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ECI Drops Nuapada By-Poll Dates: Voting on Nov 11, Counting on Nov 14



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)The Election Commission of India (ECI) today unveiled the schedule for the by-election to the Nuapada Assembly constituency in Odisha, setting the stage for a crucial poll in the tribal-dominated region.The bypoll has been necessitated following the untimely death of sitting Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MLA Rajendra Dholakia on September 8, 2025, due to kidney-related ailments at the age of 68.

According to the ECI's announcement, the polling for the Nuapada seat will take place on November 11, 2025, coinciding with the second phase of the Bihar Assembly elections. The counting of votes is slated for November 14, 2025, promising a swift resolution to the electoral contest.Key dates include the issuance of the gazette notification on October 13, 2025, the last date for filing nominations on October 20, 2025, scrutiny of nominations on October 22, 2025, and the withdrawal of candidatures by October 24, 2025.

CM Mohan Majhi Announces Rs 1,101 Cr Development Package For Nuapada

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Monday announced a series of major development projects worth ?1,101 crore for Nuapada district, reaffirming his government's commitment to balanced regional growth and people-centric governance.Addressing a large public gathering during his visit to Nuapada, the Chief Minister said the state government is working to ensure equitable development of all regions—big or small, remote or urban. "The doors are always open for the people of Nuapada. You can meet me anytime, and your issues will be addressed on priority," he assured the residents.During the visit, 109 projects worth ?64.02 crore were inaugurated, and foundation stones for 39 projects worth 159.76 crore were laid. The Chief Minister also announced new projects worth ?75.37 crore, and irrigation projects worth 802.09 crore aimed at boosting agricultural growth in the district.Responding to long-pending public demands, Majhi announced the upgradation of Khariar Road from a Notified Area Council (NAC) to a Municipality, while



Komna was granted NAC status, and Sinapali and Godal gram panchayats were merged to form Sinapali NAC.This was the Chief Minister's third visit to Nuapada since assuming office. Including previous announcements, he has unveiled projects worth 1,420 crore for the district.Highlighting the government's focus on welfare, Majhi announced that sub-registration offices will be opened in all tehsils of Odisha. Of the 317 tehsils in the state, 210 already have such offices, while 107 more will soon be covered. In the first phase, sub-registration offices were opened in Sinapali, Komna, and Boden tehsils of Nuapada and Mathili, Kalimela, Khairput, and Kudumuluguma tehsils of Malkangiri.The Chief Minister also announced significant hikes in scholarships — pre-matric scholarships increased from ?10,500 to ?16,000, while post-matric scholarships were raised to 16,000 for boys and ?17,000 for girls. Under the Anwesha scheme, scholarships have been enhanced from ?11,000 to ?17,000.Reiterating his government's commitment to farmers and kendu leaf pluckers, Majhi said he had personally raised the issue of GST reduction on kendu leaves at the GST Council meeting.

BJP Leader Pitabash Panda Shot Dead

Berhampur, (Correspondent): In a shocking incident, BJP leader and senior lawyer Pitabash Panda was shot dead near Brahmanagar here in Odisha on Monday night, Police said.Targeted Attack Near Brahmanagar

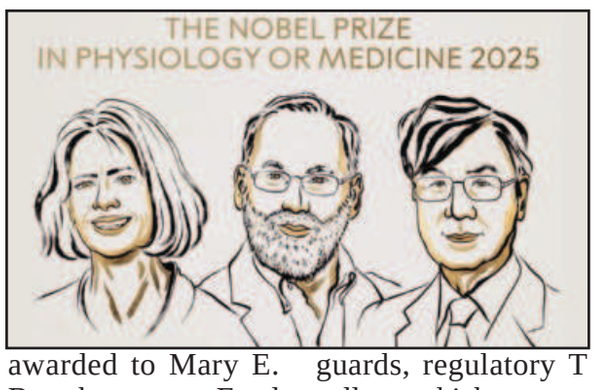
According to preliminary reports, the shooting occurred at around 10 PM when Panda was near Brahmanagar. Eyewitnesses said that two bike-borne miscreants fired two rounds at him at close range before fleeing the scene.Panda was rescued in a critical condition and rushed to MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur, where the attending doctors declared him "brought dead".

Digital Blackout Extended in Cuttack

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):The Odisha government has extended internet restrictions across key areas of Cuttack for another 24 hours, effective from 7:00 PM on October 6 to 7:00 PM on October 7, 2025.The move comes in response to fears that social media platforms and messaging apps could be misused by anti-social elements to spread misinformation and incite public unrest.

US, Japanese Scientists Awarded 2025 Nobel Prize For Medicine For Discovery On Immune System

New Delhi: A trio of US and Japanese scientists have on Monday been awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery on how the immune system is kept in check.The coveted prize by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet was awarded to Mary E. Brunkow (US), Fred Ramsdell (US), and Shimon Sakaguchi (Japan). The prize money of 11 million Swedish kronor will be shared equally between the laureates."The 2025 #NobelPrize in Physiology or Medicine has been



awarded to Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi for their discoveries concerning peripheral immune tolerance," the Nobel Assembly said in a statement.The peripheral immune tolerance is a mechanism that prevents the immune system from harming the body.The laureates identified the immune system's security guards, regulatory T cells — which prevent immune cells from attacking our own body.Their discoveries launched the field of peripheral tolerance, spurring the development of medical treatments for cancer and autoimmune diseases. This may also lead to more successful transplantations. Several of these treatments are now undergoing clinical trials."Their discoveries have been decisive for our understanding of how the immune system functions and why we do not all develop serious autoimmune diseases," said Olle Kämpe, chair of the Nobel Committee.Born in 1961, Brunkow holds a doctorate from Princeton University in the US. He is currently the Senior Programme Manager at the Institute for Systems Biology in Seattle.Ramsdell was born in 1960 and undertook a Ph.D in 1987 from the University of California-Los Angeles, US. He is the Scientific Advisor at Sonoma Biotherapeutics in San Francisco.

SC Notice to Centre on Sonam Wangchuk Detention: Habeas Corpus Plea Gains Momentum

NEWDELHI: The Supreme Court has issued a notice to the Central government regarding a habeas corpus petition filed by Gitanjali Angmo, the wife of Ladakh-based environmentalist, innovator, and activist Sonam Wangchuk.The petition challenges Wangchuk's detention under the National Security Act (NSA).

A Bench comprised of Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice N.V. Anjaria requested a response from the Centre after a brief hearing. Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Angmo, argued against the preventive detention, stating, "We are against the detention."Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Central government, informed the Court that the grounds for Wangchuk's detention had been duly provided. "The grounds for detention were supplied," he confirmed.In light of these submissions, the Bench ordered, "Issue notice."Wangchuk was arrested in Ladakh on September 26 and is currently held at Jodhpur Central Jail. His arrest followed protests and incidents of violence in Ladakh concerning the demand for statehood for the union territory.Habeas Corpus Plea Gains Mom entumIn her petition, Angmo contends that her husband's detention under Section 3(2) of the NSA is illegal and arbitrary, lacking a genuine connection to national security or public order. Instead, she argues that the detention is intended to silence a respected reformer who advocates for democratic and ecological causes.The petition further claims that Wangchuk's activities were limited to peaceful Gandhian protests in Ladakh. These actions fall under his constitutional rights protected by Article 19. Therefore, his detention constitutes a violation of free speech.Angmo also alleges that the procedural safeguards for preventive detention were not followed, thus infringing upon Wangchuk's rights to liberty and equality as guaranteed by Articles 21 and 14 of the Constitution.

Three Maoists Detained In Dantewada; IED Safely Recovered In Joint Operation

New Delhi: In a major success for security forces battling Naxalite insurgency in South Bastar Dantewada, three suspected Maoists were detained and a live pressure IED was recovered during a joint operation conducted by Malewahi Police Station and CRPF personnel on Monday.

The operation was part of an ongoing anti-Naxalite campaign led by Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rai, Additional SPs Udit Pushkar and RK Barman. The campaign has intensified patrols and search operations across the district, resulting in a series of arrests and recoveries.Acting on a tip-off from an informer about suspicious activity near the Satdhar bridge, a joint team from Malewahi Police Station and CRPF's (Central Reserve Police Force) Malewahi Camp moved swiftly to the location. Upon arrival, three individuals attempted to hide but were quickly surrounded and detained.

Death Toll Rises To 60 In Indonesia's School Building Collapse

Jakarta: The death toll from the collapse of a building of the Al Khoziny Islamic boarding school in Sidoarjo Regency, East Java, has risen to 60 after search and rescue teams recovered 11 more bodies on Monday, according to Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB).The victims were found under the rubble between midnight and 6:15 pm local time, BNPB spokesperson Abdul Muhari said in a press statement, Xinhua News Agency reported. Three people remain missing, according to preliminary estimates based on an attendance list issued by the Islamic boarding school.In addition to intact bodies, the joint search and rescue team also recovered five body parts. All remains have been taken to Bhayangkara Hospital in Surabaya for identification.

BNPB reported that the number of patients under treatment rose to 104, of whom four have been discharged, 99 remain hospitalised, and one does not require treatment.Rescue operations are continuing in sectors A1 and A2, where collapsed concrete still covers older structures. Authorities said debris removal is being conducted with caution to avoid further damage to nearby buildings.The school building collapsed on September 29 with dozens of students trapped inside.On October 2, rescuers began using heavy machinery after detecting no further signs of life, having previously relied on manual methods due to fears that vibrations from large equipment might trigger additional collapses.Officials explained that the rescue efforts were especially challenging, as movement in one section of the site could destabilise other areas.While investigations into the cause of the collapse are still ongoing, early findings point to potentially poor construction practices as a contributing factor.Subandi, the district head of Sidoarjo, confirmed earlier police statements indicating that the school's management had failed to obtain the necessary construction permits before starting the project.

