies on an electric motor to lift water from a source near the Tel River, which has recently dried up.Although a few public stand posts were installed as part of the PWS, they are insufficient to meet the village's growing needs. To alleviate the situation, a 2000-liter concrete water tank was constructed in 2015. Unfortunately, due to a



lack of maintenance by the Panchayat authorities, this vital mini water tank is now in a state of disrepair.Concerned villagers, particularly the intellectuals of the area, have raised their voices against the negligence. While residents are somehow managing to meet their daily water requirements, domestic animals are suffering severely due to the ongoing water crisis.

Revenue Inspector Caught Taking Rs 40,000 Bribe In Sambalpur

Bhubaneswar correspo ndence: A Vigilance team has apprehended a Revenue Inspector (RI) of Goudpalli Revenue Circle under Jamankira Tahasil, Sambalpur. The accused, Bhisma Pradhan, was caught red-handed while taking a bribe of Rs 40,000 from a complainant.According to a release issued by the vigilance, the complainant had approached Pradhan to furnish a favourable report in a lease case and issue a Record of Rights (ROR) or Land Patta in favour of his family members. Despite repeated requests since November 2024, Pradhan allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 40,000, leading the complainant to approach the Vigilance authorities.A trap was laid, and Pradhan was caught accepting the bribe. The entire amount of Rs 40,000 has been recovered and seized from his possession.

Awareness Camp on World Day Against Child labour

Nuapada, (Correspondent): Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Nuapada organized an Awareness Camp on World Day Against Child Labouron 12thJune, 2025 at Pawartola of Nuapada Block of Nuapada district, where a total number of 55 participants from local youths, volunteers& beneficiaries of JSS, Nuapada participated.The chief speaker of the awarenessprogrammewas Mr. Premlal Dandsenathe Social Activist as well as the Ward Member of Pawartola village of Amanara Gram Panchayat. In his deliberationMr. Dandsenatold that, we should send our children to school instead of labour work as it is highly demanding for education of children in the society. At Hope



and Homes for Children, we believe that every child deserves a safe and loving family, free from abuse. Yet right now, all around the world, children are being forced into child labour." It's not right, and it has to stop." The APO of JSS, Nuapada, Mr. Bijaya Kumar Pani coordinated this Awareness Camp. In his address he told that, the consequences of child labour can last a lifetime. Not only are children impacted by physical and psychological abuse, but they're also often deprived the chance to get an education. This perpetuates the cycle of poverty, limiting their opportunities. Mr. SunadharSuanani. Asst. Programme Officer, JSS, Nuapada told that some of the Families depend on children's income due to their poverty situation. Alsoin some places,the seasonal family migration forces the children to stop their education. This programme was ended with vote of thanks given by Mr. SunadharSuanani. Asst. Programme Officer, JSS, Nuapada.

Congress Demands Free Traveling for Students in Bus & Train

Paralakhemundi-:(correspondent)-By the instruction of President of State Congress Committee Bhakta Charan Das,led by Gajapati district Committee cum MLA Mohana Dasarathi Gamango with Vice President Garudadhwaja Choudhry,former Vice Chairman of Paralakhemundi Municipal Council Sanjay Adhikari a mass rally organized, where more than hundred students & candidates participated.They demanded to make free travelling for students & those who are going for interview.A memorandum has been given to RTO,Gajapati. Among others Jasmin Shaikh,Balia Panda, Suryanarayan Patra, Trinath Patra,Sangram Sahu,Kuna Majhi,Muna Maharana,Partho Palo, Ashok Adhikari,Babuli Sahu,Radhakant Rath, Kura Parida with students from all 7 blocks & Paralakhemundi participated.

Campaign Against Child Labourers

Paralakhemundi(correspondence-By Gajapati district administration a campaign against child labourers started.At Collectorate, Collector Bijay Kumar Dash signalled the flag.At hotel,with contractors, shops,industries or house owners will not be allowed to engage children.Those who are disobeying they will be penalized & taken legal action.Below 14 years or 15-18 years youths too to be banned.Complain can be lodged at District Labour Officer or DCPO Gajapati,or call on toll free 155368 & child line 1098.Government trying to join them on mainstream education with expenditure.Among others ADM Phalguni Majhi,DLO Bharati Behera,District Excise Superintendent Pradip Kumar Sahu,DSWO Manorama Devi,DCO Archana Mangaraj with staff of CPU & other line department staff attended.

