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Several Killed in Bilaspur Train Collision, Rescue Ops On

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)A major train accident in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, killed several people and injured several others when a passenger train collided with a stationary freight train on Tuesday evening.The Korba MEMU passenger train struck a parked goods train near Jairamnagar station under the South East Central Railway (SECR) zone. The impact forced the first coach to mount the freight engine, causing a derailment and triggering panic among passengers.Rescue teams and railway officials reached the site within minutes. Medical



staff administered first aid and shifted critically injured passengers to nearby hospitals. Authorities confirmed six deaths and warned that the toll could rise as operations continue.Eyewitnesses described the collision as sudden and violent. The force of the crash threw passengers from their seats and trapped several inside mangled compartments. Locals rushed to help, assisting emergency crews in evacuating survivors.Rail services on the affected route remain suspended. Damage to overhead power lines and signal systems has led to multiple train cancellations and diversions. Officials are working to restore connectivity and remove debris from the tracks.Investigators have launched a probe to determine the cause of the accident. They are examining whether signaling errors or human negligence contributed to the collision.This tragic incident has reignited concerns about railway safety and infrastructure oversight. SECR authorities are expected to review existing protocols and introduce corrective measures to prevent similar accidents in the future.This tragic incident has reignited concerns about railway safety and infrastructure oversight.

Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi addressing at the inauguration of Kalinga Bali Jatra at Paradeep

Paradeep,(Correspondent): While inaugurating the week-long Kalinga Bali Jatra at Paradeep, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi today announced a cruise terminal will be developed on the Mangala river.Majhi said the State Government has earmarked ?500 crore for the project, which is expected to give a major boost to tourism in Paradeep.He further informed a greenfield airport will also be established in Paradeep to enhance connectivity and promote regional development.Odisha



govt, Paradip Port Authority to join hands for cruise terminal at PuriOutlining the Government's broader infrastructural plans, the Chief Minister said a metropolitan city will be developed by integrating Bhubaneswar, Khordha, Jatni, Cuttack, Paradeep, and Puri. An industrial corridor is also proposed to come up in Paradeep, he added.Majhi also announced Paradeep will be developed as a green hydrogen hub, positioning it as a key player in the State's green energy mission."Paradeep is the gateway of development in eastern India. The upcoming projects will create large-scale employment opportunities and strengthen the State's economy," Majhi said during his address.Among others present at the ceremony were Industry and Skill Development Minister Sampad Swain, Jagatsinghpur MP Bibhu Prasad Tarai, Tirtol MLA Ramakanta Bhoi, along with Paradeep Port officials and Jagatsinghpur district administration officials.

Pitabash Panda murder case : Shooter among two arrested

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Berhampur police have arrested two more individuals, reportedly key suspects, in the murder case of senior advocate and BJP leader Pitabash Panda, who was killed last month.The arrested persons, identified as Kurupati Bhuyan (35) and Uma Shankar Bisoi (33), were presented before a local court, which remanded them to two days of police custody for further questioning.With these arrests, the total number of individuals apprehended in connection with the murder has now risen to 17

BJP promises development, empowerment, and stability

Nuapada, (Correspondent): With the Nuapada Assembly bypoll scheduled for November 11, BJP MP Malvika Devi on Tuesday made a strong pitch for the party's candidate, Jay Dholakia, urging voters to reject both Congress and BJD and support the BJP's vision for development.Speaking at a public meeting, Malvika Devi said that under the BJP-led double-engine government, women in Odisha have transitioned from being mere beneficiaries to becoming "Lakshapatis" (lakhpatis). She highlighted the Subhadra Scheme, which provides Rs50,000 in direct financial aid to women, and noted that nearly 80,000 women in Nuapada have already benefited.Through initiatives like Lakshapati Didi, women in self-help groups have become successful entrepreneurs, gaining financial independence and contributing to the local economy. The BJP government, she said, is committed to ensuring that no eligible woman is left behind.Malvika Devi praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's consistent focus on women's welfare since 2014. From Ujjwala gas connections and pucca houses under PM Awas Yojana to toilets and business loans, she said these schemes have empowered women to become builders of a new Odisha.The BJP leader also highlighted the government's support for farmers—offering Rs3,100 per quintal for paddy—and enhanced food security through increased rice distribution.

Hinduja Group Chairman Gopichand Hinduja passes away

New Delhi:Hinduja Group Chairman Gopichand P. Hinduja passed away in a London hospital on Tuesday. He was 85. Known as GP in business circles, he took over as Chairman of the Hinduja Group following the death of his elder brother Srichand in May 2023. He is survived by his wife, Sunita, sons Sanjay and Dheeraj, and daughter, Rita.The 2025 edition of the Sunday Times Rich List recently ranked Gopichand Hinduja's family the richest in the UK with a net worth of 32.3 billion pounds.Gopichand Hinduja joined the family business in 1950 and is credited with transforming the company from an Indo-Middle East trading operation into a transnational conglomerate. His other two brothers are Prakash Hinduja and Ashok Hinduja.

Ministers, ISRO Chairman Hail Successful Launch Of India's Heaviest Communication Satellite

New Delhi: Union Ministers as well as ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan on Sunday hailed the successful launch of India's heaviest communication satellite, CMS-03, that will significantly strengthen space-based communications, connectivity, and maritime domain awareness across the Indian Ocean Region.Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said "Well done ISRO, as it has "kept crossing several milestones and your pursuit shall see many more achievements. My best wishes to the entire team at ISRO".Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said India's space odyssey has scaled yet another milestone."Heartiest congratulations to



@ISRO and our brilliant scientists on the successful launch of CMS-03, India's heaviest communication satellite. A shining example of how innovation, dedication, and vision continue to propel Bharat's space sector to greater heights, touching lives and strengthening national progress," Scindia posted on X.Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that "Bahubali" as it is being popularly referred, "LVM3-M5 rocket is carrying the CMS-03 communication satellite, the heaviest ever to be launched from the Indian soil into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)".

"ISRO continues to script one success after another… Thanks PM Narendra Modi for the unflinching government support," he posted on X.The LVM3-M5, also known as the 'Bahubali' rocket, lifted off carrying the CMS-03 satellite and successfully placed it into its intended orbit. The launch marks a new chapter in India's space journey, underlining the country's self-reliance in developing and deploying advanced space assets."ISRO has successfully launched the heaviest GEO communication satellite from Indian soil. The Indian space sector is soaring high to provide valuable services to the user community in and around the Indian region," said Dr Narayanan.ISRO's launch of CMS-03, aboard the LVM3-M5 rocket from Sriharikota, was described by experts as a "monumental achievement," once again demonstrating the growing prowess in launching heavy-payload satellites for strategic and communication purposes.

Campaigning ends for Bihar Assembly Polls first phase

Patna: Campaigning for the first phase of Bihar's assembly elections concluded on Tuesday evening, with major political figures holding rallies, roadshows, and engaging with voters to boost their candidates. The first phase, covering 121 constituencies in 18 districts, will be held on November 6, while the second phase is set for November 11. Votes will be counted on November 14.Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence in the NDA's victory, predicting a decisive win that would break a 20-year record. He stressed that Bihar's development could only be achieved under NDA leadership. Union Minister Amit Shah



also campaigned in Darbhanga, Motihari, and Bettiah, warning against a return to the "jungle raj" under the RJD.RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, the Mahagathbandhan's CM candidate, vowed to "uproot" the Nitish Kumar government, promising additional financial support to farmers and free electricity for irrigation. He also reiterated promises under the 'Mai Bahin Maan Yojana' for women.Prashant Kishor, founder of Jan Suraaj, held roadshows in Arrah and Shahpur, urging voters to choose his party for change in governance. He criticized Tejashwi Yadav's promises as unrealistic.Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, campaigning in Aurangabad, expressed confidence that the Mahagathbandhan would form the next government, accusing Nitish Kumar of being a "mask" for PM Modi's control. Gandhi also criticized the Agnipath scheme and promised the establishment of a world-class university in Bihar under an INDIA bloc government.As election day approaches, both the NDA and Mahagathbandhan have presented their manifestoes, intensifying the competition.

CJI BR Gavai and Apex Court Judges join community langar at SC to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti

New Delhi, : On Tuesday, Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai, along with fellow judges of the Supreme Court, participated in a community 'langar' at the Supreme Court canteen to mark the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. Also present was the CJI-designate, Justice Surya Kant. The event brought together judges and court staff, highlighting the spiritual and communal essence of the celebration.Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as 'Gurpurab,' is the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the first Guru of Sikhism.



Celebrated annually on the full moon day of the Kartik month, also called Kartik Purnima, the festival is a time for prayers, devotional songs, and acts of community service. The day is observed as Parkash Utsav, marking the birth of Guru Nanak, with celebrations continuing throughout the day at gurdwaras, often late into the night.In a related development, a group of 1,796 Sikh pilgrims from India will visit Pakistan on November 5 to honor Guru Nanak's birth anniversary. The pilgrims will pay their respects at historic gurdwaras, entering Pakistan through the Attari-Wagah border. Expressing their gratitude, several members of the jatha thanked the government for allowing them to make the pilgrimage. "We thank the government for giving us the chance to visit and perform darshan," said one pilgrim.Harpreet Singh, another pilgrim, praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to facilitate the visit and suggested that the visa process be simplified to enable more devotees to participate in future pilgrimages. "The jatha is lucky to visit places connected to Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Most visas were processed this time, and we are grateful to the governments involved," added Gadgaj, a member of the jatha.Earlier, the Pakistan High Commission confirmed the issuance of over 2,100 visas to Indian Sikh pilgrims for the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations.

