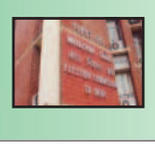
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US Tariffs on Indian Exports Begin August 7



NEWDELHI: In a major development that could impact global trade dynamics, the United States will impose a 25% reciprocal tariff on Indian exports beginning August 7.The move stems from a sweeping executive order signed by President Donald Trump, titled "Further Modifying The Reciprocal Tariff Rates," which revises duties on imports from nearly 70 countries.India's revised rate, initially expected to be 26%, has been adjusted to 25%, marking a strategic shift in Washington's trade policy. While the tariffs are backdated to August 1, shipments already in transit will benefit from a grace period until August 7, and goods cleared by October 5 will be exempt.Ajay Sahai, Director General of FIEO, welcomed the temporary relief, saying it will help exporters manage the logistical impact. However, experts like Wendy Cutler of the Asia Society Policy Institute caution that the move may jeopardise future U.S.-India trade agreements.Trump has previously criticised India's trade policies on his Truth Social platform, accusing the country of maintaining "obnoxious non-monetary trade barriers." He has also expressed concerns over India's continued purchases of Russian arms and energy, hinting at further penalties tied to geopolitical alignments.

India's membership in BRICS and its economic partnerships with Russia have drawn fire from the Trump administration, which views such moves as threats to the dollar and global U.S. influence.The Indian government has stated it is "examining the implications" of the new order and will take "all necessary steps to safeguard and promote national interest."This announcement adds fuel to the simmering tension between the two democracies, as trade policy becomes increasingly intertwined with strategic diplomacy and national security.

Odisha Govt Asks Universities, Colleges To Nominate Shaktishree Sanjojika



Bhubaneswar(correspondent): The Odisha government has asked all universities and colleges in the state to nominate one female faculty member to serve as the Shaktishree Sanjojika. The Shaktishree Sanjojika will be the coordinator for the Shaktishree initiative at the Higher Education Institution (HEI) level and will be responsible for guiding, mentoring, and coordinating the efforts of the Shaktishree Empowerment Cell.

The Shaktishree Sanjojika should be a student-friendly female faculty member with demonstrated experience, interest, and commitment in areas of gender equity, student welfare, empowerment, and social justice. The roles and responsibilities of the Shaktishree Sanjojika include promoting gender sensitivity and awareness among students, facilitating access to support services for women in distress, mentoring Shaktishree Saathis and student volunteers, and planning and implementing regular activities aligned with the objectives of the Shaktishree Initiative.The Shaktishree Sanjojika will be responsible for conducting training, workshops, seminars, and events on self-defense, health awareness, legal literacy, life skills, and ethical values. They will also ensure a gender-inclusive learning environment, promote respectful and safe workplaces, and engage with local authorities, NGOs, and service providers for awareness and support services.The government has asked universities and colleges to nominate Shaktishree Sanjojika by August 4, 2025. The nominated faculty member will play a crucial role in implementing the Shaktishree Initiative, which aims to empower girl students and ensure their safety and well-being.The Shaktishree Initiative is a government program aimed at empowering girl students and ensuring their safety and well-being.

LOC Issued Against Anil Ambani In Rs 17,000 Crore Loan Fraud Probe



New Delhi: A Look Out Circular (LOC) was issued on Friday against Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) Chairman Anil Ambani, on the request of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), in connection with an alleged Rs 17,000-crore loan fraud case.Anil Ambani has been asked to appear at the ED headquarters in the national capital on August 5, according to people familiar with the matter.Last week, the agency carried out searches across 35 locations in Mumbai linked to Anil Ambani's Reliance Group, covering 50 companies and 25 individuals, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Investigators seized voluminous documents, hard drives, and other digital records from several locations across Mumbai and Delhi.The raids first began on Thursday in connection with a money laundering probe related to the Yes Bank loan fraud case.The probe is based on an FIR filed by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police on November 11, 2024.

Five Maoists Arrested With Explosives In Sukma

Sukma: In a significant breakthrough for anti-Naxal operations in Chhattisgarh, security forces arrested five active Maoist members of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) and recovered a cache of explosives during a coordinated operation in Sukma district. Acting on intelligence provided by a local informant, a joint team comprising personnel from the Chhattisgarh Police, the 74th and 226th Battalions of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), and led by the Station House Officer (SHO) of Jagargunda police station, launched a search operation in the dense forest near Achakat village on Thursday, the police official said.According to officials, the suspects attempted to flee upon sensing the presence of security forces but were swiftly apprehended. The arrested individuals – identified as Hemla Pala (35), Hemla Hunga (35), Sodi Deva (25), Nuppo (20), and Kunjam Masa (28) – are residents of the Chintalnar region and were reportedly active in the Surpanguda area as part of the Jagargunda-Pamed area committee.

71st National Film Awards for the Year 2023 Announced



NEWDELHI: The winners of the 71st National Film Awards for the year 2023 were announced today by the respective juries.This year, the awards received 332 entries in the feature film category, 115 in non-feature films, 27 books, and 16 submissions from critics."12th Fail" was honoured with the Best Feature Film award at the 71st National Film Awards. "Flowering Man" won the Best Non-Feature Film award, while "God Vulture and Human" was recognised as the Best Documentary. Both films received their first National Film Award.

Shah Rukh Khan (for "Jawan") and Vikrant Massey (for "12th Fail") shared the Best Actor award. This marks Shah Rukh Khan's first National Film Award in his career. Rani Mukerji won the Best Actress award for her powerful performance in "Mrs. Chatterjee Vs Norway," which is also her first-ever National Film Award.

Ex-JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna Found Guilty in First of 4 Rape Cases

NEWDELHI: Former Janata Dal (Secular) MP Prajwal Revanna has been convicted in the first of four rape cases filed against him in Karnataka's Hassan district.A special court in Bengaluru delivered the verdict on Friday, marking a dramatic turn in a high-profile case that sparked widespread political and public debate.Revanna, 34, was found guilty of raping a former domestic worker at a farmhouse owned by his family. The charges included rape while in a position of control or dominance, sexual harassment, and criminal intimidation under various sections of the Indian Penal Code.The survivor, a middle-aged woman, filed her complaint on May 8 last year. She had been rescued from the farmhouse three days earlier, where she was allegedly held in confinement after appearing in leaked videos of sexual assault reportedly recorded by Revanna himself. These videos surfaced just ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, causing public outrage and tarnishing Revanna's political standing—he eventually lost his seat in Hassan.Revanna was arrested on May 31, 2024, upon his return from Germany. The trial began on May 2, 2025, with the survivor's statement and concluded .

Vice Presidential Election To Be Held On Sept 9



New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has officially announced the schedule for the Vice Presidential election, following the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21 due to health reasons.As per the schedule, the last date for nominations is August 21, while the date of polling is September 9. The results of the election will be announced on the polling day itself, the Election Commission said.

Slogans Drown Debate, Rajya Sabha Adjourned Till August 4

New Delhi, : The Rajya Sabha, on a monsoon-drenched Friday, became a stage of rising tempers and unrelenting slogans, culminating in an adjournment that pushed all business to next Monday.The trigger was a demand for debate on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters list in Bihar -- a process that has stirred deep anxieties across party lines and constituencies.

As the afternoon session resumed, Ghanshyam Tiwari took his seat in the Chair, attempting to restore order and proceed with the day's agenda. He called upon senior advocate and Congress MP Vivek Tankha from Madhya Pradesh to put his question. Tankha stood, but his words were swallowed by the roar of slogans erupting from the Opposition benches. "Vote ki chori band karo!" echoed through the chamber, a chant that had by now become the refrain of the day.Tankha, visibly perturbed, turned to the Chair and asked, "The House is not in order. What do I do?" Before any reply could be offered, Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, rose to respond. But his voice, too, was drowned in the continuing uproar.The slogans persisted, the benches refused to settle, and Ghanshyam Tiwari, after repeated appeals for calm, finally declared the House adjourned till Monday (August 4).The disruption was not sudden -- it had been building since morning. When the Rajya Sabha first assembled, Deputy Chairman Harivansh announced that 30 notices had been received under Rule 267, each seeking suspension of regular business to discuss matters of urgent public importance. But none, he said, met the procedural threshold required for admission.

That ruling ignited immediate protest. The Opposition, already galvanised by the Election Commission of India's draft roll publication in Bihar, saw the denial as a deliberate attempt to suppress debate.A broad coalition of Opposition MPs -- Mohammad Nadimul Haque (Trinamool Congress), Manoj Kumar Jha (RJD), Tiruchi Siva (DMK), Ranjeet Ranjan (Congress), Neeraj Dangi (Congress), Rajani Ashokrao Patil (Congress), among others -- had sought a discussion on the SIR, which they alleged was disenfranchising lakhs of voters under the guise of verification. Simultaneously, Opposition members from Odisha demanded debate over rising crimes against women and children, while West Bengal MPs from Trinamool Congress flagged discrimination against Bengali migrant workers.Jebi Mather (Congress) and CPI(M)'s A.A. Rahim demanded a debate on the arrest of two nuns in Durg, Chhattisgarh, earlier this month. Sanjay Singh (AAP) and Ramjilal Suman (SP) pressed for a discussion on the economic impact of tariffs imposed by former US President Donald Trump.

IPS Sonali Mishra Becomes First Woman DG Of Railway Protection Force

New Delhi: In a historic development, Sonali Mishra, a 1993 batch IPS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has assumed charge as the Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), becoming the first woman to head the 143-year-old force.She succeeds Manoj Yadava, who retired on July 31.



Her appointment, approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, is valid until her superannuation on October 31, 2026.She brings with her over 30 years of distinguished service in policing and security, having served in prominent roles across both state and central agencies. Prior to this appointment, she held the position of Additional Director General of Police (Selection/ Recruitment) in Madhya Pradesh and concurrently managed the roles of ADG at the Police Training & Research Institute and Director of the Madhya Pradesh Police Academy in Bhopal.Her career also includes key assignments with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Border Security Force (BSF), and a notable stint with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Kosovo. Recognised for her professionalism and leadership, she has been awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service.Her leadership at the helm of the RPF is expected to usher in a new era of modernisation, technological adoption, and proactive community engagement. She is likely to emphasise strengthening RPF's role in tackling organised crimes such as human trafficking and ensuring the safety of vulnerable passengers across the Indian Railways' extensive network.Upon taking charge, Mishra expressed her gratitude for the opportunity and reaffirmed her dedication to upholding the RPF's core values of vigilance, courage, and service, embodied in its motto "Yasho Labhasva".