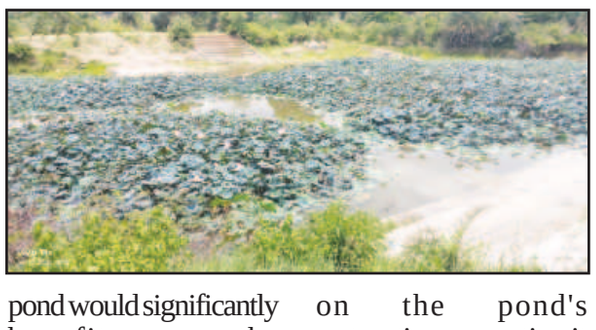
Couple Dies Of Snakebite

Bhubaneswar(correspondent: A tragic incident occurred in Bayahatu village, located near Champua in Keonjhar district, where a couple died due to a snake bite. Nani Jarai and his wife, Kabita Jarai, died after being bitten by a venomous snake while sleeping in their home on Wednesday night.The incident came to light on Thursday morning when family members found the couple unresponsive and rushed them to the Champua Sub-Divisional Hospital. Unfortunately, the doctors declared them brought dead.

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Villagers Demand Restoration of Pond in MuribahaL

Kantabanji, correspo ndence : Residents of Muribahal village in the Badbanki panchayat under the Turekela block of Balangir district are urging authorities to restore the local pond to alleviate the growing water shortage. With the monsoon season approaching, villagers believe that reviving the pond would significantly benefit the community.Muribahal village has a population of over 1,500 people, and the water scarcity issue worsens daily. Villagers Demand Restoration of Pond in Muribahal. Villagers believe that reviving the



pond would significantly benefit the community.The villagers are pinning their hopes on the pond's restoration, expecting it to provide a reliable water source during the dry months. Immediate attention is required to restore the pond to its original state. Effective measures should be taken to conserve rainwater and ensure its optimal utilization.The villagers hope that their pleas will be heard, and necessary steps will be taken to restore the pond.

Summer McIntosh Breaks 400m Medley World Record at Canadian Trials



BHUBANESWAR, (correspondent):Canadian teenage swimming sensation Summer McIntosh has once again proved her dominance in the sport, breaking her own world record in the 400m medley at the Canadian Swimming Trials in Victoria.Clocking an astonishing 4 minutes 23.65 seconds, McIntosh surpassed her previous mark of 4:24.38, set at the Canadian Olympic trials last year.McIntosh, an 18-year-old Olympic champion, showcased extraordinary skill and precision as she surged ahead from the very first butterfly stroke, maintaining world record pace throughout. By the midway point, she was more than a second ahead, and despite a brief slowdown during the breaststroke leg, she finished strong with a sensational freestyle sprint."This has probably been the best meet of my career," McIntosh remarked after her historic swim. "World records are made to be broken, and I want to push the limits as far as I can before I leave this sport."This latest achievement comes just days after McIntosh set a new women's 400m freestyle world record and registered the third-fastest 800m freestyle time in history. She also demolished a decade-old 200m medley world record, reinforcing her status as one of the greatest swimmers of her generation.McIntosh will now set her sights on the World Championships in Singapore next month, aiming to expand her collection of global titles. With four world championship golds already to her name, the young prodigy is expected to be one of the biggest stars of the event.

India Women's Squad Update: Radha Yadav Replaces Injured Shuchi Upadhyay for England Tour

NEWDELHI: Radha Yadav has been named as the official replacement for injured cricketer Shuchi Upadhyay in India's squad for the upcoming white-ball series against England, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced on Thursday.Upadhyay, a 20-year-old left-arm spinner, sustained a left shin injury during India's pre-tour camp at the BCCI Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Her absence leaves a gap in India's spin options, but the experienced Radha Yadav has stepped in to reinforce the squad.India is set to play five T20Is followed by three ODIs against England. The squad, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, includes key players such as Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh, and Deepti Sharma.The revised squad aims to capitalise on Radha Yadav's expertise, particularly her ability to deliver under pressure. India will be looking to perform strongly in English conditions as they prepare for this crucial series.

Reporting For National Duty': Pant Poses In Whites Ahead Of England Tests

New Delhi: India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has expressed his excitement for the upcoming five-Test series against England, sharing a picture of himself donning a Test jersey on social media.Pant took to X and posted his picture in Test whites with the caption, "Reporting for national duty."Pant, who made his Test debut in England in 2018, has played 12 games against England and scored 781 runs with a highest score of 146 which came in 2022 in Birmingham. Off the 12 games, he played nine on English soil, scoring 556 runs at an average of 32.70.Pant, however, had struggled the last time India played Tests – in Australia during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. In Australia, he played all five Tests and scored 255 runs at an average of 28.33, including just one half-century.Team India touched down in the UK on June 7 and had wasted no time as they dived straight into intense training sessions, kickstarting their preparations for the five-Test showdown that marks the beginning of the 2025–27 ICC World Test Championship (WTC) cycle for both teams.