Bihar Assembly Elections 2025 to Be Held in Two Phases; EC Unveils 17 New Initiatives

NEWDELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has officially announced the schedule for the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025.The polls will be conducted in two phases—on November 6 and November 11—with results to be declared on November 14. The term of the current 243-member assembly ends on November 22.Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, during a press conference, revealed a suite of 17



new initiatives aimed at enhancing transparency, accessibility, and efficiency in the electoral process. These include the launch of the ECINet app, redesigned EVMs with colored candidate photos and bold serial numbers, and senior-friendly polling booths equipped with wheelchair access.Bihar boasts 7.42 crore registered voters, including 14 lakh first-time voters. The voter list underwent a rigorous Special Intensive Revision (SIR), marking the first major cleansing in 22 years. The final list was published on September 30, though citizens can still file objections.The political landscape is heating up, with major alliances like the JD(U)-BJP and the opposition Mahagathbandhan (RJD-Congress) preparing for a high-stakes contest. Parties have begun releasing candidate lists and negotiating seat shares, while comparisons between Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and global leaders like Joe Biden have stirred public discourse.The ECI emphasized zero tolerance for election-related violence and urged all parties to appoint polling and counting agents to ensure transparency. With these reforms, Bihar's election is poised to set a benchmark for future polls across India

ECI Rolls Out Massive Security And Logistics Plan For Bihar Assembly Polls

New Delhi; The Election Commission of India (ECI) said on Monday that the Bihar Assembly elections will be conducted in two phases, on November 6 and November 11, with results scheduled for declaration on November 14.Addressing the media, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, along with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, described the upcoming elections as the "mother of all elections", emphasising the commission's commitment to ensuring a peaceful and flawless electoral process."We want to assure Bihar voters that not only will the elections be exemplary and smooth, but also the most peaceful due to a special focus on maintaining law and order," Kumar said.Bihar's Legislative Assembly comprises 243 constituencies, including 203 General, 38 Scheduled Caste (SC), and 2 Scheduled Tribe (ST) seats.Bihar has a total of nearly 7.43 crore registered voters as of September 30, 2025.Of these, nearly 3.92 crore are male electors.A significant youth presence is also there, with more than 1.63 crore voters aged 20-29 and 14.01 lakh first-time voters between the age of 18 and 19.There will be participation from special groups, including 4.04 lakh senior citizens aged 85 years and above, around 14,000 centenarians, and 7.2 lakh persons with disabilities (PwDs).

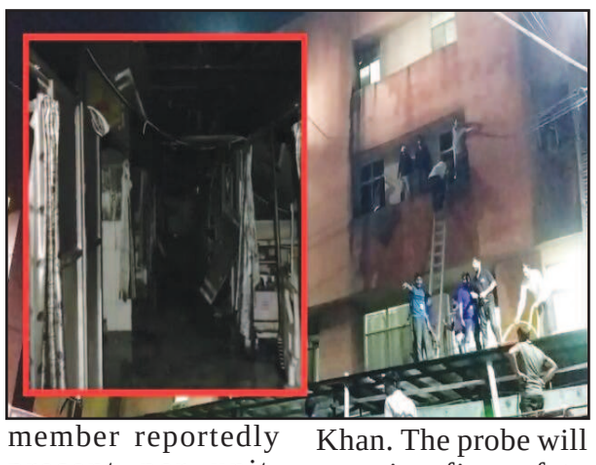
French PM Sebastien Lecornu Resigns After Few Weeks In Office

Paris: French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu resigned on Monday, indicating a renewed crisis in the country's politics. His resignation comes just weeks after his appointment.French President Emmanuel Macron accepted his resignation on Monday morning, hours after Lecornu revealed first names of his government, Euro News reported.After unveiling his cabinet, Lecornu has faced criticism from his own camp and the opposition. The conservative Republicans party has expressed outrage over the return of France's former Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire as Defence Minister, reports cited.

On Sunday, Lecornu announced the cabinet lineup, which included Bruno Le Maire, who served as French Economy Minister from 2017 to 2024, being named as Defence Minister, while Roland Lescure was appointed as France's Economy Minister. French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot continued to keep his portfolio. Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau and Justice Minister Gerald Darmanin also kept their posts, Xinhua News Agency reported. Culture Minister Rachida Dati continued to retain his post. The French presidency revealed 18 names, which included 16 ministers and two ministers delegate.

Jaipur Hospital Fire: 6 ICU Patients Dead, Staff Allegedly Fled During Blaze

NEWDELHI: A devastating fire broke out late Sunday night in the trauma ICU of Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital, claiming the lives of six critically ill patients.The blaze, suspected to have been triggered by a short circuit, erupted on the second floor of the state-run facility, rapidly filling the ward with toxic smoke .Eyewitnesses and grieving families alleged that hospital staff abandoned their posts during the emergency, leaving attendants to rescue patients on their own.At the time of the incident, 210 patients were admitted across four ICUs, with only one staff



member reportedly present per unit. Firefighters took nearly two hours to contain the blaze, while survivors were shifted to other wards. Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma cancelled his scheduled Delhi visit and ordered a high-level inquiry led by Medical Education Commissioner Iqbal Khan. The probe will examine fire safety protocols, hospital response, and preventive measures.Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and former CM Ashok Gehlot expressed condolences. Families continue to demand transparency and accountability.

Indian Agencies Track Bangladesh Army's Increasing Alignment with ISI-Backed Elements

New Delhi: The Bangladesh Army was the last ray of hope for the people of the country, but today that institution has come completely under the grip of the Jamaat-e-Islami. Just two months back, the army had appealed for peace and even foiled an attempt by Muhammad Yunus to trigger skirmishes with India.The Bangladesh Army, which appeared to be mature in such a tense situation, has today become a replica of its counterparts in Pakistan. Officials say that the Indian armed forces are preparing for a completely changed scenario along the



Indo-Bangladesh border.The Bangladesh Army, which had kept Pakistan at arm's length when Sheikh Hasina was in power, is today cozying up to Islamabad. Since the fall of the Hasina government, the ISI and Pakistan Army have been all over Bangladesh. ISI officials in particular have made multiple trips during which they have advised terror groups to increase the number of modules.The ISI has also offered tactical support to many terror groups to act against India. Further, terrorists from Pakistan have been sent to Bangladesh to train terrorists who would be used to carry out attacks against India.It is well known that instability in Bangladesh would have a direct impact on India. In the Bangladesh Army, India had seen a ray of hope. When the madness set in following the ouster of Sheikh Hasina, the army in Bangladesh appeared to be mature and sought immediate restoration of peace.Bangladesh Army Chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman had made it clear to both the people and the interim government that he would not tolerate violence against the minorities. He had also not backed the government on several decisions that included the interference by Pakistan.

Tea Sector In Bengal's Northern Region Envisages Over Rs 100cr Losses Due To Rain, Landslides

Kolkata: Amid the ongoing crisis in the hills, Terai and Dooars regions in northern region of Wesr Bengal following heavy rainfall and frequent landslides during the last couple of days, the tea sector in the region in the region is envisaging a loss of over Rs 100 crore because of the natural disaster.According to the Dooars branch of the Tea Association of India secretary, Ram Avtar Sharma, although the exact details of the losses in the tea sector is yet to be available, initial estimates suggest that the loss would be nothing less than Rs



100 crore or even more."To my knowledge, the tea sector in North Bengal had not faced such huge losses in the past. The sector needs government assistance," he said.The tea sector had been affected by the current disaster in two ways. First, a number of tea gardens in the hills, Terai, and Dooars region had been badly affected by the rains and landslides, affecting the plantation there before the "two leaves and a bud" are plucked.Secondly, there had been severe waterlogging at the storehouses of processed tea leaves in the region, which had resulted in huge losses.According to the initial estimates, around 30 of the total of 276 tea gardens in the hills, Terai, and Dooars regions combined had been majorly affected by the flood and the landslides. The maximum number of tea gardens affected is in the Terai region at 15."These are just the initial estimates. The exact number of gardens affected and the exact quantum of loss could be ascertained in due course," said a Tea Association of India associate.

Bengal Landslide: Death Toll Rises To 28; CM Mamata Reviews Relief And Rescue Ops

Kolkata: The death toll from landslides following torrential rain in northern region of West Bengal rose to 28 on Monday, with six persons remaining missing, an official said.On October 5, incessant rain caused massive landslides across north Bengal hills, sweeping away homes, road links and leaving hundreds of tourists stranded.With over 300 mm of rain in 12 hours, the landslides wreaked havoc in Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Kalimpong districts. Rescue teams struggled to clear over 40 landslide points, as swollen rivers and broken bridges cut off several areas.On Monday, the rescue operations gained pace after the weather cleared with many tourists, who were stranded, also coming down the hills.North Bengal Development Minister Udayan Guha told media persons that the toll was likely to rise further as rescue operations continued."Till now, 28 people have died and six remain missing. The deaths have been reported from both Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts," said Guha.

The worst-affected areas include Mirik, Sukhia Pokhri, Jorebunglow and Nagrakata, where roads have submerged under watee, bridges collapsed and settlements destroyed in landslides.Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, accompanied by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, flew to Bagdogra on Monday to monitor rescue operations. She also announced compensation for the families of the landslide victims.The Chief Minister announced Rs 5 lakh ex gratia for the kin of each of the deceased and a home guard job for one family member.

EVs Likely To Cost Same As Petrol Vehicles In 4–6 Months: Nitin Gadkari

New Delhi: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday said that the prices of electric vehicles (EVs) in India are likely to match those of petrol-powered vehicles within the next four to six months, as the government pushes for wider adoption of clean mobility.Speaking at the FICCI Higher Education Summit, the minister noted that India's annual fuel import bill of Rs 22 lakh crore was both an economic burden and an environmental challenge, making a shift towards green energy vital for the country's growth.Gadkari added that within the next five years, the government aims to position India's automobile industry as the largest in the world. When he took charge as transport minister, the industry was valued at Rs 14 lakh crore, which has now grown to Rs 22 lakh crore.Currently, the size of the US automobile industry stands at Rs 78 lakh crore, followed by China at Rs 47 lakh crore, while India is placed third with Rs 22 lakh crore, he said.The minister also highlighted the role of farmers in this transition, noting that they have earned an additional Rs 45,000 crore by producing ethanol from corn, thereby contributing to the nation's energy security and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.Last month, the minister launched India's first "hydrogen highways", accelerating the country's green hydrogen initiatives.The project involves setting up hydrogen fuelling stations along strategic national highway corridors to support long-haul hydrogen-powered freight.The fuel of the future is hydrogen, and we have now started the first extensive hydrogen truck trials in history. "A budgetary allocation of Rs 500 crore has been sanctioned to five consortia across ten routes, with 37 vehicles participating," Gadkari stated during the event.These trials will be supported by the establishment of nine hydrogen refuelling stations. He went on to say that these corridors will be India's first hydrogen highways, establishing the framework for long-distance, clean transportation.

