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Mokyr, Aghion, Howitt Win 2025 Nobel Prize in Economics

NEWDELHI: Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Economics for their pioneering research on innovation-driven growth. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the trio for their contributions to understanding how technological progress fuels long-term economic development. Their work challenged traditional models and emphasized the role of innovation, entrepreneurship, and policy in shaping prosperity. Mokyr, a professor at Northwestern University, explored how cultural and institutional factors influence technological adoption.



Aghion, affiliated with the Collège de France and the London School of Economics, developed models showing how competition and education impact innovation. Howitt, from Brown University, collaborated with Aghion to build the Schumpeterian growth theory, which explains how creative destruction drives progress. Their research reshaped economic thinking. Policymakers now consider innovation ecosystems, R&D

incentives, and education reforms as central to growth strategies. The Nobel committee praised their work for offering practical tools to combat stagnation and promote sustainable development. The prize includes 11 million Swedish crowns (\$1.2 million). The announcement marked the final Nobel award of the year. The laureates expressed gratitude and highlighted the importance of continued investment in science and education.

CM Majhi Interacts With Habishyalis In Puri, Announces Digital Registration System From Next Year

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Monday attended the Kartika Habisyal Brata 2025 at Brundabati Nivas near Narendra Kona in Puri, where he interacted with Habishyalis and lauded their devotion as a reflection of Odisha's moral and cultural strength. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said the month of Kartika holds a sacred place in Odia tradition as a time for self-restraint, compassion, and devotion. "For centuries, Odia women have observed the Habisha ritual with deep faith. Their devotion represents the spiritual resilience and cultural identity of our state," he said. Majhi announced



that from next year, a dedicated digital registration system will be introduced for Habishyali women to facilitate medical and emergency services during the Kartika month. Highlighting Puri's spiritual importance, the Chief Minister said the city is not just a pilgrimage destination but a "living symbol of Odia faith and devotion." He reiterated his government's

commitment to transforming Puri into a world-class religious city, adding that the recent decision to declare Puri as a Municipal Corporation is a significant step in that direction. The Chief Minister informed that this year, the government arranged accommodation and food facilities for around 2,500 Habishyalis across five centers — Brundabati Nivas,

Bagala Dharmashala, Railway Tourist Complex, Railway Kalyan Mandap, and Mochisahi Kalyan Mandap. The state spent ₹3.3 crore on these arrangements, an increase of ₹70 lakh over last year. Majhi said the Kartika Brata Habishyali Scheme continues to be strengthened with the deployment of volunteers, police personnel, doctors, and

support staff to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants. Concluding his speech, the Chief Minister urged everyone to follow the values of Jagannath Dharma, interacted personally with the Habishyalis to understand their needs, and posed for photographs with them. Among those present were Puri MP Sambit Patra, Jagatsinghpur MP Bibhu Prasad Tarai, Puri Sadar MLA Sunil Kumar Mohanty, Brahmagiri MLA Upasana Mahapatra, and District Collector Dibyajyoti Parida. Satyabadi MLA Om Prakash Mishra delivered the welcome address, while Pipili MLA Ashrit Pattnayak proposed the vote of thanks.

“Threatened 200% Tariffs”: Donald Trump Reiterates Claim of Mediating India-Pakistan Truce

NEWDELHI: US President Donald Trump has once again claimed credit for mediating peace between India and Pakistan earlier this year, saying that his threat to impose massive tariffs on both nations helped “settle” the conflict within 24 hours. Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One while en route to the Middle East, Trump said his trade strategy has been key to ending multiple global conflicts. He added that his next focus could be easing tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan. “I settled a few wars just based on



tariffs. Between India and Pakistan, I said — if you guys want to fight a war and you have nuclear weapons, I'll put tariffs on you both, 100%, 150%, even 200%. I had that thing settled in 24 hours,” Trump claimed. India Rejects US Mediation Claims India has consistently

rejected any suggestion that the US played a role in resolving hostilities with Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. New Delhi maintains that the ceasefire, announced in May 2025, was the result of direct military-level talks between both nations — without any third-party mediation. Since

the truce, Trump has repeatedly stated that his administration's tariff policies were responsible for de-escalating tensions. Trump further claimed that the Gaza ceasefire would mark the eighth conflict he has “solved,” while hinting at his interest in the Nobel Peace Prize. “Think about it — wars that went on for decades, millions of people killed, and I got most of them done within a day. It's pretty good. I saved millions of lives,” he said. “In fairness to the Nobel Committee, it was for 2024. But many say an exception could be made for 2025 because of all the great

things that have been achieved. I didn't do this for a prize — I did it to save lives.” The India-Pakistan conflict, dubbed Operation Sindoor, broke out in early 2025 following cross-border skirmishes in Jammu and Kashmir. It ended with a unilateral ceasefire in May, easing months of military tension in the region. Meanwhile, escalating clashes along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border have drawn growing international concern. Trump hinted that he would address that conflict next, saying, “It'll have to wait till I get back. I'm good at solving wars.”

Karur Stampede: Supreme Court Orders CBI Probe into Vijay's Rally Tragedy

NEWDELHI: At least 41 people died in a stampede during Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay's rally in Karur on September 27. The Supreme Court ordered a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the incident after multiple petitions questioned the impartiality of the Tamil Nadu Police. The court appointed retired Justice Ajay Rastogi to oversee the investigation. TVK argued that the state police lacked neutrality and raised concerns about a possible conspiracy. The party challenged the High Court's earlier decision to form a Special



Investigation Team (SIT) composed only of state officers. The rally drew over 27,000 attendees, nearly triple the expected turnout. Police cited a seven-hour delay in Vijay's arrival as a contributing factor. BJP leaders Uma Anandan and G S Mani also filed petitions demanding a CBI inquiry. The Supreme Court emphasized the

need for transparency and accountability. The tragedy sparked national debate on crowd control and political responsibility. Justice Rastogi's committee will monitor the CBI's progress. The investigation aims to uncover whether negligence or foul play led to the deadly stampede.

Bargarh Dhanu Yatra To Begin On December 24

Bargarh, (Correspondent): The world-famous Bargarh Dhanu Yatra, celebrated as the largest open-air theatre festival on the planet, is set to commence on December 24, 2025, and will continue until January 3, 2026, officials said on Monday. The entire town of Bargarh will transform into a mythological landscape for 11 days, reenacting the tale of Lord Krishna's visit to Mathura and the downfall of the tyrant King Kansa.

Trump, Arab Leaders Seal Landmark Peace Agreement To End Gaza War

Washington: US President Donald Trump, along with other Arab leaders, on Monday signed the peace agreement to end the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Trump arrived in Egypt for the second leg of his Middle East visit, following his stop in Israel, as Hamas released all 20 Israeli hostages from Gaza. At the signing ceremony, Trump said this is an “incredible day for the world, let alone the Middle East.” He also asserted that the peace agreement is “going to hold up,” calling it the “biggest, most complicated deal.” Trump also met other world

leaders who had arrived in Egypt for the summit. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney are among 20 heads of state attending the summit. After landing in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt on Monday, Trump held talks with the Egyptian President.

While addressing the media at the bilateral meeting, Trump said that the second phase of his peace plan has “started.” “Phase two has started,” adding that Gaza “needs a lot of clean up.” The US President also praised Egypt, saying, “They've done a fantastic job.” The Egyptian President also commended Trump for his instrumental role in

achieving peace between Hamas and Israel. “I welcome you to Egypt. It's a great pleasure and an honour. We salute this unprecedented achievement. Your Excellency is the only one who could bring this about. I thank you, Mr President. What we need to do now is to make sure the ceasefire sustains. That we can deliver all the bodies of

the deceased. And working very closely on following the rest of the steps,” he added. Trump's 20-point peace plan for Gaza outlines the establishment of a temporary technocratic government, with Israel pledging not to annex the Strip and ensuring that no residents are forced to leave. The government in Gaza will be overseen by a new

international transitional body, the “Board of Peace,” which will be chaired by Trump and other members, including former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair. This body will set the framework and handle the funding for the redevelopment of Gaza until the Palestinian Authority complete a reform program to take back control.

Bihar Phase-I Elections: EVM-VVPAT Randomisation Completed

NEWDELHI: District Election Officers in Bihar completed the first randomisation of EVMs and VVPATs for Phase-I of the General Elections on October 11, 2025. Following the Election Commission of India's directive, the randomisation process used the EVM Management System (EMS) and took place in the presence of representatives from National and State Recognised Political Parties. This step ensures transparency and fairness in the electoral



process. A total of 54,311 Ballot Units, 54,311 Control Units, and 58,123 VVPATs were randomly assigned to 121 Assembly Constituencies across 18 districts. These constituencies include

Assembly Strong Rooms under the watch of party representatives. Once the final list of contesting candidates is confirmed, the Election Commission will share the randomized EVM and VVPAT details with all candidates. This process reinforces trust in the electoral system and supports voter confidence. The randomisation of EVMs and VVPATs plays a crucial role in maintaining election integrity and preventing bias or tampering.