Hockey Pro League: India Go Down 1-2 Against Argentina



Amstelveen (Netherlands): India suffered a close 1-2 defeat against Argentina in their FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 game at the Wagener Hockey Stadium in Amstelveen, Netherlands on Thursday.Jugraj Singh (4') netted a goal for the Indian team, while for Argentina, Tomas Domene (9', 49') scored a brace. Notably, India's regular captain Harmanpreet Singh missed the game due to a finger tissue injury sustained in the previous match. In his absence, Vice-Captain Hardik Singh stepped up to lead the team. Argentina started the game with high pressing and greater ball possession, but India responded with sharp passing and swift circle entries. This early momentum earned them a penalty corner, which Jugraj Singh (4') converted with a powerful drag flick to hand India the lead. Argentina quickly earned a penalty corner of their own, but Indian goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak stood tall, making a crucial save and clearing the danger.Moments later, Pathak was called into action again, diving to deny another Argentine penalty corner conversion. However, the Argentines got third time lucky as Tomas Domene (9') fired home to level the score. Both teams continued to threaten, but the first quarter ended evenly poised at 1-1.The second quarter saw Argentina pushing forward with early circle entries, but India's defence held firm to thwart their advances. India responded by intercepting passes and launching speedy counter-attacks, putting pressure on Argentina's goalkeeper Tomas Santiago, who stood his ground with key saves.Argentina, too, found themselves in promising positions but failed to convert their chances. Despite the end-to-end action, neither side could break the deadlock in the second quarter, and the teams went into halftime with the score still level at 1-1.

Inter Miami Announces Squad for FIFA Club World Cup 2025



NEWDELHI: Inter Miami has officially confirmed its squad for the upcoming FIFA Club World Cup 2025, set to take place in the United States from June 14 to July 13.Argentine football legend Lionel Messi will captain the side, alongside seasoned stars Luis Suárez and Sergio Busquets.The tournament, revamped with a 32-team format, is expected to deliver intense competition as global clubs battle for supremacy. Inter Miami's squad features a balanced mix of experienced players and promising young talents.Goalkeepers: Drake Callender, Rocco Ríos Novo, Óscar Ustari, William Yarbrough Defenders: Jordi Alba, Noah Allen, Tomás Avilés, Israel Boatwright, Maximiliano Falcón, Ian Fray, Gonzalo Luján, Tyler Hall, David Martínez, Ryan Sailor, Marcelo Weigandt Midfielders: Yannick Bright, Sergio Busquets, Benjamin Cremaschi, Santiago Morales, Federico Redondo, Baltasar Rodríguez, David Ruíz, Telasco Segovia Forwards: Leo Afonso, Tadeo Allende, Lionel Messi, Allen Obando, Fafa Picault, Luis SuárezThe FIFA Club World Cup 2025 is also viewed as a warm-up tournament for the FIFA World Cup, which the United States will co-host next year. Fans eagerly anticipate Miami's performance in this global competition, with Messi aiming to lead his team to international club glory.

WTC Final: Fast Bowlers Give Australia The Edge On Day One Despite Rabada's Fifer

London: Australia's fast bowlers were at their accurate best as they reduced South Africa to 43/4 in 22 overs at stumps on Day One of the World Test Championship final at Lord's ohere n Wednesday.On a day when 14 wickets fell, Kagiso Rabada claimed 5-51 in 15.4 overs as Australia were bowled out for 212. For Australia, Beau Webster top-scored with 72 while Steve Smith hit 66, as they shared a 79-run fifth-wicket stand before the side lost five wickets for 22 runs after tea.After that, Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, and Josh Hazlewood struck in the final session to leave South Africa four down, with them trailing Australia by 169 runs. South Africa would need big runs from skipper Temba Bavuma and David Bedingham, unbeaten on three and eight respectively, to make a fightback on day two.After being bowled out for 212, Australia needed to respond strongly, and Starc provided the breakthrough in the opening over when Aiden Markram chopped onto his stumps. Starc could have got his second wicket if Alex Carey hadn't dropped a regulation catch of Wiaan Mulder. But four overs later, Starc got his second scalp when Ryan Rickelton nicked on a drive to first slip.Mulder struggled to get going and made just six off 44 balls before a full, straight, and nipping back in from Cummins castled him through the gate. It was Hazlewood's turn to join the wicket-taker's list when his slightly fuller delivery nipped back in and hit Tristan Stubbs' top of the off-stump.Though Bavuma got off the mark on his 31st delivery and Bedingham hit some boundaries to end the day, Australia's awe-inspiring fast-bowling trio ensured that the total of 212 did not look under-par.Previously, Bavuma's decision to bowl first under overcast skies was justified when South Africa reduced Australia to 67/4 in 23.2 overs at lunch.