TP Odisha Discoms Begin a New Chapter with Odisha 2.0

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Odisha Discoms began a new chapter in Odisha today with the unveiling of Odisha 2.0, an umbrella initiative dedicated to holistic development and employee well-being under the guiding theme "Care Beyond Power - Because People Matter."Hon'ble Deputy CM Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo flagged off the Project "Training on Wheels" under Odisha 2.0 at the Power Distribution



Technology Centre, Bhubaneswar, in the presence of Shri Sidhant Mohapatra, MLA Digapahandi, Shri Akash Das Nayak, MLA Korei, Actress Ms. Anu Choudhury, Shri Gajanan Kale, Chief Odisha Distribution Business & CEO, TPNODL and Shri Arvind Singh, CEO, TPCODL.Odisha 2.0 unites a range of people-focused projects, including Training on Wheels, State-of-art Office Infra, Employee Connect, Touching Lives of Business Associates, Door-Step Medical Facilities and Sports at the grassroots level. Each of these projects is carefully designed to strengthen the Discoms' commitment to building safer, healthier and more connected communities throughout Odisha.As the first initiative under Odisha 2.0, Project Training on Wheels was formally launched on 6th October 2025 at the Power Distribution Technology Centre, Bhubaneswar by Odisha Discoms in collaboration with TPSDI. The project has been conceptualized to take training infrastructure to the door-steps of employees at Fuse Call Centres (FCCs) and PSS locations across Odisha's vast 1.54 lakh sq. kms service area, covering 743 Sections, thereby ensuring that quality training reaches even the remotest corners of the state.

Woman Dragged By Crocodile In Kharasrota River In Jajpur

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): A tragic incident occurred in Kantia village under Binjharpur block in Jajpur district, where a woman was dragged into the Kharasrota river by a crocodile. Soudamini Mahala, the victim, was washing dishes and utensils near the river when the crocodile attacked her while she was taking a bath.Locals witnessed the terrifying scene and raised an alarm, but unfortunately, they were unable to rescue her from the crocodile's clutches. The fire services and forest department teams were immediately informed, and a rescue operation was launched.As of the last report, the woman's rescue was still underway, with the forest department searching for her in the river. The incident has triggered panic among the locals.

Cuttack Remains Calm Under Curfew; Review ToDAY



CuttackCorrespondent):: In response to recent disturbances in Cuttack, senior police and administrative officials today assessed the situation and observed the city, which was under a 36-hour curfew. The situation will be reviewed after 10 am tomorrow, and a decision will be taken on whether to extend the curfew or not.According to Police Commissioner S Devdutta Singh, "If normalcy continues, there would be no need to extend the curfew." Eight individuals have been arrested in connection with the unrest, and three cases have been registered against them. The police are reviewing CCTV footage and video recordings to identify and apprehend more rioters. Internet services have been suspended for the next 24 hours to prevent the spread of misinformation and maintain public order.The Police Commissioner assured that the situation is currently normal and peaceful, with no reports of untoward incidents or signs of violence. "We have received so many calls from the public that they are feeling peaceful," Singh added. Central RDC Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar and Police Commissioner Singh are jointly monitoring the situation, with adequate deployment of forces in place. "We are doing everything to ensure public peace and tranquillity," the RDC said.The administration has warned that strict action will be taken against anyone attempting to create disturbances or violate the law during the curfew. Those behind the recent violence will be brought to book, and the instigators will face strict action.

Naveen Patnaik Condoles Deaths In Jaipur Hospital Fire

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent):: BJD president and Leader of Opposition in the Odisha Assembly, Naveen Patnaik, on Monday expressed deep sorrow over the tragic death of six people in a fire at the Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital in Jaipur, Rajasthan.At least six patients lost their lives after a massive blaze broke out in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU), officials confirmed earlier in the day.Taking to social media platform X, Patnaik wrote, "Deeply saddened to know about the loss of precious lives in a fire accident at Sawai Man Singh Hospital in #Jaipur, Rajasthan. My thoughts and prayers are with the grieving families during this difficult time. Praying for the swift recovery of those who have sustained injuries." The fire tragedy at one of Rajasthan's largest government hospitals has sent shockwaves across the country, with condolences pouring in from leaders and citizens alike.

Bargarh Police Bust Cough Syrup Smuggling Racket; 15 Arrested, Firearms Seized

Bargarh (Correspondent): In an intensified drive to curb rising criminal activities and drug smuggling, Bargarh Police on Monday carried out simultaneous raids across multiple locations in the district, leading to major seizures and multiple arrests.During the operation, police seized 1,500 bottles of cough syrup, five country-made guns, 20 live bullets, three unexploded cartridges, 16 mobile phones, five four-wheeler vehicles, and cash amounting to ?57,200. A total of 15 accused persons were



arrested in connection with the illegal activities.According to police, the arrested individuals include three from Chhattisgarh, eight from Bargarh district, and one each from Cuttack, Balangir, Bhadrak, and Jagatsinghpur. The accused were allegedly part of a network involved in smuggling cough syrup not only within Odisha but also across the border into Chhattisgarh.Speaking at a press conference, Bargarh Superintendent of Police Prahallad Sahai Meena said that the raids were part of a special operation to dismantle networks engaged in illegal drug trade and arms possession."The police have intensified surveillance and operations to control crime in the district. Investigations are underway, and similar raids will continue in the coming days," SP Meena stated.The seizures mark a significant success for Bargarh Police in their ongoing efforts to combat cross-border smuggling and illegal trade in western Odisha.

Collector Orders Early Closure of Shops In Balasore Ahead Of Diwali

Balasore,(Correspondent): In view of the upcoming Diwali festival and to maintain law and order during the festive period, the Balasore district administration has directed that all shops within the Balasore Municipality and town area must close by 10 PM daily from October 6 to October 21, 2025.The order, issued by the Collector and District Magistrate of Balasore, cites that many shops in the town remain open till late night—sometimes up to 1 AM—which leads to large gatherings and poses a potential risk of law-and-order disturbances.To prevent any untoward incidents during the festive season, the Collector has instructed the Superintendent of Police, Balasore, to ensure strict patrolling in the town area and to enforce the early closure directive, except for emergency services such as medical stores.Copies of the order have also been forwarded to the Tahasildar, Balasore, and the Executive Officer, Balasore Municipality, for necessary compliance and coordination at their respective levels.

BJD Protests In Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): The opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Monday staged a massive protest in Bhubaneswar demanding a CBI investigation into the alleged irregularities in the recruitment of police sub-inspectors (SIs) in Odisha.Hundreds of party workers and leaders took out a protest march from Master Canteen Square to Lower PMG, holding banners and placards and raising slogans against the BJP-led state government. The protestors accused the government of shielding influential individuals allegedly involved in the recruitment scam.Tension flared when the agitators attempted to break police barricades, leading to a brief scuffle between demonstrators and security personnel. Several BJD workers and leaders were subsequently detained by the police.

Two injured in massive explosion at illegal firecracker unit in Mayurbhanj

Baripada(Correspondent):: Two people were injured in a massive explosion at an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit in Bachhuripada village, under Baisinga Police Station in Mayurbhanj district on Sunday.The seriously injured has been identified as Anil Das, a resident of the same village.According to sources, the explosion took place



around 11 am while the victims(two brothers) were allegedly preparing illegal fireworks and explosives. The explosion was so massive that it blew off the entire house.Both injured individuals were immediately shifted to the Balasore hospital.

Odisha Govt Transfers 44 OAS Officers

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent) In a significant bureaucratic reshuffle, the Odisha government has ordered the transfer of 44 Odisha Administrative Service (OAS) officers at the junior level, aiming to streamline operations in key departments.Notifications issued separately by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department and the Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department detail the postings, which include roles such as Tehsildars, Deputy Collectors, Block Development Officers (BDOs), and other administrative positions across various districts and blocks.According to the Revenue Department's order, 38 OAS (Junior Branch) officers have been reassigned to districts statewide. Notable transfers include Niroj Kumar Bhatra to Deputy Collector, Baudh; Akash Ranjan Sahu to BDO in the Panchayati Raj Department; Tikunu Puta to Tehsildar, Loisingha; Tilottama Prusti to BDO in Jajpur's Panchayati Raj Department; Harpriya Prusti to DS&AO, Jajpur; and Pritiparna Mishra to Under Secretary in the Revenue Department .Additional key postings from the Revenue notification encompass Meenakhi Das as Tehsildar, Baranga; Tusar Jyoti Ranjan as Tehsildar, Kendrapara; Pritibala Rana as BDO; Chandradip Behera as Tehsildar, Betanati; Sushree Pradhan as Tehsildar, Panposh; and Sarat Kumar Bag as BDO in the Panchayati Raj Department, relieving him from his previous role as Special Executive Officer at Rengali Irrigation Project.The Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department's notification covers the transfer of six OAS officers to BDO positions in various blocks. Highlights include Jayajagat Sahu, previously Deputy General Manager at Bhubaneswar OSDMA, now posted as BDO, Belaguntha Block, Ganjam district; Sarthak Saurabh Mahapatra to BDO, Remuna; Subhankari Sudeshna Das to BDO, Derabish; Bibekananda Mishra to BDO, Chikiti Block; Namita Barik to BDO, G. Udayagiri Block; and Sarat Chandra Mallik to BDO, Dasapalla Block.

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Identification No Online NCB – 03/2025-26.

1. Name of the Work : Road Work in the District of Keonjhar For the Year 2025-26
2. Total Number of Work : 1 No.
3. Estimated Cost : Rs. 41.29 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : "B"
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure of e-Procurement Notice No.03 of 2025-26.
6. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/o S.E., R.W. Division, Banspal.
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Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division ,Banspal	Road Online NCB No. 03	Dt.08.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.17.10.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.16.10.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.18.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

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EDITORIAL

Disease Relief in Autumn from a Balanced Lifestyle

With the arrival of autumn after rainy season, the sky becomes clear and the sun's rays begin to shine. It changes the nature. The water of the rivers and ponds becomes pure. The shade on the ground looks even more pleasant. There is a special kind of purity in the whole environment. This season has been considered balancing both mind and body. Autumn has a different significance in Indian cultural life than the major festivals like Navratra, Durga Puja, Dussehra and Diwali and Autumn Purnima. It sends a message of joy, holiness and delight. Winter comes after autumn. Winter begins at the end of this season.In the rainy season, accumulated defects in the body begin to appear in autumn. The intense rays of the sun especially increase bile defect, which causes bile diseases to be more visible. At this time, diarrhea, acidity and other urinary growth disorders become common. Skin diseases such as ringworms, coughs, itching, fungi and skin on the mouth and tongue also increase this season. There are more problems such as eye irritation and redness, headache and body burning. At this time, increased gallbladder causes other blood disorders and abdominal problems. So it is necessary to pay special attention to diet, routine and lifestyle in the fall.Diet is especially important for digestion and body balance this season. should consume a sweet, cool and light diet at this time Acute substances such as onions, carrots, peppers etc. are helpful in digestion Grains such as barley, wheat, rice and corn provide nutrition and energy to the body. Fruits such as grapes and raisins are considered particularly beneficial. In addition, the consumption of milk and ghee calms the stomach to provide cooling and refreshment for the body. A balanced diet keeps health safe this season and reduces the chances of disease.Should wear clean and light clothes this season The consumption of candies, cool air and flowers is healthier. It's great to enjoy the moon at night and avoid the sun during the day. Working hard these days and getting proper sleep is the key to health.Refining activities are extremely effective for controlling and calming pests in the autumn. At this time, diarrhea is considered particularly superior because it balances the body by removing bile defect from its roots and increasing immunity. In addition, acne and bleeding are extremely beneficial in the prevention of urine and blood related defects. Drinking cold water provides the body with coolness and refreshment Medications like candies, asparagus and almonds are also helpful in calming the urine and keeping the body healthy this season. Regular cleaning and the use of medications reduces the likelihood of gastrointestinal diseases this season. This season's water is special. If it rains from the sky in autumn, the water is smooth and digestible. These days, the water doesn't even boil. Mature by the sun's rays and the coolness of the moon, it makes water pure and life-giving. It is considered excellent for digestion and showering. It is called as beneficial in Ayurveda.As in summer and spring, the consumption of yogurt is forbidden in Ayurveda. These days, herbs have to be collected for medicinal purposes. Their usable organs are characterized by an excellent sense of their qualities in specific seasons. In autumn the bark, stems and algae of plants