Odisha Deputy CM Slams Mamata Banerjee Over 'Disappointing' Remark After Durgapur Gang Rape

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida on Monday strongly criticized West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's recent remarks after the alleged gang-rape of a 23-year-old Odia medical student in Durgapur. Parida, who also oversees the Women and Child Development department of the Odisha government, called Banerjee's statement "disappointing" and "insulting" to women. In a post on X, Parida said: "Mamata Banerjee, a woman leader known as 'Didi', has disappointed women with her comment that 'girls should not be out at



night.' This statement has not only shocked me but also insulted the 4.9 crore women of West Bengal. Instead of delivering justice to the victim, the Chief Minister has introduced gender bias and questioned women's rights. She has no authority to do so." "If the West Bengal government lacks empathy because the

IRCTC Scam Case: Delhi Court Frames Charges Against Lalu, Rabri, Tejashwi

NEWDELHI: A Delhi court framed criminal charges against RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi, and son Tejashwi Yadav in the IRCTC scam case on October 13. Special Judge Vishal Gogne of Rouse Avenue Court charged the trio with corruption, criminal conspiracy, and cheating. The case involves alleged irregularities in awarding contracts for IRCTC hotels during Lalu Yadav's tenure as Railway Minister. The Central Bureau of Investigation filed the chargesheet in 2018. Investigators accused Lalu Yadav of



influencing the tender process to benefit private firms linked to his family. Rabri Devi and Tejashwi Yadav allegedly played roles in facilitating the deals. The IRCTC scam case has drawn national attention due

to the political stature of the accused. Lalu Yadav, a former Bihar Chief Minister and Union Minister, denied all allegations. His legal team plans to challenge the charges. The court found sufficient

evidence to proceed with trial. The judge noted patterns of favoritism and financial irregularities in the hotel lease agreements. The prosecution submitted documents and witness statements to

support its claims. Tejashwi Yadav, currently serving as Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister, appeared in court alongside his parents. The trio maintained their innocence and called the case politically motivated. The IRCTC scam case could impact Bihar's political landscape ahead of the 2025 assembly elections. Analysts expect the trial to influence public perception and party dynamics. The next hearing is scheduled for November. The court will examine further evidence and hear arguments from both sides.

India, Canada Ready To Elevate Ties, Both Nations Understand Its Strategic Importance: Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand

New Delhi, : Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Anita Anand said on Monday that the governments of India and Canada agree on importance of elevating the relationship further. Anand said that she and the External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar will be discussing the India-Canada joint statement, which she called 'comprehensive and all encompassing'. In her opening remarks during her meeting with EAM Jaishankar, Anita Anand recalled that Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney was pleased to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the G7 Summit in Kananaskis. Anita Anand said, "I want to suggest that the

cooperation that we have seen from your side and certainly very welcome and today we'll be discussing the India-Canada joint statement which is comprehensive and covers a number of issues that will allow us to continue the work to elevate the bilateral relationship. I appreciate the words you spoke relating to the security dialogue which while we elevate the relationship in areas of critical minerals, energy, AI and climate to name a few will continue. The meeting that our officials had relating to security and law enforcement just a few weeks ago here was very productive and that dialogue will continue. Both of our governments agree on the

importance of those dialogues." "Both of our governments agree on the importance of elevating the relationship going further. So, this joint statement will discuss our mutual plans for re-engagement. It will inform Canadians and Indians alike that we are collectively committed to advancing this relationship now and in the long term particularly when it comes to our mutual priorities in the Ind-Pacific," she added. She said, "Thank you so much for the warm welcome we've received this morning. We are so grateful to be able to further the Canada-India relationship with you here in New Delhi today. I want to first and foremost extend my

appreciation to you for the conversation that you and I have had since I was appointed as Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs on May 13th. Equally, Prime Minister Carney was pleased to welcome Prime Minister Modi to the G7 Summit in Kananaskis, where they had a productive bilateral engagement which very much informs the conversation that we are having here today." Meanwhile, EAM Jaishankar noted that the ties between India and Canada have been steadily progressing over the past few months and the two nations are working to restore and reinvigorate the mechanisms necessary to advance the partnership.

Durgapur Gang-Rape Case: Fifth Accused Arrested, All Suspects Held

Kolkata, : West Bengal Police on Monday arrested the fifth accused in the Durgapur gang-rape case, taking the total number of arrests to five, officials said. The accused has been identified as Sheikh Safiqul, a local resident, who was nabbed from Durgapur. According to the police, Safiqul had been hiding at a relative's house in the area. He and Sheikh Nasiruddin, who was arrested on Sunday night, will be produced before the Durgapur Sub-Divisional Court later in the day, where police will seek their custody. Earlier on

Sunday, three other accused -- Sheikh Reajuddin, Firdos Sheikh, and Apu Bauri -- were arrested and remanded in 10-day police custody. One more accused was later arrested. With all five named accused now in custody, investigators plan to interrogate them together and conduct a crime scene reconstruction in the forested area near the private medical college and hospital where the incident took place. Police said DNA tests will be conducted on all the accused, and arrangements are being made for the

same. The case was registered based on a complaint lodged by a second-year medical student from Odisha, who was allegedly gang-raped on Friday night outside her college campus in Durgapur. According to the complaint, the student had gone out for dinner with a male friend when a group of men on motorcycles accosted them and passed lewd remarks. The men allegedly chased away the friend, dragged the student into a nearby forested area, and gang-raped her. They also snatched her mobile phone and threw it away before fleeing.

Hamas Releases Seven Israeli Hostages After 2-Year Captivity

NEWDELHI: Hamas released seven Israeli hostages to the Red Cross in northern Gaza, ending two years of captivity and igniting a nationwide celebrations. Israeli media identified the

freed hostages as Gali and Ziv Berman, Matan Angrest, Alon Ohel, Omri Miran, Eitan Mor, and Guy Gilboa-Dallal. Hamas captured them during its October 2023 attack, which triggered the war. Their release

followed a breakthrough ceasefire brokered by US President Donald Trump. Thousands of Israelis gathered at public screenings to watch the handover. As the Red Cross collected the hostages, crowds in

Tel Aviv and other cities erupted in cheers. The Israeli military will escort the hostages to the Reim base, where they will reunite with their families. Although officials have not disclosed their condition,

they confirmed all seven are alive. Under the ceasefire agreement, Israel will release hundreds of Palestinian prisoners. These include 250 individuals serving life sentences and 1,700 detainees held without

charge. Authorities plan to return them to Gaza, the West Bank, or send them into exile. Gal Hirsch, Israel's coordinator for hostages and the missing, announced that an international task force

will search for the remains of 28 hostages still unaccounted for. The hostage release marks a pivotal moment in the Israel-Hamas war. Weekly demonstrations demanding their freedom had become a national

ritual. Israelis wore yellow pins and ribbons to show solidarity. Furthermore, the ceasefire allows humanitarian aid to enter Gaza, where famine and displacement have devastated communities.

Odisha Govt Transfers Choudwar Jailor After Two Prisoners Break Out

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)The Odisha government has transferred Santoshini Dash, jailor of Choudwar Circle Jail, just days after two undertrial prisoners escaped from the facility.Dash has been reassigned to Kantabanji Sub-Jail in Balangir, while Raghuraj Majhi, previously posted there, will now take charge at Choudwar.The escape, which occurred on October 3, involved Raja Sahani and Madhukanta Kumar—



both accused in a murder case in Jajpur district.The duo reportedly cut through the cell bars and fled, prompting immediate disciplinary action.Two warders, Bhagat Ram and Siddhant Sahu, were suspended for

negligence.The incident has raised serious questions about prison security and oversight, especially given the high-profile nature of the inmates and their transfer from Jajpur Jail to Choudwar.

Naveen Slams BJP Govt Over Spate of Violent Crimes in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)In a blistering critique, BJD president and former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has accused the ruling BJP of presiding over a “deteriorating law and order situation” in the state capital, Bhubaneswar.Speaking out amid a series of shocking, violent incidents reported Monday, Patnaik warned that the government’s “reactive” approach is emboldening criminals



and eroding public trust.The flashpoint came with the brazen daylight shooting of Sudhanshu Khuntia, a 32-year-old lab assistant at the All India Institute of Medical

Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar.But Khuntia’s death was just one in a grim tally of violence that unfolded across the city within hours. In the upscale Chandrasekharpur

neighbourhood, a young man was stoned to death.Compounding the horror, a respected school teacher honoured with the President’s Award for excellence in education, was viciously assaulted near a crowded railway station.Patnaik, who led Odisha for 24 consecutive years until the BJP’s upset victory in the June 2024 assembly elections, took to social media to lambast the new administration under Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.

Bike Rider Killed in Head-On Collision with Oil Tanker in Ganjam

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): A person was killed as the bike he was riding collided with a speeding oil tanker on the national highway near Dholapita Megaproject under Tarasingi police limits in Ganjam district.The accident occurred around 10 AM on Monday and claimed the life of Gugul Nayak, a resident of Sorisamuli village.Gugul was returning from an ATM visit when the tanker, coming from Tilisingi Pahanda at high speed, struck his bike near Rangameru Chhak.

Odisha Retains Three IAS Officers in Additional Charges Amid Admin Shuffle

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): In a move to ensure continuity in critical state initiatives, the Odisha government has allowed three senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers to retain their additional charges in vital departments, including agriculture, livelihoods, and urban transport.The decisions, announced by the General Administration & Public Grievance Department, aim to streamline operations across multiple sectors without disrupting ongoing projects.K. S u d a r s h a n Chakravarty, a 2011-batch IAS officer from the RR cadre, has been



permitted to continue as Managing Director of the Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd while holding additional charge as Director of Agricultural Marketing and Ex-Officio Member Secretary of the Odisha State Agricultural Marketing (OSAM) Board.In a parallel development, Dr

Monica Priyadarshini, an AGMUT-2014 batch IAS officer and current Mission Director of the Odisha Livelihoods Mission, will retain her additional role as Director of Mission Shakti.She has also been authorised to remain in charge as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Odisha Rural

Management and Advisory Services (ORMAS). This comes as the additional appointment of Shri Chakravathy Singh Rathore as ORMAs CEO has been terminated, effective from the date Dr Priyadarshini assumes the role.Adding to the administrative adjustments, Sanjay Kumar Biswal, a 2015-batch IAS officer from the NCS cadre and Additional Secretary in the Commerce & Transport Department, will continue in his additional capacity as Managing Director of the Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT).

