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Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi informed the State Assembly that the Odisha government has taken significant steps to provide a clean, transparent, and efficient administration. Speaking on the demands for grants of the General Administration and Public Grievances Department, Majhi highlighted the government's achievements in the last one and a half years. The government has set a target to fill 1.5 lakh government posts in a fair and transparent manner in the next five years. So far, appointment letters have been issued to 37,371 eligible candidates, and efforts are underway to fill another 43,447 posts. The upper age limit for recruitment has been increased to 42 years to

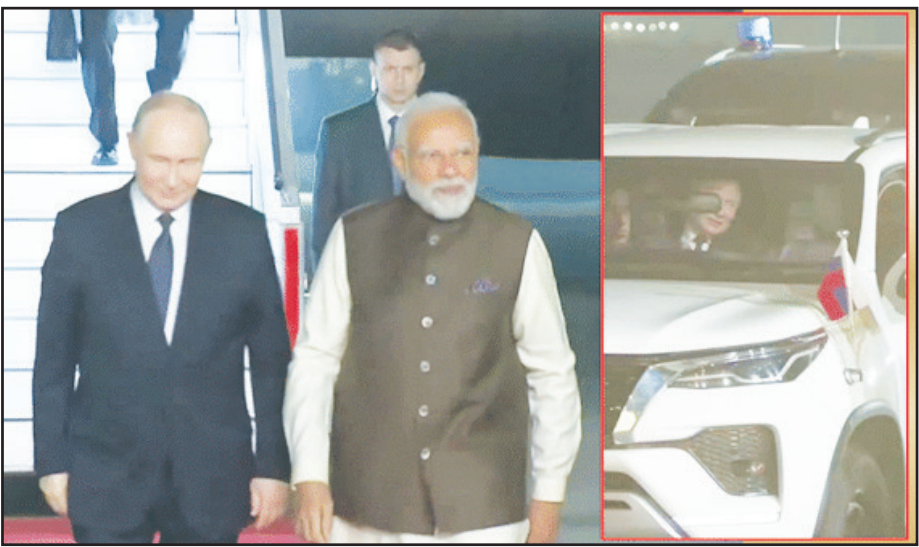


ensure maximum participation. To streamline the recruitment process, the government has formed the Odisha Uniformed Services Staff Selection Commission (O USSSC) and enacted the "Odisha Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024" to prevent unfair practices in competitive examinations. The government has also prioritised grievance redressal, with the Chief

Minister personally attending public hearings and resolving complaints. In the last one and a half years, 3,79,160 complaints have been received through the Genocide Portal, with 2,84,199 complaints resolved. Majhi emphasised the government's zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, with the Vigilance Department working actively to curb corruption.

Russian President Vladimir Putin Arrives On Two-Day State Visit, Received By PM Modi At Airport

New Delhi: Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi on a two-day State Visit to India, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a special gesture, receiving him at the airport. The two leaders warmly hugged and greeted each other at the tarmac before leaving the airport together in the same vehicle. They also briefly watched and applauded a cultural performance as part of the welcome ceremony. New Delhi has been lined with banners welcoming the Russian leader, marking the beginning of an engagement that carries significant diplomatic weight. Later in the evening, PM Modi will host Putin for a private dinner at his residence, mirroring the gesture the



Russian President made when he hosted PM Modi during the latter's visit to Moscow last year. This marks Putin's first trip to India since Russia's war with Ukraine started in 2022. The 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit, scheduled for Friday, comes at a time when the US has imposed

punitive sanctions on New Delhi, and will focus on strengthening defence cooperation, along with discussions on trade and energy partnerships. On Friday, the Russian President will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhavan ahead of the formal talks that will take place at the

Hyderabad House. Putin will also lay a wreath at the Mahatma Gandhi memorial. Leading to the visit, Russian Presidential Aide Yuri Ushakov called the upcoming meeting during a private dinner between Putin and PM Modi as "one of the key points of the Russian leader's visit,"

Russian state-run news agency TASS reported on Wednesday. According to Ushakov, Putin will discuss important issues of bilateral ties and international situation with PM Modi. He stated that Putin will also hold talks with PM Modi in a narrow and expanded format. Key aspects of trade and economic cooperation will be discussed and several agreements will be signed during Putin's visit to India. According to Ushakov, India and Russia plan to sign a programme for the development of strategic areas of economic cooperation until 2030. The visit is expected to yield multiple agreements, including one to facilitate the movement of Indian workers to Russia.