Every Life is a Gift of God



Dr Annada Tripathy

Every creature on this earth has its own value. Each living being, whether small or big, weak or strong, has a purpose in the world. We must learn to love and respect every creature because life itself is a sacred creation. Every bird that flies, every animal that walks, every fish that swims and every human being who breathes is a part of God's wonderful design.No creature comes to this world by chance. Every life begins in a mother's womb. Whether it is a human mother, a bird's egg or an animal's belly, that womb is a holy place where life begins. The moment a tiny life starts growing, it becomes a sign of divine power. The process of birth is full of mystery and wonder. We may not always understand how life enters the womb, but we know that it is not just a natural act—it is a blessing from God.When we see a creature, we should remember that it has come from the love and care of a mother. The mother carries her baby with patience and protects it until it is ready to face the world. This bond of motherhood connects all living beings. A mother bird builds a nest, a cat finds a quiet corner and a woman feels her baby moving inside her. These are signs of the same divine love that runs through all creation.Therefore, no creature should be hated, harmed or ignored. Even a small insect, a crawling worm or a barking street dog deserves compassion. They also feel pain, hunger and fear. They also seek love and safety. When we hurt them or neglect them, we hurt the balance of nature that God has created with care.Every life, whether human or animal, rich or poor, beautiful or plain, is a reflection of the Creator's wisdom. We are not the masters of this world, but caretakers. God has given us the power to think and act, but with that power comes the duty to protect and love all forms of life. The trees that give us oxygen, the cows that give us milk, the birds that sing in the morning—all exist for a reason.If we start valuing every creature, the world will become a kinder and more peaceful place. Hatred and cruelty will disappear. Children will grow up with love in their hearts. People will care for animals instead of harming them. The earth will smile again with green forests, clear water and pure air.So, let us open our hearts and see the beauty in every life. Let us remember that from the smallest ant to the tallest elephant, every creature is born from its mother's love and God's grace. We must respect that sacred connection and protect it with kindness.

A journey in Rajasthan shows the path to heritage conservation



Amarpal Singh Verma

Our country is known for its rich cultural and historical heritage, but these very heritages often fall victim to neglect. Recently, a unique journey from the Sri Ganganagar and Hanumangarh districts of Rajasthan has pledged to change this situation. The aim of this journey, called "Jungle Jatra," is not only to recognize local heritage but also to inspire the entire country to integrate the heritage of their respective regions into mainstream tourism and development.The places included in this journey have great historical, cultural, and religious significance, but they are underdeveloped for tourism. The aim of this journey is to bring these places widespread recognition, both nationally and internationally, and also to develop tourism-based employment opportunities in the region. The demand for developing these sites as tourist destinations has been growing for decades, but there has been a lack of government effort in this regard. This journey, initiated by academician Praveen Bhatia, reached the five to six and a half thousand year old Kalibanga civilization, the two thousand year old Bhatner Fort, archaeological sites like Barod and Rangmahal, religious centers like the Gogamedi Temple and the Budha Johad Gurudwara, symbols of reverence in North India, natural heritage sites like the Badopal Bird Sanctuary, and symbols of bravery like the Naggi War Memorial on the India-Pakistan border. This journey demonstrates the diversity and richness hidden in every region, which we can give a new identity by connecting it with the mainstream of tourism and culture.This initiative of Jangal Jatra reminds us of Dr. Luigi Piao Tassitori, an Italian scholar who worked in the Bikaner division a hundred years ago. He scoured every village and discovered dozens of historical and archaeological sites. Praveen Bhatia has followed suit, visiting villages and drawing people's attention to the heritage sites there. The remarkable thing is that while this Yatra is an individual initiative, it has the support of thousands of people who are committed to preserving and developing the region's heritage. This Yatra has taught people to take pride in their heritage and has made neglected sites of archaeological and historical importance in remote villages a center of public discussion.This is not unique to Rajasthan. Every state and district in the country has numerous sites with historical, cultural, and religious significance, but they have been forgotten and neglected. If local people come together to preserve and develop them, it will not only strengthen the cultural identity but also create new opportunities for tourism-based employment and overall development. Relying solely on the government is not enough today. Society also has a responsibility to protect heritage and bring it global recognition. When local people come forward, the government and policymakers are compelled to take action. This change is made possible by initiatives like Jangal Jatra.Our country's heritage isn't just stories of stones and monuments; it's the foundation of our identity and future possibilities. If ordinary people are determined, even neglected heritage sites can find a place on the international map. This mindset must be adopted by the people of every state and district. The "Jungle Jatra" in Rajasthan is not just a journey, but a message that inspires us to work for our heritage. Preserving our heritage and making it a strength for the future is our responsibility. If such efforts are initiated in every corner of the country, our cultural heritage will transform from being confined to books and museums to becoming a living experience. This will truly make India unique.

Noble prizes Honor great discoveries -but leave much of science unseen



Vijay GarG

That's a very insightful point, and it reflects a common critique of the Nobel Prizes. While they undoubtedly shine a massive spotlight on truly monumental breakthroughs, they are often seen as leaving much of the scientific endeavor "unseen" for several reasons: * The Rule of Three and Collaborative Science: The Nobel statute limits the award to a maximum of three people. Modern science is overwhelmingly a large-scale, international, and team-based effort. This rule inevitably overlooks the crucial contributions of many other essential scientists, postdocs, technicians, and team members who were vital to the discovery. This perpetuates the myth of the "lone genius." * Exclusion of Entire Fields: Nobel Prizes are only awarded in Physics, Chemistry, and Physiology or Medicine (plus Literature, Peace, and Economics). Major, foundational fields like Mathematics, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Geology, and much of Engineering are entirely excluded, meaning great discoveries in these areas must seek recognition elsewhere. * Basic vs. Applied/Clinical Science: There is often a bias towards rewarding the basic, fundamental discovery over the essential applied science, clinical translation, or technological development that makes the discovery beneficial to humankind. * Posthumous Limit and Timing: Nobel Prizes cannot be awarded posthumously. This has led to famous injustices where crucial contributors (like Rosalind Franklin for DNA structure) pass away before their work is fully recognized or awarded. Furthermore, the committees often wait decades to ensure a discovery's impact, meaning many worthy scientists die before their moment comes.* Focus on "Greatest Benefit to Mankind": Alfred Nobel's will stipulated the award should go to those who have conferred the "greatest benefit to mankind." This focus, while noble, can sometimes lead to a preference for certain types of impactful, headline-grabbing discoveries, perhaps at the expense of deeply foundational, but less immediately visible, contributions.In short, the Nobel Prizes are fantastic for celebrating a specific, high-impact slice of scientific achievement, but the structure, criteria, and limited scope mean they cannot capture the vast, collaborative, and diverse landscape of modern science.

Why T20 Asia Cup Win is Special



Bijaya Kumar Parhi

What a classic victory that was! It was one of the most topsy-turvy T20 internationals played with fortunes swinging from one side to another. The atmosphere was electric and with a full house the crowd got its money's worth. Once again ignominy hit the Pakistani team pretty hard. India- Pakistan match couldn't have got bigger than this. It lived up to expectations, apprehensions and a sensational dramatic scene and what not. Everyone wanted a keen competition, but the last over finish (19.4 over) like that was enthralling. It was certainly not a lop-sided affair, but this one had the roofs crumbling down as emotions ran high everywhere. Indians have heard the folklores of Miandad finishing the game off with a sixer in the late 1980s and then Afridi did that that in the same style in 2014. But in a close chase the T20 stalwarts like Tilak Varma, Sanju Samson and Shivam Dube managed to come up with something special, tantalizing, spellbinding. Although Pakistan had the strategies to stop the explosive batter Abhishek Sharma, the middle order Tilak Varma appeared from nowhere and played the match defining innings, which would rankle Pakistan for the ages.Finally, in the final the finisher, Rinku Singh hit the winning runs with boundary and Pakistan got the biggest nemesis and was left licking their own wounds in the finals in Asia cup – 2025.For sports lovers, the stories of some days are scripted in permanent markers. Time can not scrub those off. Rather with every passing year, those sweet days will be making the lovers of cricket more nostalgic. 28 September 2025 is that kind of day which will not only go into the annals of history of cricket, but also it will be inspiring every Indian to find a reason to be happy when cricket was played against Pakistan with aggression, passion and above all fueled by patriotism.The rivalry between India against Pakistan became fiercest and flared up in Asia cup.Usually, Indo- Pak matches of any format excite the whole world as the full match delicacies are mixed with spice and sugar. This time all the three matches played in DP World Asia Cup was not an exception. Before the onset of multination Asia cup tournament, BCCI was in the horns of dilemma about taking part in the tournament. Against the backdrop of OPERATION SINDOOR, andthe conundrum of "To be; or Not to be" (Hamlet- William Shakespeare)BCCI was given nod by the govt. of India to be a part of Asia cup comprising eight countries, including Pakistan. India took on Pakistan on 6 September and won by 7 wickets. The real play started when Indian captain SKY refused to handshake with Pakistan counterpart. Even there were no handshake formalities after the match got over. After handshake drama and 'Pak Croft' saga, once again India met Pakistan on 14 September in Super fourand Pakistan could not control the uncontrollable and in the similar fashion India made mincemeat of Pakistan in the finals. Different genres of Shakespearean plays- tragedy, comedy, tragi-comedy, melodrama, problem play, historical play with dialogue, dramatic monologue, dumb charade, soliloquy and aside were found on the cricket. Prior to that ICC also took action against Rauf, Farhan for on field conduct. Haris Ruf was fined for his on-field act of mimicking a crash plane, bringing the game into disrepute. Farhan's gun firing gesture was a symbolic act of hostilities and the sign of atrocity of the highest order. For the first time a cricket board openly made the stance in the matter of politics and even the captain boldly mentioned about solidarity to Pahalgam victims and Indian armed forces relating to terrorist attack on 22 April. Not for nothing, when passions rule over performances and the spirit of patriotism and nationalism come to the foreground, there is nothing but the demolition and dominance by a cricket loving nation where cricket is the second religion to Indian nationalism. The most notable feature is that Team India maintained the invincibility throughout the tournament.After the final match a lot of episodes happened which are unprecedented in the cricket history.The Indian cricket team refused to collect the Asia cup trophy from Mohsin Naqvi, the president of ACC and chairman of PCB. Naqvi remained adamant, demanded his prerogatives and refused to budge from his position to hand over the trophy to the winning team. The worst unsavory chapter was added to the Asia cup when the trophy was taken away from the presentation ground by the ACC president Naqvi himself. The insolence, indecency, distasteful and the pomposity displayed by the former Pakistan interim minister crossed all the boundaries. The plot thickened, the logjam continued and the ASIA CUP CHAMPIONSended the night without a trophy in their hands. The Indian skipper mimed lifting the trophy on the podium which drew cheers from his team mates. In the midst all turmoil, confusion, tension, disorder and disarray Everything fell into place for team India. Every Indian heaves a sigh of relief murmuring- 'All is well that ends well'. A wait for forty-one years and seventeen editions of Asia cup resulted in a record breaking ninth Asia cup title for team India. Such is the gulf between the two neighbors as far as cricketing prowess is concerned. The takeawayof this Asia cup tournament is the spirit of patriotism fittingly displayed by team India, encouraged, endorsed and well supported by BCCI, govt and above all Indians.. Sometimes one moment of brilliance is all it takes. When you have the skills, temperament and experience, one inspired play can change the entire narrative and turn the tide your way. Cricket remains the greatest unifying joy and glory for India. It is always admirable to fight for the nation. The whole is greater than the sum of the parts- that's what team India's playing displayed in each match. It's not a passion to win the Asia Cup to make a record of winning the highest number of trophies, but to create an unmatched legacy, an inspiration for the coming generations. India- Pakistan rivalry became more than a game and it was a poetic justice when Pakistan found it bitter pill to swallow and India will hold this win special for the perpetuity.