Odisha Fast-Tracks Forest Diversion Proposals to Boost Mega Infra Drive

B H U B A N E S W A R , (Correspondent): In a decisive push to accelerate Odisha’s infrastructure boom, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Satyabrata Sahu chaired a high-level coordination meeting today, focusing on resolving forest-related hurdles and fast-tracking diversion proposals for critical projects.The session, held in the Conference Hall of the Home Department, zeroed in on expeditious processing of forest diversions for major initiatives spearheaded by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Indian Railways, Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL), Geological Survey of India (GSI), and Reliance Jio Infocom Limited.ACS Sahu reviewed the progress and timelines of these projects, building on decisions from a previous meeting in

September. His scrutiny covered key developments flagged on the Prime Minister’s Grievance and Action Tracking Interface (PMG/PRAGATI) portals of the Central and State Governments, including those with forest-related challenges.Among the spotlighted projects were the Capital Region Ring Road Project, the Goru–Mahisani New Railway Line of South Eastern Railway, Reliance Jio’s 4G-based Mobile Service Project, GSI’s Exploration Proposal, Steel Authority of India Limited’s (SAIL) Kalta Iron Ore Mines, OPTCL’s Transmission Line Projects, and Kalyani Steel Ltd’s Integrated Steel Plant Proposal.Issuing firm directives, the ACS instructed all Regional Chief Conservators of Forests (RCCFs) and Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) to prioritise and expedite forest diversion

proposals for these vital infrastructure endeavours. He urged them to proactively resolve any pending issues at their end, ensuring no bottlenecks impede momentum.Nodal Officers received clear mandates to oversee monitoring, facilitation, and compliance across all stages, aiming to eliminate avoidable delays. User agencies were reminded to promptly furnish all requisite documents, maps, and enclosures to the relevant DFOs, thereby streamlining the approval process.Sahu stressed the imperative of unwavering adherence to established timelines for forest diversion processing. He called for seamless collaboration among all involved departments and agencies to guarantee on-schedule project execution, underscoring the meeting’s role in Odisha’s broader development agenda.

Class 4 Student Brutally Beaten Up by Headmaster in Bolangir School

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):A Class 4 student sustained serious injuries after the headmaster of Karamtala Upper Primary School in Bolangir district allegedly beat him during school hours.The incident occurred around 10 a.m. on Monday while students were playing. Kumud Ranjan Meher, the headmaster, reportedly struck six to seven students with a stick. Prahlad Rana, son of

Pratap and Jyotsna Rana, suffered six blows to the head and body. His head injury caused heavy bleeding.Family members rushed Prahlad to a local hospital for treatment. His father filed a written complaint at Saintala police station, demanding action against the headmaster. Locals expressed outrage and called for a thorough investigation. Community leaders urged the Education Department to take disciplinary steps and

ensure student safety.The school incident has sparked widespread concern in the area. Parents and residents gathered outside the school, demanding accountability and justice for the injured child.Police confirmed that an FIR has been registered and the matter is under investigation.Authorities assured that appropriate legal steps will follow based on medical reports and witness statements.

Oil Tanker-Bike Collision Leaves Two Dead in Rayagada

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)In a devastating road mishap, a tanker collided head-on with a motorcycle on the Kandajama-Palupai road under Ramanaguda police station limits in Rayagada district, resulting in the deaths of the bike rider and another person, authorities confirmed.The identities of the two deceased individuals have yet to be established, though preliminary investigations suggest they hail from the Gumma area near

Rayagada. The victims were en route to the home of relatives in Rekhaaguda, close to Haduguda in Ramanaguda block, when the accident occurred.Local police rushed to the scene upon receiving information about the incident. The victims were promptly transported to R a m a n a g u d a Community Health Centre for medical attention. However, upon examination, doctors declared both

victims dead.Officers seized the bodies for post-mortem examination and have initiated a probe into the circumstances leading to the accident.The tanker driver, whose details are yet to be disclosed, is under questioning as part of the ongoing investigation. No arrests have been made so far. Further updates are awaited as the investigation progresses.In a eerily similar incident this morning in

neighboring Ganjam district, a bike rider was killed in a head-on collision with a speeding oil tanker on the national highway near Dholapita Megaproject under Tarasing police limits; locals detained the driver on the spot, and police have taken the tanker and driver into custody, amid calls to address risky traffic diversions caused by a prolonged landslide at Kalinga Ghat.

Retired Forester Held with Deer Skin and Peacock Feathers

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)A retired forester from Aksharshila village under Barkote police limits in Deogarh district was arrested after the Forest Department seized over 100 peacock feathers and a deer skin from his residence.Acting on a tip-off, a Forest Department team raided the house of Kishore Chandra Pradhan and recovered the wildlife items. Officials confirmed the seizure and stated that the accused violated provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act. The raid revealed illegal possession of protected animal parts, including a deer hide and numerous peacock feathers. The Forest Department arrested the accused and plans to produce him in court after a medical examination.Arun Kumar Behera, Additional Forest Conservator of Deogarh, said the department will follow legal procedures and ensure strict action.

Odisha Deputy CM Meets Union Minister, Seeks Enhanced CMR Procurement Target

B h u b a n e s w a r (Correspondent):: Odisha Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo met Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and New & Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, in New

Delhi on Monday. During the meeting, he submitted a letter from Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, urging an increase in the procurement target of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) under the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2024—



25.The Deputy CM highlighted that while the Government of India has set the CMR procurement target at 50 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT), the actual yield in the state stands at 62.54 LMT. He emphasised the need for immediate enhancement

of the approved target to reflect the ground reality and support Odisha’s farmers and food security mechanisms.He also requested an extension of the CMR delivery deadline from October 31, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

EDITORIAL

Love for God, Fear of Sin

Love for God, fear of sin, and morality in society are interdependent. One will have fear of sin when one develops love for God. One will develop morality when one has fear of sin. Conversely, a person devoid of morality will have no fear of sin, and one who has no fear of sin can have no love for God. People desire many things in life; they perform many types of yoga, meditation, and penance. But all these are useless if they lack fear of sin. Therefore, for morality in society, the individual should have fear of sin. One can earn respect and attain a place of honour in society only when one has morality. No society can exist without morality. Therefore, spread morality in society. Society that is based on morality will promote love for God. On the other hand, if society is without any moral base, there will be neither fear of sin in its members nor love for God. Therefore, it is the foremost duty of people to safeguard their morality. A true human being is one who is endowed with humanness. First of all, one should have love for God. If we engage ourself in selfless service without love for God, it amounts only to selfishness. As long as one has selfishness, one cannot realise the Self. In fact, a fish is better than a selfish person in the sense that the fish cleans the water in which it moves. Selflessness is the noblest virtue. We consider ourselves human beings, but do we have humanness and human qualities? If we lack these, then where is the difference between a man and an animal or a beast? The animals at least help people to grow crops, but people today have become so selfish that they do not help anybody. Therefore, we should ask ourselves this question: Are we human beings, animals, or beasts? Of course, we are not animals or beasts; we are human beings. When we know this, we should develop befitting human qualities. Everybody should think and ask themself, “Do I have human qualities or not?” The human values of truth, righteousness, peace, love, and nonviolence are like the five life-breaths of the human. We can call ourself a human being only when we possess these five human values. If we lack these five values, then whatever other qualities we may have, they cannot make us a real human being. An animal has hunger, lust, and anger. It leads its life without any restraint. It lacks kindness and compassion, which are the main qualities of a human being. Lust, anger, delusion, greed, pride, and jealousy are common to a man and an animal. One who has no control over these animal qualities is verily an animal. One should keep them under check and develop truth, righteousness, peace, love, and nonviolence instead. One should have kindness and compassion for all. First of all, one should have love. We can have peace only when we have love. We can have fulfilment in life only when we combine peace and love. When we have both peace and love, we will have no hatred and we will not hurt anybody. If we hurt others, it shows that there is anger in us. Sorrow is the reaction of anger. Therefore, we should develop love. If at any time the feelings of anger and hatred arise in us, we should check them. That is the quality of a human being. That is why we should have fear of sin, love for God, and morality in society. When we develop love for God, all our sins will be totally burnt to ashes. Therefore, if we want all our sins to be destroyed, we should develop love for God.