India Targets Global Leadership In Quantum Tech With New NITI Aayog Roadmap

New Delhi: NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub on Thursday released a roadmap on transforming India into a leading quantum-powered economy, noting that quantum technologies stand at the threshold of becoming one of the most transformative forces of our time. Their impact will cut across sectors, redefining healthcare, finance, logistics, materials, energy and national security. The nations that act decisively today will not only command the next generation of computing, communication, and sensing capabilities, but will also shape the very architecture of global innovation and trust, the NITI Aayog noted. For India, the promise of



quantum goes far beyond technology. It represents the opportunity to redefine its place in the world—to lead in a frontier domain from the outset, rather than catching up after others have set the rules. Quantum is not just another sector of innovation; it is the foundation upon which the next era of artificial intelligence, biotechnology, advanced materials, and secure digital

infrastructure will be built. The roadmap published by NITI Aayog lays out clear imperatives and actionable pathways for realising this vision by leveraging the existing National Quantum Mission. It provides a comprehensive analysis of India's current position, strategic strengths, and critical gaps, and identifies key interventions to accelerate R&D,

commercialisation, and ecosystem development. The roadmap emphasises collective ownership—across policymakers, scientists, entrepreneurs, investors, and states—to build a globally trusted and competitive quantum economy. "Quantum computing represents a turning point where technology moves beyond speed and scale and begins to solve problems once believed impossible, from drug discovery and climate modelling to national security and advanced materials," Telangana Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, Minister D. Sridhar Babu said.

Rahul Gandhi To Raise Delhi Farmers' Voice Against 'Unjust Seizure' Of Land In Parliament

New Delhi: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday vowed to raise the Delhi farmers' voice in Parliament, alleging that the Union government is dispossessing villagers of their farmlands in an unjust manner to benefit the rich. Posting a video clip of his meeting with farmers from the Capital's border areas, Gandhi said in a social media message, "This attempt to usurp the constitutional rights of farmers, villagers, and the poor will not be allowed to succeed under any circumstances. This isn't just land—it's the foundation of their



identity, history, and life." "I will strongly raise this issue in Parliament and ensure justice for every citizen of rural Delhi," said Gandhi. He said that the pain of poor farmers across the country resonated during his meeting with representatives from rural Delhi at the Jan Sansad. "In the name of 'development',

the... government is snatching away the rights of the poor for the benefit of the rich," he said. Referring to the discussions with farmers, Gandhi stated that an organised conspiracy is underway to seize land from villages bordering Delhi, which is extremely serious and worrying. "The UPA government enacted a

strong land acquisition law to protect farmers' rights—one that takes into account both their voluntary participation and compensation," said Gandhi. Today, bypassing that very law, policies like Land Pooling are depriving villagers of their land, employment, and future—sometimes through coercion, sometimes through deception," he said. "This attempt to usurp the constitutional rights of farmers, villagers, and the poor will not be allowed to succeed under any circumstances. This isn't just land—it's the foundation of their identity, history, and life," he said, promising to raise the matter in Parliament.

Trump Administration Tightens H-1B Visa Vetting After Massive Fee Hike; New Rejection Rules Issued

NEW DELHI: The Donald Trump administration has introduced a new set of stringent vetting rules for H-1B visa applicants, further tightening the approval process for highly skilled foreign workers. The move follows the significant fee hike announced in September, which raised the H-1B visa application cost to \$100,000. H-1B visas remain vital for US technology

companies, especially those recruiting talent from India and China. Several leaders in the American tech industry publicly supported Trump during last year's presidential election. State Department Issues New Rejection Guidelines According to a Reuters report, an internal US State Department memo outlines updated rules instructing consular officers to screen applicants for involvement in activities that could be categorized as

"censorship" of free speech. The directive—sent to US embassies and consulates worldwide on December 2—requires officers to examine: Employment history of applicants and accompanying family members Applicants who have worked in areas such as misinformation, disinformation, content moderation, fact-checking, compliance, or online safety may face additional

scrutiny. The memo states officers should consider an applicant ineligible if evidence shows they were responsible for or complicit in censoring protected expression under applicable sections of the US Immigration and Nationality Act. The State Department has not officially commented on the memo. Heightened Screening for Tech Sector Applicants The guidance notes that H-1B applicants

warrant special attention, as they frequently work in sectors such as: Social media Technology services Financial services Online platforms involved in content regulation "You must thoroughly explore their employment histories to ensure no participation in such activities," the memo instructs consular officials. The enhanced vetting applies to both new and returning H-1B applicants.