District administration felicitates 7 students of Subarnapur district who have passed the Odisha Civil Services Examination

SUBARNAPUR(Coresponden) -- This year, 07 students of Subarnapur district who have passed the Odisha Civil Services Examination were felicitated by the District Administration and Odisha Journalists Union, Subarnapur branch at the conference hall of the Sonepur Panchayat Samiti office. The felicitator was present at the felicitator meeting. Subarnapur Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu, Supdt. Of Police Narayan Nayak, Additional District Magistrate Rajendra Majhi, Additional District Magistrate Anjalina Pradhan, Chief Development Officer cum Executive Officer Zilla Parishad Aswini Kumar Meher, Sub Collector, Sonepur, Dr. Soumyarupa Rath and BDO Sonepur along with all district level officers, block level



officers and journalists of various newspapers and electronic media representatives. The students of Subarnapur district who have passed the Odisha Civil Services Examination by the Collector and the Supdt. Of Police were felicitated by the Collector and the Supdt. Of Police with bouquets and alms. Ms. Supriya Mishra Rambhasindol, Tarbha Block, Ansuman Sahu, Patabhadi, Sonepur, Yatin Kumar Badi, Jatesinga, Birmaharajpur Block, Biplab Kishore Bhoi, Narayanpur, Sonepur Block (due to absence, her father Rajendra Bhoi, Ms. Smruti Shikha Bhoi, Gajabandh, Dunguripali Block, (Visually Impaired) Currently residing in Sonepur, Bishal Ranjan Bhoi,S/O Retired Head Clerk, Pradeep Kumar Bhoi, Sonepur. Bahadur Debata of Kartang, Binika Block (Visually Impaired) were absent. This Apart from this, Subarnapur Collector son Swasat Soumya Kant also succeeded in the Odisha Civil Services Examination, as he was absent, Collector, Subarnapur Dr. Nruparaj Sahu was also felicitated. Similarly, on behalf of the Odisha Journalists' Union, Subarnapur district branch, a commemorative plaque of his association was presented to the students who had passed the Odisha Civil Services Examination by the members of the union present. In this felicitation meeting, the candidates who had passed the Odisha Civil Services Examination gave their reactions. The Chief Development Officer cum Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Subarnapur suggested to all the successful students and students that they should go to the district library and get the necessary advice and guidance for the preparation for the Odisha Civil Services Examination, so that more students and students of Subarnapur district can succeed in the Odisha Civil Services Examination in the coming days. The students were wished a bright future by the district administration and the Odisha Journalists' Union. District Panchayat Officer cum District Information and Public Relations Officer Arjun Majhi coordinated the meeting while Block AEE, Bibek Panda and journalist Manoranjan Tripathy collaborated.

DFO Ohol Urges Citizens to Join Hands in Forest Conservation

Rayagada, (Correspondent):At a time when shrinking forests and rising human-wildlife conflicts remind us of our fragile bond with nature, the 71st Forest Range-Level National Wildlife Week – 2025 was observed at the Rayagada Forest Range Office with a renewed call to conscience — "Let's all pledge to protect wildlife." The celebration became more than a formality; it turned into a quiet reflection on humanity's shared responsibility toward the living world around us.Chief Guest Mr. Gaurang Raut, noted Forest Ecologist, reminded everyone that protecting wildlife is not merely an environmental act but a moral one — a gesture of gratitude to the forests that sustain life. He urged every individual to see themselves as guardians of nature, not just consumers of its gifts.Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Conservators of Forests Mr. Ashok Kumar Pradhan and Mr. Sandeep Kumar Pushti underlined that every lost tree, every displaced animal, and every burnt patch of forest echoes the need for human sensitivity and action. Their words carried both urgency and hope — that awareness must turn into small, daily acts of conservation.Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Mr. Sachin Anna Saheb Ohol, in a deeply resonant address, said that "the duty to protect forests is not only of the government but of every citizen who breathes the air they purify."He cautioned that deforestation and forest fires are silently pushing wildlife into human spaces, disturbing the ancient rhythm of coexistence. The DFO called upon the people of Rayagada to come together — to plant, to protect, and to preserve — so that future generations may still hear the songs of the forest.

Week Long K'pada Mass Festival Gajalaxmi Puja Begins

Kendrapada(Correspondent): Week long Kendrapada famous mass festival Gajalaxmi puja begins from today with spiritual atmosphere. It will continue till 14th October with the immersion of idols. Maa Gajalaxmi worshiping in hundreds and above puja pendals in the kendrapada town and it's peripheral areas. Week long festival second peace committee meeting to be held on Tuesday by the district administration. For review on Puja preparation was held at here in chairmanship of Collector Raghuram R Lyer. Both community



of the Kendrapada celebrate it with joy and brother hood, which example shows from the past in every years. Police administration also review the police arrangements for the festival in presence of police central range DIG Satyajit Nayak. Twenty platoons of police force with two sections of armed force deployed in the town from today. Before one day of festival Police flag marched in the kendrapada town on Sunday. Thirty CCTV cameras also installed in different sensitive places of town for monitoring antisocial activities. Seven temporary police aid posts set up in the town. Around 68 puja committees participated in peace committee meeting before some days ago. 97 years old kendrapada Gajalaxmi puja started from new bus stand by land lord Radha shyam Narendra Srichandan in the year 1928. After it several puja pendals enhanced in the town.

Preparation meeting for celebrating Senior Citizens Day

Malkangiri, AO correspondent :A preparation meeting for the district-level International Senior Citizens Day, which is to be celebrated as per the decision of the state government, was held in the conference room of the District Magistrate's office on. Various discussions were held under the chairmanship of Mr Vedavar Pradhan Additional District Magistrate . The block-level Senior Citizens Day will be held in the block premises on the 10th. It has been decided to be held at the Malkangiri Block and Municipal Councils together at the District Headquarters Malyabant Hostel premises. On this day, there will be registration of senior citizens, education, yoga, and its solution, their legal problems and health check-ups, inclusion of citizens above 70 years of age in the Ayushman Yojana, awareness about bank services, music competition, etc. Police, bank, health department officials will participate in this and inform the senior citizens about the various steps being taken by the government for their welfare. The program was attended by District Social Security Officer Mr Nirmal Dharua, Assistant Sub-Divisional Social security Officer Rajiv Pujari, Dr. Durgaprasad Prasad Raj, Junior Assistant Animita Roy, Retired Government Servant Secretary of the Association Ashok Samal, Members Prakash Patnaik, Duryodhan Patra and other members were present.

Police SI Exam Incident: 2 Arrested in Subarnapur District

SUBARNAPURCorrespondent) -- Two people have been arrested from Subarnapur district in the recent high-profile police sub-inspector (SI) exam cheating case in Odisha. In this context, the police have arrested two people from Subarnapur district. They have been found to be accomplices in this cheating incident. The arrested person has been identified as Kirati Sahu (29)S/O Debendra Sahu. He is a resident of Tikuda village in Subarnapur district. Another person is Prabhat Kumar Biswal S/O Gopinath Biswal He is a resident of Kuhibahal village under Rampur police station in Subarnapur district and his post office is Mahada. These two brokers are accused of helping the candidates through cheating. In such cheating, it has been found that they helped the candidates by leaking question papers, giving fake answers or adopting other illegal methods.

Bridge Collapsed Communication Disrupted at Gumma

Paralakhemundi Correspondent) -At Gumma block of Gajapati district in Ashrayagada panchayat by regular rain one bridge demolished.That was connected to Tarava & Burudung villages.Though 5 days passed no action has been taken.On this road 4 panchayats people are depending.That place is 3 kms from Gumma block headquarter.So villagers are in awkward situation on regular communication.They are waiting for block or district authorities for remedial measures.

Why Regular Landslide at Gajapati.....?

Paralakhemundi-Correspondent) -- Recently landslide with furious rainfall devastated both human lives & nature.Till date 5 persons died among them one father & son unnoticed by landslide. ODRAF,Police & Gajapati district administration with 6 teams are on vigil to trace those couple & 4 hitachi & 2 JCB machines with 2high powered capacity(long arm)machines brought from Koraput to trace those both farher-son duo of Pekoto village of Rayagada block.During this natural calamities 407 houses demolished & about 102 crores of assets,too,destroyed. More informations on agricultural & livestock loss to be assessed soon,said Collector Gajapati Madhumita.On this incident DFO KNagaraju said that they have various interventions on hilly terrain areas,where their innovations to make green on bald hills applauded.Local villagers must be cautious & cooperate to make continuous plantations with support of department staff. Secondly a convergence started with Geological Studies to counter such danger natural calamities.Head of the Department of Geography of SKCG (Autonomous)Pulak Chandra Phillips said that due to weak soil & lack of stone bonding such devastation on landslide occurred. Moreso tribals must detach themselves from burning hills instead of growing more trees.This destroyed moisture on environment & affect on climate.So better prevention strategies is imminent,where joint forest management with forest department & local people can check such deadly calamities.