Let your guru add colour to your canvas



Dr. Ram Prasad Ray

Grace happens not because of one's efforts, but on its own. It cannot be created or controlled in any way. It is like a glimpse of the aspirant's goal that's meant to motivate him to keep treading the path, to keep internalising it, to keep eradicating vasanas and so on. But often people think they have worked at getting this grace. If so, it should be under their command to create it again, which is actually not possible. So, one should receive grace with all humility and gratitude for nothing of your doing can ever be credited for the grace. All one can do is strive to make the mind more humble and get rid of bondages, the shackles of ignorance. The mind that is filled with bondages and ego, is not a pure enough place for God to be. So, whenever grace happens, be thankful and prepare your mind to be more pure, clean, humble, loving, dispassionate and unshackled. It doesn't take much to desire anything

big but one needs to become deserving to receive it. One needs to prepare oneself rather than complaining to God for not bestowing grace. Just imagine, if everyone who meditates was to experience samadhi, how wonderful would that be! But it doesn't happen like that, simply because the mind is cluttered. How can samadhi happen in such a mind? Be grateful to God – we didn't deserve it, yet we got it. Such beautiful moments do happen, without being deserving enough, and leave fragrance behind. But such moments don't happen everyday! Keep seeking, keep yearning, for one day Lord will bestow bliss and you will receive divine grace! But you give up soon enough. Keep seeking until you attain. Now, when the mind is filled with attachments, how are you going to seek the Supreme? When the mind hankers after money, how will it yearn for the Divine? It's only on a clean canvas that a good painting can be made. If a canvas is dirty, then no painting can be made on it. So even if you go to the most sought after painter with a dirty, greasy, soiled paper, the painter will

refuse to do anything on that. He will say, please get me a clean sheet, then only I can do something. So, try to clean up the sheet of your mind to let the Guru add some colours onto that. If your mind sheet is dirty, murky, greasy and torn – pulled in different directions due to attachments – you are neither here nor there. What can a Guru do with the torn, broken, dissipated mind? Nothing! Guru would say, 'Purify your mind first, only then can I colour it, for how can a soiled cloth be coloured?' So, it's a two-way responsibility – the disciple is supposed to do his work and the Guru is to do their work. When both parties work together then the celebratory colours are showered, and a sense of achievement and attainment comes. The work is to be done from both sides. Guru is pouring all the higher wisdom and the disciple is stuck with the murkier mind! Anger, pride, attitude, gossiping, lying – such a mind will not get great experiences! You get what you deserve. But still, if some grace happens, be grateful to the Lord. Getting without deserving is nothing less than a great blessing!

The Inner World of a Literator



Dr Annada Tripathy

A literator is a person who lives with words. Writing is not just a skill for a literator, it is a way of life. Through every sentence, the literator expresses feelings, thoughts and imagination. The pen becomes the strongest companion in this journey. The feelings of a literator are very delicate. A simple sunrise can inspire a long poem. A drop of tear can create a whole story. A literator observes the world with sharp eyes and a soft heart. Where others see ordinary events, the literator sees hidden meaning. Inside a literator, there is a strong

inner voice. This voice speaks in silence. It asks questions about life, destiny and the purpose of human existence. It also celebrates love, nature and the beauty of small things. This inner voice guides the hand to write. It never allows the literator to remain quiet when truth needs to be spoken. A literator often feels the weight of emotions. Loneliness, pain, joy and hope become powerful themes. Sometimes the outside world cannot understand these emotions. But the pages of a notebook listen without judgment. Writing becomes a healing power. The pen becomes a tool to release what the heart cannot hold. The work of a literator is not only personal. It also reflects society. Through poems, stories and articles, a literator speaks for the common people. Many times, the unspoken words of society find voice through the writer. In this way, the literator

becomes a messenger between the silent masses and the noisy world. The inner world of a literator is rich with imagination. Dreams are not only for sleeping but for living. In the mind of a literator, every thought has life. Every word carries power. This imagination creates new worlds that readers can enter and enjoy. Thus, a literator is both sensitive and strong. Sensitive, because small things touch the heart deeply. Strong, because words have the power to influence others. A literator lives two lives—one in the outside world and one in the inner world of thoughts. Together, these two lives create meaningful writing. In the end, the life of a literator is a journey of feelings and truth. It is a search for meaning in simple and complex moments. It is a sharing of the heart's deepest voice. The literator may pass away, but the words remain forever.

Health tips for the rainy season



Jyotiranjana Champatiray

No sooner the monsoon arrives we start fearing about the risk of catching on various diseases like cold and flu, dengue, malaria typhoid etc. Many of these diseases remain undiagnosed until they reach the complication level. So let's talk about how to prevent and take necessary precautions: Top of the list is to have a healthy well-balanced diet to have a strong immune system to fight out the infection and increases the body's resistance. As prevention, it is better to watch out the source of drinking water. It should be safe, hygienic and free from any contamination. So, therefore avoid street food or consumption of raw fruits and vegetables to prevent other water-borne diseases like diarrhoea, cholera or typhoid etc. Another disease like dengue or malaria which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Dengue mosquitoes breed in stagnant

water, so avoid an accumulation of water in any place. Also, wear full sleeves while going out especially during the day. Another common condition is viral fever which is due to a sudden change in temperature which can be contagious so it's important to build upon one's immunity by taking vitamin-rich foods, green leafy vegetables and maintain proper hygiene. Gastroenteritis is also very common in monsoon season as due to high humidity the growth of bacteria is rapid which can lead to food poisoning. To prevent it it's important to take precautions about hygiene, proper sanitation and also avoid outside mainly street food and cut raw fruits and vegetables from outside as the possibility of contamination is high which can trigger the condition. So overall general health tips to prevent the above-mentioned diseases would be: Consume safe drinking water, Avoid outside and street food, Avoid cut raw fruits/vegetables or uncooked foods from outside, Consume fresh foods and dispose of foods which are kept out for long hours especially, Maintain proper hygiene and sanitation, Stay away and avoid coming in contact with an infected person. Take necessary precautions like covering our mouth

or wearing a mask or even avoid using same hand towels etc., Build upon one's immunity by taking vitamin C rich foods, green leafy vegetables along with a healthy well-balanced diet, Use mosquito repellent creams or spray and hand sanitizers, Wear full sleeves while going out to avoid mosquito bites and also avoid crowded places, theatres etc. Monsoon is that time of the year when families love the refreshing showers and a respite from the sun, though it also poses challenges in terms of health, especially for children. You can help protect the health of your child by being aware of the possible threats that are common in this season. Some of the important ways include maintaining proper hygiene by making them put on monsoon wear for kids, consuming safe drinking water, and eating good food. Using monsoon kids shoes, ensuring dry feet, and organising some indoor activities, will further help protect them from common monsoon ailments. Following these rainy season precautions, you and your child can have a hearty enjoyment in the monsoon months without fear of any hassles.

Cotton Crop can Secure Environmental Health and more stable, equitable livelihoods for Rural Families



Vijay GarG

Cotton is more than just a fabric; it is a fibre that weaves together economies, ecosystems, and human lives across the globe. From the clothes that warm us to the livelihoods that depend on its cultivation, cotton remains at the heart of both global trade and rural prosperity. As the world seeks more sustainable ways to grow and live, cotton offers a powerful example of how farmers can lead this change — preserving the environment while building more secure and rewarding livelihoods. India, one of the largest cotton producers in the world, sits at the forefront of this opportunity. For generations, the crop has supported millions of smallholder farmers, shaping rural economies and communities across the country. Today, even as the sector faces challenges such as climate variability, groundwater depletion, and market fluctuations, a quiet revolution is taking place in cotton fields across India. Sustainability is no longer a choice but a

necessity, and a powerful lever for growth. Across India, an increasing number of farmers are beginning to adopt practices that make cotton both more productive and more resilient. Examples of organic and regenerative farming, crop rotation, intercropping, and integrated pest management are showing encouraging results — improving soil health, conserving water, and reducing dependence on chemical inputs. These approaches are restoring degraded land, lowering production costs, and helping farmers adapt to unpredictable weather patterns. The challenge now lies in taking these proven practices from scattered successes to widespread adoption, ensuring that cotton remains viable even in the face of climate change. However, the change cannot stop at the farm. For real impact, farmers must have a stronger voice and fairer access to markets. Today, most smallholder cotton growers still sell through long chains of intermediaries, leaving them with little bargaining power and a minimal share of the final value. While examples of farmer collectives and producer organisations are emerging across India, they still represent only a fraction of the cotton sector. Expanding these models is key to ensuring that farmers can aggregate their produce, improve quality, and negotiate directly with ginners, textile units, and responsible brands. When smallholders

are better organised and connected to markets that value sustainable cotton, they gain not just higher incomes but also greater stability. Building these pathways at scale is essential if sustainability is to translate into real economic empowerment for India's cotton farmers. Equally significant is the social transformation taking place alongside these economic shifts. Women, who form a large and often under-recognised part of the agricultural workforce, are increasingly being acknowledged as essential contributors to cotton's success. When women farmers have equal access to training, technology, and financial resources, entire communities benefit. Strengthening women's participation and supporting farmer cooperatives and producer organisations that promote equity helps create systems where knowledge, opportunity, and profits are more evenly shared. Of course, challenges remain. Climate stress, soil fertility, and labour inequities continue to test the resilience of farming communities. Yet the solutions to many of these problems already exist; what is needed now is scale. Proven practices that conserve water and promote efficient use, restore soil health, and improve working conditions must reach far more farmers to make a lasting difference. This is where collaboration becomes critical. Civil society organisations, corporates,

government agencies, and philanthropists all have vital roles to play in driving farmer education, awareness, and capacity-building. Encouragingly, this growing ecosystem of collaboration demonstrates that cotton's future can indeed be sustainable — one where productivity, environmental balance, and human well-being advance hand in hand. When sustainability becomes central to how cotton is grown, processed, and valued, it safeguards not only the crop itself but also the millions of families whose lives are interwoven with it. Cotton's story has always been deeply human. It is the story of hands that sow, pick, spin, and weave, of livelihoods sustained and futures built. By embracing sustainability, India can demonstrate how time-honoured farming practices and contemporary approaches can join forces to safeguard both communities and the environment. The stakes could not be higher, but neither could the potential. Cotton remains the world's most widely used natural fibre, and the decisions made today — from farm to fabric — will determine whether it continues to support the livelihoods of millions of farmers and their communities. India can lead the way in making cotton a model of sustainable growth, showing how a traditional crop can secure both environmental health and more stable, equitable livelihoods for rural families.