'HP May Vanish From Map': SC Tells Centre, State That 'Earning Revenue Is Not Everything'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has told the Centre and the Himachal Pradesh government that "earning revenue is not everything", warning that if the current trajectory of ecological degradation continues, "the entire State of HP may vanish into thin air from the map of the country".Adding grimly that "God forbid this doesn't happen", a bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan said revenue generation cannot come at the cost of environmental and ecological destruction.The Justice Pardiwala-led Bench not only dismissed a private hotel company's plea challenging the Himachal Pradesh government's notification declaring Shri Tara Mata Hill a "green area", but also pulled up both the state and Union governments for failing to protect the fragile Himalayan ecology.The petitioner – M/s Pristine Hotels and Resorts Pvt. Ltd. – had challenged a June 6, 2025, notification restricting new private construction on Tara Mata Hill, arguing that the restrictions were imposed in contravention of the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Act, 1977.After the Himachal Pradesh High Court had rejected the petition on the grounds that the company could not be said to be an aggrieved person as it did not have land ownership or permission to purchase land in the state, Pristine Hotels and Resorts moved a special leave petition before the Supreme Court.However, the apex court refused to intervene."We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment and order passed by the High Court," the apex court said, while turning the spotlight on the numerous environmental issues being faced by Himachal Pradesh.It observed that while the move to notify green areas was "laudable", it had come too late."The situation in the state of Himachal Pradesh has gone from bad to worse. The severe ecological imbalance and other environmental conditions have led to serious natural calamities over a period of years," the Justice Pardiwala-led Bench said, citing repeated floods, landslides, and large-scale destruction of life and property.

"It is not right to blame only nature for the disaster in Himachal Pradesh. Humans, not nature, are responsible for phenomena such as continuous land sliding of mountains, collapsing of houses and buildings, subsidence of roads, etc.," the Supreme Court added.

Starlink Secures Licence to Launch Satellite Internet in India

NEWDELHI: Elon Musk-led Starlink has received a Unified Licence to roll out satellite-based internet services in India, Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced on Thursday. A framework for spectrum allocation and gateway establishment is already in place to ensure a smooth launch.The announcement coincided with the 30th anniversary of India's first cellular call in 1995. Alongside Starlink, Bharti-backed Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio SES are also awaiting spectrum allocation to begin satcom services.Scindia highlighted India's rapid digital transformation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting 1.2 billion telephone connections and a 286% surge in internet subscriptions to 970 million. Mobile data costs have dropped 96.6%, making India the global leader in affordable internet at just Rs 8.9 per GB.India's 5G rollout now covers 99.6% of districts with 4.74 lakh towers and 300 million users, while the country ranks among the top six globally in 6G patent filings. The revival of BSNL has also been marked by back-to-back profits after 18 years.Industry leaders hailed the move as a milestone toward self-reliance and a boost for India's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, with potential to position the nation as a global innovation hub in telecom technology.

Bihar Draft Electoral Rolls Set for 3 PM Release Amid Opposition Uproar

NEWDELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) is set to release the draft electoral rolls for Bihar at 3 PM today, marking a crucial phase of its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.The update, covering all 243 Assembly constituencies and more than 90,800 polling stations, comes amid strong resistance from Opposition parties who allege it could lead to mass voter exclusions.Sources confirm that the draft will be handed to political parties by district collectors across Bihar before being published online. The exercise has reignited controversy, as critics point out that the last such revision was conducted in 2003 and fear the current process may be politically motivated.Opposition MPs, led by Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, staged protests in Parliament today, warning against the disenfranchisement of eligible voters. The issue has added fuel to an already heated political climate, with concerns over transparency and voter representation taking centre stage.The ECI initiated this revision on June 24, triggering widespread concern and confusion in districts where the verification process was reportedly rushed.



13-Year-Old Boy Commits Suicide After Losing Rs 2,800 In Online Game

Indore: A 13-year-old boy allegedly ended his life by suicide out of fear, for being scolded by parents, after he lost money on the 'Free Fire' online game in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, police said on Friday.

The heart-wrenching incident occurred in Anurag Nagar under the jurisdiction of the MIG police station in the city on Thursday night. The deceased boy, who was studying in class 7, has been identified as Aaklan Jain.He was reportedly addicted to playing online games.

According to police, Aalkan's grandfather noticed him hanging from a ceiling fan, following which, he was rushed to a nearby hospital. However, he was declared brought dead.

Torrential Rains Kill 10 In Pakistan-Occupied Gilgit-Baltistan, State Of Emergency Declared

Islamabad: Torrential monsoon rains have triggered deadly flash floods across Pakistan-occupied Gilgit-Baltistan (PoGB), killing at least 10 people and leaving a trail of destruction. Local authorities have declared a state of emergency in 37 severely affected areas, as rescue operations continue amid reports of missing tourists and infrastructure damage estimated at over Rs 20 billion, according to local media sources.The notification mentioned that twelve locations in Diamer district, nine in Gilgit, five in Ghizer, four in Skardu, four in Shigar, two in Ghanche, and one each in Nagar and Kharmang have been designated as disaster-hit regions.

"On account of heavy rains during Monsoon 2025, some Mouzas of District Gilgit, Ghizer, Nagar, Diamer, Skardu, Ghanche, Shigar, and Kharmang have been reportedly severely affected by flash floods. People have suffered losses, which include loss of human lives, livestock, damage to houses, infrastructure, and standing crops," read the notification issued by the local authorities.

Start-Ups, R&D Key To Global Competition, Sustainable Development: President Murmu

New Delhi, : President Droupadi Murmu on Friday said that encouraging a patent culture along with promoting R&D and start-ups to compete at the global level are key to shaping the sustainable future of our country.Addressing the 45th convocation ceremony of the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, Murmu said, "India's biggest strength is its vast human resources. The increasing access to technical education and the spread of digital skills are leading India towards becoming a technological superpower."The President said that making India's education system more practical, innovation-focused and industry-friendly will give the right direction to the talent of the country's youth and allow them to move forward at the global level."The future of our country is taking shape through a commitment to promote cutting-edge research and innovation and to guide bright young minds," she said, stressing the need to embrace sustainable and equitable development.She told students to use their knowledge to build a Green India – where development is not at the cost of nature, but in harmony with it."The development of a nation lies in the development of its people from all sections and regions. No person should be left behind in the development journey," said Murmu.



Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan Takes Charge As Vice Chief Of Naval Staff

NEWDELHI: Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan assumed charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) on Friday.After assuming the charge, he visited the National War Memorial in the national capital, where he laid flower wreaths to pay tribute to the soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for the country.

Vatsayan was commissioned into the Indian Navy on January 1, 1988 and specialises in gunnery and missile systems. He has completed higher military education from Defence Services Staff College (Wellington), Naval War College (Goa) and National Defence College (New Delhi).

26/11: Tihar Jail Officials Cite Security Reasons To Deny Tahawwur Rana Regular Phone Chats With Kin

New Delhi: Officials of Tihar jail have told a Special NIA Court that 26/11 mastermind Tahawwur Rana cannot be regularly allowed to speak to his family members on the telephone due to security reasons, a lawyer said on Friday.The prison authorities opposed Rana's plea for regular telephonic contact with family members in their response filed before the Special National Investigation Agency (NIA) Judge at Patiala House Court.Rana's plea seeking permission to speak to his family members over the phone is not new. The court had earlier accepted his similar request and allowed him to speak to his family once.Tihar officials filed the response after the Special Court asked them to clarify their stand on the Pakistani-Canadian national and Mumbai terror attack mastermind's application seeking permission to have regular telephonic contact with family members.Rana, who was extradited from the US in April to stand trial in the Mumbai attack case, is in judicial custody till August 13.Earlier, Rana also sought a bed in his cell in Tihar prison, which was approved by the court and the facility was provided by the jail authorities.During the earlier proceedings, the NIA informed the court that they had handed over all documents related to Rana's health to the jail administration.On June 6, the Special NIA Court had called for a status report from Tihar jail authorities after Rana's counsel flagged his deteriorating health condition.The NIA has already filed a supplementary charge sheet against Rana, a former officer of the Pakistan Army's Medical Corps, following an initial charge sheet filed against him in 2012.

IBCS ORGANISES NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION



Bhubaneswar, (correspondent): Institute of Business and Computer Studies (IBCS), faculty of management sciences of SOA Deemed to be University, recently organised a day-long national conference on Digital Transformation and Sustainable Innovation with speakers emphasizing the need to integrate digital transformation with sustainable innovation to tackle emerging challenges across multiple sectors. The speakers stressed the importance of transforming academic knowledge into real world societal impact underlining how inter-disciplinary innovation and digital transformation should reflect in practical, inclusive and sustainable development.The program was graced by Prof. Bibhuti Bhushan Pradhan, Pro-Vice Chancellor of SOA Deemed to be University, Prof. (Dr.) Sanghamitra Mishra, Dean of Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, Prof. Ayasa Kanta Mohanty, Dean of IBCS, Prof. Enketeswara Subudhi, Professor at the Centre for Biotechnology and Prof. Manoranjan Dash, Associate Dean of IBCS. Prof. Dash, who was the Organising Convenor, uniquely linked the theme of the event -'Digital Transformation and Sustainable Innovation: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Business, Health, Law, Agrculture and Society'-with Indian mythology drawing a parallel between avatars of Lord Vishnu with digital adaptability.

Jspur CWC member held for sexual harassment of a lady social coordinator.