Woman Maoist with 14 Lakh Bounty Surrenders in MP

New Delhi,Sunita, a 23-year-old Maoist carrying a 14 lakh bounty, surrendered in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh on November 1.She handed over her weapons to Rupendra Dhurve, assistant commander of Hawk Force, the state's elite anti-Maoist unit.Originally from Gomveta village in Bijapur tehsil of Chhattisgarh, Sunita served as an armed guard to Ramder, a senior leader of the outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist). Authorities from Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh jointly announced the bounty on her head.After joining the Maoist movement in 2022, Sunita operated across Madhya Pradesh, Gondia in Maharashtra, and Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh. She received combat training in the Madh region of Chhattisgarh. During her surrender, she submitted an INSAS rifle, three magazines, 30 rounds of ammunition, and a UBGL shell.Chief Minister Mohan Yadav praised the surrender, attributing it to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's firm directive urging Maoists to surrender or face consequences. He highlighted that Sunita's surrender is the first under the Madhya Pradesh Surrender, Rehabilitation cum Relief Policy 2023. Moreover, it marks the first time since 1992 that a Maoist from another state has surrendered to the MP government.Over the past 10 months, the state has neutralized Maoists with a combined bounty of ?1.46 crore. The government views Sunita's surrender as a breakthrough in its reform-oriented approach to tackling extremism.

Amit Shah confident of NDA victory in Bihar, predicts over 160 seats

Darbhanga: Union Home Minister Amit Shah expressed confidence that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would secure a decisive win in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections.He asserted that the ruling coalition is poised to win more than 160 seats and form the next government under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's leadership."We will win more than 160 seats and form a government in Bihar," Shah said in an interview with Times Now on Monday. Emphasizing the stability of the alliance, he added, "Nitish Kumar is the Chief Minister here, and Narendra Modi is the Prime Minister there. The CM's seat is not vacant, and neither is the PM's."Shah also hit back at Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge for their personal remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the campaign.Responding to Gandhi's quip that the Prime Minister could "dance Bharat Natyam for votes" and Kharge's comparison of Modi's rallies to a "wedding celebration," Shah said such statements reflected the Congress's frustration."When Manmohan Singh was Prime Minister, he couldn't connect directly with the people, and since then the Congress has treated it as a norm that a PM should not campaign," Shah said. "Why shouldn't the Prime Minister promote? Elections are a celebration of democracy, and reaching out to people is the responsibility of every leader."He further added, "Every time the Congress has used abusive language against Modi ji — whether it was Mani Shankar Aiyar or others — the people have responded by ensuring victory for the BJP. This time too, it will backfire."

'Dynastic politics' row: BJP Slams Congress, RJD over Shashi Tharoor's controversial remarks

New Delhi, : After the controversial 'dynastic politics' remarks by Shashi Tharoor made headlines, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched a scathing attack against the Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD).It is worth noting that Congress MP from Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram Shashi Tharoor had earlier criticized the "dynastic politics" in India and termed it as a "grave threat" to Indian democracy. He had further asserted that it is high time India traded "dynasty for meritocracy".With only two days remaining before the Bihar assembly elections, Tharoor remarked that from India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, and current leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Indian politics has reinforced the notion that leadership can be considered a "birthright."Tharoor expressed his views in an article titled 'Indian Politics Are a Family Business' on Project Syndicate portal.It is now being seen as a swipe at the Congress high command and its INDIA bloc allies like Samajwadi Party (SP), Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD) and Shiv



Sena (UBT) though he also mentioned about Chirag Paswan succeeding Ram Vilas Paswan as the leader of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), who is an ally of BJP-led NDA.Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan took a jibe at the Congress and the RJD, stating that Tharoor wrote the article based on his own 'experience.' Pradhan, welcoming Tharoor's statement, stated that his remarks will obviously hurt the Congress party and the RJD because their politics are limited to a family and they cannot think outside that.BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla stated that Tharoor's article effectively highlights how the Gandhi family has turned Indian politics into a "family business."Speaking to media, he said the piece insightfully explains how the Gandhi-Vadra dynasty has reinforced the notion that political power can be inherited. Poonawalla added that the article may unsettle leaders like RJD's Tejashwi Yadav and Congress' Rahul Gandhi, and while Tharoor deserves praise, he will also face criticism and insults from Kerala Congress and other political figures.

Maoist Group Declares Six-Month Ceasefire in Telangana

NEWDELHIl; The Maoist Telangana Area Committee has announced a six-month ceasefire, appealing to the government to reciprocate and support peaceful conditions across the state.In a press release, spokesperson Jagan stated that the decision follows widespread public movements in April, May, and June aimed at maintaining peace. Earlier, Maoist leader Sonu had requested the government to declare a ceasefire, but authorities continued operations, leading to multiple surrenders by members of the group.he committee emphasized that during the previous ceasefire period, they implemented planned strategies to ensure a peaceful environment.

President Murmu Extends Greetings on Eve of Guru Nanak Jayanti

NEWDELHI: President Droupadi Murmu extended heartfelt greetings to citizens across India and abroad on the eve of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birth anniversary, celebrating his enduring values and spiritual legacy.She offered warm wishes to all Indians, especially the Sikh community, and reflected on the significance of Guru Nanak Jayanti. She emphasized that Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings continue to guide humanity toward a more



just and compassionate society.The President underscored that Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message promotes truth, justice, and equality. His emphasis on one God and human unity inspires people to live honestly and share resources with others. She urged citizens to adopt these ideals and follow the path shown by the revered spiritual leader.Moreover, President Murmu noted that Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life and philosophy encourage individuals to rise above divisions and contribute to building a peaceful and prosperous nation. She called on everyone to imbibe his values and apply them in daily life.Her message resonated with communities preparing to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti with devotion and unity. Across the country, gurdwaras and homes are being adorned, while preparations for prayers and langars are underway.

Delhi High Court Directs Centre to Help Celina Jaitly's Brother Detained in UAE for Over a Year

NEWDELHI: Bollywood actor Celina Jaitly has approached the Delhi High Court seeking urgent legal and medical assistance for her brother, Retired Major Vikrant Jaitly, who has been detained in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) since September 2024.In her plea, Jaitly claimed that her brother was "illegally abducted and detained", and despite repeated requests, the Indian authorities have not provided adequate updates about his welfare or legal status.Appearing for the Centre, counsel Nidhi Raman informed the Delhi High Court that Major Vikrant Jaitly had been arrested in connection with a case in the UAE. Raman said that the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is in regular contact with his wife and that consular access has been granted to him.The exact nature of the case or charges against Vikrant Jaitly, however, has not yet been made public.According to reports, Major Vikrant Jaitly, who has been living in the UAE since 2016, was working with the MATITI Group, a company involved in trading, consultancy, and risk management services.Celina Jaitly, represented by advocates Raghav Kacker, Ribhav Pande, and Madhav Aggarwal, told the court that despite more than a year of detention, she had not been able to establish any verified communication or phone contact with her brother.

India and EU advance Free Trade Agreement negotiations in New Delhi

New Delhi: A senior team of negotiators from the European Union (EU) is in New Delhi from 3 to 7 November for negotiations with Indian counterparts on the proposed India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The engagements aim to resolve key outstanding issues and advance the agreement toward a balanced and equitable framework that benefits both sides.The visit follows Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal's official visit to Brussels (27–28 October 2025), where he held forward-looking discussions with Maroš Šefcovic, European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security. These consultations reaffirm the commitment of both sides to intensify engagement and facilitate a comprehensive trade agreement.Deliberations during the week will focus on core areas, including trade in goods, trade in services, rules of origin amongst others along with technical and institutional matters. The discussions are guided by a shared vision of a modern, robust, and future-ready FTA that reflects the priorities and sensitivities of both India and the EU.The negotiations gained momentum with the virtual meeting between Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and EU's Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Maroš Šefcovic and Agriculture & Food Commissioner, Christophe Hansen on Monday.As part of the visit, Sabine Weyand, Director-General for Trade at the European Commission (EU DG Trade), will be in New Delhi on 5–6 November 2025 for high-level talks with India's Commerce Secretary Rajesh Aggarwal on key technical and policy issues.



Aditya Aluminium, Lapanga team participated in football competition

Sambalpur:(Correspondent):- A team of competitors participated in the boys and girls football tournament organized by Patanga, a renowned Indian company, held at Jayantpur, Sambalpur. This was done under the Aditya Uday Team, a project aimed at the peripheral areas of Aditya Aluminium Factory. A team of 18 (9 boys and 9 girls) was formed from boys and girls from the surrounding areas and they were prepared by an experienced coach. The said team got the opportunity to participate in the Odisha level competition for the first time today. During this event, Factory Head Mr. Jagannath Prasad Nayak, Human Resources Head Mr. Vinoda Nanda Thakur and CPP Head Mr. Gulshan Tiwari were present and encouraged the players. This event was organized by CSR Head Mr. Ravi Niwas and Deputy Manager Mr. Manoranjan Behera. Aditya Aluminium has always been a pioneer in bringing out and honoring the latent talents of rural areas in the peripheral development program and has always tried and practiced to turn its efforts into success.