Swaraj Kaushal, Former Mizoram Governor and Husband of Late Sushma Swaraj, Dies at 73

NEW DELHI: Senior advocate and former Mizoram governor Swaraj Kaushal died at the age of 73 on Thursday after suffering chest pain. Doctors at AIIMS declared him dead shortly after he was rushed to the hospital. Kaushal, husband of late BJP veteran and former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, was the father of New Delhi MP Bansuri Swaraj. His cremation will take place at the Lodhi Road crematorium. Bansuri Swaraj posted a heartfelt tribute on X. She remembered her father's warmth, discipline, and values. Moreover, she wrote that his departure brought immense pain but expressed faith that he had reunited with her mother in eternal peace. She described being his daughter as the greatest pride of her life and vowed to carry forward his legacy.

MP-MLA Court Issues Notices To Three Cong Legislators In Jabalpur In Defamation Case

Jabalpur/Bhopal: The MP-MLA court in Madhya Pradesh’s Jabalpur district has issued notices to three sitting Congress MLAs, including the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the state Assembly, Umang Singhar, and senior leader Ajay Singh and Lakhan Ghanghoria. The notices against Congress leaders have been issued to seek reply in a defamation case which was filed against them. All these three Congress leaders have been asked to appear in the court on January 26,



2026. The defamation case against Congress leaders has been filed by District Programme Manager of the National Health Mission (NHM) Vijay Pandey. It was through calling attention motion that

senior Congress MLA from Jabalpur East, Lakhan Ghanghoria had raised the issue earlier in August this year. Ghanghoria had alleged that Vijay Pandey’s higher secondary marksheet

was fake and as the district programme manager (DPM) incharge, he indulged in corruption. Congress had then raised this issue in the state Assembly also, accusing the BJP government of shielding Vijay Pandey. After a walkout from the state Assembly, the three Congress leaders had addressed a press conference as well. Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla, who also looks after the Health and Family Welfare Department of the state, had set a committee to

Roped In Foreign Investment Of Rs 500 Crore For Punjab, Says CM Mann In Japan

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday said he had roped in investment of Rs 500 crore as a Japanese steel giant has agreed to expand its collaboration with a steel company in the state. Japanese steel giant Aichi Steel signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the presence of the Chief Minister during his visit to the Japanese company, on the third day of his visit to Japan. Chief Minister Mann said it is a ‘red letter day’ for the state as the Japanese steel

giant, better known as the steel arm of Toyota, has inked this MoU to give a fillip to the industrial development in the state. The Japanese steel giant will study future factory operations in Punjab, including a feasibility assessment for an investment of about Rs 500 crore, he said. Mann emphasised that Punjab places a high priority on helping existing Japanese companies grow their business and operations in the state. He envisioned that technical cooperation from the Japanese firm

would herald a new era of industrial revolution in the state. The Chief Minister also extended an invitation to the Japanese firm’s leadership to participate in the Progressive Punjab Investors’ Summit 2026, on March 13-15, 2026, in Mohali, for encouraging deeper engagement and expanded investments. The summit will showcase Punjab’s progress, bring together leading industrial players, and present new opportunities for partnership and collaboration, he said.

Operation Sagar Bandhu: India’s Relentless Relief And Rescue Efforts Continue Across Sri Lanka

Colombo: India continues its unwavering humanitarian support to Sri Lanka under Operation Sagar Bandhu, with intensive search, rescue, medical, and logistics operations underway across multiple affected regions in the aftermath of Cyclone Ditwah, the Indian High Commission in Colombo stated on Thursday. According to the Indian High Commission, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams are supporting recovery efforts in the Gampaha region of the island nation, working on urgent drinking water

requirements with well cleaning and water purification to help families regain access to safe water and restore normalcy. Additionally, the NDRF teams continued high-risk recovery and life-saving operations in Sedawatta and Nadeegama on Tuesday, operating under risky water conditions. They rescued 52 stranded people at this site. With water levels at 8-10 feet with strong currents, rescue teams continued operating in extremely hazardous conditions to evacuate the most vulnerable and ensure every life was brought to safety. “In Passara, Badulla,

NDRF team is working through dense, compacted debris in the flood-affected zones, and search and rescue efforts remain ongoing. Working in close coordination with the Sri Lankan armed forces, NDRF teams continue to rescue stranded civilians and provide urgent relief to affected communities,” the Indian High Commission stated. As part of the ongoing relief mission in Sri Lanka, Indian Air Force aircraft IFC 1875 delivered 1.9 tonnes of supplies from Colombo and 2.7 tonnes from Badulla to Kotmale, while also airlifting critical patients to Colombo for urgent treatment.