Jt. Grievances at Gajapati

Paralakhemundi(Correspondent)- At Gurandi panchayat Joint Grievances held.Chaired by Madhumita Collector Gajapati,ASP Sunilkant Mohanty,CDO of ZP Sankar Kerketa were on dias.From Bhuskudi, Tatipeti,Badagosani & host Gurandi panchayats out of 108 grievances 64 individuals & 44 community level received.Collector instructed to sort out all issues.12 beneficiaries got domicile documents under Vasundhara scheme. Among others Chairman of Gosani block NVeerraju,BDO Gourachandra Patnaik, Tehsildar Narayan Behera,CDMO Dr.Md. Mubarak Ali with PRI members & district cum block officers were present.

Financial Support for Deceased Families on Landslide

Paralakhemundi(Correspondent)-By Gajapati district Mahasangha & Ganjam-Gajapati Adivashi B a n d h u Association 5 deceased families on last landslide & flash floods supported.Each family were given @10000 & they reached at those families.As per information Trinath Sabar & Rajik Sabar (both father & son) of Pekoto of Rayagada block,Trinath Nayak of Bastriguda of RUdayagiri block, Laxman Mallick of Mohana block died.So members reached those grief families & consoled them with financial assistance,said Nira Bhuyan of district Adivashi Mahasangha.



2 Stalwart Leaders Roared: They Still on BJP

Paralakhemundi(Correspondent)-On a press meeting Sidheswar Mishra & Kahnucharan Bhuyan said that they are still on BJP.Their dismissal from BJP by Gajapati district President Nabakishore Sabar not approved by state BJP. So without approval of state level their dismissal is simply an abrupt matter. Constitutional rules of party not followed by the district President,they added.

Inter State Marijuana Transportation Seized

Paralakhemundi(Correspondent)-On a raid on interstate contraband ganja transportation police seized more than one lakh cost.2 persons arrested.From an auto (OD07AP1909) 42 kgs 400 gms of ganja seized.On Taptapani- Brahmapur 326 NH by Pudamari police Outpost SI Subhalaxmi Kanhar with her team seized 2 bags those filled ganja. In presence of Executive Magistrate Dilip Kumar Jena those ganja bags weighed.

Block level Collector & S. P. joint grievance hearing camp held at Shankara G. P.

SUBARNAPUR correspo ndent:Subarnapur District Binika Block Level Joint Grievance and Redressal Camp was held at Shankara Gram Panchayat Office Conference Hall under Binika Panchayat Samiti. Subarnapur Additional District Magistrate Rajendra Majhi and Supdt. Of Police Narayan Nayak participated in the joint grievance and redressal camp and received a total of 187 registered grievance applications regarding various objections and problems of the public. Out of which 167 applications were individual while 20 collective applications were received. All the collective and individual grievance applications have been handed over to the concerned department officers for resolution within the stipulated time. Binika BDO Mantu Khamari and Sarpanch, Shankara Gram Panchayat Ashok Kumar Prusti were present in this joint grievance hearing. Additional District Magistrate (General) Anjalina Pradhan, Chief Development Officer and Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Aswini Kumar Meher, In-charge Sub Collector, Sonapur cum Deputy Collector Satya Sundar Rout, Tehsildar, Binika, Ms. Rasana Bhoi, various district level officers, tehsil and block level officers, employees including District Panchayat Officer cum District Information and Public Relations Officer Arjun Majhi, along with journalists from various newspapers and representatives of electronic media and print media participated in the hearing camp.



PARADEEP,(Correspondent)-On 10th October 2025, National Voluntary Blood Donation Day was observed by the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Blood Centre, at Heritage Auditorium of SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack. On this occasion, the Department felicitated M/s. Chennai Radha Engineering Works (P) Ltd. for organizing a voluntary blood donation camp and for their immense support in providing blood for needy patients. Mr. Ramesh A (Resident Manager), Mr. Amresh Swain, and Mr. Manoj Kumar Nahak attended the program. This year,

on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. S. Venkatesan on 20th June 2025, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized, during which 142 units of blood were collected. This noble initiative reflects the ongoing commitment of M/s. Chennai Radha Engineering Works (P) Ltd. to the cause of voluntary blood donation. We have received this honour because of the opportunities given by our top management. So, we submit our heartfelt thanks to our Honourable CMD sir, MD Sir, Director Sir and Director Mam. Once again special thanks to our management.

DRIVE AGAINST GANJA TRAFFICKING CONTINUES IN RAYAGADA: 19 KG GANJA SEIZED,

R a y a g a d a , (Correspondent)-In continuation of its ongoing crackdown on illegal ganja trafficking, the Chandrapur Police under Rayagada district achieved another success by seizing 19 kilograms of contraband ganja during transportation near Kurlibali Chowk on Saturday.During the operation, police also seized a KTM motorcycle used for the illegal transport and apprehended one accused person involved in the case.The seizure has been registered under



Chandrapur Police Station Case No. 78, dated 12.10.2025, and further investigation is underway to trace the source and network behind the smuggling. Rayagada SP has commended the

Chandrapur Police team for their vigilant action and reiterated the district police's firm stance against the illegal drug trade, ensuring strict enforcement and continuous surveillance to curb narcotics activities in the region.

Disabled couple deprived of increased allowance, running to Govt offices

Malkangiri correspo ndent :- The g o v e r n m e n t announced to provide Rs. 3500 to 80 percent of the disabled and people above 80 years of age from 13/10 January. However, 100 percent of the disabled couple in Malkangiri district, Ashim and Radharani, are deprived of the increased allowance. After repeatedly running to government offices, Babu has returned the favor of the government rules. If the allowance is

received, the house will run.A handful of food will go to the stomach. However, due to the government's strange allowance system, the increased allowance is now a dream for eligible beneficiaries. Ashim Mandal and Radharani Mandal of MV 84 village under Padmagiri Panchayat, Malkangiri Block. Both are 100 percent disabled. The allowance they are getting in the Madhubabu Pension Scheme is Rs 2,400, making it difficult to

support a family of four. The government is supposed to provide Rs 3,500 to more than 80 percent of the disabled beneficiaries. But the government system is a big obstacle in this. Ashima and Radharani are running to the block and deputy district collector's offices for the increased allowance. But there is no one to understand the plight of the disabled couple. According to government rules, after the prescribed number of beneficiaries, the

District Collector's joint grievance redressal camp in Balimela

M a l k a n g i r i , correspondent :A joint grievance redressal camp was organized by the district administration on Monday at the Nagar Bhawan premises of the Malkangiri District Bali Mela Notified Area Council. In this, on the instructions of the District Collector, Additional District Collector Somnath Pradhan and District Security Officer Vinod Patil H, Malkangiri District Council CDO and Executive Officer Naresh Chandra Shabar, PA ITDA Haldhar Shabar, Balimela NC Chairman Pradeep Kumar Nayak, Balimela NC Executive Officer Devi Prasad Dora, Korukonda Group Development Officer Amulya Kumar Sahu, Chitrakonda Tehsildar



Natbar Garda were present and heard the complaints of the public. A total of 26 complaints were heard in this camp. Out of these, 6 were for jobs, 4 for allowances, one for land lease, 4 for road and culvert construction, one for electricity connection, one for forest land lease, 3 for Prime Minister Housing Scheme, 3 for Balimela medical problems and 3 others. A total of 26 complaints were heard in this camp. The hearing was held. After the hearing of the

complaint, Additional District Collector Shri Pradhan and District Education Officer Chittaranjan Panigrahi and other officials reached Balimela Government High School and inspected the quality of mid-day meal. They also visited the premises and asked the children how the education was going on in the school. District level officers, BDOs and Tehsildars were present at this joint complaint hearing camp.

Jivada Launches World's First Luxury Ayurveda Range Inspired by Neurocosmetics at BRICS

B h u b a n e s w a r (Correspondent): Jivada Ventures Pvt. Ltd., a pioneering biotech and wellness startup from Odisha, incubated at the BRICS Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar, has officially launched the world's first Ayurveda range inspired by Neurocosmetics. The unveiling took place during the 4th Startup Conclave of BRICS ILS, held on



October 10-11, 2025, at the ILS main campus in Bhubaneswar. Blending ancient Ayurvedic science with modern neurocosmetic technology, Jivada's new line represents a breakthrough in luxury

Ayurveda and skincare innovation. The range draws inspiration from over 268 ancient Ayurvedic texts, combining time-honoured herbal wisdom with cutting-edge neuroscience and biotechnology.

Two Shops Burgled in Badbanki Village Under Turekela Police Limits

K a n t a b a n j i , correspondence : Two separate incidents of burglary have been reported from Badbanki village under the jurisdiction of Turekela police station. According to police sources, unidentified miscreants allegedly broke into two local shops late Sunday night and decamped with cash worth more than ₹37,000 in total. In the first case, burglars broke open the rear

window of a grocery shop owned by Raj Kishore Sahu and allegedly stole around 20,000 in cash. In another incident, thieves targeted a footwear shop belonging to Hem Sagar Behera, breaking open the shutter and making away with 17,000. Following the complaints, a police team from Turekela visited the spot and conducted a preliminary investigation.