Odisha Govt Urges MEA to Rescue Abducted Odia Youth from Sudan

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): In a swift response to a distressing report, the Odisha government has formally requested the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to facilitate the safe return of Adarsh Kumar Behera, a youth from Jagatsinghpur district who has gone missing in Sudan.Adarsh, a resident of Kotkana village under Tirtol police station in Jagatsinghpur, has been working in the African nation since 2022. His family recently received alarming news that he is unaccounted for, with no leads on his whereabouts amid Sudan's ongoing instability. Concerned by media reports on the matter, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi immediately directed senior state officials to initiate urgent action.Following the Chief Minister's instructions, the Director of the General Administration and Public Grievance Department penned a letter to the MEA, urging it to take immediate steps for Adarsh's repatriation. Concurrently, Odisha's Resident Commissioner in New Delhi also communicated with the MEA, emphasizing the need for close coordination with the Indian Embassy in Sudan. The letter calls for intensified search efforts and ensures Adarsh's secure extraction from the conflict zone."We stand firmly with Adarsh's family during this trying time," a government spokesperson stated. The Chief Minister personally reached out to the family, offering assurances of full support and urging them to remain patient as diplomatic channels are activated.This intervention underscores the Odisha government's commitment to the welfare of its citizens abroad, particularly in volatile regions. As of now, the MEA has acknowledged the requests, and updates on Adarsh's status are awaited from Indian diplomatic missions in Sudan. Further developments will be shared as they emerge.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 Observed at IFFCO Paradeep Unit

Paradeep, Correspondent):: IFFCO Paradeep Unit observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 on 3rd and 4th November with the national theme "Vigilance – Our Shared Responsibility , reinforcing the organisation's commitment to transparency and integrity in every sphere of work.The observance commenced on 3rd November with the Integrity Pledge administered by Shri Rakesh Kapur, Joint Managing Director, IFFCO. The session was followed by the formal inauguration of Vigilance Awareness Drive 2025 through an online webinar where Shri Kapur addressed all IFFCO employees nationwide and urged them to follow ethical values and remain conscious in organisational practices.Ms. Pooja Kohli, Chief Vigilance Officer, IFFCO, addressed the gathering and read the message of Shri Dileep Sanghani, Chairman, IFFCO, while highlighting the collective role of employees in strengthening vigilance.During the two-day programme, a vibrant series of competitions were organized across various participant groups, showcasing creativity and enthusiasm. Quiz competitions were held separately for employees and dependent ladies (spouses of employees), while a collage-making contest was conducted exclusively for dependents of IFFCO employees. An English essay writing competition was organized for dependent children studying in Classes IX to XII, and a Hindi essay writing competition was held for employees. A poster competition took place at DAV School, IFFCO Paradeep, for dependent children, and a multilingual slogan competition in English, Hindi, and Oriya added further excitement for employees. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation and remarkable talent from all categories.The concluding programme on 4th November marked the presence of Shri P.K. Mahapatra, Unit Head – IFFCO Paradeep, who was the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony. Addressing the audience, he stressed upon the importance of everyday vigilance, honesty and ethical working culture for building a stronger organization and nation."We must convert awareness into habit and habit into culture," Shri Mahapatra said while encouraging participation.
Shri Rakesh Pandey, Chief Manager (Vigilance), presented the summary of the events conducted during the drive and winners of the various competitions were felicitated during the ceremony. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri S.P. Rath, GM(Nano).Special appreciation and thanks were extended to all committee members for successfully organizing the two-day Vigilance Awareness programme and ensuring active participation from all employees and their dependents.

Woman Killed, 2 Critical as Autorickshaw Crashes into Truck in Ganjam

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)A tragic road accident claimed one life and left three critically injured on November 4 near Palur Chhak along National Highway 16 under Rambha police limits in Ganjam district.A passenger auto traveling from Khallikote to Chhatrapur slammed into a stationary truck parked on the roadside. The collision crushed the front of the auto, instantly killing 52-year-old Ranju Behera, who was traveling with her husband for medical treatment.Kailash Behera, aged 61, and their 13-year-old son,



Shankar Behera, suffered serious injuries. Auto driver Balmiki Pahan also sustained critical wounds. Emergency responders quickly transported all three to MKCG Medical College in Berhampur for treatment.The accident scene drew immediate attention from locals and passing commuters. Many expressed concern over the dangers posed by vehicles parked improperly on busy highways. Witnesses described the crash as sudden and violent, noting that the auto had little room or visibility to avoid the truck.Following the incident, police launched an investigation to determine the cause and identify any negligence. Authorities plan to review traffic protocols and enforcement measures in the area to prevent similar tragedies.This fatal crash has reignited public demand for stricter parking regulations and improved highway safety. Residents and road safety advocates are urging officials to take swift action to ensure safer travel conditions on NH-16.

Rajendra Dholakia's Wife Slams BJD for Neglect During Illness

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Ahead of the Nuapada bypoll, Kalpana Dholakia, wife of late BJD leader Rajendra Dholakia, has made serious allegations against the party, claiming it failed to honor her husband's legacy and support him during his final days.She stated that Rajendra Dholakia dedicated 24 years of his life to the Biju Janata Dal, yet the party did not give him the respect he deserved. According to her, even during his illness, no BJD leader reached out or showed concern for his condition.

Six Arrested for Revenge Killing of Criminal Kalu Bahadur in Sambalpur

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)Sambalpur police arrested six men for the brutal murder of notorious criminal Kalu Bahadur (30), who was killed in a revenge attack linked to the 2019 murder of Banti Behera.The accused—Saini Behera (33), Pratap Behera (24), Jaynarayan Mishra (24), Raj Barik (22), Sridhar Prasad (25), and Sameer Behera (21)—fled the state after the crime. However, a special police team tracked them down and apprehended them outside Odisha. Additional SP Ajay Kumar Mishra confirmed that all six will be produced in court tomorrow.Kalu Bahadur, a resident of Gandhinagar Pada in Hirakud, had over 20 criminal cases against him, including charges of murder, robbery, extortion, and attempted homicide. He was out on bail after being arrested for Banti Behera's murder in Substation Pada.On November 5, Kalu rode a bike with associate Satyaranjan Dhal from Store Chhak to Durgamandir Chhak. As they passed between Pathar Line and Substation Pada, the attackers ambushed them. One assailant hurled a brick at Kalu's head, causing both men to fall. The others rushed in, striking Kalu with sharp weapons and repeatedly hitting his head with bricks. Satyaranjan tried to intervene but suffered serious injuries.Kalu died on the spot due to excessive bleeding. Satyaranjan remains under treatment at VIMSAR.Investigators revealed that the attackers had been monitoring Kalu's movements and waited for the right moment to strike. The murder was a calculated act of retaliation, reigniting tensions between the two rival groups.

Flying Squad Inspects Naveen Patnaik's Helicopter During Campaign Visit in Nuapada

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):The inspection followed election guidelines under the Model Code of Conduct, which mandates checks on political transport during poll season.Earlier, the same squad had examined the helicopter of BJP national vice president Baijayant Panda during his visit to the region. These checks reflect the Election Commission's effort to ensure transparency and fairness in the electoral process.Following Patnaik's arrival, BJP candidate Jay Dholakia voiced strong criticism. He addressed a press conference, accusing the BJD leader of making a politically motivated appearance. Dholakia pointed out that Patnaik had never visited Nuapada before, not even to see his father, the late Rajendra Dholakia.He emphasized that Patnaik only remembered Nuapada during elections, questioning the authenticity of his outreach. Dholakia expressed frustration, stating that voters are aware of such tactics and will respond accordingly at the ballot box.The helicopter inspection and Dholakia's remarks have intensified the political atmosphere in Nuapada.



EDITORIAL

Experience fearlessness, become totally free

We are fearful of many things. As children, we fear and worry about how long our parents are going to be there to support us. Each one of us is fearful about some aspect of our life. Behind all these fears is the fear that is at the heart of each of us, and that is fear of the unknown. We are more afraid of what could be out there rather than of what is actually out there. Those who fear death, in actuality, fear the unknown. Fear arises from doubt and from the unknown. When we have doubts about how something is going to turn out, it opens the door to fear. When we doubt whether an outcome will turn out right, we fear the consequences.

We all face moments that challenge even the strongest among us. Many of us are unprepared for life's challenges. We often find that during those times we crack under pressure. Ongoing problems and setbacks often take their toll on us. We cannot put an end to life's challenges. What we can do is face these challenges with a sense of fearlessness so that we are not incapacitated by fear and despair. To practise fearlessness we must come in contact with our empowered soul which is totally conscious, and is without fear. Since God is all-consciousness, and the soul is one with God, it is divinity in a microcosm. The empowered soul, is strong and powerful. It is stronger than that which you fear. Our fears dissipate when confronted by our empowered soul through meditation. It is only when we are out of touch with our soul that we begin to be afraid. The soul is truth; the soul is totally conscious. Being in connection with absolute truth means there is no fear.

The soul's quality of wisdom gives it access to the knowledge of all that is. There is nothing potentially unknown to the soul. It knows what is and what is to be. What has it to fear? We have within us a place of power that contains the forces of life. We can tap into this place of power through meditation. By concentrating at the spiritual eye, the gateway into the inner regions, we connect with the stream of Light and Sound, the primal manifestations of God.

By tapping into our soul through meditation, we can access a state of fearlessness and face our fears and problems with renewed confidence. We will overcome all fears and gain a lasting sense of peace and security. We will find that our lives will be filled with safety, security, confidence, and trust, and we will be free to walk our path, free of fear. Many people live their lives unaware of their great potentiality. Let us discover those places within and how that untapped power can change our lives, filling us with gifts far beyond our wildest imagination. The soul not only nourishes us physically and mentally, but can propel us from the gravitational pull of this physical world and catapult us into the beyond.