JAGATSINGHPUR (correspondent) . A Child Welfare Committee [CWC] member, Bibekananda Bal, was held by police on Friday, based on a complaint lodged by a lady social coordinator working in an NGO that she had been harassed by Bibekananda Bal regularly at her workplace.Acting on the complaint, Jagatsinghpur police have picked up the alleged CWC member from his office on Friday and are interrogating him at the police station.The report said that the victim works in a Bhubaneswar-based NGO called Ruchika in its branch at Jagatsinghpur as a social coordinator. The organization is mainly working for the child labor rescue and rehabilitation work in the district.As the victim lady had been frequently contacting CWC member Bal after rescuing the child labour, the former had opted favor from her. After learning of the CWC member's intention, the victim lady and her organisation complained to the district child protection unit and the CWC chairperson, but received no timely action.On Friday, the victim lady and her organization representatives met with additional district magistrate Jagatsinghpur, narrating the fact and alleging that she was sexually harassed and attempts were made to outrage her modesty by the CWC member Bal.Immediately, ADM, Jagatsinghpur, forwarded the incident to the Jagatsinghpur police station for investigation.

Massive Drug Haul in Sambalpur

Sambalpur (correspondent): Sambalpur Police have seized a large quantity of cough syrup and marijuana in various parts of the district in a major anti-narcotics operation.Acting on intelligence inputs, Town Police arrested Sudhanshu Mohanty from Dhuturapada and confiscated 50 kilograms of marijuana from his possession.Meanwhile, the Burla Police seized 820 bottles of banned cough syrup used in illicit drug consumption. The operation resulted in the arrest of five individuals, including Raja Nayak, Rajesh Besra, Siddhant Nag, and a woman identified as Dulant Naik.All accused have been forwarded to court, with police confirming that multiple previous cases have been registered against them. Authorities are intensifying efforts to curb narcotics trafficking in the region.

'Rath Vatika' to Be Set Up in Every Panchayat in Puri: Dy CM

Odisha's Deputy Chief Minister, Smt. Pravati Parida marked her visit to Nimapara and Gop regions with a series of impactful initiatives that focused on environmental awareness and land rights empowerment.At Hansapada's Nimapara Adarsha Vidyalaya, the Deputy CM inaugurated a Ban Mahotsav event as the chief guest. She encouraged students and the public to participate in the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign—planting a tree in the name of one's mother. She emphasised this as a tribute to maternal love and environmental responsibility.To meet the timber requirements for Puri's famed Rath Yatra, the Deputy CM instructed forest officers to establish dedicated "Rath Vatika" groves in each panchayat of Puri district. The initiative aims to create sustainable sources of chariot wood while promoting afforestation.The event also saw the participation of the District Forest Officer, Assistant Conservator of Forests, school authorities, and local leaders, including the Sarpanch of Chanarpada. Smt. Parida herself joined 120 women in a large-scale tree plantation drive, motivating children to plant a sapling for their mothers.Following her environmental engagements, the Deputy CM attended a land patta distribution programme organised by the Gop Tehsil Office. She distributed 112 revised column-2 land pattas to rightful beneficiaries and handed over 17 institutional pattas to educational institutions.Dignitaries present included the Additional District Magistrate of Puri, Gop BDO and Tehsildar, Zilla Parishad member Pramod Kumar Ray, Block Vice-Chairman Bana Ranjan Pattnaik, and MP representative Sushanta Swain.

Odisha Governor Urges Revenue Officers to Serve with Dedication and Sincerity



Bhubaneswar, (correspondent):Odisha Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati has called upon Odisha Revenue Service (ORS) officers to serve the public with utmost sincerity and dedication, highlighting the critical role of revenue services in governance.Speaking at an interactive session with the 2022 batch of ORS trainee officers at the New Abhishek Hall of Raj Bhavan, the Governor stressed that revenue services are directly linked to the welfare of the common people, making it one of the most vital arms of administration." Administration is not confined to rules and files; it is fundamentally about serving the people," Dr. Kambhampati remarked. He urged the young officers to remain vigilant in their duties and deliver services with commitment to foster trust and goodwill among citizens.During the session, the Governor engaged in detailed discussions about various welfare schemes implemented by both the Central and State governments, encouraging officers to gain in-depth knowledge of these programs to guide the public effectively.
Dr. Kambhampati specifically highlighted schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), urging officers to promote awareness and participation in these initiatives. He noted that when informed citizens engage with such schemes, it strengthens public trust in governance.The Governor also proposed the creation of a handbook on key welfare schemes to be distributed among trainees at the Revenue Officers' Training Institute (ROTI) to enhance their understanding and outreach capabilities.

Four Arrested In Double Murder Case In Mayurbhanj

Baripada: Four Persons were arrested in connection with the double murder case in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.The victims, identified as Sonali Dalei, wife of key accused Debashis Patra and Sonali's mother Sumati Dalai, were murdered and buried in the courtyard of Debashis Patra's house in Badanugaon village.The accused individuals are Debashis Patra (36), a health worker at CHC Kuliana, Bharati Patra (60), Sambhunath Naik alias Babua (29), Sipun Pradhan alias Kala (25), informed Deepak Kumar Gachhayat, Additional SP.The investigation revealed that Debashis Patra had planned and executed the murder of his wife Sonali and her mother due to matrimonial issues and family discord.

71st National Film Awards: 'Puskara' Gets Best Odia Feature Film Award



Bhubaneswar(correspondent):: The 71st National Film Awards winners were announced on August 1, 2025. The jury submitted its report to Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Minister of State L Murugan at 4 pm, followed by a press briefing at 6 pm at the National Media Centre in New Delhi.The Odia film 'Puskara', directed by Subhransu Das and starring Sabyasachi and Supriya Nayak, has won the Best Odia Feature Film award. The film is based on eminent writer Sankar Tripathy's Odia novel 'Nadabindu' (2004).The award ceremony will be held at a later date, where the President of India will present the honours to the winners, recognising the best of Indian cinema.

Sports Minister Reviews Preparations for World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze at Kalinga Stadium



Bhubaneswar (correspondent)::Odisha is set to make history as it prepares to host the World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze for the first time at the iconic Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on August 10, 2025.On Friday, Odisha Sports Minister Shri Suryabanshi Suraj conducted a comprehensive review of the preparations, underscoring the state's commitment to delivering an impeccable global sporting experience. "Hosting the World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze in Odisha for the first time is a matter of immense pride. We are fully prepared to organise it successfully," the Minister stated.The review meeting highlighted key areas including high-grade infrastructure, hospitality coordination, athlete safety, crowd control and security deployment. More than 200 athletes from 19 countries are expected to participate across 20 track and field events.The Minister assured that the Sports and Youth Services Department is coordinating all logistical and administrative aspects to ensure the smooth conduct of the tournament. He also expressed confidence in Odisha's athletes, adding that their performances will once again bring pride to the state.The meeting was attended by top officials and stakeholders, including Shri Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav (Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department), Dr. Yedulla Vijay (Director), Shri Narasingha Bhol (Additional Commissioner of Police), Shri Deepankar Mahapatra (CEO, Hockey Promotion Council), Shri Bijay Kumar Swain and Shri Ashok Kumar Panda (Additional Secretaries).

Odisha Govt to Open 38 Model Mandis Across 30 Districts by 2026

Bhubaneswar (correspondent)::The Odisha Government has announced plans to establish 38 modern model mandis across 30 districts by next year, aiming to streamline agricultural trade and provide enhanced amenities for farmers.The announcement was made on Friday by Cooperation Minister Pradeep Bal Samanta. Addressing the media, the minister stated that in case of larger districts, the possibility of setting up more than one mandi will also be considered.These model mandis will feature a range of facilities, including potable water, toilets, rest sheds, electricity, shops, tiffin centres run by SHG women, and dedicated parking zones. A detailed presentation outlining the mandi design has already been submitted to the Chief Minister, and work will commence after formal approval.Meanwhile, challenges persist in farmer registration for the Kharif paddy procurement season due to a shortage of iris scanner machines across 16 districts. This has led to inconvenience among farmers. However, Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra dismissed concerns, affirming that registration is progressing smoothly and has been simplified for better access. According to departmental sources, while 979 iris scanners are required for e-KYC processes across 16 districts, procurement is underway to ensure timely distribution. These scanners are crucial for verifying identities and preventing agent-level malpractices.

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4	Tender Paper Cost (online) (Non-Refundable)	Rs.6,000.00
5	Class of Contractor	"D" & "C" and "C"&"B" Class Contractor
6	Period of Completion	06 (Six) Calendar Months

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BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, NARASINGHPUR	NPS-03 / 2025-26	02.08.2025 at 10.00 Hours	14.08.2025 at 17.30 Hours	13.08.2025 upto 1.00 P.M during office hours on working days	16.08.2025 upto 11.00 AM during office hours	O/o the Panchayat Samti Narasinghpur

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EDITORIAL

Talents that are Frustrated by the spree of points

Board exams in India, especially of classes 10 and 12, are not only considered the criteria for educational achievements but also these are an emotional and social event for children, their families and society. The impact of these results has a profound impact on the mental state of children, their confidence, and the direction of the future. In the month of May-June every house in Hindustan knocks a curiosity a curiosity, a fear. Every parent, the child sitting in every board exam is cutting each passing day into an obesson, a depression an insecurity...what will happen? Also, assumptions and expectations that are formed about these results in society also affect the social structure. The results of board exam in India are often considered to be a child's intelligence and a measure of future success. The pressure to score higher marks on behalf of parents, teachers and society can increase stress, anxiety and depression in children. More than 60 percent of teens in India experience mental stress before and after test results, according to a study. Good results boost confidence in children, but low marks or failure can hurt self-esteem. Many children feel inferior to themselves due to the comparative mindset of society and family, which can lead to long-term psychological effects. The results of class 12 determine whether college admissions and career options. Children experience uncertainty and insecurity about the future due to poor results, which further affects their mental health. Never heard that board exam results are coming in the US or girls in the UK have beaten up or have scored 99.5 per cent of a student in Australia. Parents are thus raising children when their incomplete aspirations will be fulfilled. Education and its objectives are being decided according to what workers our capitalist investors need. A family is moved with pleasure sacrifice, day and night of knock, struggles, grossiness. That family's money and comfortable life so the offering goes on because IT needs a great software devloper or someone wants best brain or the company needs the best game designer. Where are our education system and its ideals standing? Our schools are not the ideal citizens of the country, joining day and night in making better workers of the country and parents are pledged to make children not human beings, a mechanical device. Let the children live effortlessly, the world is not going to run away. Try to make them the best citizen, not the best employee. Children also have some aspirations by themselves, have their dreams. Their is no meaning for us, but for children they are no less than paradise. We don't make them psychopaths. These are just a desperation enhancer—toppers' news, parents' photo feeding them sweets. Will these not give a sense of mental inferiority to a normal level of students? The topper will be only two-four, the rest of the country's burden is 99 percent of these flowers, gentle ordinary children only have to be lifted. keep their smile. Give an extension to her creative power from the country.In future they become anything, become CEO in MNC but the childhood vacency we have given them will last them a lifetime and flourish as frustrations. Parents and teachers should try to understand their interests and abilities rather than putting undue pressure on children. . The society, family and education system have to build a culture together, which makes children mentally strong and confident.