SIR In Bengal: Booths With ‘Zero Deceased, Duplicate Or Shifted Voters’ Drop To 7 From 2,208

Kolkata: The number of booths in West Bengal identified as not having a single deceased voter, or a duplicate voter with names in two places, or any voter who has shifted elsewhere, has undergone a drastic revision and dropped to just seven as on Thursday.



This marks a steep fall from the abysmal figure of 2,208 reported on Monday evening, which subsequently declined first to 480 on Tuesday evening and again to just 29 on Wednesday evening. Of the seven election booths that are still shown as not having a

single deceased voter, or a duplicate voter with names in two places, or any voter who has shifted elsewhere, include two in Malda district and one each in Jalpaiguri, South 24 Parganas, Howrah, West Midnapore, and Purulia districts. In the first data released on Monday evening, which showed the number of

such booths at 2,208, South 24 Parganas topped the list, with the figure being recorded in that district then being at 760. Now, as on Thursday evening, that number has come down to just one. The statistics changed only daily from Tuesday evening, only after the Election Commission of India (ECI) continued putting

pressure on the district magistrates, as well as the district electoral officers, for fresh reviews of such booths. State leaders of the BJP claimed that, going by the pattern of decline since Monday, it is now almost certain that the number of booths showing not a single “deceased” voter or “duplicate” voter or “shifted” voter comes down to zero by the weekend. The three-stage Special Intensive Revision (SIR) started on November 4, and the first stage will end with the publication of the draft voters’ list on December 16. The publication of the draft

list will follow the notice phase, which is issuance, hearing, verification, and decision on enumeration forms and disposal of claims and objections to be done concurrently by the electoral registration officers (EROs), happening between December 16 and February 7, 2026. The checking of the various parameters of electoral rolls and obtaining the ECI’s permission for final publication will be on February 10, 2026. The final publication of the electoral roll will be on February 14, which was earlier fixed on February 7.

HM Amit Shah To Visit Gujarat ToDAY To Inaugurate Development Projects

Ahmedabad: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will begin a three-day visit to Gujarat from December 5, during which he will attend 25 public events spread across Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Sanadar (Diyodar), Vav-Tharad and adjoining regions. The visit, scheduled between December 5 and 7, is for cooperative sector reforms, urban development, public welfare infrastructure and cultural outreach in the state. Shah’s tour will commence with the inauguration of ‘Swadeshotsav’ at the GMDC Ground in Memnagar, organised



by the Swadeshi Jagran Manch. He will later attend the valedictory session of NABARD’s Earth Summit 2025 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar. The Home Minister is also set to inaugurate a series of civic facilities on day one, including new public gardens, a yoga studio, a refurbished primary school building,

the LC-11 railway overbridge, an under-bridge sports complex, a primary health centre and PNG gas pipeline connections in three villages. He will wrap up the day with the closing ceremony of the Sansad Sports Festival, followed by the opening of the Ahmedabad Shopping Festival. On December 6, Shah will travel to Banas

Dairy in Sanadar (Diyodar) to lay foundation stones and inaugurate several projects. He will also preside over a meeting of the Ministry of Cooperation’s Advisory Committee, signalling the Centre’s continued thrust on expanding and strengthening cooperative institutions nationwide. The final day of the visit, December 7, will focus on major housing and infrastructure projects in Ahmedabad. Shah will inaugurate 861 EWS homes under PMAY in Thaltej and 350 homes under the Slum Rehabilitation Scheme in Nava Vadaj.