A new movement for spiritual progress

Soura Chandra Mohapatra

Parama Purusha is Consciousness personified. He is not bound by relativity. In some minds, the bondage of relative factors is so great, and the mental outlook is so narrow, but a person who is free from bondages and has become one with the Macrocosmic Mind has attained abhedajnana, non-discriminatory knowledge. When the unit mind becomes as expansive as the universe, it becomes one with the Cosmic Mind. And when the unit mind becomes one with jivatma, the unit consciousness, attaining the state of mindlessness, it becomes one with Paramatma, Supreme Consciousness.

Realised people are respected as mahapurushas, divine personalities, by society and are revered and honoured. In philosophical terms, these people, having traversed the path of sainchara, Consciousness to matter, and pratisainchara, matter to Consciousness, have ultimately reached their cherished desideratum. That's why they are venerated. All great personalities have attained the highest spiritual plane through intense meditation. Those who claim their path to be the only one create communal conflicts. Those who run down another teacher or path must not be encouraged to do so. One should always remember that all great personalities of different religious communities deserve equal respect. They are the collective glory of human society.

Now the question is, how can people acquire this non-discriminatory knowledge? One way to do this is through the practice of Ishvara pranidhana and abhidhyana. By Ishvara, we mean the Supreme Controller of the universe, the Supreme Object of ideation for all living beings. Hence Ishvara pranidhana means to let the entire psychic energy flow towards Ishvara. And dhyana means anudhyana. When sadhakas feel that the object of meditation – which is their life and soul – is eluding them, they immediately make the effort to pursue it.

Through (this) the unit mind remains continuously absorbed in the ideation of the Supreme Entity and finally merges in Him and consequently overcomes the influence of vishvamaya, universal illusion, the creator of numerous differentiations. At this point, the sadhakas, spiritual aspirants, finally attain non-discriminatory knowledge. To attain this stage, worldly knowledge, social position, and skin colour are of no importance whatsoever. Even the different systems of worship, sacrifice, incantation, ostentatious devotion are insignificant. In psycho-spiritual practice the mind plays a vital role – external rituals have no place. When the unit mind goes beyond the jurisdiction of the indriyas, the sensory, motor organs and samskaras, the seeds of reactive momenta have been completely destroyed, it becomes altogether non-existent. In that state of complete mindlessness, the jiva, unit being, gets completely merged in Shiva. The mind, after reaching the sahasrara, the pineal plexus, does not return. And due to the obliteration of spatial differences, the sadhaka experiences dissolution.

Forgetting the past

Dr. Bichitrananda Acharya

Generally we all want to do these two things badly. We need to forget our past and simultaneously also create a good future. Forgetting the past seems a rather arduous task to accomplish. Creating a bright future is the only motive in our life for which we all work so hard throughout our life but still fall short of achieving the same. Few of us treat the future as a basic component of destiny and hence never make any attempt to improve that. Is there any practically effective way which can make us forget the past and build a good future with relative ease?

Forgiveness deals with past issues very effectively. Past memories primarily consist of all bad events which created intense grief and anger. These emotions were generated as many life situations actually went against you or you perceived it so. Such life situations mostly would involve one or more living beings connected with you in some way. Grief and anger keep striking you each time this memory is recalled or you move into the past. Forgiveness is not for forgetting this past event or validating the past event. It has to be practiced just to erase the very powerful ill effects which keep springing back in your present riding over thoughts of the past. Forgiveness is not to make some one or some characters involved in a past event happy or pacify them. It is simply for you and your self growth .

Forgiveness only works for you not for anyone else. You need to get unburdened of the ill effects of past memory which create lot of negative energy in you .Once this process of forgiving begins ,slowly layers of past start getting erased . Forgiveness doesn't necessarily require the person whom you are forgiving. If the person is present to receive your forgiveness, the magical effect of forgiving can be felt on his being also which in turn can make the process of forgiving further effective. Gratitude is nothing but thanksgiving or expressing your appreciation for what you received in your extremely precious life. It can be for a favor received in the form of some object or some help. Gratitude can also be expressed for nothing received in particular. 'No damage caused' is definitely a positive moment in your life. Gratitude can be expressed any number of times in a day for anything which has even a little positive significance on your life.

Gratitude can bring your attention to good things or things which you appreciate rather than the things which hurt or which you lack. This phenomenon of shifting of attention from 'lack' to 'abundance' injects enormous positive power in you as per the simple universal principle of 'Like Attracts Like'. It can fill your present moments with love, satisfaction, peace and bliss. Balanced present can lead to balanced actions and favorable life situations which can eventually lead to a balanced and bright future.Never wait for positive events to take place so that you can thank, treat all 'non negative' events as a series of miracles and start thanking for each miracle, in no time positive events will fill your life completely. In service of the Divine with faith !

Looting the Donkey Route: Trafficking in the Dreams of Youth

Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

Lured by the promise of a bright future abroad, Indian youth are falling prey to illegal means. This network of agents is not only breaking the law but also stealing the hopes of families and the future of the country.

The "Donkey Route" is an illegal migration route through which young Indians attempt to reach the United States or Europe without visas or valid documents. This route runs from India through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, and then Mexico to the United States. Along the way, smugglers, agents, and criminal gangs extort money from travelers. Sometimes, people drown at sea or are caught crossing the border. Every year, hundreds of Indians die or disappear on this dangerous journey—leaving their families deeply in debt and grief.

In many parts of India, especially in states like Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh, a new and dangerous trend is rapidly spreading—the dream of traveling abroad via the "donkey route." The word "donkey" is derived from the English word donkey, meaning "to travel without permission or by illegal means." It sounds like a movie story, but the reality is far more horrifying. This route has not only eroded the future of young people but has also posed a serious humanitarian and economic crisis for society and the administration.In rural and semi-urban India, "going abroad" is no longer just an aspiration, but a symbol of success. Many young people risk everything in search of jobs, respect, and a better life. Agents show them rosy dreams—"I'll be standing on American soil in just a few days," "I'll earn a salary in dollars," "Life there is like heaven."

But the truth is, these dreams often cost lives. Most young people embarking on the Donkey Route are not told that the journey can last for months, traversing deserts, seas, and dangerous jungles. Along the way, they face hunger, thirst, cold, and violence. Many people go missing on this journey, never to be heard from again.

The entire donkey route business operates through an organized network of fake travel agents, passport brokers, local leaders, and foreign gangs. According to one estimate, more than 5,000 young people in India attempt to travel abroad illegally each year, and agents charge them between 15 and 25 lakh rupees.

According to an Amar Ujala report, 3,053 fraudulent travel agents were arrested from 2019 to 2025. However, the actual number is likely much higher, as most victims don't report due to fear or shame. Agents often target families struggling with unemployment and poverty, hoping their son will "settle abroad." But the result is debt, ruin, and shattered dreams.

Starting in India, the route travels through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, and finally Mexico to the United States. During this journey, people are often crammed into boats at sea, crossing deserts, or stranded in frozen forests. Several human rights organizations have reported that hundreds of Indians die or go missing on this journey every year.

In February 2023, two young men from Gujarat died near Turkey while trying to cross the border into Europe. Such incidents have become commonplace. This is not only a crime but also a blot on humanity.

The US and European countries have now intensified surveillance on illegal immigration. After 2022, the US has signed a data-sharing agreement with India to quickly identify people arriving through the Donkey Route. If caught, they are deported, often facing months in prison.

On the other hand, the European Union has also implemented stricter visa and entry regulations. This has resulted in agents resorting to more dangerous routes—such as sea routes or crossing jungles—which further increase the risk to life.

The donkey route is not only a crime but also a significant burden on the rural economy. A significant portion of the youth abandon farming and local employment, even selling their land in pursuit of foreign employment. A mindset has developed in villages that "those who haven't gone abroad haven't succeeded."

The result of this trend is a shrinking rural labor force, families sinking into debt, and young people losing faith in legal employment systems. This situation weakens India's demographic strength in the long run.

The Indian government has mandated registration and verification for travel agents. The Ministry of External Affairs has also launched an e-Migrate portal, which provides a list of legitimate agents. Despite this, due to lack of awareness and corrupt systems, fraudulent agents remain active.

Laws exist—the Immigration Act of 1983 and the Passport Act of 1967—but they aren't effectively enforced. Agents in small towns openly advertise "immigration abroad," and police only notice them when a major incident occurs.The media has periodically tried to raise awareness about this issue. Newspapers like Amar Ujala have exposed how the "donkey-route" business has spread to hundreds of villages in Haryana, Punjab, and western Uttar Pradesh.

But along with this, the society will also have to introspect –

Why do young people feel that they cannot succeed while living in the country?

Why has going abroad become a symbol of prestige?Why is that environment not being created in the villages which can provide opportunities to the youth here?

Campaigns should be launched at the village, college, and panchayat levels to highlight the dangers of illegal migration. The Ministry of External Affairs, the Labor Department, and the media should work together to ensure that no young person travels abroad without legal procedures.Skill development, self-employment, and local industries should be encouraged for rural youth to reduce the attractiveness of going abroad. Simply arresting fraudulent agents is not enough; their financial networks must be disrupted. Provisions such as asset confiscation and lengthy sentences should be strictly enforced.