Significant Arrest Unveils Caste Certificate Fraud in Paikmal of Bargarh District

Bargarh correspondence :- In a significant crackdown, Paikmal police arrested Sanjeeb Bariha, a prominent villager from Mundhela, revealing a large-scale scheme of fraudulent Scheduled Tribe (ST) certificate issuance. The operation, sparked by a tip-off from District Welfare Officer Malaya Kumar Satpathy, has unveiled an extensive network of forgery linked to Bariha, who

allegedly manipulated official systems using counterfeit documents to obtain a government-issued ST certificate. On October 9, 2025, DWO Satpathy's complaint led to an urgent inquiry by the State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC). Bariha's arrest on October 12 came after police gathered substantial evidence of his involvement in forgery and prior



criminal activities, including violations of

the Indian Penal Code and the SC/ST

(Prevention of Atrocities) Act of 2015. The First Information Report cites serious offences, demonstrating local authorities' commitment to tackling this issue. Alarminglly, over 300 reported fake caste certificate cases have emerged in Odisha this year, prompting heightened vigilance among police and community leaders alike. They stress a

zero-tolerance approach toward fraudulent activities that undermine welfare programs for marginalised groups. This operation is poised to set a precedent for future investigations, signalling that exploitation of government schemes will not go unpunished, as authorities intensify their pursuit of those involved in such deceit.

Vidya Balan Reveals How The 'Law Of Attraction' Helped Her Get 'Parineeta'

Vidya Balan shares how she manifested working with director Pradeep Sarkar after falling in love with the song "Seekho Na Naino Ki Bhasha Piya". Her admiration led to a dream debut in Parineeta, followed by collaborations with Sarkar and composer Shantanu Moitra. A story of passion and serendipity.

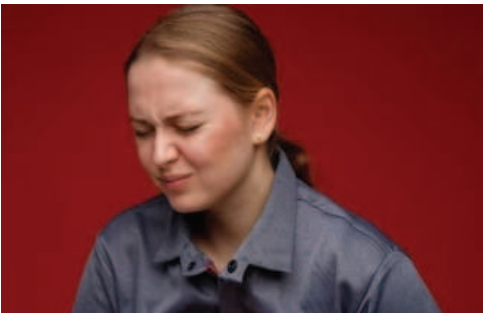
Mumbai Oct 13: Vidya Balan revealed how she manifested working with 'Parineeta' director Pradeep Sarkar. Vidya shared a video of herself kick-starting her Monday morning by crooning the beautiful track "Seekho Na Naino Ki Bhasha Piya". Talking about the melody, the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' actress revealed that when she first heard the track, she immediately fell in love with it and started wishing to work with a director like Pradeep Sarkar. "I love lip syncing to songs and this song i love which is good reason to do it on a monday morning (Slightly Smiling Face Emoji). When i watched it for the first time ,i was struck as much by the lyrics by @prasoonjoshilive and the song itself as i was by the picturisation. . . .And while I began to secretly harbour a desire to work with the master storyteller #pradeepsarkar,"

Vidya wrote on her IG.As luck would have it, Vidya got a chance to work with the filmmaker in her debut movie, "Parineeta". She further went on to be a part of other projects of the team, including Shantanu Moitra."unbeknownst to me,the universe began to work its magic. A few years later,i got an ad film with Dada and then as luck would have it,i got to be in 3 of his music videos too. . . .The highlight was ofcourse that i got to work with the same team of @smudgal @moitrashantanu & #Dada on another album called #Kisson ki chaadar written by @niveditajoshi4 Not just that ,this eventually led to me getting launched by Dada in Parineeta (Slightly Smiling Face Emoji)," the 'Ishqiya' actress went on to share.Crediting the law of attraction, Vidya concluded, "I don't know if this qualifies as the 'Law of Attraction' but i do know that i'm ever so grateful for this just as i am for so much else in life. Have a beautiful Monday and a lovely week ahead (Heart emoji)."



these unique risk factors for heart disease in women

Cardiovascular diseases are leading cause of death in women where heart disease symptoms in women can be subtle and differ from men. Though incidence in men is 3-4 times higher, women form the majority of patients with CVD and on an average, CVD develops 10 years later in women but mortality rate is higher in women (51% versus 42%).CVD differs from men in few ways such as presentation, risk factors and treatment strategies and response to it. In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Srichandran L, Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiologist, Department of Cardiology at MGM Healthcare in Chennai, revealed, “While chest pain is common, women might experience neck, jaw, or upper back discomfort, shortness of breath, arm pain, nausea, sweating, dizziness, fatigue, or heartburn. Due to smaller artery blockages, they may have non-cardiac pain symptoms and might experience symptoms more often when resting or under stress.”Bringing his expertise to the same, Dr Rajesh Bhat U, Associate Professor and Senior Interventional Cardiologist at KMC Hospital in Mangalore, said, “Both men and women are at risk for coronary artery disease due to a number of



conventional factors, including obesity, high blood pressure and excessive cholesterol. However, there's a chance that other factors contribute more to the development of heart disease in women. Some female specific risk factors play a role in development of CVD. Reproductive, hormonal and pregnancy related factors dispose to endothelial dysfunction (damage to inner layer of blood vessels).”

skin cancer diagnosis: Early signs and precautions to know

Kevin Jonas, a day back, shared a snippet of his skin cancer diagnosis journey on his Instagram profile. The American musician and actor shared the video where he spoke of his surgery of getting a basal-cell carcinoma removed from a corner of his forehead. Carcinoma is a type of cancer that develops in the epithelial tissue. "Friendly reminder to get your moles checked," Kevin wrote in the caption. This has brought our attention to skin cancer, and how we can prevent it. Early signs of skin cancer: Dr Kandra Prasanth Reddy, Radiation Oncologist, American Oncology Institute, Hyderabad, further



noted down the early signs of skin cancer that we should be aware of. New growths or sores: Be vigilant about any new growths, moles, or lesions on the skin. Changes in existing moles: One half of the mole doesn't match the other or the mole starts having irregular, scalloped, or poorly defined borders. There can be variations in color including different shades of brown, black, or even patches of pink, red, white, or

blue. The moles may sometime be accompanied by itching or bleeding. Unusual Sensations: Persistent itching, tenderness, or pain in a specific area could be a sign of skin cancer. Precautionary measures against skin cancer: Dr Kandra Prasanth Reddy further shared the precautions that we can take to avoid skin cancer:Sun protection: Using a sunscreen of SPF 30 or above and

wearing protective clothes can help against getting direct sunlight. We should avoid tanning beds as they emit UV radiation that can increase the risk of skin cancer. Regular skin examinations: We should conduct monthly self-exams to check for any new or changing lesions. Scheduling annual skin checks with a dermatologist is also necessary, especially if we have a history of skin cancer or other risk factors. Healthy lifestyle: Maintaining a diet rich in antioxidants, vitamins A, C, and E are important. We should drink plenty of water throughout the day and avoid tobacco consumption.

Physical health should be a priority for everyone as it is the cornerstone of a fulfilling and lively life and when it comes to physical health, small, consistent steps make a world of difference along with an opportunity to make some positive changes in life. However, at times we try to change everything at once - rather than



prioritise which is completely unrealistic. In fact, sometimes the more we try to do, the less able we are to make any of these changes and everything

suffers as very few of us prioritise our wellness and happiness while the rest of us just go with the flow and roll with the punches. Our mind, body and soul are all interconnected so, we must nurture all three to achieve true balance and overall wellness.

tips to incorporate exercise and movement into daily routine, along with other healthy habits to boost overall well-being -

Should you drink water before, during or after the meals? How it impacts your digestion

Hydration is an important part of our daily routine and experts recommend drinking 8 glasses of water for optimum functioning of the body. However, it turns out that timing of hydration is also of key significance. For instance, hydrating your body immediately after waking up is recommended to kickstart the day on a healthy note. Similarly, there are rules to consume water before, after and during the meals that can aid the process of digestion and ensure nutrients are properly distributed throughout the body. Drinking water at the right time can promote satiety, metabolism, ease in digestion and nutrient absorption. Having too much water too close to the meals can dilute digestive juices and hinder nutrient movement. Let's understand from experts the ideal time to have water. Should it be before

the meals, while eating, or after you finish.Having water half-n-hour before a meal is recommended by experts for promoting satiety and supporting breakdown of food. It will make sure you don't overindulge and at the same time speed up the digestion process. However having water immediately before food can do more harm than good."The timing of water consumption in relation to meals can have a significant impact on digestion and nutrient absorption. From a medicine standpoint, drinking an appropriate amount of water before a meal can be beneficial for priming the digestive system. Consuming around 8-12 ounces (240-360 ml) of water approximately 30 minutes before a meal can stimulate the production of digestive enzymes, such as saliva and gastric juices, which aids in the breakdown of food.

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meals. Appetite control: Drinking water before meals can aid in weight management by reducing calorie intake, as it may create a sense of fullness. Metabolic boost: Water consumption before meals can increase metabolic rate, potentially assisting digestion and nutrient absorption. The trick to drink water during meal - take small sips Drinking small sips of water during the meals is beneficial for digestion and aids in nutrient absorption. "Sipping water during and immediately after a meal can facilitate the digestive process by enhancing the motility of the digestive tract and aiding in the absorption of certain nutrients," says Dr Gupta. Support digestion: Drinking moderate amounts of water during meals can aid digestion, helping to soften food and transport nutrients throughout the digestive system.Concerns about dilution: Although some worry that drinking water during meals can dilute stomach acids and digestive enzymes, there's limited scientific evidence to support this concern.