Respecting Elders and Family Values



Dr Annada Tripathy

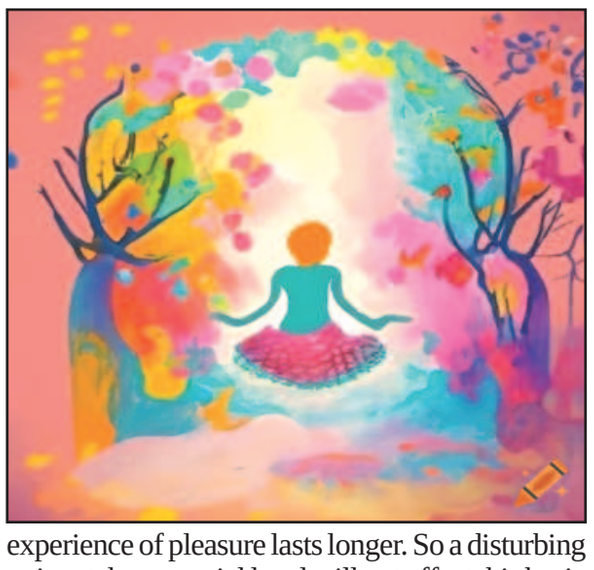
In today's fast-changing world, we see many new things. Technology has grown, education has improved and life has become faster and easier. But sadly, something very important is slowly disappearing — respect for elders, strong family bonds and caring for the name and prestige of our parents.In earlier times, elders in the family were treated with great love and respect. Their words were listened to carefully. Their experiences were considered valuable. Whether it was a grandfather telling a story or a grandmother giving advice, the younger generation always showed patience and love. Today, things are different. Many young people do not listen to their elders. They feel elders are outdated and do not understand the modern world. But they forget that elders have lived through many challenges and have deep knowledge of life.Respecting elders does not mean only touching their feet or greeting them. It means listening to them, spending time with them, caring for their needs and understanding their emotions. A few kind words, a helping hand and a little attention can bring them happiness in their old age.Once upon a time, families were united. People lived together, shared joys and sorrows, helped each other and cared deeply for their relatives. Relationships were strong. Today, many families are broken. People live separately and often don't talk to their relatives. Young people spend more time on phones, social media or with friends than with their parents or siblings.Family love is like a tree. If we water it with love, respect and care, it grows strong. But if we forget our duties, the tree becomes dry and weak. A strong family is a gift that gives us support in bad times and doubles our happiness in good times.One of the biggest problems in today's youth is ego. Everyone thinks they are right. No one wants to say "sorry." No one wants to adjust or compromise. Even in small matters, there is anger, fighting and separation. Ego breaks relationships. It creates distance between people who once loved each other.Having self-respect is good. But self-respect and ego are not the same. Ego says, "I am always right," but self-respect says, "Let me do what is right." A wise person knows when to be silent, when to forgive and when to step back for the sake of peace and harmony.Parents give us everything. They bring us up with love, care and sacrifice. They work hard to give us education, food, clothes and shelter. But some young people today forget their roots. They do not care about their parents' prestige in society. Their actions — bad behavior, wrong habits or disrespect — bring shame to their family. This is very painful for the parents who dream of seeing their children shine with good values.It is our moral duty to protect and respect our parents' honor. Whether they are rich or poor, educated or not, parents are our first gods. A good child always thinks, "Will my action make my parents proud or ashamed ?"Many elders today feel deeply unhappy and alone. Their hearts are filled with sorrow when they see young people ignoring family values, disrespecting elders and behaving with ego and pride. They often sit in silence, missing the warmth and closeness of the past. Some feel as if they are unwanted or unimportant in their own homes.They remember the times when families were united, when children eagerly listened to their parents and grandparents and when every member of the house stood together with love and respect. Now, they watch silently as relationships break,communication stops and everyone becomes busy in their own world. This loneliness and neglect hurt more than words can describe.Many elders wonder — is this the same world they worked so hard to build for their children? They long not for gifts or comforts, but for time, love and a little respect.This is not a problem without a solution. Change can begin with us, in our own homes, with small steps:Spend time with your elders. Listen to their stories. Help them with daily needs.Talk to your family members with love and patience.Say sorry when you are wrong and forgive quickly.Think before you act — will this bring honor or shame to my family?Let us bring back the culture of respect, love and togetherness. Let us build homes where elders are valued, relationships are strong and family prestige is protected.Because at the end of the day, money and success may come and go, but a loving family and proud parents are blessings that stay forever.

Happiness, sensorial mind & consciousness



Kishore Kumar Jena

Nobody wakes up in the morning wishing for more trouble that day. However, emotional trouble is essentially our own creation. I think it is largely due to two things. The first is lack of knowledge of reality due to absence of a holistic view and the second is a self-centred attitude. These two things create unnecessary problems. We can't blame our problems on anybody or anything else. Ultimately we have to realise that the cause of these problems lies within ourselves. We deal with them not through prayer, not through money, not through power, but through understanding and awareness – what we may call wisdom.But before talking about the source of happiness, it might be useful to know something about the system of our minds. Just like pleasure, pain is also part of our experiences. Usually people are under the impression that the mind is independent, absolute. Science, too, is not yet clear about the distinction between the sensorial mind and consciousness.It is important to make that distinction. When people seek pleasurable experiences, they rely mainly on the sensorial level to attain that pleasure – watching something beautiful, listening to music, tasting or smelling something. This includes tactile pleasures, including sex. These five are positive experiences mainly at the sensorial level; they are temporary. The object of beauty you behold or the beautiful music you hear is gone the moment you stop seeing or hearing it. Nevertheless, if you develop a mental level with certain positive experiences, the



experience of pleasure lasts longer. So a disturbing noise at the sensorial level will not affect this basic calmness. Even the pain of physical illness can be subdued in this state. On the other hand, no sensorial pleasure can be had if the basic mental state is that of fear, anxiety and stress. Obviously, mental-level experiences are more important than sensorial ones.

It is important to understand that mental-level happiness need not be about pleasure. It's about mental satisfaction or fulfilment. Even physical suffering and pain can bring deep satisfaction at the mental level. Happiness mainly refers to this feeling at the level of consciousness. There are non-theistic religious traditions, such as a part of Sankhya, a 3,000-year-old Indian tradition, and Jainism and Buddhism that do not talk about a creator, but believe instead in the law of causality or the law of cause and effect.Everybody in this country knows about the law of karma. It means action. Any action – whether physical, verbal or mental – arising out of any positive emotion or sincere motivation, like compassion and forgiveness, is positive or good karma. Since the motivation is good, there's a sense of concern for others' well-being, which, as it benefits others and oneself, is considered positive. Otherwise, there's no absolute positive or negative. For example, anger, hatred and suspicion are considered negative. Suspicion maybe positive or negative. Negative is that which is uncomfortable to oneself and/ or to others. Any such motivation will lead to physical, verbal or mental action that can produce negative karma. Experience of pleasure, pain and the action that causes them constitute the law of causality.

Let Us Not Be Silent When Children Starve: A Sanatani Call for Humanity



Dr SIMANT KUMAR NANDA

Today, as I turned the front page of a national newspaper, my heart broke. The image of a father cradling his lifeless child,whose only crime was being born in Gaza—burned into my soul like a scar that will not fade. A caption reported the starvation and bullet wounds that have become everyday realities for Palestinians, especially children. I ask with trembling breath,are they not human beings? Don't their tiny hands hold the potential of scientists, poets, healers, and dancers? Has God not sent every child with some divine mission for mankind? Who are we to rob them of that chance?There is a point beyond which silence becomes sin. We need not delve into the complicated histories and political motives behind this decades-old conflict to know one thing: innocent lives are perishing, not from natural disasters but from human cruelty, apathy, and intentional deprivation. Toddlers are dying not just from bombs but from hunger. This is not war,it is inhumanity disguised as strategy. The bullets, the blockades, the bombs, the denial of food and water,they do not differentiate between a terrorist and a child. They do not ask for ideology. They only kill.Reports by international organisations like Amnesty International and appeals from the United Nations have painted the truth in no uncertain terms. Starvation is being used as a weapon of war. Medical aid is blocked. Over sixty children have already died of hunger. Infants just a few months old have stopped breathing with empty stomachs and tearless eyes. And the world? Watching, calculating, hesitant. The powerful nations are speaking softly, if at all. The institutions meant to protect are paralyzed in politics. But India—Bharat, the land of compassion and eternal dharma,cannot afford to be just a spectator.India is not just a country; it is a civilization that taught the world ahimsa, karuGâ, and vasudhaiva kutumbakam. How can we, who chant "sarve bhavantu sukhina%," ignore the cries of those who are suffering beyond imagination? How can a nation that bowed before Buddha and followed the steps of Mahatma Gandhi remain quiet when children are being buried daily, not by nature, but by design? We are the land where gods walked as men to protect the innocent. Where even the wars of epics like Mahabharata and Ramayana taught that protecting the helpless is the highest dharma.If we remain silent now, what does it say about us not just as Indians, but as humans? If a child dies from starvation in Gaza, it is not a Palestinian loss alone,it is a loss to mankind, a loss to the world's future, and a failure of our own conscience. These children could have been our own. They could have held the cure to a disease, painted a masterpiece, led a movement for peace. Now, they are gone. Reduced to rubble and memories because the grown-ups couldn't be humane enough to choose life over vengeance.India must rise,not as a superpower, but as a moral power. We must speak where others are silent. We must help where others hesitate. Let our Parliament declare unequivocally that we stand with children, with humanity, with life. Let our temples, mosques, churches, gurudwaras, and ashrams pray not just for Indians but for every soul caught in the fire of hatred. Let Indian youth be taught to care beyond borders. Let our diplomats speak a language not of neutrality but of nobility. Let us send not weapons, but wheat. Not threats, but therapists. Not just statements, but shelter. Let every Indian feel that a child crying in Rafah or Jabalia is as dear as one crying in Ranchi or Jaipur.This is not about supporting one side over another. This is about choosing life over death. It is about standing with children who have no voice and no choice. It is about ensuring that no child, anywhere in the world, is ever born just to die like an insect. No religion, no boundary, no ideology can justify the massacre of innocence.India's moment of moral leadership has come. Let us act with such force of compassion, such intensity of care, that the world feels the vibration of dharma rise again from this ancient land. Let India become the lighthouse in this dark hour of humanity. Let us forget all fears, calculations, and hesitations. Let us remember only this,that every life saved is a prayer answered, and every child protected is a victory for God.For once, let us be the country the world needs. For once, let the truest legacy of our civilization be not just yoga and science, but a profound, fearless love for humanity. Let our call echo across every war-torn street: We will not let you die unheard. We will not let you starve unseen. We will not rest until every child, everywhere, has the right to live, to eat, and to dream.Let India rise. Let Bharat speak. Let humanity breathe.