WTC Final: Cummins' Six-For Helps Australia Bowl Out South Africa For 138, Take A 74-Run Lead



London: Skipper Pat Cummins picked a sensational six-for as Australia bowled out South Africa for just 138 in 57.1 overs and took a 74-run lead on Day Two of the 2025 ICC World Test Championship Final at Lord's here on Thursday.After a promising first session, where 78 runs came despite the loss of skipper Temba Bavuma, it looked like South Africa could narrow the deficit more in the post-lunch session. But Cummins asked tough questions, to which the Proteas had no answers, as he picked 6-28 in his 18.1 overs and also completed 300 scalps in his Test career.Cummins also became the first fast-bowling captain since 1982 to take a five-wicket haul at Lord's, where his name will be put on the honours board. He also found good support from his fellow pacers Mitchell Starc (2-41) and Josh Hazlewood (1-27).Shortly after lunch, Cummins struck by having Kyle Verreynne trapped lbw, despite the duo crashing into each other. Replays showed that Verreynne got very far across, with the ball just clipping the top of the off-stump. One brought two for Cummins as Marco Jansen made a tame pushback to the bowler, giving him a simple catch off his own bowling.Cummins got his fifer when he got away movement, and found the faintest of edges of David Bedingham's bat, and was easily caught behind by the keeper, as the batter was dismissed for 45.Shortly after Keshav Maharaj was run out in the pursuit of a tight second run, Cummins completed his six-for when Kagiso Rabada picked out a diving deep mid-wicket, as South Africa lost their last five wickets for 18 runs in 37 balls, giving Australia a crucial lead in their quest to retain the WTC mace.

Shooting World Cup: Sift Kaur Samra Wins Bronze In Rifle 3 Positions In Munich



Munich: Indian shooting sensation Sift Kaur Samra added yet another accolade to her growing list of international achievements, securing a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup (rifle/pistol) here on Thursday.Competing in a strong international field, the 23-year-old from Faridkot, Punjab, scored 453.1 in the final to finish third, reaffirming her place among the elite rifle shooters in the world.The gold went to Norway's Jeanette Hegg Duestad, who shot a sensational 466.9 in the final, while Switzerland's Emely Jaeggi won silver with 464.8.Interestingly, Jaeggi, who initially placed ninth in the qualification round with a score of 590, only made it to the final after two shooters above her were declared ineligible for medals due to their "ranking points only" (RPO) status.Samra, meanwhile, had a solid outing in the qualifying rounds, finishing second with an aggregate of 592 across the three positions – kneeling, prone, and standing. She was tied on the score with France's Agathe Cecile Camille Girard, who topped the chart by virtue of more inner 10s (Xs). Switzerland's Audrey Gogniat followed them in third place, heading into the final.This bronze adds to what has been a remarkable year for Samra so far. She began the 2025 season with a gold medal at the ISSF World Cup in Buenos Aires, a vital boost after a challenging 2024 Paris Olympics, where she had a below-par outing. Already a history-maker, Samra still holds the world record in women's 50m rifle 3 positions – a stunning 469.6 – which she set during her gold-medal winning performance at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou.

Nikhil Siddhartha Lauds Alert Crew Of 'The India House' For Helping Unit Survive Huge Mishap



Confirming that everyone present on the set of his upcoming film 'The India House' at the time of an accident that occurred on Thursday morning was safe, actor Nikhil Siddhartha lauded the film's crew, saying their alertness and the precautions taken had helped the unit survive a huge mishap.Taking to his X timeline to respond to a newsreport on the accident, Siddhartha wrote, "We are all Safe. Sometimes in our quest to give the best cinematic experience we take risks. Today, we survived a huge mishap thanks to the alert crew and precautions taken. We lost expensive equipment but by God's grace, there was no human damage. #IndiaHouse"The unit of director Ram Vamsi Krishna's 'The India House' had some anxious moments early on Thursday morning after the set they had erected to shoot an ocean scene got flooded. Sources said one of the water tanks kept to store water burst and caused the flooding.A video clip showing the set being flooded because of the water tank giving way had gone viral on the Internet.Sources said that equipment of the crew had sustained severe damage and that the accident took place during the shooting of a scene that happens in a water body.

5 Amazing Things That Happen When You Eat Oats Every Day



If there's one ingredient in our pantry, sitting there on the shelves waiting to be noticed, it's oats. They are simple, not at all flashy, and definitely don't promise overnight results, but still, they are recommended all over the world by experts to help manage our daily dietary habits. Oats are more than just a basic breakfast food, they are your stomach's best friend. While fitness enthusiasts have long enjoyed the multiple benefits of oats, everyday eaters are now realising how versatile and satisfying oats can be. But what makes them so special that you should eat them daily?

Here Are 5 Things That Happen To Your Body When You Eat Oats Every Day

1. It Makes Your Digestion Better

One of the first things you'll notice after adding oats to your daily routine is how smooth and light your stomach feels. As per a 2020 research paper published in Oxford Academic, oats are loaded with soluble fibre that gently cleans your digestive tract. It can ease constipation, reduce bloating, and make your gut feel more settled overall. This is because oats can absorb water and form a gel-like texture, which helps move stool easily.