MEA Secretary Attends Finland’s National Day Reception, Highlights Multifaceted Relationship

New Delhi: Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Sibi George, attended Finland’s National Day reception as the Chief Guest in New Delhi on Thursday and highlighted the multifaceted relationship between two nations guided by high-level engagements and covering diverse sectors like trade, investment, digitalisation, sustainability, culture and mobility. Sharing pictures from the event held in New Delhi on X, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, “Secretary (West) Sibi George attended the National Day reception of Finland as the Chief Guest. He highlighted the multifaceted relationship between India and Finland, guided by the high-level engagements and covering diverse areas such as trade & investment, digitalisation, sustainability, culture and mobility. He also underscored the ongoing cooperation in the context of the EU and multilateral fora.” On November 6, India and



Finland held 13th Foreign Office Consultations in Helsinki on Thursday and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation, while agreeing to further strengthen ties in trade and investment, digitalisation, quantum computing, 5G/6G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), sustainability, clean technologies, circular economy, education, research and development, people-to-people ties and mobility,” Jaiswal posted on X. “India considers Finland a valued partner in the EU and in the Nordic region. The Finnish side reiterated its support for the early conclusion of the India-EU-FTA. The sides also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest,” he added. On August 30, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a telephonic conversation with his Finnish counterpart Elina Valtonen, with

discussions focused on the Ukraine conflict and its ramifications. “Had a telecon today with Finnish Foreign Minister Elina Valtonen. Our discussions centred around the Ukraine conflict and its ramifications. India should not be unfairly targeted in that context. We have always advocated dialogue and diplomacy,” EAM Jaishankar posted on X. Earlier on August 27, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a telephonic conversation with Finnish President Alexander Stubb and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation across various sectors, including trade, technology and sustainability. In a post on X, PM Modi wrote, “Had a good conversation with President Alexander Stubb. Finland is a valued partner in the EU. Discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in key sectors such as trade, technology and sustainability. Exchanged perspectives on the ongoing efforts for peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine.”

Haryana Woman Arrested for Killing Four Children in Two Years; Police Cite Jealousy and Psychopathic Behaviour

NEWDELHI: In a shocking development, Haryana Police have arrested a 32-year-old woman, identified as Poonam, for allegedly killing four children over two years, including her own three-year-old son. According to investigators, she targeted young girls related to her,

driven by intense jealousy and emotional instability. Police said the accused consistently staged the deaths as accidental drownings by placing the victims in water-filled tubs or tanks. Latest Incident at a Family Wedding The most recent case occurred on Monday

during a wedding in Naultha village, where a six-year-old girl, Vidhi, went missing and was later found dead in a storeroom. Her family discovered her face down in a plastic tub filled with water, prompting an immediate police investigation. A police team examined the case

from multiple angles before arresting Poonam on Wednesday. Investigators said she followed the child upstairs after guests had left, lured her to the storeroom and forcibly drowned her before locking the door from the outside and rejoining the gathering.

CSIR-IMMT and Singareni Collieries launch collaborative project for REE and trace critical minerals recovery from coal-industry wastes

Hyderabad, :The CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (CSIR-IMMT) has entered into a research and development agreement with The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to explore the recovery of Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and other trace critical minerals from coal-industry waste streams. These include shale, clay, sandstone, granite rocks, and coal fly ash and bottom ash. The project was formally launched today at the Singareni Bhavan, SCCL, Hyderabad with the exchange of signed project agreements between both organisations. The



launch event was presided over by Shri N. Balram, IRS, Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL, and Dr Ramanuj Narayan, Director, CSIR-IMMT, was coordinated by Shri K. Venkateswarlu Director (P&P), and Shri Srinivas Rao, GM (Exploration) from SCCL and Dr Kali

Sanjay, Chief Scientist and Head, Business Development and CSIR-IMMT Centre of Excellence from CSIR-IMMT. REEs are vital for EVs, wind turbines, electronics, and clean-energy technologies, and India's demand is rising rapidly. With global supply chains concentrated,

recovering REEs from coal-linked wastes offers a strategic domestic resource to strengthen critical minerals security. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), jointly owned by the Government of Telangana and the Government of India, is one of India's oldest and

largest coal mining companies. With a legacy of more than 100 years, SCCL has consistently advanced coal mining. The company plays a pivotal role in supporting India's energy sector and is increasingly investing in sustainable mining technologies, waste utilisation, and diversification into new resource domains. The CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (CSIR-IMMT), Bhubaneswar, is India's premier R&D institution dedicated to mineral processing, extractive metallurgy, materials development, and critical minerals recovery.

KIIT Bags 'Best Emerging University' Award at ISTE National Faculty Convention



Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): KIIT-DU has won the "Best Emerging University" Award at the 55th Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) National Faculty Convention held in Pudukkottai recently. The prestigious honour shows KIIT's steady rise as one of India's most dynamic

educational institutions. Over the years, KIIT has earned acclaim for its commitment to academic excellence, inclusive growth, community service, and sustainable development — values that continue to shape its mission and vision. Founder of KIIT & KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta expressed his

gratitude to ISTE for recognising KIIT's contribution to technical education and institutional development. He congratulated all faculty members, staff, and students, acknowledging their relentless hard work and dedication that made this achievement possible.