Sambalpuri Day' is celebrated in Boudh in style



BOUDH,(correspondent):– 'Sambalpuri Day' was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Boudh Town Hall, organized by Pashimanchal Ekta Manch to promote the rich culture and traditions of Western Odisha. The event began with tributes to Gurushree Satya Narayan Bahidar and the worship of Maa Bhairavi, marking the cultural reverence of the occasion.Debashish Purohit, District Coordinator, outlined the goals of Sambalpuri Din, emphasizing the importance of preserving Sambalpuri language, attire, cuisine, music, and dance. Ritakanti Baliar Singh, District Information and Public Relations Officer, graced the event and lauded the efforts made toward cultural preservation.The celebration came alive with electrifying Sambalpuri performances. Renowned Sambalpuri vocalist Krishna Mukhi led the musical segment, while multiple local cultural groups, including the Boudhzilla Artist Association and child artists, delivered captivating dance.

New District Magistrate joined in Malkangiri



Malkangiri, correspondent :Mr Somesh Upadhyay joined the work today as the new District Magistrate of Malkangiri. The new District Magistrate was welcomed by Additional District Magistrate General Somnath Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Vedavaar Pradhan, District Council Chief Development Officer and Executive Officer Mr Naresh Chandra Shabar and Sub collector Mr Duryodhan Bhoi at the District Magistrate's office. Later, other departmental officers met the District Magistrate and congratulated him. In his response, District Magistrate Shri Upadhyay sought everyone's active cooperation to take the district forward. Earlier, Shri Upadhyay was working as the District Magistrate of Dhenkanal. Similarly, Ashish Iswar Patil, who was working as the District Magistrate of Malkangiri, has been transferred as the District Magistrate of Dhenkanal District.

Sonepur College Alumni Association Welcomes to New Collector



SUBARNAPUR correspondent -- Sonepur College Alumni Association welcomed the newly-joined Collector & District Magistrate Dr. Nruparaj Sahu to its office today at 5 pm. Dr. Sahu, who came from the Education Department, had a cordial discussion with the Alumni Association and inquired about all the issues of Sonepur College. On this occasion, the members requested to open PG courses in the college, but due to the breach of the college fence, unauthorized entry of anti-social persons and cows were also reported to be entering the college. It was requested to take steps to re-accredit the college and to take steps to give government recognition to the oldest Sonepur College. During this meeting, Alumni Association President Dr. Prafulla Kumar Rath, Vice President Gitakrushna Mishra, Secretary Bharat Bhushan Dash, Treasurer Biswaranjan Pujhari, Coordinator Sudam Mishra, Finance Department Nishant Mohanty, Executive Member Plaban Mohapatra along with Media Cell Member Raj Kishore Tripathy participated in the discussion.

Tragic road accdient claims life near Kelopala chowk



Dharamgarh Correspondent: A heartbreaking accident occurred near Kelopala Chowk under the Junagarh police limits, claiming the life of a young man due to the recklessness of a goods transport truck driver.The victim, Kartik (32), was returning to his home in Mahichala from Gadramal village after completing his electrical work duties. Around 7:30 PM, while on his way, he was struck by a goods transport truck bearing registration number WB-33 F 4058. The impact of the accident was fatal, and Kartik died on the spot at Kelopala.This tragic incident has sparked concern and fear among local residents about the growing threat of reckless driving by truck drivers, especially regarding the safety of pedestrians in the area.Basudev Bemal, father of the deceased, has lodged a formal complaint at the Dharamgarh Police Station. He has urged the IIC to take strict action and ensure justice is served for his son.

Sampurnata Abhiyan Felicitation Ceremony Held in Rayagada – Honouring Collective Efforts



Rayagada,Correspondent:To celebrate the remarkable success of the Sampurnata Abhiyan (Saturation Campaign) that continued across Rayagada district for the past three months, a special felicitation ceremony was organized at the Zilla Parishad Conference Hall. The event aimed to honour district officials, block teams, frontline workers, and key stakeholders who played leading roles in achieving 100% coverage in various developmental indicators.The ceremony commenced with the inauguration of the "Aakanksha Haat", a vibrant exhibition showcasing rural products and innovations rooted in community engagement. The haat will remain open for seven days. In addition, two unique initiatives — the "Selfie Point" and "Hunar Ki Chaap" campaign — were launched to encourage community pride and participation.Officers from the Education and Nutrition departments were felicitated for achieving 100% target completion. Notably, Padmapur and Muniguda blocks were specially recognized for achieving full saturation in health, nutrition, agriculture, basic infrastructure, and social development, marking a milestone in convergence and unified action.The event was graced by several dignitaries including Hon'ble MLA of Rayagada Shri Kadraka Appalaswamy, Zilla Parishad Chairperson Smt. Saraswati Majhi, DFO Shri Sachin Ahna, Additional District Magistrate Shri Naveen Chandra Nayak, and Shri Akshay Kumar Khemundu, along with all BDOs and departmental heads.Their presence and encouragement highlighted the importance of recognizing impactful initiatives at the grassroots level. All departments, officials, frontline workers, Aspirational Block staff, and the Piramal Foundation team were felicitated and awarded.The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates and awards to individuals and departments for their outstanding contributions. The event reaffirmed a strong commitment to sustainable development through collective determination, unified leadership, and coordinated execution.

WESTERN ODISHA DEVELOPMENT Corporation FAILS !

Kantabanji, Correspondent : The Western Odisha Development Corporation ,established to promote development in the region, has been accused of failing to deliver on its promises. Despite completing 25 years, the council has not made a significant impact on the region's development.The council's leadership has been criticized for being inaccessible and ineffective. Former Chief Secretary Asit Tripathi's appointment as chairman was seen as a disaster, with even ruling party leaders and workers unable to approach him. After the change of government, Tripathi resigned, and the council's CEO took voluntary retirement.
The corporation has struggled with vacant posts, including the chairman and expert positions. CEO Sachin Ramachandra Yadav has been given additional responsibilities, including CEO of Uttaranchal RDC and Secretary of the Sports and Youth Services Department. This has raised concerns about his ability to handle the workload.The public is unhappy with the corporation's performance, particularly the failure to shift its headquarters from the capital to the region. The council's inability to address regional disparities has led to allegations that it has distanced itself from development.The corporation's effectiveness in promoting development in West Odisha has been questioned. With vacant posts, overloaded responsibilities, and public discontent, the council faces significant challenges in delivering on its promises.

Collector Visited Cheligada Project



Paralakhemundi Correspondent -At Cheligada of RUdayagiri block Gajapati Collector Madhumita visited project undergoing construction.She also visited Kuanpada & Mushadali villages where project tunnel constructed.At Cheligada she visited nearby dam & Badjor river construction area. At Pilisiguba colony she instructed for all development works. Similarly at Sailong those Bidyadharpur evacuated colony reviewed & discussed with families. On her visit among others Rehabilitation & Settlement Officer Rabindranath Kanhar, Executive Engineer of Cheligada project Birendra Kumar Jagat, Tehsildar Jyotirmaya Das,Sibashis Panda, Bholanath Behera ,Addl. Executive Engineer Laxmicharan Mishra Asst.Engineer Jayant Nayak,Niranjan Reddi with other staff were present.She instructed to complete dam work.

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Police Released on Bail to Peon Given Urine as Drinking

Paralakhemundi Correspondent-At RUdayagiri one Engineer posted & joined on 18th.On 23rd night his peon given urine for drinking.Other 2 staff felt urine smell of that given water.
While testing that urine more Ammonia detected in laboratory test.So a written complain given to Chief Engineer, Additional Chief Engineer of Brahmapur Circle given by the victim.RUdayagiri police taken him & interrogated him. Later he released om bail

Bolero vehicle seized with Rs. 12 lakh 15 thousand, four accused arrested





SUBARNAPUR Correspondent -- While patrolling in Rampur, Subarnapur district late on the night of last 30th, a Bolero vehicle was checked on suspicion and a big packet filled with huge amounts of money was found, according to information received from Rampur Police. According to information received from Rampur Police Station IIC Padmasini Meher, on last 30th, the entire district was blocked by the police, while Rampur Police also sealed its borders and checked the vehicles and motors, and late at night, a Bolero (OD - 03 S - 3302) was checked on suspicion. There were 4 youths including the driver inside the said Bolero vehicle, all of them were found to be from the Kantamal Police Station area of Boudh district. It is known that Bhabanishankar Barik (27), Sachin Khatua (23), Dhirendra Majhi (27) of Rundimahul village under Kantamal police station in Boudh district and Brundaban Kanhar of Sargipali. Then, knowing that there was money in a big packet in the said vehicle, they brought all of them to Rampur police station and detained them. Then, after checking the said packet yesterday, IIC Mrs. Meher informed that there was Rs. 12 lakh 15 thousand 700 rupees in it. Then, when asked where he got so much money, he said that he got it from an unknown person from Haldipali Chhak, Bargarh and that he was taking Kantamal. Then, the preliminary investigation has revealed that it was stolen money and it was being transferred. A theft case was registered and investigated and all four youths were produced before the Rampur court. However, all of them were sent to jail after their bail was rejected, informed IIC Mrs. Meher.