Society must understand that success doesn't come simply by setting foot on foreign soil. Opportunities exist within the country—it just takes a shift in perspective. India should work with countries where these networks operate to stop cross-border human trafficking.India has the world's largest youth population. This demographic asset can be a boon if channeled properly. If these youth are pushed into illegal activities, it will be a huge loss to the nation.Avoiding the "donkey route" requires not just law, but thought and discretion. We must understand that no dream can be so big as to surpass human dignity, security, and self-respect.The Donkey Route isn't just a crime story; it's a saga of the frustration, unemployment, and confusion of India's youth. Until society and the government work together to provide legal, safe, and respectable opportunities for young people, the business of such agents will continue to flourish.It is time for bold action, true awareness, and a shift in mindset that believes "going abroad is success."

Waltair Division Holds Divisional Committee Meeting of Hon'ble MPs at Visakhapatnam



Rayagada / Visakhapatnam,:A meeting of the Divisional Committee of Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) of Waltair Division, East Coast Railway, was convened today at Visakhapatnam. The session was chaired by Shri K. Ramamohan Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister for Civil Aviation, in the presence of Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway.The meeting brought together ten distinguished Members of Parliament representing Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh. The following MPs and representatives participated in the deliberations:Shri C.M. Ramesh, MP, Anakapalle and Chairman, Standing Committee on RailwaysShri Golla Baburao, MP, Rajya Sabha,Dr. G. Tanuja Rani, MP, ArakuShri K. Appala Naidu, MP, VizianagaramShri Saptagiri Shankar Ulaka, MP, KoraputShri Mahesh Kashyap, MP, BastarRepresentative of MP Visakhapatnam, Shri SribharatDuring the deliberations, the Hon'ble MPs shared constructive insights and valuable recommendations aimed at strengthening railway infrastructure and passenger amenities across the division. They appreciated the developmental initiatives undertaken by Waltair Division and also highlighted issues related to train services, stoppages, and onboard facilities.Key subjects discussed included:
Construction and progress of Amrit Bharat Station projectsIntroduction of new train services from Araku, Koraput, Jagdalpur, Rayagada, and Srikakulam to various destinations Increased frequency of trains to major cities like Chennai, Bengaluru, and TirupatiExtension of existing train servicesCapacity augmentation projects such as new lines, doubling, tripling, and construction of a fourth lineDevelopment of Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs)Proposal for commencement of Rayagada Division and discussion on South Coast Railway mattersWelcoming the Hon'ble MPs, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway, briefed the members on the zone's operational achievements, major infrastructure projects, and continuous improvements in passenger amenities.Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Division, made a comprehensive presentation highlighting the division's performance during the financial year, progress of Amrit Bharat Station schemes, and ongoing infrastructure enhancement works. He also addressed the queries and suggestions raised by the Hon'ble MPs.The General Manager and Divisional Railway Manager assured that the recommendations and concerns of the MPs would be given top priority and due consideration.

OKCL Launches State-Level Olympiad Movement to Foster Conceptual Learning Among Odia-Medium Students

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): In a groundbreaking move to transform education for Odia-medium students, the Odisha Knowledge Corporation Limited (OKCL) today launched the OKCL Olympiad Movement (OOM) - an initiative that challenges 25,000+ students across the state to "learn by understanding, win by thinking" rather than relying on rote memorization.The hybrid launch event, held on November 4, 2025, brought together hundreds of educators and students from across Odisha. While OKCL's District Level Coordinators (DLCs) and staff members attended the physical event at OKCL's Bhubaneswar headquarters, more than 800 Authorized Learning Centres (ALCs) and numerous school students joined the ceremony virtually, marking one of the largest digital education gatherings in the state.The event was graced by Dr. Manoranjan Puthal, Managing Director, OKCL, who inaugurated the movement, and Dr. Hadibandhu Pattnaik, an eminent mathematician and educationist, who lauded the initiative. In his inaugural address, Dr. Puthal highlighted that the OKCL Olympiad Movement is a major stride toward reshaping the learning environment in government and Odia-medium schools. "OKCL aims to help students think beyond memorisation. The Olympiad Movement encourages them to understand concepts, apply knowledge, and develop creativity," he said. He further added that the initiative would bridge learning gaps through OKCL's e-school content and reach out to more than 25,000 students in the current academic year. He also emphasized that OOM aligns with OKCL's broader mission to foster 21st-century skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, and digital literacy, thereby preparing students for a knowledge-driven future.

DRM KHURDA ROAD INSPECTED KHURDA ROAD-KERJANG (ANGUL) RAILWAY SECTION



Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Divisional Railway Manager of East Coast Railway (ECoR) Khurda Road Division Shri Alok Tripathi conducted a Window Trailing Inspection between Khurda Road and Kerjang (Angul) Railway Section today, accompanied by Senior Divisional Officers.The inspection was aimed at ensuring the safety, reliability and smooth flow of train operations over the section. During the inspection, the track and associated infrastructure were thoroughly examined. Various safety parameters were reviewed, including rail track geometry and alignment, crossings and turnouts, bridges, minor structures, signals, interlocking systems, drainage arrangements, protective works and fencing/guarding.Progress of the 3rd and 4th Line works in the Budhapank–Rajathgarh–Salegaon Section between Cuttack and Angul was also reviewed to ensure timely completion, augment line capacity and enhance operational efficiency for seamless train movement.Shri Tripathi also inspected Tata Steel Limited (TSL) siding at Meramandali and Jindal Steel Plant Limited (JSPL) siding at Kerjang, Angul and discussed measures to improve freight movement and coordination with industrial stakeholders.

Franklin Templeton Launches Franklin India Multi-Factor Fund

Mumbai -Franklin Templeton (India) today announced the launch of Franklin India Multi-Factor Fund (FIMF), it's open-ended equity scheme following a Multi-Factor based Quantitative investment strategy.FIMF uses a data-driven, systematic approach to select stocks based on factors such as Quality, Value, Sentiment, and Alternatives (QVSA). The investment universe consists of the top 500 listed companies in India by market capitalization. The fund aims to deliver risk-adjusted returns by combining a disciplined, model-driven process with the fund manager's insights. The NFO will be open for subscription from November 10, 2025, to November 24,2025during which units will be available at Rs.10 /- per unit.Speaking on the launch, Avinash Satwalekar, President, Franklin Templeton-India, said,"Technology is deeply embedded in our everyday lives, reshaping how we work, communicate, and make daily decisions.With advancements in technology and emergence of artificial intelligence, it is now possible to create quantitative data models to analyse vast amounts of data which couldhelp portfolio managers identify investment opportunities.Franklin India Multi-Factor Fund (FIMF) exemplifies this integration of technology in investment strategies. It provides a comprehensive investment solution that integrates advanced technology and data analytics with expert human oversight."He added, "We are delighted to introduce the Franklin India Multi-Factor Fund to our investors. Designed to be adaptable and risk-conscious, the fund is committed to delivering sustained value across different market cycles."

Bhim bhoi Disabled Empowerment Campaign Camp Organized



Malkangiri correspondent : Bhim bhoi Disabled Empowerment Camp Program was organized at Ashram Vidyalaya Khairput under Khairput Block of Malkangiri District. In this program, people were made aware of how to give better treatment to their bodies and how people's health will be good very soon. Block development Officer Shri Umashankar Koya, Chairman of PS Khairput and Local Committee President Vighna Kirsani, community Health centre Shri Sambit Kumar Das, Local MLA representative Nira Kumar Raju, MP representative Siddhartha Shankar Rath (Sanu), Block Education Officer Hrishikesh Gand DSSO Nirmal Kumar Dharua etc.

Plus Two exam enrollment deadline extended until November 11

Bhubaneswar: The Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha, has announced an extension of the enrollment deadline for the Annual Plus Two Examination 2026, in light of the disruptions caused by Cyclone Montha and the resulting holidays in several districts.In an official notification sent to all CHSE-affiliated higher secondary schools, the council stated that regular students and ex-regular students can now complete their enrollment and form fill-up without a fine until November 11, 2025.

AM/NS India honored with "Outstanding Champion" Award for Water Management Excellence



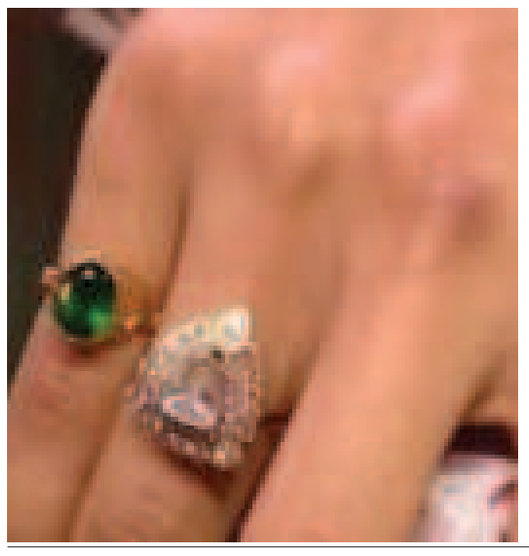
Bhubaneswar correspondent :The Odisha Operations of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India)has won the prestigious "Champion (Outstanding) Award" in the 'Water Management' category under the Steel Sector at the19th EXCEED EnvironmentAward 2025, held in Bhubaneswar on October 31, 2025. This recognition celebrates the company's exemplary efforts in sustainable water management practices, contributing significantly to environmental stewardship and corporate responsibility.Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Secretary, Govt. of IndiaandChairman, National Committee for Formulation of Indian National ESG Standards along with Smt. Pranavi Luthra, Vice President, EKDKN presentedthe award toMr. Suvendu Kumar Dash, Head, Environment & Sustainability, AM/NS India Odisha and Shri Debadatta Das, Incharge, Environment& Sustainability, AM/NS IndiaParadeep in a functionhosted by the Sustainable Development Initiative (a unit of Ek Kaam Desh Ke Naam), a leading NGO championing social and environmental causes since 2007.On the occasion, Shri Suresha G, Chief, Odisha Operations, AM/NS India, said, "At AM/NS India, sustainability is not just a goal, it's a mindsetand a firm commitment. This award inspires us to continue innovating and investing in solutions that protect our planet and empower our communities". The EXCEED Awards, supported by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India,honour outstanding achievements in Environment, Occupational Health & Safety, Renewable Energy, Oil & Gas, HR, and CSR.