State food commission K' p a d a visit today

Kendrapada (Correspondent): A team of Odisha state food commission will visit kendrapada on Friday. The commission will attend a review meeting with district level officers over national and state food safety schemes. Though the Kendrapada district in backfoot on this schemes and Public faces many hindrances. To getting a ration card from block label and ration articles from dealers in the district became too difficult. The accurate figures of ration card holders and allotments also not available near civil supply office. Most of the time the ration card beneficiaries returned from the dealers point for unavailable of article and network problem public alleged.

Din In Odisha Assembly Over BJP MLA's Bad Remark On Gandhiji; Oppn Stages Walkout

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The Odisha Assembly witnessed a major uproar on Thursday over alleged objectionable remarks against the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, by a ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA during discussions on the supplementary budget. Opposition members from the Congress and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) staged a walkout and held a silent protest under the Gandhi statue in the Assembly premises. "During the debate on the demands for grants of the Home Department today, BJP member made sharp remarks against Gandhiji. He tried to distort the history of the



independent struggle of India," claimed senior BJD leader and Deputy Leader of Opposition, Prasanna Acharya. He further added that the BJP MLA's statement holding Gandhiji responsible for the Partition is a totally false claim. Acharya said Gandhiji had never supported the partition of India, and he was

against the Partition, against the division of the country. The senior BJD leader asserted that Gandhiji was in Noakhali of West Bengal when the country was divided into India and Pakistan. "So how can you associate Gandhiji or hold him responsible for the partition? He was never in favour of

partition. To blame Gandhiji is to distort the history of India's struggle for independence, and doing so inside the Assembly cannot be tolerated," Acharya emphasised. "We have demanded strong action from the Speaker. We want the Speaker to take firm action against the member who

castigated Gandhiji. You cannot equate Gandhiji with any Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Governor, MP, or MLA," he added. Meanwhile, following the instructions of the Speaker Surama Padhy, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mukesh Mahaling, accompanied by Panchayati Raj Minister Rabi Naik and other leaders, met the protesting Opposition members near the Gandhi statue and urged them to return to the House, assuring corrective steps. Speaking to media persons later, Minister Mahaling said that Speaker Madam has already given a ruling to expunge the controversial statement from the house proceedings.

No More Political Protection For Criminals: CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): Chief Minister Mohan Majhi today said that there will be no more political protection for criminals in the state. He stated that the police have been given a free hand to take action against criminals, and those who are guilty will face the law. Majhi made the statement during a discussion on the demand for grants of the Home Department. He claimed that the law and order situation in the state had deteriorated over the past 5-10 years, with the state ranking first in the country in violence against women. He alleged that police stations were being used as party offices of political parties, and conspiracies were being hatched to kill influential ministers. However, Majhi asserted that the law and order situation has improved under the current government. He cited the smooth conduct of by-elections in Naxal-prone Nuapada as an example. He also highlighted the swift action taken in POCSO cases, with convictions secured in 37 days. Majhi announced that 15,326 new police posts have been created, and the process for 3,557 new appointments is underway.



Old Apartment Resale Made Easy As Odisha Simplifies Resale Norms

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The Odisha government has amended the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, and relaxed the rules under the Odisha Apartment (Ownership and Management) Act-2023, paving the way for the resale of old apartments. Housing and Urban Development Minister Krushna Chandra Mahapatra informed that old apartments sold before the RERA Act-2016 can now be resold without occupancy certificates and RERA registration certificates. Owners need to submit old deeds of transfer or registered sale deeds during resale. "Numerous apartment owners, who purchased those properties prior to October 5, 2016, were encountering difficulties in registering their deeds of transfer during resale. The state government relaxed the rules under the OAOM Act-2023 to facilitate the resale of old apartments," said the H&UD Department in a special gazette notification. The move is expected to benefit apartment owners in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, and other urban areas, who faced difficulties registering their deeds of transfer during resale.