Rani Mukerji Dedicates Her 1st National Award To All 'Incredible Mothers'



Bollywood actress Rani Mukerji, who was honoured with her first National Award on Friday, has reacted to her big win at the National Awards this year. The actress was announced as the winner of the National Award for Best Actress for her work in 'Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway'.Talking about the same, the actress said in a statement, "I'm overwhelmed to have won the National Award for my performance in 'Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway'. Incidentally, this is the first ever National Award in my 30 year career. As an actor, I have been fortunate to have some incredible films in my body of work and have got so much love for them. I thank the National Award jury for honouring my work in 'Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway'. I share this moment with the entire team of the film, my producers Nikkhil Advani, Monisha and Madhu, my director Ashima Chibber, and everyone who worked on this truly special project that celebrated the resilience of motherhood".The actress said that for her, this award is also a validation of her 30 year body of work, her dedication to my craft with which she feels a deeply spiritual connection and her passion for cinema and the film industry.She further mentioned, "I dedicate my National Award to all the incredible mothers of this world. There is nothing like a mother's love and her ferocity to protect her own. The story of this Indian immigrant mother who went all out for her child and took on a nation shook me deeply.. a mother's love for her child is unconditional.. I realised this when I had my own. So, this win, this film feels deeply emotional and personal. A mother can move mountains for her children and also make the world a better place. This film tried to show this".."It also feels the apt time to again thank all my fans, from across the world, who have relentlessly supported me through thick and thin for these 30 years. Your unconditional love and support is everything that I have ever needed to stay motivated, to show up at work every day and to deliver performances that have entertained you. You've embraced every role, every character, every story I've had the good fortune to bring to life. So, without you I would be nobody today", she added.

5 must-have breathable fabrics for a cool Wardrobe

As the MANSOON season continues to soar, the heat has entirely engulfed us. With temperatures soaring up to 52 degrees, breaking all records in certain parts of the country, this year's heatwave feels like a personal hell for many. For those who find themselves sweating buckets even during a 20-minute commute, dressing appropriately can make a world of difference. If you're someone always in a hurry to hit the office on time and end up drenched in sweat, it's crucial to wear fabrics that will help you survive this scorching heat. Kanupriya, Designer at Latin Quarters, shared with HT Lifestyle the five best fabric materials to keep you fresh and stylish, no matter how high the temperatures rise.

It's time to get ready to refresh your wardrobe with these summer-friendly fabrics to overcome the heat with ease.

5 must-have fabrics for summers

First things first, bid farewell to your thick, tight jeans and opt for lightweight, natural, and breathable fabrics. While cotton has long been a staple of summer wardrobes, there are other fabrics worth considering to expand your summer-friendly collection. Here's a breakdown of the best fabrics and where to find your summer style. (Also read: Summer fashion trends 2024: 5 chic looks you must try for effortless style and comfort)

1) Cotton: An all-time summer saviour

Cotton is a summer wardrobe champion for a reason. It's breathable, lightweight, and comfortable. As a natural fibre, cotton allows air to circulate freely, ensuring airflow that dries damp areas of the body. A good quality lightweight cotton absorbs moisture, helping you cool down quickly. It also comes in a variety of styles and colours, making it a versatile choice.

2) The Three 'C' Rule of Linen: Cool, comfortable and classic

Linen is another excellent choice for hot weather. This loosely woven, natural fibre allows heat to escape from the body, absorbs moisture, and dries quickly, keeping you cool and comfortable. Linen is also malleable and doesn't stick to the body, though it can wrinkle easily. If you prefer a smoother look, consider linen blends.

For the everyday working individual, linen is a practical and stylish option. Its breathability makes it ideal for long hours at the office, ensuring you stay cool during commutes and meetings. Linen's versatility means it can be dressed up or down, making it perfect for both professional settings and casual outings.

3) Shed with weight with Chambray

Chambray often comes in a higher thread count, resulting in a finer weave and more breathable fabric. Chambray has a similar look to denim, allowing you to achieve the denim look without the weight and heat of actual denim. Chambray is often mistaken for denim because of its similar weave: a blue warp and a white weft woven together. But while denim is sturdy and can be stiff, Chambray is the opposite: lightweight and airy with a softer feel. This makes Chambray a perfect summer fabric.

4) A centuries-old summer companion: Muslin

In the sweltering heat, Muslin stands out as the go-to fabric for staying cool and chic. Crafted with a single weft thread alternating over and under a single warp thread, Muslin's soft and feather-like texture makes it a no-brainer for summers. Its breathability and lightweight nature ensure comfort in both dry heat and humidity. Derived from natural fibres like cotton, Muslin allows for excellent airflow, keeping the body cool and comfortable during hot weather while providing utmost comfort in wear.

5) Hemp: For all-time comfort and seasonal style

Hemp boasts antimicrobial properties and durability, making it an ideal choice for summer. Its high breathability and high absorbency make it a winning contender for summer. If that's not enough to convince you, hemp is stronger and better insulating than cotton. Hemp fabric has a natural resistance to UV rays, protecting it from the sun's harmful rays. Its ability to swiftly absorb and wick away moisture ensures you stay dry and comfortable on any summer adventure. With hemp, both you and your attire can breathe easy and stay cool throughout the season.

Tips to reduce chronic low-grade inflammation: Nutritionist explains



Processed foods contain artificial sweeteners, additives, colouring and added sugars. These are all sources of inflammation. We should reduce processed food intakeWhole, nutrient-dense foods contain antioxidants that help in reducing levels of free radicals responsible for causing inflammation. We can stimulate the vagus nerve with breathwork, cold exposure and humming – this helps in reducing the production of proinflammatory cytokines. Food items rich in Omega-3 fatty acids should be included in the diet. Foods such as fatty fish, flaxseeds and walnuts have anti-inflammatory properties. Consumption of prebiotic and probiotic food items can help the gut to strengthen against inflammation. Regulating blood sugar in the body also helps in combatting inflammation.

QUICK TIPS

Clean As You Go. What a concept! My kitchen used to be the center of chaos when I first started cooking. The source of that chaos was not prepping in advance or anticipating where I was going with a recipe. Here are 12 tips I've gathered over the years that have transformed my messy kitchen into a clean kitchen while cooking. The result? An overall more calming and enjoyable cooking experience.

Mango Millet Cheesecake Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

For Cheesecake
Cream Cheese 300 gms
Sweetened Condensed Milk 120 gms
White Chocolate 40 gms
Heavy Cream 130 gms
For Millet Crumble
Millet Biscuits 200 gms
Butter 50 gms
For Glaze
Vegetarian Gelatin 30 gms
Castor Sugar 400 gms
Mango juice 400 gms

METHOD:

For the Base

Crush millet cookies, add melted butter, and mix the ingredients thoroughly. Grease a cheesecake mould, line the bottom of the cake mould with the mixture and flatten equally.

For the Batter

1) Whisk Philadelphia-style cream cheese in a kitchen aid with a paddle attachment for 5-6 minutes until soft and smooth. Using a spatula, scrape down the sides regularly.

2) Chop the white chocolate into small pieces. In a saucepan, bring the heavy cream to a 35% boil, pour it over the chopped white chocolate, and make a ganache.

3) Stir the condensed milk into the ganache. Fold small amounts of ganache mix into the cream cheese. Do the process continuously to avoid making any lumps.



Tips for crafting the perfect AM skincare routine



that your skin requires that dose of extra attention in the morning.

Tips for Morning Skincare

Dr. Simal Soin, Founder and Chief Dermatologist, AAYNA Clinics and Chief Medical Officer, shared with HT Lifestyle an easy morning skincare regime designed to keep your skin singing praises all day long.

The dewy hours of the morning bring forth a new day filled with endless possibilities and a chance to wake up your skin from its slumber. Skin that feels fresh and rejuvenated sets the tone for your entire day, acting as the foundation of a positive journey that awaits you. The key to healthy skin and an uplifted mood is none other than curating a consistent morning skincare regimen, which is nothing short of a love letter dedicated solely to your skin. After awakening from the night's tedious process of repairing and regeneration, it's certain

1. Starting Off with Cleansing

After a long night, the skin tends to produce sebum, sweat and dead skin cells, which build up on the skin and clog the pores. By cleansing the skin in the morning, you can not only rid these impurities but wake up to revitalised skin. Having said that, it's pivotal to use a mild cleanser that refreshes the skin without stripping off its natural oil.

As a result, individuals dealing with oily and acne-prone skin should surely use a cleanser with salicylic acid or benzoyl peroxide, crafted to prevent excessive oil and breakouts. At the same time, for dry or sensitive skin, a gentle hydrating cleanser will work best without causing any irritation.

5th Test: Siraj And Prasidh Pick Three Wickets Each To Lead India's Fightback, Leave England At 215/7



London: Pacers Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna took three wickets each to spearhead India's spirited fightback and leave England at 215/7 in 42.5 overs at tea on day two of the fifth Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy at The Oval here on Friday.