2. You Stay Full For LongerSay goodbye to those mid-morning snacks. When you eat oats for breakfast, it'll keep you full for hours since it takes longer to digest. As per a 2021 review published in Foods, the slow-release carbs in the oats can help curb sudden hunger pangs. If you usually feel starved by 11 am, a bowl of oats can be your saviour, literally. Just add fruits, nuts or seeds to make it tastier and more filling. This will help you lose weight naturally.

3. Your Belly Fat May Start To Reduce

We all can agree that belly fat is the hardest to lose. While there's no magic formula to it, oats can actually help support your weight goals in a subtle yet steady way. They are low in calories, high in fibre, and keep you full for hours, which means fewer cravings and better calorie control. The beta-glucan in oats can help with the feeling of fullness. Once you keep your blood sugar steady, it may also reduce fat storage around the waist.4. You'll Have Better SkinA bowl of oats in the morning can be hydrating, anti-inflammatory, and great for your gut health, which is amazing for your skin. Eating oats every day can help reduce redness, dryness, or unexpected breakouts. Since your gut and skin are so connected, eating oats can help you get naturally glowing skin, because your body removes the toxins from inside. Plus, oats are super soothing, which is why they are even used in face masks and bath soaks.5. Your Energy Levels Will Be Balanced

Thanks to its fibre content, oats might help keep post-lunch sluggishness at bay. Instead of spiking your sugar levels like white bread or processed cereals, oats give you a slow release of energy. This leads to fewer blood sugar crashes, less irritability, and better focus throughout the day. So, having a bowl of oats for lunch can make all the difference in your work schedule.How To Add Oats To Your DietYou can add oats to your diet in many interesting ways rather than just sticking to good old oatmeal. Here are some quick ways:1.

Masala Oats:

If you are bored with your breakfast options, add masala oats to your diet. They are spicy, desi and perfect for lunch. All you have to do is saute some onions, tomatoes, and green chillies. Then add oats, water and your favourite spices. It is comforting, quick and super delicious.2. Oats ChillaYour everyday chilla but with a twist, oats chilla is packed with fibre. Just grind oats into flour, and mix it with veggies, curd, and a few spices. Cook it on a hot tawa, flip to brown it up on both sides and enjoy with green chutney or curd!3. Overnight OatsNo time to cook? No problem! Just soak oats in milk or curd overnight, add some fruits and drizzle some honey over it the next morning. They are creamy, versatile, and the best go-to breakfast for busy people who don't have time to cook.

4. Oats Smoothie

Add oats to your smoothie to make it thicker and way more filling. Blend them with banana, milk, cinnamon, and peanut butter for a delicious taste. It's perfect as a post-workout meal or on-the-go snack!5. Oats CutletsBeat your 4 pm cravings with these delicious oats cutlets. They are crunchy from the outside, soft inside, and can be baked or shallow-fried. All you have to do is mix mashed veggies with soaked oats and your favourite spices, shape them into patties, and cook. Serve hot with mint chutney and ketchup!

Cucumber Rice Recipe



Ingredients of Cucumber Rice1 Cup cooked rice1 cup cucumber, grated1 cup coconut, gratedA handful of coriander leaves6-7 cashew nuts1/4 cup peanuts2 Dry red chillies3 tbsp ghee1 tsp mustard seeds1/2 tsp jeera1 tsp urad dal1 tsp chana dalA pinch of hing1 sprig of curry leavesSalt to taste

How to Make Cucumber Rice

1.First, heat ghee in a kadhai set on a low-medium flame. Add jeera, mustard seeds, curry leaves, dry red chillies, chana dal, and urad dal. Saute for 2–3 minutes, or until the seeds start to splutter.2.Now add in the peanuts and cashew nuts and mix well.3.Add grated cucumber, coconut, salt, and hing. Then, add the cooked rice to the kadhai and combine everything together.4.Garnish with fresh coriander leaves and some more cashew nuts, and enjoy! Cucumber rice is ready!