Odisha-Chhattisgarh Joint Technical Committee To Meet On Dec 5 Over Mahanadi Issue

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The Joint Technical Committee (JTC) of Odisha and Chhattisgarh governments are set to meet again on December 5, continuing the efforts of both neighbouring states to reach an amicable resolution to the long-standing Mahanadi water dispute. Speaking on behalf of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mukesh Mahaling on Thursday informed the Odisha Assembly that Chief Minister Majhi had held informal talks with his Chhattisgarh counterpart, Vishnu Deo Sai, regarding the issue. He added that the matter was later taken up at the Eastern Zonal Council Conference, chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah,



where the two Chief Ministers continued their discussions. He noted that the Central government has taken the matter seriously. Mahaling further said that a Chief Secretary (CS)-level meeting was held in Delhi on August 30 this year, during which the Chief Secretaries of Odisha and Chhattisgarh held detailed discussions to resolve the long-pending issue. The minister told the

House that following the CS-level meeting in Delhi, six meetings of the JTC have already been held, reviewing technical details, water-flow data, and related aspects. Similarly, the Chief Secretaries of both states met again on November 10 this year to continue the process. In addition to the JTC discussions, the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal is scheduled to hold its next hearing on December 20. The

Odisha government formally informed the Assembly of this date, adding that the inputs generated from the technical committee meetings will contribute to the tribunal's ongoing proceedings. Meanwhile, in a written reply on Thursday, the Chief Minister told the Odisha Assembly that for the past one and a half years, the state government has been making every effort — both judicial and through dialogue — to resolve the Mahanadi water-sharing dispute, as the river is considered the lifeline of Odisha.

25 Passengers Escape Narrowly As OSRTC Bus Catches Fire In Bargarh



Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): A major tragedy was averted as an OSRTC (Odisha State Road Transport Corporation) bus caught fire at Balanda chhak in Bargarh, with 25 passengers escaping unhurt. The bus, which was travelling from Padampur to Bargarh, was completely gutted in the blaze. According to eyewitnesses, passengers noticed smoke emanating from the vehicle, prompting the driver to stop and evacuate everyone on board. The fire brigade team arrived promptly and extinguished the flames. Local police have launched an investigation into the incident.

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EDITORIAL

India's Biodiversity: a Dual Story - Crisis and Hope

India, due to its huge geographical diversity, is one of the most important biodiversity hotspots in the world. However, this country is facing a serious wildlife crisis, where many species of animals are on the verge of extinction. Amidst this dismal scenario, the recent discovery of thirteen new species of amphibians has indeed brought a sigh of relief and underscores the importance of biodiversity conservation. Species standing on the verge of extinction The crisis for wildlife has been continuously deep. Factors such as human intervention, habitat destruction, climate change, illegal hunting and pollution are threatening the survival of many species. Major endangered species: Tiger, Asian lion, snow leopard, one -horned rhinoceros, black deer, lion tail macaque, Ganga dolphin, clock and Great Indian Bustard (Godavan) are seriously threatened. According to the Red List of International Nature Conservation Association, many wildlife species in India are listed in 'seriously threatened' category. According to some estimates, 133 species of wild animals, reptiles and birds in India are on the verge of extinction. Special threat to amphibians: Amphibians, which live on both water and soil, are extremely sensitive to environmental changes and therefore considered "bio-indicators". According to a report, 136 of the 426 amphibious species found in India are on the verge of extinction, which is particularly worrying in areas such as Western Ghats. New ray of hope: 13 new amphibian species discovered Among these concerns, the recent discovery of thirteen new species of amphibians in India's western ghats and northeast region has brought a pleasant hope. This discovery is not just a scientific achievement, but proof that there is still diversity hidden in the womb of nature, which needs to be understood and preserved. The identification of new species suggests that many mysteries are still undiscovered in our forests and if conservation is done correctly, biodiversity can be saved.

This discovery is the result of hard work of India's scientific teams, modern DNA techniques, and continuous regional surveys. It also sends a message that if research is promoted and wilderness areas are preserved, concrete steps can be taken towards saving the species at risk.

But this news of relief also increases our responsibility. The discovery of new species is not only a matter of enthusiasm, but also a warning that current conservation policies and efforts must be further strengthened.

GURU- A BLISSFUL CONNECTION

Uma Shankar Prasad

Guru Purnima is all about expressing gratitude to your Guru, who has helped you feel content and motivated in life. Experts talk about the age-old tradition of Guru-Shishya with respect to current present scenario.