Primed to take a lead after reaching 109/1 at lunch, England lost six wickets in the afternoon session, which meant they still trail India by nine runs and will be hoping for Harry Brook, who's unbeaten on 33, to give them a slender lead.India looked down and out when the second session began, but the bowlers put up a much-improved show, bowling tighter lines, good lengths, and hitting the stumps much more to keep the pressure on the batters to get the session in their favour.In the post-lunch session, Zak Crawley had issues in timing the ball well, and in an attempt to pull off Prasidh, the right-handed batter top-edged to mid-wicket and fell for 64. Four overs later, Siraj got a length ball to come back in sharply and beat Ollie Pope's inside edge to trap him lbw for 22. India challenged the on-field call and got it in their favour as replays showed the ball hitting the middle and leg stumps.Brook and Joe Root tried stabilising England's innings by hitting five boundaries in their brief 33-run stand, before Siraj trapped the latter plumb lbw with a nip-backer coming in sharply again, as England also burnt a review.Siraj got more rewards for his relentless toil when his inswinging yorker trapped Jacob Bethell lbw for just six. Prasidh then took over and dismissed Jamie Smith, who tried to punch off the back foot, but edged to KL Rahul, who took a sharp catch at second slip. At the stroke of tea, Prasidh trapped Jamie Overton plumb lbw for duck, as the session came to an end in India's favour.

Odisha FC Suspend Operations While Women's Team Remain Functional, Confirms Owner

New Delhi: Odisha FC has suspended operations amidst the uncertainty regarding the future of the Indian Super League 2025/26 season. Club owner Rohan Sharma took to social media to confirm that while the headlines suggest the club has shut down, that is not entirely the case.Odisha FC's women side will continue their pre season plans for the upcoming season, with the Indian Women's League 2025-26 season set to begin in September. He also hopes with more and more clubs being forced to suspend their operations, a solution for the future will be taken more efficiently."We haven't shut down the club despite the headlines. Key staff members are retained, our women's team will be operational. However, it becomes harder to justify to my stakeholders to sink Crs upon Crs with nothing to show for it, and no end in sight."We have -No Clarity when the League will Start – Nowhere to practice/play/work in Odisha – No way to get sponsorship since there's no season – No way to engage investors with an expiring participation agreement We hoped something would give, but sadly it hasn't"We didn't go into this offseason planning to take this step. In fact we had made 5 signings until it became clear things are delayed We desperately hope the above issues get resolved; maybe doing this will prompt people to fast-track solutions so we can get back to work," read the thread by Sharma on 'X'In a letter to the participant clubs, a copy of which is with IANS, FSDL informed that it is forced to put ISL 2025-26 on hold because it is "unable to effectively plan, organise, or commercialise the 2025–26 ISL season" because no agreement has been reached regarding the Master Rights Agreement (MRA), which was to expire on December 8, 2025, with the AIFF.

Chris Woakes Ruled Out of Final IND vs ENG Test Due to Shoulder Injury



NEWDELHI; Seasoned seamer Chris Woakes has been ruled out of the fifth and final Test against India due to a shoulder injury.The announcement came from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) just ahead of Day 2's play on August 1.Woakes, known for his dependable all-round abilities, will not feature in the remainder of the match, with further assessment scheduled after the conclusion of the series. His absence could prove pivotal as England looks to end the campaign on a strong note.The injury adds to England's selection woes, already dealing with a high-intensity series and a competitive Indian side on home turf.With the final Test holding strategic importance, England will now need to recalibrate their bowling attack and find a suitable replacement for Woakes.

Women's World Cup Triumph Was The Biggest Test Of My Resilience, Says Divya Deshmukh



New Delhi: FIDE Women's World Cup gold medallist, who also became the 88th Grandmaster of the country and 4th Indian woman to become a Grand Master, believes her run at the tournament was a 'test of resilience' and hopes it motivates young girls to dream and achieve more on a global level.Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Mansukh Mandaviya, felicitated Divya and her final opponent, Koneru Humpy in New Delhi on Friday."I think this tournament has been the biggest task of resilience, and also it was such a long event, so it definitely tested my physical and emotional stamina and also how to handle my nerves in the crucial moments."It (resiliency) is definitely one of the things that has helped me come this far; that and always always fighting to the end because I think that even in this tournament that has helped me a lot," Divya told IANS.The 19-year-old Divya stunned the chess world by winning the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025, becoming the first Indian woman to claim the prestigious title. In the all-Indian final, Divya defeated legendary compatriot Koneru Humpy 1.5–0.5 in the rapid tiebreaks on Monday to script a fairytale ending."I would say it definitely helped chess in India and I'm hoping that it becomes motivation and inspiration for a lot of young girls that are out there and they are watching and are having big dreams, so I hope that they know that they can achieve them. I think it will hopefully play a small part," she added.The classical games played in the final had ended in tense draws, with both players showcasing resilience and elite-level play.But the tie-breaks were where the young sensation flipped the script. After the first rapid game ended in a draw, the second saw Humpy crack under time pressure, making critical blunders that Divya pounced on. With nerves of steel, Divya closed out the win to become the 2025 Women's World Cup champion, the fourth Indian woman to earn the Grandmaster title, and the country's 88th GM overall."It has been very overwhelming coming to India seeing so much love from people, so much support from people. It has been really nice. It has been quite an exhausting trip and also an exhausting few days, but I don't think my heart could be any happier," she concluded.

East Bengal FC Sign Fazila Ikwaput, Shilky Devi & Payal Basude For 2026-26 Season



Kolkata: East Bengal FC Women have announced the signings of former Indian Women's League (IWL) champions Fazila Ikwaput, Shilky Devi and Payal Basude for the 2025-26 season.Ugandan national team forward Fazila was the top scorer in the previous two editions of the IWL.Midfielder Shilky and goalkeeper Payal, meanwhile, are key members of the senior Indian women's national team. All three players have joined the Red & Gold Brigade from Gokulam Kerala FC.The addition of these champion footballers underscores Emami East Bengal FC's commitment to building a formidable women's team that can defend its domestic league double (the IWL and the CWFL), and compete at the highest level in Asia, when they represent India at the AFC Women's Champions LeagueCurrently the vice-captain of the Ugandan women's national team, Fazila is all set to embark onher fourth season in Indian football. The two-time IWL Golden Boot winner has netted 42 goals in the league and is the first Ugandan female footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League, when she represented the Kazakhstan club BIIK-Shymkent in 2018.

AIFF Appoints Khalid Jamil as India Coach, Ends 13-Year Foreign Streak

NEWDELHI: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Khalid Jamil as the head coach of the Indian men's national football team, breaking a 13-year streak of foreign leadership. Jamil replaces Manolo Marquez, whose winless tenure ended last month.Born in Kuwait, the 49-year-old Jamil carries a rich legacy in Indian football, having clinched the top division both as a player for Mahindra United in 2005 and as a coach for Aizawl FC in 2017. His AFC Pro License and extensive experience across I-League and ISL make him a compelling choice, especially amid AIFF's strategic pivot and budgetary challenges.The AIFF Technical Committee, influenced by the need for cultural resonance and development-oriented leadership, selected Jamil over other contenders, including Stephen Constantine and Stefan Tarkovic. The Executive Committee ratified the appointment on August 1.Jamil remains contracted with Jamshedpur FC until 2026, but will guide the Blue Tigers at the upcoming CAFA Nations Cup, facing tough opponents like Iran and Tajikistan. His tenure begins as India stands at 133rd in global rankings, with hopes high for renewed direction.As Indian football navigates financial constraints and competitive ambition, Jamil's appointment signals both pragmatic and cultural recalibration.

Shreyas Iyer, Sarfaraz Khan Set for Duleep Trophy Return



NEWDELHI: India batters Shreyas Iyer and Sarfaraz Khan are set to return to red-ball cricket, confirming their participation in the Duleep Trophy for West Zone starting August 28.The zonal selection will be finalised later on Friday, Mumbai Cricket Association sources told Hindustan Times.Joining them will be Shivam Dube and Tushar Deshpande. West Zone have already sealed a semi-final spot and will face the quarter-final winner on September 4.Shreyas, currently out of the Test squad, has played 14 Tests with one century and five fifties. Despite strong domestic form last season, he was overlooked for the England series. Selection chief Ajit Agarkar cited a lack of space in the current Test setup, while coach Gautam Gambhir encouraged consistent domestic performances for a comeback. Sarfaraz, known for his prolific domestic run-scoring, was also ignored for the England tour. The right-hander, who scored a memo rable 150 against New Zealand last year, has worked on fitness issues that have often overshadowed his performances.Earlier, South Zone named Tilak Varma as captain for the Duleep Trophy. Stars like KL Rahul, Prasidh Krishna, Washington Sundar, and Mohammed Siraj have not been picked for the competition.

Para Powerlifting To Offer First Medal As Sessions Schedule Revealed For 2026 Commonwealth Games

Glasgow: With 30 medal sessions across 50 sport sessions, next year's Commonwealth Games edition in Glasgow will be compact and short, and it will be spread over just 10 days. The organisers of Glasgow 2026 on Thursday revealed the official Session Schedule for the Commonwealth Games, setting the stage for 10 compact days of world-class sport action across the city.

Running from July 23 to August 2, the Games will bring together 3,000 athletes from 74 nations and territories to compete across 10 sports and six Para sports, with more than 200 medals to be won in 50 medal sessions. Events will take place in four of Scotland's most iconic venues: the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome and Arena, Scotstoun Stadium, Tollcross International Swimming Pool, and the Scottish Exhibition Campus (SEC).Competition will be held in 3×3 Basketball and 3×3 wheelchair Basketball, Artistic Gymnastics, Athletics and Para Athletics, Bowls and Para Bowls, Boxing, Judo, Netball, Swimming and Para-Swimming, Track Cycling and Para Cycling, Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting.The action will begin on July 24 when the first medal of the Games will be awarded in Para Powerlifting, marking the first time in Commonwealth Games history that a Para sport opens the medal tally. Later that evening, fans can look forward to further medal events in Artistic Gymnastics and Swimming and Para Swimming, rounding off a thrilling first day of competition, Glasgow 2026 informed in a release on Thursday.Despite there being fewer sports and fewer days than in previous editions, the organisers claimed that Glasgow 2026 will feature expanded programmes in several sports, offering more sessions and more opportunities for fans to experience the action. Bowls and Para Bowls will run across all 10 days of the Games — the longest competition programme for the sport at a Commonwealth Games since Delhi 2010.