This Is What A Nutritionist Recommends If You Are Battling High Uric Acid

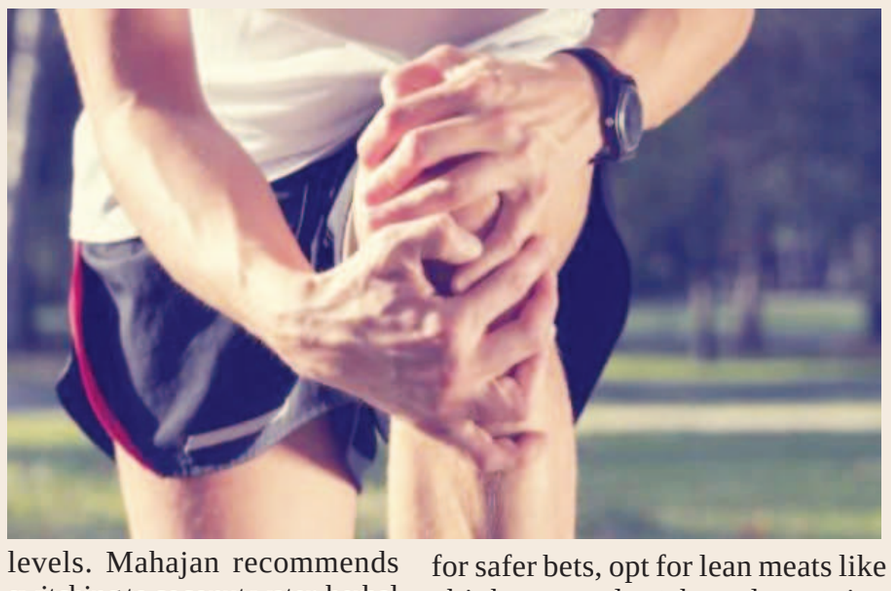


Uric acid issues are far more common than most people realise, but the fix could be as simple as what's on your plate. A nutritionist breaks down the foods that help and the ones that do more harm than good.In a world where movement is optional and meals are often a side-thought between emails, it is no surprise our bodies are raising quiet red flags. Late dinners, too much screen time, endless snacking, and litres of fizzy drinks, we are unintentionally setting ourselves up for health hiccups. One of those is high uric acid. It is sneaky, it builds up slowly, and by the time you notice, the discomfort has moved in. The silver lining? Uric acid levels can be managed if you know what to eat and what to skip. Nutritionist Leema Mahajan weighs in

What Happens When Uric Acid Shoots Up?

High uric acid levels are not just about random joint aches. Think kidney stones, sharp urate crystals in the joints, swelling, pain - you get the idea. It is not just uncomfortable; it is not reversible either. Which is why keeping uric acid in check is less of a lifestyle choice and more of a non-negotiable.What To Eat If You Have High Uric AcidAccording to nutritionist Leema Mahajan, your kitchen already has a few heroes that can help bring those uric acid levels down naturally.1. Vitamin C-Rich FoodsVitamin C helps flush uric acid out of your system. Think oranges, amla, apples, lemons—anything that has that tangy punch. Amla juice in the morning or a citrusy fruit midday could genuinely make a difference.2. Raw PapayaSlightly boiled raw papaya is not just easy to digest—it is packed with papain, an enzyme that fights inflammation. Mahajan suggests it is particularly good during flare-ups because it is gentle on the joints.3. CinnamonWhen uric acid rises, your metabolism takes a hit, too. A pinch of cinnamon in warm water or sprinkled over your oats can calm things down internally. It is a small addition with solid benefits.4. Black Coffee And Green TeaThese drinks come with antioxidants like chlorogenic acid and catechins, which could help control an enzyme linked to uric acid production. Just do not overdo it—one to two cups a day is enough, ideally mid-morning or post-lunch.What To Avoid If You Have High Uric Acid1. Alcohol And Sugary Sodas

Beer, whisky, sugary fizzy drinks, all packed with purines and sugar. Both are bad news for uric acid levels. Mahajan recommends switching to coconut water, herbal tea or fruit-infused water instead. Your kidneys will thank you.2. Packaged SnacksProcessed foods often sneak in high-fructose corn syrup, a sweetener known to spike uric acid. Chips, energy drinks, sugary cereals, even those so-called 'healthy' granola bars - worth a second look at the label.3. Red Meats And ShellfishThese are naturally high in purines. Eat them regularly, and your uric acid levels will follow suit. If you are looking for safer bets, opt for lean meats like chicken or plant-based proteins such as tofu or lentils.



The One Mistake People Make With A Uric Acid DietCutting out all proteins. Mahajan is clear: protein is not the villain. Dal, peas, mushrooms - all fair but in moderation. They are not as purine-heavy as previously assumed and bring fibre, minerals, and plant protein to your plate. According to her, eating on time and making thoughtful swaps can help your body manage uric acid levels better, without drastic diet rules.