Optimal Oral Health for Cancer Prevention

Bhubaneswar correspondent :According to Dr. Sonia Datta, MDS, PhD, Professor in Public Health Dentistry, oral health isn't just about teeth and gums; and Good oral health is more than just having clean teeth-it's a cornerstone of overall well-being. Dentists and physicians alike are identifying the mouth-body connection as important to preventive care. Optimal oral health supports systemic health, reducing risks for conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and even certain cancers; and is increasingly recognized as a modifiable risk factor in cancer prevention.For people with low immune systems, maintaining oral hygiene is not merely about comfort. It directly affects quality of life. Simple habits like brushing twice a day with an Ayurvedic paste such as Dabur Red Paste, flossing, and using antibacterial mouthwash can significantly lower these risks by reducing bacterial load and keeping the mouth's ecosystem balanced.According to AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) researchers, oral hygiene should be integrated into standard oncology care-not just for comfort, but to improve survival outcomes. Another evidence is the INHANCE (International Head and Neck Cancer Epidemiology) consortium, which found that good oral hygiene (annual dental visits, fewer missing teeth, daily brushing) modestly reduced the risk of head and neck cancers. Regular dental check-ups are very important; not just for maintaining healthy teeth but for detecting early warning signs of oral cancer. Dentists can identify suspicious lesions, persistent ulcers, or changes in tissue texture that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Revenue inspector caught taking 60,000 bribe in Puri

Bhubaneswar : The Odisha Vigilance on Tuesday apprehended a Revenue Inspector (RI) from Puri district while he was allegedly accepting a bribe of ?60,000 for processing mutation applications.The accused, Jiban Krishna Parida, serves as the Revenue Inspector of Bantalsing under Pipili Tahasil. According to officials, Parida had initially demanded ?90,000 — calculated at ?15,000 per case — to process mutation applications related to six parental plots.After the complainant's repeated pleas, Parida reportedly lowered the demand to 60,000.



Rashmika Mandanna Flaunts Engagement Ring, Blushes When Asked About Vijay Deverakonda

Actor Rashmika Mandanna appeared on Jagapathi Babu's Zee5 talk show, Jayammu Nischayammu Raa, to promote her upcoming film, The Girlfriend. During the show, she drew attention to her engagement ring from Vijay Deverakonda, sparking curiosity among the host and audience.When asked about her marriage to Vijay Deverakonda, Rashmika blushed and kept her answers coy, delighting fans.Rashmika wore a printed suit, but it was her engagement ring that became the highlight of the appearance. She made her signature Korean heart gestures to greet the audience, keeping the ring prominently visible.



Dahi bhalla recipe



Ingredients:

For the vadas:
1 cup urad dal, soaked overnight
2 green chilies, finely chopped
1 inch piece of ginger, grated
Salt to taste
Oil for deep frying
For the yogurt mixture:
2 cups thick yogurt
1 teaspoon roasted cumin powder
1 teaspoon red chili powder
Salt to taste
1 tablespoon sugar (optional)
For garnish:
Tamarind chutney
Mint-coriander chutney
Roasted cumin powder
Chaat masala
Chopped coriander leaves

Method:

Drain the soaked urad dal and grind it into a smooth paste with minimal water. The batter should be thick. Add chopped green chilies, grated ginger, and salt to the batter. Mix well. Then heat oil in a kadhai over medium heat. Take small portions of the batter and gently drop them into the hot oil. Fry until the vadas turn golden brown and crispy. Remove from oil and drain excess oil on paper towels. Once all the vadas are fried, soak them in lukewarm water for about 15-20 minutes. Squeeze out excess water gently and arrange them in a serving dish. In a bowl, whisk the yogurt until smooth. Add roasted cumin powder, red chili powder, salt, and sugar. Mix well. Pour the yogurt mixture over the soaked vadas, ensuring they are fully covered.

7 dietary tweaks to shed pounds before Holi



The festival of Holi, one of the biggest celebrations in India, is less than a week away and people are busy making preparations for the much-awaited get togethers and traditional feasts with friends and family. In order to make it a guilt-free celebration, it's important to plan your diet before and after the festival to make sure your digestive health and weight loss journey remains on track. From portion control, incorporating more fruits and vegetables, adding fibre to the diet to avoiding high calorie and sugary foods, here's how to prepare your body for Holi weight loss.

7 dietary tweaks for weight loss before Holi

1. Reduce sugary drinks: Swap out sugary beverages like soda, packaged fruit juices, and sweetened teas for water, herbal teas, or infused water. Cutting back on liquid calories can significantly reduce your overall calorie intake.
2. Portion control: When eating, keep a check on portion sizes. One way to avoid overeating is to use smaller plates. Focus on filling half your plate with vegetables, one-quarter with lean protein, and one-quarter with whole grains.

3. Increase vegetable intake: Aim to incorporate more vegetables into your meals and snacks. Vegetables are low in calories but high in fibre, which can help you feel fuller for longer periods and reduce overall calorie intake. Try to include a variety of colourful vegetables to ensure you're getting a range of nutrients.

4. Choose lean protein: Opt for lean sources of protein such as skinless poultry, fish, tofu, beans, and lentils. Protein helps you feel full and satisfied, thus decreasing the chances of overeating later. Additionally, it supports muscle repair and growth, which is important for maintaining metabolism during weight loss.

5. Limit processed foods: Minimise your intake of processed and packaged foods, which are often high in unhealthy fats, sugars, and calories. Instead, focus on whole, minimally processed foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats.

6. Watch your snacking habits: Pay attention to your snacking habits and choose nutritious options such as fresh fruit, vegetables with hummus, Greek yogurt, or a small handful of nuts. Snacking mindfully can help prevent excessive calorie consumption throughout the day.

7. Hydration, a must: Drink an ample amount of water throughout the day. Many times, it is the thirst that is mistaken for hunger, leading to unnecessary snacking or overeating. Aim to drink at least 8 glasses of water a day.

Top 5 foods to fight high cholesterol levels

Keeping cholesterol levels in check can not only prevent you from the risk of early death but also infuse more energy and happiness into your daily life. As we all know that cholesterol itself isn't bad and the waxy substance aids in building cells and producing certain hormones. However, courtesy our modern lifestyle choices, we are accumulating too much of it in our body due to our poor eating habits and lack of an active lifestyle. High cholesterol levels in the body can wreak havoc putting us at risk of heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure all the risk factors which could affect quality of our life and even prove to be fatal.

FOODS TO BEAT HIGH CHOLESTEROL LEVELS

1. Flaxseeds
Flaxseeds contain alpha - linolenic acid, an essential omega-3 fatty acids which been shown to lower LDL cholesterol, as well as triglycerides levels. You can add flaxseeds to your breakfast cereal, sandwich, or yoghurt. If you are fond of baking, you can add them to your cookies, muffins, and other baked goods.

2. Fish oil
Fish oil is an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids. Regular intake of these fatty acids in the form of fish like mackerel, salmon, lake trout, sardines and halibut help in lowering the cholesterol levels and the risk of developing cardiovascular disease.
3. Garlic
Garlic contains a high concentration of allicin, a sulfur containing compound which is known for reducing total and LDL cholesterol significantly. Chew a few cloves of garlic in the morning and at bedtime regularly. Raw garlic works better than cooked ones. You can also add them to your curries for added taste and nutrition.
4. Dark leafy greens
While all vegetables are good for your heart, dark leafy greens are particularly beneficial. Dark leafy greens, such as kale and spinach, contain lutein and other carotenoids, which are linked to a lower risk of heart disease.



Subtle signs of burnout that indicate that you need to rest more: Nutritionist explains

When we stop focusing on ourselves and more on the work at hand, we may start to normalise the feeling of burnout. However, burnout is extremely unhealthy for our physical, mental and emotional health. "Often, when juggling career and family obligations, the last thing we want to do is slow down and rest. It may seem counterproductive, but I would argue that rest is actually the most productive thing we can do for ourselves and those around us," wrote



Leander Paes – Samanta Sports Academy and Glenmark Aquatic Foundation Collaborate to Enhance Sports at KIIT & KISS



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):Under the banner of the Leander Paes – Samanta Sports Academy, a high-level meeting was held today with the participation of several eminent personalities from the field of sports and education. The meeting was graced by Tennis Legend and Padma Bhushan awardee Leander Paes, Olympian and Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna awardee; Ms. Neha Saldanha, Founder of the Glenmark Aquatic Foundation (GAF); Mr. Ian Ruben Els, International Swimming Coach from South Africa; and Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS, and KIMS, along with other senior dignitaries.During the meeting, it was decided that the Glenmark Aquatic Foundation and the Leander Paes – Samanta Sports Academy will collaborate to launch an International Coach Exchange and Athlete Training Programme. The initiative aims to develop the quality of sports training provided to student-athletes of KIIT and KISS, offering them greater exposure to international coaching standards.Leander Paes expressed his delight at the collaboration, noting that KIIT and KISS possess world-class sports facilities and a strong culture of nurturing young talent. He pledged to fulfil his late father's dream and work to nurture 2,50,000 sports talents over the next 15 years through his sports academy and this initiative. The Academy, he added, will emphasize the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of athletes through specialized training, rehabilitation, and diverse development opportunities.Also speaking at the event, Mr. Ian Ruben Els praised KIIT and KISS for being unique institutions where a large number of tribal and indigenous students of India are provided not only world-class education but also access to state-of-the-art sports facilities. He emphasized that with proper training and guidance from professional international coaches, these young athletes have the potential to reach new heights in sports and bring laurels to the nation.Dr. Achyuta Samanta extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and expressed his happiness over the new initiative. He stated that this collaboration would provide invaluable experience and exposure to the student-athletes, helping them to realize their full potential under expert international mentorship..