One Electrocuted & Another Injured on Service Line

Paralakhemund iCorrespondent)-At Muntasahi of Gangabada panchayat of Rayagada block of Gajapati district,one died & another injured by electric shock.As per information one service wire hanged in a bamboo.So while Barika Sabar & Nagendra Sabar came across that wire while going for watering in their farm,they were injured.Barika Sabar(43) suddenly fell & died, where Nagendra injured. He was taken to Koinpur hospital & later shifted to Paralakhemundi DHH. Sarpanch of Gangabada Haribandhu Karjee shocked on death of Barika.

Kantabanji Witnesses Rise in Theft Cases, Residents Demand Swift Police Action

Kantabanji, correspondence: Balangir district's Kantabanji town has been seeing a surge in theft-related incidents, raising serious concerns among residents. The latest incident occurred in Gurukalyan Nagar (Ampada), where the house of local resident Sushanta Mahanti was looted while his family was away in Puri for three days. According to reports filed at the Kantabanji police station, thieves decamped with 100 grams of gold, two silver anklets, a mobile phone, two tablets, and ?10,000 in cash. The crime took place late at night when the family's watchman, Uma Shankar Putel, was asleep inside the house. Eyewitness accounts suggest that more than five assailants entered the premises, brutally assaulting the watchman before breaking open locked cupboards and committing the theft. Uma Shankar Putel sustained serious injuries and is currently undergoing treatment at Kantabanji Hospital. Police reached the spot soon after receiving the complaint, securing the area and initiating an investigation. Scientific teams are expected to join the probe shortly to gather forensic evidence. Locals claim that such incidents have been increasing steadily in Kantabanji, sparking fears about the safety of residents. There is growing speculation over whether these crimes are being carried out by local gangs or criminals from outside the state. Residents have appealed to the Kantabanji police to treat the matter with the utmost seriousness and arrest the culprits at the earliest to restore public confidence. Authorities have assured that every effort will be made to bring the offenders to justice.

Vigilance Nabs Assistant Engineer For Bribery

Bhubaneswar,correspondence: Vigilance sleuths today apprehended an Assistant Engineer of Kundura Block in Koraput district for demanding and accepting



a bribe of Rs 20,000 from a contractor. The bribe was allegedly taken for clearing bills related to road work.The entire amount was recovered from the accused Lambodhara Nayak's possession and seized. Simultaneous searches are underway at his locations to investigate potential disproportionate assets.A case has been registered against Nayak under the Prevention of Corruption Act, and an investigation is currently underway.

Shah Rukh Khan Joins Billionaire Club, Becomes World's Richest Entertainer With $1.4 Billion Fortune



With an estimated wealth of $1.4 billion, Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan is now the richest entertainer in the world.According to the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025, Shah Rukh Khan net worth now eclipses that of several global icons, including Taylor Swift ($1.3 billion), Arnold Schwarzenegger ($1.2 billion), Jerry Seinfeld ($1.2 billion), and Selena Gomez ($720 million).SRK's wealth extends beyond his film career, and is anchored in a diversified portfolio of businesses and investments. His flagship enterprise is Red Chillies Entertainment, founded in 2002, which has produced numerous blockbuster films such as Chennai Express, Raees, and Pathaan. The company not only produces films but also manages visual effects, distribution, and content rights, making it a major player in Indian entertainment.He also co-owns the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), a franchise in the Indian Premier League (IPL), which has been highly profitable both from sponsorship deals and league revenues. In addition, he has significant real estate holdings, including his iconic Mumbai residence Mannat, a villa in Beverly Hills, a farmhouse in Alibaug, and properties in London and Dubai.He has also invested in luxury automobiles and lifestyle brands, while Red Chillies has a separate visual effects and post-production wing that generates additional income through third-party projects. Collectively, these ventures have made SRK a global business mogul, contributing substantially to his net worth of INR 12,490 crore (roughly $1.4 billion).Other Indian actors on the list are Juhi Chawla, and her family with a reported net worth of ?7790 crore. Hrithik Roshan is on the third spot with a wealth of INR 2160 crore.

Ayurvedic strategies to balance iodine levels: Tips for optimal health



"Iodine deficiency can lead to thyroid issues, affecting energy, metabolism, and growth. Including iodine-rich foods like seafood, seaweed, dairy, and iodized salt in your diet can help maintain adequate iodine levels and support thyroid health," says Dr Dimple Jangda, Ayurveda & Gut Health Coach in her recent Instagram post. She further shared some Ayurvedic remedies for iodine levels.lodized Salt: Swap regular salt for iodized salt in your cooking. lodized salt is packed with iodine, which prevents iodine deficiency.

Guggulu: Guggulu stimulates the thyroid, helping to balance hormones and regulate iodine levels in the body

Ashwagandha: Ashwagandha promotes thyroid health and regulates iodine metabolism, keeping iodine levels balanced.

Gokshura: Gokshura aids thyroid function and contributes to iodine balance in the body

It is important to remember that although Ayurvedic treatments offer comprehensive strategies, each person's response may be different. Consult a trained healthcare professional before adding any new treatments or supplements to your regimen, especially if you are taking any medications or have pre-existing medical conditions.

10 friendly beverages to boost immunity, hydration



Winter can invite many seasonal ailments but eating and drinking according to the season can give a boost to your immunity. When it comes to beverages, tea and coffee are preferred by most over other warm drinks in winter. However, excess of high-caffeine drinks can lead to dehydration which may further cause constipation, burning sensation in stomach and exacerbation in anxiety symptoms. While your first instinct might be to reach for a hot cup of tea, to avoid winter-specific ailments you must swap it for a more nourishing and hydrating drink. Soups, infused water, cinnamon tea, jeera water, ragi malt are some of the warm beverages that are perfect in biting cold and at the same time hydrate you well.

BEST WINTER BEVERAGES TO COMBAT DEHYDRATION

The nutritionist also shared a list of 10 winter-friendly warm beverages that can help maintain immunity and hydration.

1. Herbal teas: If you are a tea person, you can go for herbal teas like peppermint, green tea, chamomile, ginger, and lemon. To add in healthy twist to the teas, 2 tablespoons of soaked chia seeds can be added which are good source of omega 3 FFA.

2. Sattu drink: Sattu is a nutritious flour made from roasted chickpeas (chana) which is a good source of energy and protein. Mix it with hot water, a pinch of black salt and a dash of lemon juice for a satisfying and protein-rich drink.





add flavour, it can be combined with roasted cumin powder and jaggery powder (optional). It is a healthy drink for pregnant and lactating mothers.

3. Warm winter fruit punch: Take fruit juice of ½ litre orange, 250 ml pineapple juice and 250 ml apple juice. Heat the mix of all fruit juices in a saucepan and add 1 medium sized cinnamon stick, few cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon powder. Heat over low flame, simmer for 20 minutes and turn off the stove. Let it cool slightly. Once it turns warm, filter it and serve it by adding fresh cut fruits like oranges, apple, lemon juice and 2-3 tablespoons soaked chia seeds as they are good source of omega 3 FFA and garnish with mint leaves and serve warm. As it contains citrus juice and spices too, they help in fighting against the infection and also maintain the body temperature.

4. Warm infused water: A healthy and delightful infused drink can be made by adding slices of cucumber, lemon, orange, mint, piece of ginger to a pitcher of hot water. Once the mix turns lukewarm, filter the infused water and serve it with soaked chia seeds and 1.2 tsp honey (optional) which is a healthy alternative for hydration. It also works as a detoxifier.

5. Soups: Healthy as well nutritious, veg soups or meat broths which are rich in vitamins and minerals can be taken to maintain hydration, warmth and energy. Sprinkling pepper definitely helps in case of cold/nose congestion.

6. Golden milk: In a sauce pan, add 2 cups milk, pinch each of turmeric powder, pepper, cinnamon and grated ginger (½ inch). Mix all the ingredients and bring it to boil. Lower the heat and let it boil for another 5 minutes and serve hot. For sweetness, 1 tsp of honey can be added (optional) . Turmeric has anti-inflammatory properties, which helps to keep the infections at bay during winter. All the spices provide warmth to the body.

7. Warm jeera water: Add one cup of water and one teaspoon of jeera or 1 tbs of jeera powder in a saucepan and boil well. Strain it and drink warm. During winter, consumption of lukewarm jeera water helps to provide relief from cold and sore throat due to its hot nature. It has strong anti-congestive property and it helps in clearing the mucus collected in the chest/respiratory tract. The anti-bacterial property of jeera water aids in fighting against infection-causing bacteria.

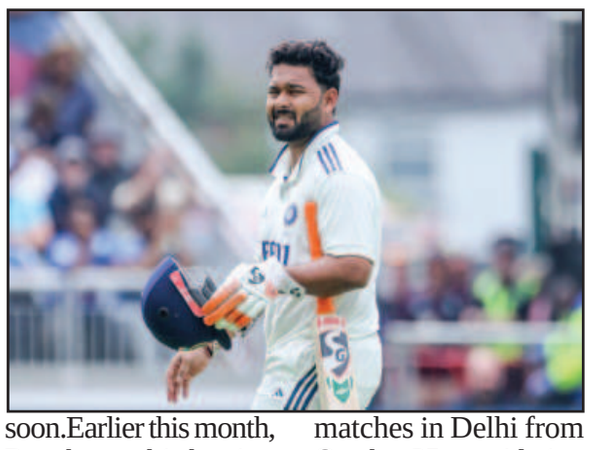
8. Cinnamon tea: A pinch of powdered cinnamon can be added to the boiling water and simmered for sometime. It can then be filtered and consumed with a few drops of honey and lemon. It a healthy and refreshing drink which also helps in boosting the metabolism during winters.

9. Hot barley water: Take ½ cup of barley along with 4 cups of water. After washing the barley, add it to the water and pressure cook for 3 whistles. Strain the water and add flavouring of your choice like black salt, lemon, pepper, honey etc. Barley has excellent antioxidant properties and it also helps to maintain the body temperature and hydration in winter.

10. Classic warm ragi malt: Add 2-3 tbs of ragi malt to a cup of hot milk and mix well without forming lumps. Add jaggery for taste (optional) along with a pinch of cinnamon and elaichi powder. Ragi is a good source of calcium and iron apart from providing warmth. Hence, it's a good option for pregnant women and growing children due to its nutritional benefits.