Shubman Gill Faces Backlash as India’s Follow-On Decision Backfires Against West Indies

NEWDELHI: Team India captain Shubman Gill came under heavy criticism on social media after his decision to enforce the follow-on against the West Indies appeared to backfire on Day 4 of the second Test at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. For the first time in the two-match series, the West Indies managed to dominate proceedings, thanks to a strong partnership between John Campbell and Shai Hope. The duo added 177 runs for the third wicket, frustrating India’s bowlers and reducing the deficit to just 18 runs at



lunch. Campbell, playing his 50th Test innings, scored his maiden century, becoming the first West Indies opener to reach

the milestone since March 2023. He reached the landmark with a six off Ravindra Jadeja, who eventually dismissed him lbw with

a sharp delivery when the batter attempted a reverse sweep. Hope, meanwhile, continued to anchor the innings and looked poised for

a hundred of his own, ensuring the visitors remained competitive after India had asked them to bat again. Earlier, India had enforced the follow-on after bowling out West Indies for 248 in their first innings — a deficit of 270 runs following India’s massive 518/5 declared. However, the Windies’ fightback drew criticism from fans who questioned Gill’s tactical call. India’s assistant coach Ryan Ten Doeschate revealed that the team had debated whether to bat again before choosing to enforce the follow-on.

AIFF Adopts Constitution Without Two Key Clauses



NEWDELHI: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) adopted its revised constitution before the October 31 deadline, excluding two controversial clauses still under Supreme Court review. The constitution, originally drafted by former judge L. Nageswara Rao, received Supreme Court approval with modifications. AIFF held a Special General Body Meeting to finalize the adoption. Out of 32 voting members, 29 supported the move. FIFA and AFC

officials attended the meeting. Article 23.3 requires Supreme Court approval for any constitutional amendment. This clause risks triggering FIFA’s third-party interference rule, which could lead to India’s suspension from international football. Clause (c) of

Article 25.3 mandates that Executive Committee members holding dual roles in State Associations must vacate one position. This affects 12 of the current 16 ExCo members. AIFF shared the adopted constitution with stakeholders, excluding the two clauses.

It Feels Great When People Recognise Your Achievements, Says Manu Bhaker After IOC Felicitatation

New Delhi: Paris Olympics double medallist Manu Bhaker extended her gratitude to fans, coaches, and the sporting fraternity after being honoured at a special Indian Olympic Association (IOA) felicitation ceremony held at the Taj Mansingh Hotel in New Delhi on Monday. “That feeling is really, really good. When you work hard and people recognize that you have achieved something, it feels great. It also serves as a strong motivation,” Bhaker told IANS, who returned from Paris 2024 with two bronze medals — one in the women’s 10m air pistol event and another in the mixed team category

alongside Sarabjot Singh. Manu first received Rs 50 lakh for her bronze medal in the individual 10m air pistol event, followed by another Rs 25 lakh as her share of the Rs 50 lakh prize jointly awarded to her and Sarabjot Singh for securing third place in the mixed 10m air pistol team event. The ceremony, attended by IOA President P.T. Usha, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, senior government officials, sponsors, and members of the sporting community, was a celebration of India’s medal-winning athletes who made the nation proud with their performances at the

Paris Games. The IOA presented cash awards to all medallists and their coaches in recognition of their achievements and contributions to India’s success. Neeraj Chopra received Rs 75 lakh, Manu Bhaker Rs 50 lakh and Rs 37.5 lakh for her two medals, Sarabjot Singh Rs 37.5 lakh, Swapnil Kusale and Aman Sehrawat Rs 50 lakh each, and the men’s hockey team Rs 10 lakh (main squad) and Rs 5 lakh (reserve players). Among those speaking at the event, Olympic medallist Sarabjot Singh reflected on his renewed focus after Paris, emphasising the mental aspect of performance.

2nd Test: India Require 58 Runs On Day Five To Complete 2-0 Series Win Over West Indies

New Delhi, : What initially felt as a stroll towards a 2-0 series win turned into a day of hard graft for India, as they fielded for exactly 200 overs since mid of day two and will now come back on day five to get the victory at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Monday. Set a modest target of 121, India closed day four’s play at 63/1 in 18 overs, with unbeaten pair of B Sai Sudharsan (30) and KL Rahul (25) taking them to safety at stumps after the early loss of Yashasvi Jaiswal. The hosts require just 58 more runs to seal the series, but the path to reaching this point was anything but straightforward. When West Indies resumed their second innings 50 minutes after lunch on day three, few would



have predicted the spirited fightback that would follow. Tagenarine Chanderpaul’s mistimed hook off Mohammed Siraj and Alick Athanaze’s dismissal to Washington Sundar on the stroke of tea had left them tottering at 35/2. But John Campbell and Shai Hope had other plans. Their third-wicket stand of 177 was the cornerstone of

West Indies’ revival, pushing the match into day four and eventually day five. Campbell’s 115 was his maiden Test century, a milestone reached in his 50th innings, while Hope ended an eight-year drought for a hundred with a composed 103. Together, they stitched a narrative of defiance and fight that had been missing from West Indies’ recent red-

ball outings. From being bowled out inside three days in Ahmedabad to stretching the match into day five in New Delhi despite being made to follow-on, West Indies showed the kind of character fans have long yearned for. India’s bowlers, who had looked in control for much during the first innings, were made to toil hard under bright sunshine. Jasprit Bumrah

and Kuldeep Yadav picked up three wickets apiece, as West Indies went from 293/4 to 311/9. They were further left frustrated by the final wicket pair of Justin Greaves and Jayden Seales batting out 25.2 overs and adding 79 runs, making it West Indies’ second-best partnership of the year. Greaves remained unbeaten on 50, his knock a blend of grit and restraint, while Seales chipped in with a valuable 32. The decision to enforce the follow-on after 81.5 overs in the first innings was a bold one, but India perhaps underestimated the fight left in the opposition. On a slow pitch offering occasional turn, Rahul and Sudharsan negotiated the final session with poise, ensuring no further hiccups.

Women’s World Cup: Nadine De Klerk Guides Proteas To Victory Over Bangladesh In Tense Finish

Visakhapatnam: Marizanne Kapp (56) and Chloe Tryon (62) scored half-centuries and overshadowed similar efforts by Sharmin Akhter (50) and Shorna Akter (51*) as South Africa prevailed over Bangladesh by three wickets with three balls to spare in a well-fought encounter in the Women’s ODI World Cup in Visakhapatnam on Monday. With eight needed from the last six balls, Nadine de Klerk, dropped at long-off by Shorna in the 49th over, sealed victory for the Proteas, hammering a four and a six in three balls, repeating a similar act against India in their previous match at the



same Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium. After Bangladesh elected to bat first, Sharmin Akhter, brought in for this match, scored 50 off

77 balls (6x4) to lay the foundation, while Shorna Akter hammered an unbeaten 51 off 35 (3x4, 3x6) — the fastest fifty by a Bangladesh woman — to give a late push. Ritu

Moni blasted 19 off eight balls at the end as Bangladesh started slow but finished in a canter to post 232/6 in 50 overs. But in the end, big hitting by Kapp, Tryon, and de Klerk and

dropped chances by Bangladesh helped South Africa reach 235/7 in 49.3 overs and seal their third successive win, moving up to third position behind Australia and England. Chasing a target of 233, South Africa’s top order batters struggled against the Bangladesh bowlers, who applied the early squeeze. Tazmin Brits, who scored a century against New Zealand, was out for a second successive zero (a golden duck), while skipper Laura Wolvaardt scored 31 off 56 balls, raising 55 runs for the second wicket with Anneke Bosch (28). But the skipper was run out going for a second run,

and South Africa lost their way, losing Bosch, Annerie Dercksen (2), and Sinalo Jafta (4) as they slipped to 78/5 in the 23rd over. Marizanne Kapp got into the rescue act and, with Chloe Tryon, raised 85 runs for the sixth wicket, playing patiently and absorbing the pressure exerted by the Bangladesh bowlers. Kapp scored 56 off 71 balls, reaching her half-century in 67 balls before she was caught by Shorna Akter off Nahida Akter, making it 163/6. Chloe Tryon, who got a life in her 40s, reached her fifty off 64 balls as she joined Nadine de Klerk, the hero of their victory over India in their last match, with the run-rate mounting.