Laura Wolvaardt Tops Women's ODI Rankings, Smriti Mandhana Slips to Second



NEWDELHI: South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt has surged to the No.1 spot in the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings, overtaking India's Smriti Mandhana after a record-breaking World Cup performance.Wolvaardt scored centuries in both the semi-final and final, amassing 571 runs—the highest ever in a single edition of the Women's World Cup. Her dominant run earned her a career-best rating of 814. Mandhana, who held the top spot throughout the tournament, now sits close behind with 811 points.Despite Mandhana's slip, India saw major gains. Jemimah Rodrigues entered the top ten for the first time, thanks to her match-winning hundred against Australia. Deepti Sharma climbed to fourth among all-rounders, overtaking Annabel Sutherland, after contributing seven wickets and vital lower-order runs in the knockouts.India's bowling unit also showed progress. Shree Charani jumped seven places to 23rd for her role in breaking key partnerships. Meanwhile, South Africa's Marizanne Kapp rose to second in the bowling rankings after her five-wicket haul against England, though Sophie Ecclestone of England retained the top spot.Wolvaardt's rise marks a shift in the global batting landscape, but India's strong presence across batting, all-rounder, and bowling categories signals a team building depth and balance for future competitions.

Shafali Verma to Lead North Zone in Inter Zonal T20 Trophy



Mumbai: The Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) zonal selection committees announced the squads for the Senior Women's Inter Zonal T20 Trophy on Tuesday, with India's World Cup champion Shafali Verma named captain of the North Zone team.Six teams, namely the Central Zone, East Zone, West Zone, North Zone, North East Zone, and South Zone, will participate in the tournament, which is scheduled to take place in Nagaland from November 4 to 14.Verma is the only player from India's World Cup-winning squad participating in the Senior Women's Inter Zonal T20 Trophy. The 21-year-old played only two games in the global tournament after being added to the squad before the semi-final clash against Australia as injury replacement for Pratika Rawal.However, she put up a match-winning performance in the summit clash against South Africa and was named the Player of the Match for her all-round performance, where she scored 87 runs in the first innings before picking two key wickets in the next.Another notable inclusion in the squads is Niki Prasad, Verma's Delhi Capitals teammate and the 2025 U19 World Cup-winning captain, who will be leading the South Zone in the tournament.

R Ashwin Pulls Out of Big Bash League Due to Knee Injury



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Ravichandran Ashwin has withdrawn from the upcoming Big Bash League season after injuring his knee during training in Chennai.The 39-year-old Indian all-rounder shared the update through a heartfelt social media post on Monday.He wrote, "While training in Chennai to prepare for the upcoming season, I hurt my knee. I've had a procedure, and the outcome means I will miss BBLI15. That is tough to say."Ashwin had signed with Sydney Thunder and was set to become the first male Indian cricketer to play in the BBL. His withdrawal disappointed fans and the franchise, who had eagerly anticipated his debut on Australian soil.Nevertheless, Ashwin expressed deep appreciation for the Thunder team. He acknowledged the warmth and support he received from coach Trent, the staff, and fellow players. "Thank you for making me feel at home before a ball has been bowled," he added.Now focusing on recovery, Ashwin remains committed to his rehabilitation. He also hinted at a possible visit to Australia later in the season, depending on medical clearance. "If rehab and travel line up, and only if the doctors are happy, I would love to be around later in the season and say hello in person," he said.Although Ashwin won't take the field this season, he promised to cheer for both the men's and women's teams. His optimism and continued support reflect his enduring passion for the game and his new team.

Sambalpur to Host Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 from November 7 to 25

Sambalpur: In a major push to promote grassroots sports and youth engagement, the Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 will be held across the Sambalpur Lok Sabha constituency from November 7 to 25.The event will kick off at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Tileibani, Deogarh district, and aims to identify hidden sporting talent from villages and urban areas of Sambalpur.e festival, themed "Healthy Youth for a Developed India," is aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Fit India and Khelo India campaigns. Under the leadership of Union Education Minister and Sambalpur MP Dharmendra Pradhan, the initiative reflects the emphasis on sports and physical education in the National Education Policy.The opening ceremony for Dhenkanal constituency will be held on November 11 at Dhenkanal Stadium. Over 19 days, competitions will be organized across blocks in Sambalpur, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, and Angul districts.This competition will be held in two categories: the junior category for participants aged 14 to 17 years, and the senior category for those aged 18 to 23 years.r the 14 to 17 age group, events will include 100-meter and 200-meter sprints, discus throw, shot put, and kho-kho. Similarly, athletes aged 18 to 23 will compete in 100-meter and 200-meter sprints, discus throw, shot put, and kabaddi.The primary objective of the Sansad Khel Mahotsav is to identify hidden sporting talent from rural and urban areas and provide them with a strong platform to compete at the district, state, and national levels.

Three Indians Named in ICC Women's World Cup Team of the Tournament



Dubai: India opener Smriti Mandhana, all-rounder Deepti Sharma and batter Jemimah Rodrigues are the three Indians named in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Team of the Tournament.The trio is joined by three players from the tournament runners-up, South Africa; Captain Laura Wolvaardt, Marizanne Kapp, and Nadine de Klerk along with three Australians -- Ashleigh Gardner, Annabel Sutherland, and Alana King. Additionally, two English players --Nat Sciver-Brunt and Sophie Ecclestone and Pakistan's Sidra Nawaz complete the lien up.The openers faced each other in the final, with Mandhana chosen to partner Laura Wolvaardt at the top of the lineup. The pair finished as the top run scorers in the tournament, with Wolvaardt leading at 571 runs, averaging an impressive 71.37. This made her the highest individual run-scorer at an ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, highlighted by her magnificent, consecutive centuries in the semi-final and final.Mandhana, meanwhile, scored a century against New Zealand in the league stage and concluded the tournament with 434 runs at an average of 54.25.Mandhana's teammate Rodrigues takes the number three position after her memorable match-winning 127 not out, sending the hosts to the final at Australia's cost. Sharma, another Indian star, was also chosen after leading the bowling charts with 22 wickets, including her crucial spell in the showdown.

The Proteas are also well represented alongside Wolvaardt. Kapp reclaims her spot in the team after another strong recent performance with bat and ball, scoring two half-centuries and taking 12 wickets. That includes five for 20 against England in the semi-final, which helped her become the leading wicket-taker in ICC Women's Cricket World Cup history.Her teammate, Nadine, also delivered an impressive all-round performance. Her unbeaten 84 off 54 balls contributed to her team's victory over India in the league stage, and she also picked up nine wickets.Australian bowlers Alana and Sutherland both feature in the ICC's team of the tournament. The spinner etched her name in history by picking up a seven-wicket haul against South Africa in the league stage while conceding only 18 runs as she registered the best bowling figures across all editions of the Women's World Cup.Sutherland ended with 17 wickets, just behind Sharma, and scored an unbeaten 98 to help her team defeat England in the round-robin stage. She achieved this as part of a 180-run partnership with Ashleigh Gardner, who scored her second century of the tournament and is positioned in the middle order. Gardner also took seven wickets this season.Sidra Nawaz dons the gloves, having ended her campaign with three catches and four stumpings for Pakistan. Notably, she made a fantastic catch on the leg side during the team's game against India to dismiss the eventual World Cup-winning captain Harmanpreet Kaur, and demonstrated lightning-fast reflexes to whip off the bails and dismiss Kim Garth in Pakistan's match against Australia.Ecclestone rounds off the XI after taking 16 wickets at an average of 14.25, including four-wicket

UAIL Launches Self-Defense Training Camp for Girl Students in Th Rampur Block



Kalahandi, (Correspondent): Utkal Alumina International Limited (UAIL), a unit of Hindalco Industries under the Aditya Birla Group, has launched a self-defense training camp for girl students aimed at promoting safety awareness and empowerment. The initiative was formally inaugurated at the Adarsha Vidyalaya and Government High School in Th. Rampur block of Kalahandi district.The inaugural event, held at Adarsha Vidyalaya, was attended by Tahsildar Mr. Niraj Kumar Batra as guest. Other dignitaries present on the dais included SI Sushant Panda, Supply Inspector Vibhu Ranjan Sahu, Princepal Sitakant Rana, and Headmaster of Government High School Krutibas Nayak.In his address, Tehsildar Batra highlighted the importance of physical and mental well-being in students' lives and emphasized that learning self-defense is crucial for self-protection and confidence-building. He encouraged the students to not only acquire these skills but also to share them with others, thereby spreading awareness of self-defense techniques.The other speakers also motivated the students to actively participate in the program, elaborating on the need and benefits of self-defense training.In the first phase, the training camp will be held at two schools Adarsha Vidyalaya and Government High School, Th Rampur for a duration of six days. In the coming phases, the program will be extended to nearby schools. Two resource persons, Ritika Mahato and Naina Mukhi, will lead the sessions with an aim to train 240 girl students in total.The program was coordinated by Nirupama Barik from Utkal Alumina Mines CSR Team with support from Sanjeev Kumar. Meanwhile, UAIL's Baphlimali Mines CSR team organized a sanitary napkin distribution drive at Adri Government High School. The event was attended by Dr. Madhuri Singh, Medical Officer of Adri PHC; Nandei Majhi, local Sarpanch; health workers Jagyaseni Sagadia and Chandrakanti Sabar (CHO); ASHA worker Manika Naik, and other teachers and staff members. Sanitary napkins were distributed to the students by the dignitaries present.This initiative was conducted under the CSR program of UAIL Mines, managed by CSR team members Devi Priya and Dilip Nayak.