Vedanta profitsurges 13% to 5,000 crores on the back of record production and low cost

Mumbai: Vedanta Limited (BSE: 500295& NSE: VEDL) today announced its Unaudited Consolidated Results for the firstquarter ended 30thJune 2025. Vedanta delivered robust financials with profit after tax jumping 13% YoY to ? 5,000 crores. The company clocked the highest ever first quarterEBITDAof ? 10,746 crores, up 5% YoY. Vedanta's EBITDA margin improved by 81 bps to 35% YoY, highest in the last 13 quarters. The company's consolidated revenue for Q1 stood at ? 37,434 crores, up 6% YoY. Vedanta's liquidity improved7% QoQ & 33% YoY withcash and cash equivalent of ? 22,137 crore. The company's Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) improved by 87 bps YoY to25%. Credit ratings for Vedanta reaffirmed at AA from both CRISIL and ICRA to AA.The company clocked record quarterly alumina production at 587 KT, up 9% YoY with lowest hot metalcost (ex-alumina) at 888 $/t in the last 16 quarters; overall aluminum cost of production lower by 12% QoQ. Vedanta's zinc operations in India achieved highest ever first quarter mined metal production at 265 KT and lowest first quarter zinc cost of production at US$1,010/t, lower 9% YoY. The company's international zinc operations witnessed a 50% YoY jump in mined metal production with overall cost of production at $1,269/t, lower 21% YoY. Vedanta's power sales increased 33% QoQ. The company commissioned 950 MW of merchant power capacity with Athena power plant (Unit 1 - 600 MW) commissioned in July'25 and the Meenakshi power plant unit 3 (350MW) receiving COD in July'25.

TPWODL Launches Community-Based Development and Rehabilitation Program for Differently able Persons in Sonepur

Burla/ Sonepur, (correspondent):TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), in partnership with RARE (Research Academy for Rural Enrichment), has launched a special Community-Based Inclusive Development and Rehabilitation Program for differently able persons in Sonepur district. This initiative is part of TPWODL's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts.The program was officially launched at the



RARE Conference Hall in Dhobamunda, Sonepur. The inaugural event was attended by Mr. Parveen Verma, CEO of TPWODL, and several key officials including the Director of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Bolangir, Sub-Divisional Social Security Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, Chief District Medical & Public Health Officer, and District Skill Development and Employment Officer. Differently abled beneficiaries, along with their families and caregivers, also participated in the event.The year-long program aims to support 1,000 beneficiaries from 13 Gram Panchayats in the Dunguripali Block of Sonepur district. Its main focus will be on capacity building and empo werment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The Key Activities of the program will include need-based rehabilitation services, vocational training and educational support, counselling services for beneficiaries and families, training of local healthcare workers, teachers, and volunteers on disability awareness, promoting access to government schemes and inclusive development programs, providing regular physiotherapy, occupa tional therapy, and speech therapy, organizing awareness drives to reduce social stigma and promote inclusion.

Tata Motors Unveils Iconic Harrier EV at Gugnani Autocars, Cuttack

Cuttack(correspondent) : August Tata Motors has officially launched its much-anticipated Harrier EV at Gugnani Autocars, Pratapnagari, Cuttack, marking a major leap forward in the electric vehicle landscape of Odisha. The unveiling event witnessed the presence of Rajan Gugnani, Yashneet Gugnani, Asmit Praharaj, Regional Manager, SBI, Abhishek Chokraborty, Area Manager, Tata Motors, Manoj Kumar Senapati, General Manager, IDBI Bank.The Harrier EV, an all-electric SUV, is poised to redefine performance, design, and sustainability in its segment. Equipped with a dual-motor powertrain, the Harrier



EV delivers a powerful 238 PS and accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 6.3 seconds-making it the fastest in its category. It boasts a robust 75 kW battery that supports ultra-fast charging, providing an impressive 250 km range in just 15 minutes of charging time.The vehicle's cutting-edge Frequency Dependent Damping Suspension ensures enhanced ride comfort and stability, while the 504 Nm torque and XWD dual-motor all-wheel drive system promise optimal control across diverse terrains. Designed for Indian roads, the Harrier EV comes in four eye-catching colors and includes a lifetime battery warranty, reinforcing Tata Motors' commitment to quality and customer satisfaction.

With this launch, Tata Motors further strengthens its EV portfolio and accelerates its mission toward sustainable mobility in India.

Shri K. J. Patel Appointed as the New Managing Director of IFFCO

Paradeep,(correspondent): Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), one of the world's largest cooperative fertilizer producers, has appointed Shri K. J. Patel as its new Managing Director, following the retirement of Dr. U. S. Awasthi on July 31, 2025. Dr. Awasthi served the organization for over four decades, including an extraordinary 32-year tenure as its MD & CEO.Shri K. J. Patel brings with him a wealth of experience, a strong cooperative vision, and deep grassroots understanding of IFFCO's mission. A dynamic and result-oriented leader, Shri



Patel has been associated with IFFCO for around 40 years, starting as a Graduate Engineer Apprentice (GEA) in 1985, holding several senior leadership positions across various units of the organization.Of particular significance to the people of Odisha, Shri Patel served with distinction at the IFFCO Paradeep Unit, one of IFFCO's flagship fertilizer plants. During his tenure as Unit Head, he played a pivotal role in enhancing operational efficiency, strengthening energy management practices, and modernizing plant operations. Under his leadership, the Paradeep Unit received multiple accolades in areas of sustainability, environment & energy conservation, and productivity enhancement.His close engagement with the local community in Paradeep and commitment to inclusive growth earned him admiration from employees and stakeholders alike. Shri Patel is known for his visionary leadership and people-first approach—hallmarks that align with IFFCO's cooperative ethos.Upon assuming charge as MD, Shri Patel expressed his gratitude to the IFFCO Board and member cooperatives for their trust and support. He also expressed deep gratitude to Dr. U. S. Awasthi for his pathbreaking leadership that positioned IFFCO as a global model in the cooperative and fertilizer sectors."It is a privilege and a profound responsibility to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Awasthi. IFFCO has always stood for the prosperity of the Nation & Indian farmers, and I am committed to carrying that legacy forward with innovation, sustainability, and cooperative strength," said Shri Patel.With Shri Patel at the helm, IFFCO embarks on a new journey honoring its legacy while embracing a renewed vision rooted in experience and continuity.

Indian Stock Markets End Lower As India-US Trade Deal Stalls

Mumbai: The Indian stock market settled in negative territory on Friday after US President Donald Trump announced 25 per cent tariffs on imports from the country.Sensex settled at 80,599.91, down 585.67 points or 0.72 per cent. The 30-share index started the session in negative territory at 81,074.41 against last session's closing of 81.185.58, following the tariff threat by US. The index further extended the falling momentum amid overall selling pressure-especially in Pharma and IT sector. The index touched intra-day low at 80,495.57.Nifty closed at 24,565.35, down 203 points or 0.82 per cent.Tata Steel, Maruti Suzuki, Infosys, Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, BEL, Bajaj FinServ, ICICI Bank, HCL tech, Mahindra and Mahindra, and TCS were the top losers from the Sensex basket.

AM/NS India sets uptwosolar-based drinking water unitsin Odisha



Keonjhar/Sundargarh :ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India), as part of its flagship Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative Project 'Trupti',inaugurated two solar-powered drinking water supply units at Belkundi and Motupadarvillages under Keonjhar and Sundargarh district respectively. These will provide access to safe and clean drinking water for the local communitiesthereby enhancing their health and wellness. The newly installed drinking water unit at Belkundi village, Ward-2, Barbil Municipalitynear Thakurani mine, directly addresses the community's need for reliable drinking water. Equipped with a 5000-litre storage tank, solar-powered pumping unit, borewell, and five tap points, the structure will benefit over 220 nearby local community members. The inauguration was attended by Shri Laxman Mohanta, Ex-Councillor of Ward-2, Dr. Vikas Yadvendu, Head - CSR, AM/NS India,Shri Uday Kumar Verma, Head - Security, AM/NS India,along with AM/NS India officials and enthusiastic community members.Another drinking water unit was inaugurated at Motupadar village, under Malda Gram Panchayat of Koira Block. This solar-powered borewell system will serve more than 130 local community members, reducing the occurrence of waterborne diseases and enhancing quality of life. The inauguration was attended by Shri Ajit Singh, Head - Pipeline Projects, Odisha, AM/NS India along with other representatives from the company and local community members.The community members were provided with training and orientation sessions on the maintenance and upkeep of the solar water structures. This step is aimed at ensuring long-term sustainability, local ownership, and efficient functioning of the community assets. These initiatives under Project Trupti align with AM/NS India's efforts to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals towards access toclean water and sanitation and towardsaffordable and clean energy.

ECoR Launches Swachhata Abhiyan _ A Fortnight Dedicated to Cleanliness and Community Involvement



Bhubaneswar, (correspondent)East Coast Railway (ECoR) has launched a fortnight-long Swachhata Abhiyan, running from 1st to 15th August 2025, with a focus on ensuring cleanliness across Railway Stations, trains, offices, workshops, maintenance depots, hospitals, and residential areas under its jurisdiction. This massive cleanliness drive is being carried out to create awareness and inspire collective action towards maintaining a clean and green India.On the inaugural day of Swachhata Abhiyan, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway, administered the Swachhata pledge to all staff and officers. The pledge emphasized the importance of personal responsibility in maintaining cleanliness, with employees committing to keep their premises clean and motivate the general public to do the same.

The Swachhata pledge taken by ECoR employees includes a commitment to devote 100 hours annually towards cleanliness activities and to encourage at least 100 other individuals to do the same.

East Coast Railway remains committed to its mission of achieving cleanliness across all its Divisions, aiming to inspire widespread community involvement. With the support of passengers, railway users, and the general public, ECoR is leading the charge towards a cleaner and healthier environment.

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