Vedanta Aluminium Deploys Vedanta Group's First All-Women Locomotive Engine Team

BHUBANESWAR :(correspondent):Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest aluminium producer, has taken a pioneering step towards enhancing inclusion and gender diversity in the manufacturing and industrial sectorsby announcing the deployment of Vedanta Group's first all-women locomotive engine team at the company's world-class aluminium smelter in Jharsuguda.This landmark initiative places women professionals at the helm of one of the plant's



most critical logistical operations,i.e., the internal movement of raw materials through a dedicated locomotive engine and rake. The newly deployed team – comprising four loco drivers (working in shifts), one gatewoman, and two support staff – will be responsible for the efficient and safe operations and maintenance of this essential asset.This deployment reinforces Vedanta Aluminium's steadfast commitment to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace. It follows a series of industry-first initiatives at Jharsuguda, including the launch of 'Shree Shakti', through which 108 women have taken on key operational roles during night shifts, a first-of-its-kind initiative in Odisha's industrial landscape. Additionally, Vedanta recently inaugurated the Indian aluminium industry's first all-women managed potline here. A critical part of the aluminium production process, this potline will be operationalised in three phases, with more than 100 women employees selected through internal job postings and upskilled through specialised training programmes.

IFFCO Paradeep conferred Greentech Environment Award for Excellence in Environment Protection

Paradip (correspondent)-IFFCO Paradeep Unit has become the winner of '24th Annual Greentech Environment Award 2025' for outstanding achievements in Environment Protection. The award was conferred on IFFCO, Paradeep, in the 24th Global Environment & Sustainability Summit 2025 at New Delhi on 12th June 2025.D. Mohanty, Manager (EPC) received the award on behalf of P K Mahapatra, Unit Head,IFFCO,



Paradeep from Prof.Jagdish Mukhi, former Governor of Assam. The award is a testimony to the fact that IFFCO Paradeep is always committed to the best environmental practices in all its activities so that adverse environmental impact is minimised.Inspired and steered by the insightful guidance of P. K.Mahapatra, Unit Head and R.K.Swain, JGM (Environment & Safety) IFFCO Paradeep has successfully navigated numerous challenges & always remains committed to the cause of national food security. Recognition through such awards acts as a morale booster for entire IFFCO Paradeep family and its stakeholders. IFFCO, with visionary leadership by its Managing Director Dr. U. S. Awasthi, has been serving the nation for the last six decades and has become the largest cooperative society in the world.

Vodafone Idea Launches 5G Commercial Service in Bengaluru with Samsung's Versatile Solutions

NEWDELHI; Leading telecom operator Vodafone Idea (Vi) today announced the commercial launch of 5G services by partnering with Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Samsung) in Bengaluru region, one of the key telecom markets in India and a global IT hub known as the "Silicon Valley of India". Since 2024, the companies have been working together to deploy a new generation, 5G network and modernize Vi's legacy 2G and 4G networks with Samsung's industry-leading solutions in major telecom circles of India including Bihar, Karnataka and Punjab .As part of this collaboration, Vi had already launched 5G commercial services in Chandigarh and Patna in April 2025. Vi has successfully deployed Samsung'ssmall form-factor, energy-efficient and high transmit power radios for enabling a seamless 5G experience across all the three circles. These solutions offer increased cell capacity and energy savings features to deliver better consumer experience with greenerand more sustainable approachesfor Vi's customers. For this deployment, Samsung provided its wide range of radios supporting diverse spectrum bands, including 32T32R Massive MIMO radios, along with Radio Access Network (RAN) solutions that encompass baseband and software functionsknown as the virtualized Central Unit (vCU).

JSP Observes Sacred Debasnana Purnima at Devbhoomi, Jindal Nagar

ANGUL :(correspondent):In a spirit of deep devotion and reverence, the divine rituals of Debasnana Purnima were observed today at the Jagannath Temple in Devbhoomi, Jindal Nagar, Angul. The sacred ceremony was attended by Adya Sebak Shri Naveen Jindal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament from Kurukshetra and Chairman of Jindal Steel & Power, and Adya Sebika Smt. Shallu Jindal, Chairperson of Jindal Foundation, with hundreds of devotees from Jindal Nagar and nearby villages in offering prayers to Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra.As the temple bells chimed and the



divine atmosphere reverberated with "Jai Jagannath", the prime servitors led the rituals with absolute sanctity, following the sacred traditions of the Sri Jagannath Temple, Puri.The day commenced at the auspicious hour of 5 AM with Dwara Phita, Mangal Aarti, Shrikarpura Lagi, Mangalarpana Neeti, Pushpanjali, Sarbanga, and the sacred Snana rituals performed with utmost devotion under the guidance of the Chief Priest.The highlight of the day was the Dhadi Pahandi of the Chaturdha Murati to the Snana Mandap, where the holy bathing ceremony (Snana Yatra) was performed with 108 pitchers of sacred water, symbolizing purification and divine grace. The rituals were imbued with spiritual fervor and heartfelt devotion.Speaking on this divine occasion, Shri Naveen Jindal said,"Feeling truly blessed to witness the divine Snana Yatra of Mahaprabhu Jagannath at our Angul plant. It is not just a festival; it is a moment of spiritual awakening and gratitude. May Mahaprabhu bestow good health, peace, and prosperity upon all."Post the Snana rituals, the Anasara Pahandi was observed in the evening, symbolizing the deities' retreat into the Anabasara Ghara, where they will rest and recuperate for the next 14 days. This sacred interval is revered with devotion, as devotees eagerly await Rath Yatra.