Vedanta Aluminium Partners with Odisha Police to Drive Cyber security Awareness in Jharsuguda



Jharsuguda, (Correspondent):: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, in collaboration with Odisha Police hosted a session of thestate government's'Cyber Security Awareness Campaign - Odisha 2025' at its operations in Jharsuguda. The event aimed to promote wider awareness of safe digital practices under the theme 'Stop. Verify. Be Secure'. The initiative focuses on prevention-first awareness against online frauds and empowers citizens to protect themselves against the menace of cybercrimes.

The event witnessed the presence of several eminent guests from Odisha Police - Jharsuguda, including G.R. Raghvendra, IPS,Superintendent of Police;Madhusmita Mishra,Additional SP; James Samad,Additional SP;Jyotsnamayi Pradhan;DSP;Uma Shankar Singh,SDPO;and Rajendra Sial, DSP, Badmal,alongside employees of Vedanta and its business partners, and township residents. Together, they reaffirmed their commitment to making Jharsuguda a digitally aware and cyber-secure district. In a digital age where technology drives both opportunity and risk, the campaign highlighted the importance of informed vigilance. Through informative videos and interactive sessions, experts from Odisha Police explained how individuals can identify and avoid common online threats such as phishing, OTP/QR scams, remote access apps, deepfake manipulation, identity theft and financial malware. Attendees were also introduced to digital best practices for online transactions, secure password management and responsible social media behavior.

In addition, the participants were introduced to the 'Cyber-Rath' -a mobile awareness van that is being rolled out across Odisha to bring cyber security messaging directly into rural and semi-urban neighborhoods. The Cyber Rath is an on-wheels outreach unit of the government's month-long awareness drive, set to travel district-to-district, engaging citizens through street plays, film screenings and interactive kiosks.

Nobel Prize Dialogue India 2025, in Partnership with Tata Trusts

NEWDELHI: The Nobel Prize Dialogue India 2025, hosted inexclusive partnership with the Tata Trusts, brought together Nobel Prize Laureates, leading scientists and thinkers, and students at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. Centered on the theme 'The Future We Want,' the dialogue sparked insightful conversations - on knowledge, inclusion, sustainability and hope. In his opening remarks, Siddharth Sharma, CEO, Tata Trusts, highlighted, "India's greatest wealth lies not just in its natural resources, but in the power of its people and their capacity to learn. From that dream grew part of the Tata Trusts' legacy of nurturing centres of excellence. Our collaboration with Nobel Prize Outreach was forged through a shared belief - that knowledge must be harnessed to serve humanity. We are well on our way to being the third largest economy in the world.The future envisages justice - social, economic, and political. To achieve this, we must empower the youth and create ecosystems fuelling innovation for the people who need it most. Today, we are honoured to reaffirm this commitment and host the dialogue."

White Coat Ceremony Held for New MBBS and BDS Batch at KIMS



Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) welcomed its newest batch of MBBS and BDS students with a White Coat and Oath-Taking Ceremony, a symbolic rite of passage marking the beginning of their medical journey. The event saw the participation of KIIT and KISS Founder Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. CBK Mohanty, Principal Prof (Dr) R.C. Das, KIMS Medical Superintendent Dr. M.R. Behera, Vice Principal Prof (Dr) Lalatendu Mohanty and Dr. Abikshyeet Panda, Dean, Research and professor KIIT Dental College.Dr Samanta, in his address, inspired students to make good use of their five year programme at KIMS. Students are encouraged to adhere to the principle of Sikshya with Sanskar in their lives. Every student at KIIT, KISS, and KIMS is provided with Sikshya with Sanskar to foster their development into good human beings. Students at KIMS have been afforded excellent opportunities, which they should cultivate.During the ceremony, Dr CBK Mohanty motivated the new batch to fully utilize the extensive resources available to them at KIMS. "MBBS is a challenging curriculum. Speaking about the significance of the White Coat Ceremony, Dr. Mohanty said, White Coat is more than just an article of clothing. It represents compassion, humanity, dignity, and integrity. Medical students must strive to become doctors who embody humanity, rather than merely focusing on technical skills.In his welcoming speech, Dr. R.C. Das emphasized the significance of human values and compassion that medical professionals should uphold upon receiving their white coats. He further stated that humility is a crucial aspect of the white coat. The white coat serves to educate medical students about ethics, which plays a vital role in shaping their behaviour throughout their lives. Among others Dr. R. N. Samanta, Advisor, Dr. Subhranshu Patro, HoD Medicine; and Dr. Dillip Panda, GD, KIMS were also present.

Tata Steel Limited signs an Asset Transfer Agreement with Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA) for the sale of its Ferro Alloy Plant at Jajpur, Odisha

Mumbai: Tata Steel Limited has signed an Asset Transfer Agreement with Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA) for the sale of its Ferro Alloy Plant at Jajpur, Odisha for a base consideration of Rs 610 crore.The transaction is expected to close within 3 months, after receipt of requisite approvals.Statements in this press release describing the Company's performance may be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities laws and regulations. Actual results may differ materially from those directly or indirectly expressed, inferred or implied. Important factors that could make a difference to the Company's operations include, among others, economic conditions affecting demand/ supply and price conditions in the domestic and overseas markets in which the Company operates, changes in or due to the environment, Government regulations, laws, statutes, judicial pronouncements and/ or other incidentalfactors.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL EXPRESS TRAINS TO BENGALURU- TRAIN ON DEMAND



Bhubaneswar- East Coast Railway is operating some special train services to Bengaluru, via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam, from various destinations over East Coast Railway, to clear the extra passenger rush during the festive season. These Trains On demand (TOD) will ease the passengers, to plan for the return journey after the ongoing festivals.The details of special trains are as below:1. Araku-Yelahanka-Araku TOD Special (Train No.08551/08552), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08551, Araku-Yelahanka festival Special Express, will depart from Araku at 12:00 hrs on 13th and 23rd November'2025 and will reach Yelahanka at 10.15 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Yelahanka-Araku Spl, Train No.08552, will depart from Yelahanka at 13.30 hrs (1.30 PM) on 14th and 24th November'2025 and will reach Araku at 14.30 hrs (2.30 PM) on the next day. 2. Araku-Yelahanka-Araku TOD Special (Train No. 08555/08556), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08555, Araku-Yelahanka festival Special Express, will depart from Araku at 12:00 hrs on 17th and 24th November'2025 and will reach Yelahanka at 10.15 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Yelahanka-Araku Spl, Train No.08556, will depart from Yelahanka at 14.00 hrs (2 PM) on 18th and 25th November'2025 and will reach Araku at 14.30 hrs (2.30 PM) on the next day. The major stoppages of above trains between Araku and Yelahanka are Duvvada, Rajmundry, Vijiyawada, Guntur, Dharmavaram and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam.3. Srikakulam Road-Bengaluru Cantonment-Srikakulam Road TOD Special (Train No.08553/08554), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08553, Srikakulam Road-Bengaluru Cantonment, festival Special Express, will depart from Srikakulam Road at 15:30 hrs (3.30 PM) on dt.21.11.2025 and will reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 14.45 hrs (2.45 PM) on the next day. In the return direction, Bengaluru Cantonment-Srikakulam Road, Train No.08554, will depart from Bengaluru Cantonment at 14.00 hrs (2 PM) on 24.11.2025 and will reach Srikakulam Road at 17.00 hrs (5 PM) on the next day. The major stoppages between Srikakulam and Bengaluru are Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Duvvada, Rajmundry, Vijiyawada, Guntur, Dharmavaram and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam, in both the directions.4. Bhubaneswar-Bengaluru Cantonment-Bhubaneswar, TOD Special (Train No.08463/084664), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08463, Bhubaneswar-Bengaluru Cantonment, festival Special, will depart from Bhubaneswar at 06:15 hrs on dt.16.11.2025 and will reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 11.15 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Bengaluru Cantonment-Bhubaneswar, Train No.08464, will depart from Bengaluru Cantonment at 05.30 hrs on 20.11.2025 and will reach Bhubaneswar at 10.15 hrs on the next day. The major stoppages between Bhubaneswar and Bengaluru are Khurda Road, Brahmapur, Palasa, Vizianagaram, Duvvada, Rajmundry, Vijiyawada, Dharmavaram and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam.5. Sambalpur-Bengaluru Cantonment-Sambalpur, TOD Special (Train No.08335/08336), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08335, Sambalpur-Bengaluru Cantonment, festival Special, will depart from Sambalpur at 06:30 hrs on dt.20.11.2025

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