IOA Felicitates India’s Paris 2024 Olympic Medallists At Ceremony In Delhi

New Delhi: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), on Monday, held a special felicitation ceremony at the Taj Mansingh Hotel in New Delhi to honour India’s medallists from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. New Delhi, Oct 13 (IANS) The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), on Monday, held a special felicitation ceremony at the Taj Man Singh Hotel in New Delhi to honour India’s medallists from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The event was graced by P.T. Usha, president of the IOA, the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya, senior government officials, sponsors, and members of the sporting fraternity. The ceremony celebrated India’s athletes who brought pride and inspiration to the nation through their remarkable performances at the Games. India finished its Paris 2024 campaign with six medals — one silver and five bronze. Neeraj Chopra added to his Tokyo glory with a silver in men’s javelin throw, reaffirming his dominance on the world stage. Shooter Manu Bhaker claimed two bronze medals — one in the women’s 10m air pistol event and another in the mixed team category with Sarabjot Singh. Swapnil Kusale made history with a bronze in the men’s 50m rifle 3 positions event, while young wrestler Aman Sehrawat secured bronze in men’s freestyle 57 kg, becoming one of

NLC India Limited hosted Tri-Partite Safety Committee Meeting of Talabira II & III OCP

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent) Talabira II & III OCP, NLC India Limited (NLCIL) successfully convened its Tri-Partite Safety Committee Meeting on 08.10.2025 with the active participation of officials Dr.S. S Prasad, Deputy Director General of Mines Safety, South Eastern Zone, Ranchi, Shri N. S. Balasubrahmanyam, DMS/Bhubaneswar Region 2, Shri Sankarsana Behera, DMS(Mech.)/SEZ Ranchi, Shri Maheswar Reddy Kannala, DMS(Elect.)/SEZ Ranchi, Shri U. Siva Sankar, DDMS/Bhubaneswar Region 2, Shri Ravindra Bontha, DDMS(Mech.)/SEZ Ranchi from the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Workmen's



representatives and senior management of NLCIL company, Representatives of TOML, Representatives of DIMPL, reaffirming the Company's commitment in achieving the highest standards of mine safety and operational excellence. The meeting was attended by Dr. Suresh Chandra Suman, Director (Mines) & (P&P) AC, NLCIL, along with Shri Cheruku Dayanand, ED& Project Head,

Talabira II & III OCP, Shri Nawal Kishore Sharma, TOML Cluster Head, and representatives of DIMPL, Mr Subrat Kumar Biswal, HR gave the vote for thanx. During the meeting, a detailed review of safety performance, accident statistics, implementation of safety management systems, and compliance with statutory provisions was carried out. Emphasis was laid on continuous training, use of technology for hazard monitoring, regular mock

drills, and strengthening of the safety culture at all levels of the organization. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman of the Committee highlighted the importance of collective responsibility and proactive participation of all stakeholders in promoting Zero-Harm culture. DGMS officials appreciated the efforts undertaken by Talabira II & III OCP towards organizing successful Tri-partite Safety Committee Meeting and urged all present to

maintain strict adherence to safety protocols. Speaking on the occasion, the Director (Mines) & (P&P) AC reiterated NLCIL's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of safety and welfare, while underscoring the company's proactive approach towards safe mining practices and continuous improvement in operational safety management. The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the shared commitment of all parties - NLCIL Management, TOML representatives, DIMPL representatives, Workmen's representatives and regulatory authorities - to ensure "Safety First and Safety Always" in all mining activities.

UAIL Mobile Health Team Reaches Remote Munushapadar Village

Kashipur, (Correspondent): A mobile health team from Utkal Alumina International Limited (UAIL), a unit of Hindalco Industries Limited, under the Aditya Birla Group, reached the remote village Munushapadar under Dongasil Panchayat in Kashipur block, Rayagada district, following reports of a skin disease in the area. The team conducted on the spot medical examinations and distributed necessary medicines to the affected villagers, particularly women and children. The initiative



was undertaken under the guidance of Ms. Lopamudra Mishra, FH, CSR, and direct supervision of Mr. Diganta Mahanty, Plant CSR Head. Upon receiving information about the incident, the CSR department swiftly mobilized the mobile health unit equipped with essential medicines and diagnostic tools. The team trekked nearly 4 km through hilly

terrain, forests, and streams to reach the village. Led by Dr. Debabrata Raut, the mobile health team included Santosh Kumar Sahu, Subash Jhodia, Mahendra Paik, Jitendra Nayak, and Pharmacist Chinmaya Kumar Bishoyi. They carried out medical examinations, provided immediate treatment, and distributed required medicines. In addition to

medical support, the team conducted an awareness drive in the village, educating residents on the importance of using clean drinking water and maintaining hygienic surroundings to prevent the spread of infections. CSR officers Satyabhama Naik, Mohini Naik, Susmita Kosla, and Hemalata extended their support during the program. This initiative is part of UAIL's ongoing efforts to ensure accessible healthcare in remote tribal regions and to promote community well-being through proactive CSR interventions.

SUM HOSPITAL DOCTOR HONOURED AT RHEUMATOLOGY CONFERENCE

Bhubaneswar: Prof. (Dr.) Pradipta Sekhar Patro, Head of Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here, has been honoured by the Indian Journal of Rheumatology at New Delhi recently. Prof. (Dr.) Patro was felicitated for the second best original research paper at the National Rheumatology Conference 'IRACON 2025' held from October 9 to 12. Prof. (Dr.) Patro has a long experience in treatment in the field of rheumatology.

Hi-tech Medical College and Hospital was honored in the UK Parliament

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent) :- The Global Brilliance Forum Conference and the Global Brilliance Awards 2025 were held at the London Parliament. In this ceremony, Hi-tech Medical College and Hospital was honored as the best institute in Odisha and Managing Trustee Suresh Kumar Panigrahi received the award. Managing Trustee Shri Panigrahi said that this honor is a moment of honor not only for the institution but also for the entire country. In this program,



Lord Rami Ranger, Member of the UK Parliament, Major Prerana Bhardwaj, Chairman of the Global Brilliance Forum Aditya Prasad Singh praised the service and reputation of Hi-tech

Medical College and Hospital at the international level. Eminent personalities, industrialists, policymakers and social leaders from the world participated in this event.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds Launches New Showroom in New Zealand, Strengthens Presence in 14 Countries



Bhubaneswar: (Correspondent): Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the responsible jeweller, proudly announces the expansion of its operations to New Zealand. The company's 1st showroom in New Zealand was launched at the Botany Town Centre in Auckland. This launch marks a milestone in the brand's

international expansion plan, ensuring its strong presence in 14 countries while delivering exceptional craftsmanship and service. The new showroom was inaugurated by Mark Mitchell, New Zealand Minister of Emergency Management, Police, Sport and Recreation. Malabar Group Vice Chairman, K.P. Abdul Salam; Malabar Gold &

Diamonds International Operations MD, Shamlal Ahmed; Senior Director, C. Maayan Kutty; Malabar Group Executive Directors, Nishad A.K., K.P. Veerankutty; Manufacturing Head, Faisal A.K.; Finance & Admin Director, Ameer C.M.C.; Malabar Group Chief Digital Officer, Shaji Kakkodi; other senior management members, valued customers, and well-wishers attended the event. The inauguration ceremony commenced with a traditional Mori Karakia prayer, honoring the local customs of New Zealand.

Bolangir Gets Power Boost: TPWODL Brings 3 New 33KV Feeders for Reliable & Uninterrupted Supply

Burla / Bolangir (Correspondent): TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) has successfully commissioned three new 33kV lines at a cost of around ₹6.5 crore. These feeders emanate from the newly started 132/33KV Grid Substation of Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (OPTCL) at Agalpur, Rampur in Balangir district. The new 33kV feeder lines will provide alternative power supply ensuring uninterrupted electricity for thousands of consumers in the region. The three new feeders Agalpur, Loisingha, and Salebhata are now ready for operational. The Agalpur feeder will supply power to Agalpur, Bharsuja, Bhadra, and Cherupali areas, benefitting nearly 14,000 households and



3 industries. The Loisingha feeder will strengthen supply to Loisingha and Chhatamakhana, supporting about 10,000 households and 1 industry. Similarly, the Salebhata feeder will power Salebhata and Kutasingha areas, reaching around 9,000 households and 3 industries. With these new feeders, TPWODL has further strengthened the power distribution network in Balangir. This will not only improve voltage quality

but also ensure uninterrupted and reliable electricity supply, creating a stronger foundation for both households and industries to grow. Speaking on this Mr. Parveen Verma, CEO, TPWODL said, "We are happy to bring these three new 33KV feeders into service. This major upgrade will improve power reliability, support local industries, economy and benefit over 33,000 consumers in Balangir district."

India's Net Direct Tax Collection Up Over 6 Pc To Rs 11.89 Lakh Crore Till Oct 12

New Delhi: The Income Tax (I-T) Department on Monday released data on gross direct tax collections, refunds and net direct tax collections for FY 2025-26, saying India's net direct tax revenue climbed 6.33 per cent to over Rs 11.89 lakh crore in the current fiscal year (till October 12). The I-T Department said that total gross direct tax collection stood at Rs 13.92 lakh crore, up from Rs 13.60 lakh crore during the same period last fiscal.

Vedanta's Nand Ghar to Provide Nutrition Supplement Shishu Sanjeevani to 1 Lakh Children across 7 States

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent). In a significant step towards promoting holistic nutrition for children, Vedanta's flagship social impact initiative, Nand Ghar, in collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Foundation for Nutrition, is set to distribute 1,00,000 units of Shishu Sanjeevani, a fortified nutrition supplement for children aged 3 to 6 years, across 7 states during POSHAN Maah 2025. With a network of over 9,400 modernised anganwadis across 15 states, Nand Ghar is transforming the lives of



women and children through nutrition, education, healthcare, and women's empowerment. This year also marks 50 years of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), India's

pioneering child welfare programme, making this initiative even more significant as it reinforces the collective mission to ensure every child receives a healthy start in life. POSHAN Maah, celebrated annually

under Mission Poshan 2.0, is the Government of India's flagship campaign to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The 2025 theme, Poshan se Pragati (Progress through Nutrition), underscores the vital role of nutrition in building a healthier, stronger India. In line with this vision, Nand Ghar has intensified its outreach across Rajasthan, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu and Uttar Pradesh, ensuring that every child at its centres receives wholesome, nutrient-rich food.