Pant Likely To Return Via Ranji Trophy In Late October, Pending Fitness Clearance



New Delhi: India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant is likely to make his return to competitive cricket for Delhi in the 2025/26 Ranji Trophy later this month, and pending medical clearance from the BCCI's Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru.IANS understands that Pant, who has been at the CoE since mid-September, is scheduled to have another assessment on his right foot next week by the medical team.This agency also understands that Pant, who turned 28 on Saturday, has been rigorously training at the CoE and seems on track to take the field soon.Earlier this month, Pant began his batting sessions in the CoE nets, an indication that his recovery has been going at a remarkable pace."As per the current progression, Pant could be cleared very soon. If he's declared fully fit by the medical team, then he might be available for the two Ranji Trophy matches in Delhi from October 25, considering the one against Hyderabad begins on October 15, which is too tight for testing match fitness. When he links up with the Delhi team and turns out for them, it all depends on the all-important clearance," further said the sources to IANS on Monday.Pant suffered a fracture in the metatarsal of his right foot during the fourth Test against England in Manchester in late July, after inside-edging a reverse sweep off Chris Woakes.That forced him to retire hurt on 37, with scans at the hospital later confirming the fracture. Remarkably, Pant returned to bat on the following day, despite arriving at the Old Trafford Stadium in a moonboot, and eventually made 54.Since then, the longish recovery period meant Pant has missed out on playing in the ongoing two-game Test series against the West Indies and the upcoming white-ball tour of Australia, starting on October 19 in Perth.If Pant fares well in the Ranji Trophy games for Delhi against Himachal Pradesh and Puducherry at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, then he will be included in India's squad for the two-match Test series against World Test Championship winners South Africa, starting on November 14 at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.Pant, India's vice-captain in Tests, amassed 479 runs in seven innings at a stunning average of 68.42 on the tour of England, including hitting two sparkling centuries in the series opener at Headingley, Leeds.

Pramod Bhagat Shines With Triple Gold And At Abia Para Badminton International



Abia: Ace Indian para shuttler Pramod Bhagat continued his outstanding form at the 1st Abia Para Badminton International 2025, securing three gold medals and reaffirming his dominance in the global para badminton circuit.Bhagat won the men's singles SL3 title, defeating compatriot Mantu Kumar in a thrilling final by 21-7, 9-21, 21-9. Showing his trademark composure and tactical brilliance, Bhagat bounced back strongly after losing the second game to secure victory in three games.He then teamed up with Sukant Kadam to secure another gold by winning the men's doubles, defeating Peru's Gerson Jair Vargas Lostaunaul and Diana Rojas Golac in straight sets, 21-13, 21-17. The duo's smooth coordination and aggressive style proved too powerful for their opponents.Bhagat's third gold came in the mixed doubles SL3-SU5 category, partnering with Arati Patil to secure another exciting final victory, further reinforcing his position as India's most decorated para badminton star.

Women's World Cup: 'I'm Sure Everyone Back Home Is Happy As Well', Says Harmanpreet After Big Win Over Pakistan

Colombo: India captain Harmanpreet Kaur credited the bowlers for setting the tone for an emphatic 88-run win over Pakistan in the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup clash at the R Premadasa Stadium, adding that she hoped everyone back home was very happy with the victory in Sunday's clash.India posted 247 on a sluggish pitch before bowling out Pakistan for 159, thanks to three-fers from Kranti Gaud and Deepti Sharma. "Very happy, very important game for all of us and I'm sure everyone back home is happy as well. Our bowling was great.""Kranti bowled really well, she was outstanding and Renuka helped her in getting the breakthroughs. We created so many chances, unfortunately we dropped it, but in the end when you win you are happy," said Harmanpreet in the post-match presentation ceremony.She acknowledged the batting challenges and lauded Richa Ghosh for her cameo of 25 not out lending respectability to the total. "It wasn't an easy pitch to bat on, we wanted to bat longer and see how many runs we can get. It wasn't an easy pitch. It's been raining and there was a hold on the pitch. We wanted to keep wickets in hand. The key was keeping wickets, Richa batted really well and gave us that crucial 30 runs," added Harmanpreet.
India's win marked their 12th in women's ODIs against Pakistan and took them to the top of the points table. Looking ahead, Harmanpreet said the team was keen to carry momentum into the next phase of the tournament, as India will now face South Africa in Visakhapatnam on October 9, before facing defending champions Australia at the same venue on October 12.

Asian Aquatics C'ships: India Lose 6-20 To Kazakhstan In Water Polo



Ahmedabad: The third day of Water Polo and Artistic Swimming in the 11th Asian Aquatics Championships 2025 witnessed Indian Men's Water Polo team lose 6-20 to Kazakhstan at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex on Monday.Meanwhile, in Artistic Swimming, Kazakhstan's Karina Magrupova and Viktor Druzin secured the top spot in the Women's Solo Free and Men's Solo Free, respectively.Kazakhstan secured a convincing 20-6 win over India in Men's Group B. Baltabkuly Adil and Nedokontsev scored 4 goals each, Tosoy Eduard netted thrice, while Lamayev Maxim, Shakenov Murat, and Akimbay Aldiyar scored two goals apiece. And Akhmetov Ruslan, Madimar Almat, and Bobrovskiy Mstislav added 1 goal each. For India, Bhagesh Kuthe scored 3 goals, and Uday Uttekar and Praveen Gopinathan contributed 1 apiece.Women's Group A witnessed Japan beat Singapore 26-13. Japan continued their fine form as Kobayashi Maho led with 6 goals, followed by Sobajima Sakura (4), and Captain Fukuda Shoka, Lowrey Nina, Sanda Yumeka, and Shironoshita Kaho (3 each). Shibata Kanade scored 2, while Bando Riko and Eguchi Seira added 1 apiece. For Singapore, Yap Jingzuan scored 4, Lim Wan Jun and Lee Xuan Hai netted 3 each, and Tio Ji Suan, Koh Ting, and Yeo Ying added 1 each.In Women's Group B, Kazakhstan beat Hong Kong 21-10. Captain Marshina Anastassiya led Kazakhstan with 4 goals. Pochinok Darya and Anossova Valeriya scored 3 each, while Druzhina Yuliya, Krplun Viktoriya, Tsoy Anastassiya, and Altybassarova Vnelya netted 2 apiece. Novikova Anna, Nabiyeva Milena, and Yelizaveta added 1 each. For Hong Kong, Captain Lau Tsz Ching and Ho Cheuk Kiu scored 3 each, while Ng Hau Laam, Bau Hiu Lam, Lau Kwan, and Chan Pak Yin scored 1 apiece.Men's Group A saw China beat Hong Kong 21-2. Zhu Beile top-scored for China with 4, Zhang Jinpeng, Wang Beiyi, and Yang Shanglin added 3 each, Cai Yuhao and Zhu Gengmin scored 2 apiece, while Liu Zhilong, Chu Chenghao, Shen Dingsong, and Qin Zhou netted 1 each. For Hong Kong, Captain Cheng Hei Man and Ho Jason scored once.Meanwhile, Iran beat Uzbekistan 28-7 in Men's Group A.

Women's World Cup: MCC Backs Third Umpire's Decision To Adjudge Muneeba Run-Out



New Delhi,: The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has issued a clarification on the unusual run-out of Pakistan opener Muneeba Ali during the 2025 Women's World Cup clash against India, saying that the third umpire was 'entirely correct' in adjudging her as run-out.The incident happened on the last ball of the fourth over of Pakistan's chase at the R Premadasa Stadium when Muneeba initially survived an lbw appeal off Kranti Gaud, as India chose not to review despite replays later showing three reds.But Muneeba had wandered out of her crease, and a throw from Deepti Sharma hit the stumps. Though Muneeba did ground her bat, it was in the air when the throw from Deepti hit the stumps.Though the on-field call was not out, a second look from the third umpire Kerrin Klaaste revealed her bat was airborne at the moment the ball from Deepti struck the stumps, leading to her dismissal for just two.The decision sparked animated scenes, with Pakistan skipper Fatima Sana Khan saying to the fourth umpire Kim Cotton that Muneeba had grounded her bat and, with no intention of taking a run, the dismissal should be changed. Now MCC reaffirmed in its clarification on Monday that the Laws of Cricket were applied accurately in the decision to give Muneeba run-out.It first touched upon the suggestion that Muneeba could have been protected by Law 30.1.2, which goes as, "a batter shall not be considered to be out of his/her ground if, in running or diving towards his/her ground and beyond, and having grounded some part of his/her person or bat beyond the popping crease, there is subsequent loss of contact between the ground and any part of his/her person or bat, or between the bat and person.""This Law means that if you are running or diving towards the end that the stumps are broken, and you ground your bat or person behind the line, you are not out if you then lose contact with the ground and the wicket is subsequently broken. Muneeba had grounded her bat beyond the popping crease after being hit on the pads, and her bat subsequently lifted. Isn't this exactly what the Law covers?""The answer to that is no – the Law specifically only covers a player who is running or diving - and Muneeba was not moving towards her ground. She had taken guard from beyond the popping crease and at no time did her feet move back into her ground."

Congress MP Drops Operation Sindoor Analogy to India-Pak Cricket Clash

New Delhi: There is a saying: "If you love your country, you cannot hide your true feeling or your pride, no matter what people around you say." Something similar has come to fore when a political leader congratulated Indian cricket teams for their exploits on the field mocking Pakistan in the process, drawing parallels between cricketers' dominance on sporting field and Indian Armed Forces' success during Operation Sindoor.Interestingly the leader is from Congress, the party which raised questions against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on Indian men's cricket team playing Pakistan at the recently concluded Asia Cup 2025.Parliamentarian and Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi on Monday congratu lated the Indian women cricket team for defeating Pakistani rivals in the ODI world cup match last evening and also dropped an Operation Sindoor reference to the Women in Blue's astounding victory. Singhvi's Operation Sindoor analogy to India-Pakistan clash in the women's WC ODI match is set to ruffle feathers within his own party as the latter has been vociferously opposing against playing with Pakistan and also maintaining any sporting ties with it.Rajya Sabha MP took to X this morning and wrote, "Realised watching Women's #CWC25 match: be it Op Sindoor, Asia Cup, or Women's CWC25... Pakistan keeps perfecting one art: drama off the field, disaster on it."He also advised Pakistan to engage less in rhetoric and chest-thumping and rather focus on the game. "When India plays, they talk war; when India wins, they talk excuses. Moral: Less chest-thumping, more cricket please!" he wrote.In Sunday's Women's World Cup 2025 clash in Colombo, India clinched victory over Pakistan by a huge margin of 88 runs. The Women in Blue had set a target of 248 which the Pakistani side failed to score and was defeated by 88 runs.