Sensex Drops 823 Points Amid Growing US-Iran Tensions

Mumbai: The Indian stock markets witnessed a sharp fall on Thursday after a volatile trading session, as weak global cues and rising tensions between the US and Iran weighed on investor sentiment.The Sensex dropped by 823.16 points, or 1 per cent, to close at 81,691.98 after slipping to an intra-day low of 81,523.16.The Nifty fell below the psychological 25,000 mark and ended at 24,888.20, down by 253.20 points or 1.01 per cent.Among the 30 Sensex stocks, Tata Motors, Titan, Power Grid, Tata Steel, L&T and Mahindra & Mahindra were the top losers, each falling over 2 per cent.

Paytm Shares Drop 10% as Govt Debunks MDR Speculation

NEWDELHI: Shares of Paytm's parent company, One 97 Communications, fell sharply on Thursday, dipping nearly 10% in early trade after the Finance Ministry dismissed rumours suggesting the reintroduction of merchant discount rate (MDR) charges on UPI transactions.At 10:19 AM, Paytm's stock was trading 5.27% lower at Rs 909.85 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), with intra-day lows hitting Rs 864.20 amid market uncertainty. MDR, a fee paid by merchants for payment processing, was previously eliminated to promote cashless transactions. Recent online speculation hinted at a potential MDR charge for high-value UPI payments, leading to widespread concern.However, in a strongly worded statement, the Finance Ministry rejected the claims, calling them misleading and causing unnecessary fear among users. The government clarified that there are no plans to impose such a fee.

India's CPI Inflation Falls To 2.82 Pc In May, Lowest Since February 2019

New Delhi: India's inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined to 2.82 per cent in May this year compared to the same month of the previous year. This is the lowest level of retail inflation since February 2019, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Statistics on Thursday.Food Inflation declined to 0.99 per cent during May, which is the lowest since October 2021. This is the seventh month in a row that food inflation has registered a decline as the agricultural output has been on the rise.The significant decline in inflation during the month is mainly attributed to the decline in inflation of pulses, vegetables, fruits, cereals, household goods & services, sugar, and eggs, according to the official statement.Inflation also declined due to a moderation in fuel prices, with international prices of crude oil coming down during the month.The RBI has also revised its inflation outlook for 2025-26 downwards from the earlier forecast of 4 per cent to 3.7 per cent, Reserve Bank Governor Sanjay Malhotra said on Friday.CPI inflation for the financial year 2025-26 is now projected at 3.7 per cent, with Q1 at 2.9 per cent, Q2 at 3.4 per cent, Q3 at 3.9 per



cent, and Q4 at 4.4 per cent.The RBI Governor pointed out that Inflation has softened significantly over the last six months from above the tolerance band in October 2024 to well below the target, with signs of a broad-based moderation. The near-term and medium-term outlook now gives us the confidence of not only a durable alignment of headline inflation with the target of 4 per cent, as exuded in the last meeting, but also the belief that during the year, it is likely to undershoot the target at the margin.While food inflation outlook remains soft, core inflation is expected to remain benign with easing of international commodity prices in line with the anticipated global growth slowdown, Malhotra said.The sharp decline in inflation has enabled the RBI to go in for a 50 basis points cut in the repo rate from 6 per cent to 5.5 per cent to spur growth in the economy in the monetary policy review last week.The RBI also announced a 100 basis point cut in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR), from 4 per cent to 3 per cent, to be implemented in four tranches of 25 bps each. The step is expected to inject Rs 2.5 lakh crore into the banking system, boosting liquidity and supporting credit flow.The RBI Governor said the repo rate has now been reduced 100 basis points in quick succession since February this year, and hence, this leaves very limited space for the RBI.

Centre Okays Purchase Of Moong From Farmers Under Price Support Scheme

New Delhi, June 12: The government on Thursday approved the procurement of 54,166 metric tonnes (MT) of moong under the price support scheme from farmers in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat for the summer crop season 2025–26 as part of the Centre's policy to incentivise the production of pulses in the country.Similarly, the Government has approved the procurement of 50,750 MT of groundnut under the price support scheme (PSS) in Uttar Pradesh for the summer crop season.Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan has also given approval to extend the period of procurement for red gram in Andhra Pradesh by another 15 days up to June 26, keeping the interest of farmers of the state.In order to incentivise farmers and enhance the domestic production of pulses while reducing the country's dependence on imports, the government has permitted the procurement of tur (arhar), urad, and masur under the PSS up to 100 per cent of the production of the respective state for the procurement year 2024–25. Furthermore, in the Union Budget 2025, the government announced the continuation of this initiative for an additional four years, up to 2028–29.

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