NESTLÉ INDIA SIGNS MOU WITH MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AT WORLD FOOD INDIA SUMMIT

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent) Nestlé India further strengthened its commitment to India as it signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) to expedite the investments in green field and brown field projects, in Odisha and its existing manufacturing locations. The MoU was signed at the World Food India Summit2025 in New Delhi.Mr Manish Tiwary, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India, stated, "The signing of this MoU with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries underscores Nestlé India's



commitment to investments in the food processing sector in green field and brown field projects, in Odisha and existing manufacturing locations within the time frame of next 2 to 3 years. This is also expected to create both direct and indirect employment opportunities, reinforcing our commitment to India's growth storyas we continue on this journey towards Atmanirbhar Bharat."Nestlé Indiais focused on creating sustainable, inclusive, and future-ready food systems, investing in brands and infrastructure, which will promote economic progress and improve the quality of life for all citizens. Moreover, through bold innovations it remains committed to bringing products and experiences toconsumers faster, bigger, and better.Mr. Kunwar Himmat Singh, Head, Corporate Affairs, Nestlé India commented, "With over 113 years of presence in India, Nestlé India works with over 100,000 farmers, including those in dairy, coffee, spices, wheat, sugarcane, and rice, combined with a strong supplier partnership. Our nine factories in India manufacture products of the highest quality and standards, which reach our consumers through 10,000 distributors and redistributors and 5.2 million retail outlets."

Vedanta Aluminium champions heart health through workplace and community initiatives

Bhubaneswar; (Correspondent) :Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, observedWorld Heart Day 2025 with impactful initiatives across its Jharsuguda and Lanjigarh operations, aligned to the global theme "Don't Miss a Beat." The programmes focussed on raising awareness on cardiovascular diseases (CVD), a leading cause of premature mortality worldwide, and strengthening preparedness through health screenings, preventive counselling, and distribution of life-saving emergency response kits.At Lanjigarh, the



company's alumina refinery, the Occupational Health Centre organised a detailed awareness session on cardiovascular disorders, covering early symptoms of heart attacks, associated risks, and preventive strategies. The highlight was the launch of the Loading Dose Kit, an emergency first-aid response kit for suspected heart attacks. Over 100 kits were distributed during the session, with plans to roll out an additional 900 kits in the coming months alongside expanded awareness drives which will expand preparedness across the workforce. The session saw the participation of employees and the senior leadership team.At Jharsuguda, home to Vedanta Aluminium's mega aluminium smelter, a series of awareness sessions and health check-ups were conducted across five villages — Banjari, Chithuapada, Dalki, Shivrampur, and Sunarimunda. Led by medical experts, the campaign featured interactive discussions on CVD prevention, the importance of regular check-ups, and lifestyle modifications, followed by on-site screenings. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials were also distributed, with the outreach benefiting more than 300 villagers.

Krystal Integrated Services Secures Rs.370 Crore Contract from Commissionerate of Social Welfare, Pune

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Five-year engagement to uplift living and learning conditions for thousands across the state Krystal Integrated Services Limited (KISL), a leading provider of integrated facility management solutions, has secured a significant five-year contract worth Rs.370 crore from the Commissionerate of Social Welfare, Pune. The mandate covers mechanised housekeeping and outsourced manpower services across a wide network of welfare institutions, marking one of the most socially impactful engagements in Krystal's government portfolio.The project spans hostels, residential schools, welfare homes, training institutes, and administrative facilities across Maharashtra, where thousands of students, senior citizens, and vulnerable communities depend on public services for education, care, and shelter. By introducing professional facility management practices, Krystal will help create safe, dignified, and supportive environments that directly improve daily living and learning conditions.

Jindal Stainless releases its first-ever Integrated Report, reinforcing commitment to sustainability and responsible manufacturing

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless-steel manufacturer, published its first-ever Integrated Report for FY25. The publication reflects the company's commitment to transparency, accountability, and sustainable value creation for all stakeholders.The Integrated Report has been developed in accordance with the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) framework and aligns with leading global sustainability reporting standards.Themed "Forged in India, built for the World," the



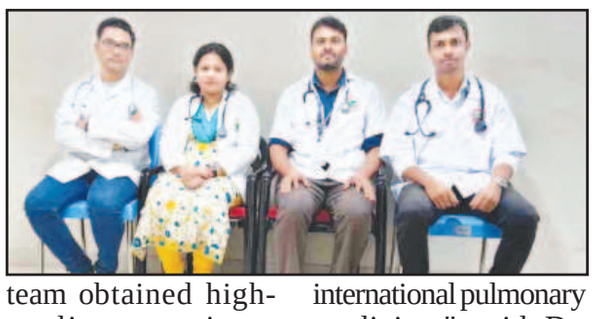
report captures the company's dual focus on bold business growth and responsible manufacturing, while underscoring its vision to emerge as a global leader in stainless solutions.Commenting on the publication, Chief Sustainability Officer, Jindal Stainless, Mr Kalyan Kumar Bhattacherjee, said, "At Jindal Stainless, ESG principles are deeply embedded in every aspect of our operations, and we believe that long-term value creation is possible by integrating business performance with environmental stewardship and social responsibility.This report reaffirms our commitment to responsible manufacturing and is a testament to our journey of innovation, resilience, and inclusivity, as we continue to shape a sustainable future for our stakeholders and communities.The report highlights key milestones achieved in FY25, a transformative year for the company.These include the completion of a comprehensive Double Materiality Assessment, the commissioning of Odisha's largest captive solar plant, and the launch of ambitious ESG targets anchored in our four-pillar ESG framework – responsible governance, planet positive, sustainable supply chain, and empowering people and communities."

Sampre Nutritions Ltd board approves Rs. 355 crore foreign currency convertible bonds

Mumbai : Board of Directors of Sampre Nutritions Limited a leading confectionery manufacturer on 3rd October 2025 has considered and approved foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCBs) issue aggregating to USD 4 crore - equivalent to Rs. 355.06 crore. Company to issue 400 FCCBs of USD 1 lakh each towards subscription amount of the FCCB as per the subscription. The FCCB funds will be utilized for the purpose of broadening the global footprint of the company with emerging markets identified in Egypt and Liberia (Monrovia). This targets expansion is well designed to strengthen the Company's presence in high-growth regions, diversify revenue streams and capture emerging opportunities in the international FMCG sectors.Company has entered into agreement with the Lead Arranger - ARIES CAPITAL LIMITED, an investment management company appointed for the purpose of listing and underwriting the issue. The issue is in terms of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018. FCCBs will be available on the stock exchange AFRINEX EXCHANGE MAURITIUS from 10 October 2025 to 15 October 2025.

FIRST RADIAL EBUS-GUIDED CRYOBIOPSY PERFORMED IN ODISHA AT IMS AND SUM HOSPITAL-2

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): In a landmark achievement for the healthcare sector in Odisha, the Department of Pulmonary Medicine at Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital-2, Phulnakhara, has successfully performed the state's first radial endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS)-guided cryobiopsy for a peripheral lung lesion. The patient, a 75-year-old woman, had been suffering from breathlessness, cough and occasional hemoptysis for two months. A CT scan of the chest revealed a peripheral consolidation in the left lung. Conventional biopsy techniques often faced limitations in such cases, but with the innovative use of radial EBUS combined with cryobiopsy, the medical



team obtained high-quality tissue samples.Histopathology later confirmed the lesion to be of tubercular origin, paving the way for appropriate treatment.The pioneering procedure was led by Dr. Swadesh Kumar Mohanty, Associate Professor, Pulmonary Medicine, assisted by Dr. Rachita Mohanty and Dr. Surjya Shankar Meher, with crucial support from the Department of Anaesthesia. "This is not just a medical success, but a major step forward for Odisha in the field of international pulmonary medicine," said Dr. Mohanty. "Radial EBUS-guided cryobiopsy allows us to reach deeper lung lesions and obtain samples that are superior in quality and diagnostic yield compared to traditional methods."With this breakthrough, IMS and SUM Hospital has become one of the few centers in India to adopt this highly specialized technique, opening new avenues for the diagnosis and management of complex lung diseases in the state.

Sensex Rises 583 Points, Nifty Tops 25,000 As IT And Banking Stocks Lead Rally

Mumbai: The Indian stock markets continued their winning streak for the third straight session on Monday, driven by strong buying in the IT and banking shares.The benchmark Sensex jumped 582.95 points, or 0.72 per cent, to close at 81,790.12, while the Nifty rose 183.4 points, or 0.74 per cent, to end the day at 25,077."From a technical perspective, Nifty has successfully broken above the key psychological and technical resistance level of 25,000, turning the structure decisively positive," analysts said."Any dip toward the 25,000 zone is expected to act as a strong support level, with immediate resistance seen at 25,200 and 25,500," they added.The Bank Nifty also delivered a stellar performance, opening with a gap-up and maintaining its upward trajectory through the session.The index surged past 56,100, hitting an intra-day high of 56,164, with next resistance levels seen at 56,300–56,500, and support placed around 55,821–55,500, experts stated.Broader markets also joined the rally, with the Nifty Midcap 100 gaining 0.89 per cent and the Nifty Smallcap 100 inching up 0.28 per cent.In the Sensex pack, TCS, Tech Mahindra, Eternal, Axis Bank, and Bajaj Finance were the top performers, climbing as much as 3 per cent.Meanwhile, Trent, Tata Steel, Power Grid, and Titan ended the session with losses. Among sectors, IT stocks led the gains as the Nifty IT index surged 2.28 per cent.

Odisha's Phygital Revolution in Power Distribution: Empowering near 1 Crore Consumers and Setting a National Benchmark for Customer-Centric Power Utilities

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Nestled along the eastern coast of India, Odisha is a state defined by its vastness and diversity. From the mineral-rich highlands of western Odisha to the fertile deltas of its coastal belt, the state combines economic promise with social complexity. It is home to vibrant urban centers like Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, yet nearly half of its population resides in rural and tribal regions where access to basic infrastructure has historically been a challenge.This geographical and social spread makes Odisha not just a state but a microcosm of India's



development journey where modern aspirations meet deeply rooted traditions, and where innovation must coexist with inclusivity. Against this backdrop, the state's electricity distribution sector has undergone a quiet but profound transformation in the last 5 years, setting a precedent for the rest of the country.In the evolving landscape of India's power sector, Odisha's distribution companies (Discoms) have emerged as pioneers in redefining how utilities engage with consumers. Once seen as legacy-driven and transaction-heavy entities, they have reimagined themselves through a phygital (physical + digital) approach - an innovative blend of human touch and digital convenience.This shift is not just technological; it is philosophical. It marks a recognition that electricity is no longer a faceless service but a customer experience that needs accessibility, transparency, and trust at its core.

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