The oldest references to the concept of guru are found in the earliest Vedic texts of Hinduism. The guru and gurukula - a school run by guru, were an established tradition in India by the 1st millennium BCE, and these helped compose and transmit the various Vedas, the Upanishads, texts of various schools of Hindu Philosophy. Guru is cognate with Latin gravis 'heavy', grave, weighty, serious. It means , in the sense of ' heavy with knowledge, heavy with Spiritual wisdom, heavy with spiritual weight, heavy with the good qualities of scriptures and realization or heavy with a wealth of knowledge. The word has its roots in the Sanskrit Gri (to invoke or to praise), and may have a connection to the word gur, meaning ' to raise, lift up, or to make an effort.

Guru Purnima is an important festival in the Indian Culture, Where devotees and students express their gratitude towards their teachers and gurus for their constant support and encouragement. It is celebrated across the country on the Full moon day of the Ashadh month of Hindu calendar with great gusto and vigour. "Gu

means ignorance, and Ru means dispeller", with guru meaning the one who ' dispels ignorance, all kinds of ignorance". A Guru could be anyone, who leads you on the path of righteousness and is your source of strength. Hence, a guru-shishya relationship need not be restricted to just academics. In real life, one needs someone , who they can fall back upon and receive guidance. The day is meant to nurture such meaningful relationships which can occur between two friends, family members or also strong bonds with a spiritual leader. " The literal definition of a Guru is someone who takes you away from darkness and ignorance to the light of knowledge. It can be any one who is helping you improve and become a better version of yourself. As a kid, it can be your parents and later your teachers or elders. Sometimes , you also cross paths with friends who radiate positive energy, push you towards goodness and stand by you come, what may. You CAN UNDOUBTEDLY consider them your guru too.

Guru-shishya bond has been considered sacred right from the Vedic ages. " No other civilisation , religion or culture gives as much importance to the Guru as the Indian culture . A guru's stature is even above that of the Gods as he is the one who makes the ' shishya' the right receptacle to receive the divine grace". As per the version of my Guru " A guru is a source of energy and with him you will always feel

comfortable without the fear of being judged. It is that someone who will support you morally when life turns the air blue and would drag you out of the dark phase with his comforting words and ideas. The level of trust and understanding between a guru and shishya is immeasurable and ideally every person needs to find his guru in this lifetime to experience bliss". " The stress will simply disappear if one finds a guru in whom they could confide because these experts who know you well will also know the key to your inner peace and contentment." This special day is dedicated to the masters who helps us shed a layer in our personality and prosper. Putting your faith and trust in your guru will always bring out the best in you. I feel privileged to be associated with my Guru who helped me in every way." The gratitude we show to our gurus, affects our personality positively and fructifies as blessing in our life. So we must not miss the opportunity to reach out to our Gurus and appreciate them for being our guiding light.

BENEFITS OF GURU

- " Sense of satisfaction
- " Better decision-making
- " Improved self-control
- " High levels of discipline
- " Enhanced self esteem
- " Helps find a purpose in life
- " Optimistic thinking
- " Healed mind and soul

MALNUTRITION, A SILENT KILLER.....

Dr. Jyotiranjana Champatiray

Malnutrition is a silent killer towards the national growth and developments. In general malnourished child's growth depends on proper diet with balanced nutrition. Otherwise which will affects their mental and physical growth. Ultimately affects the national economy.

Children are the future of the nation. Their healthy growth and development are our main aim. .we must be proud for that but things were and are neglected. We are not very much serious about the care and health of the children.

Malnutrition is not only the shame of the society but to the nation also. National developments depend on healthy, bright intelligent work force rather than the weaker one. They are not be neglected. Malnutrition indicates that one feel hungry but there is no enough food to eat. Food value is most important factors. Food must contain with the adequate food value containing Protein, Calories, Iron and other Nutrients which is essential for

general growth and development of the body.

Malnutrition is the result of taking unbalanced diet which lacks important nutrition in the food. Food may be taken in excess or in the wrong proportions which may cause different nutritional disorders. Food or diet taken may be inadequate in calories and protein, are the main cause of Malnutrition. Due to Malnutrition, Immune system of the body affects thus risk of infectious diseases arises such as Diarrhea and chest infections which can be treated. Finally death can not be prevented if not treated in time. Due to Malnutrition a child's mental growth and physical development will hamper.

Babies and young children suffer more between the times of leaving the Brest milk and starting to a new food. This is the most important time if proper food is not introduced, children may suffer from diseases. During the age of 6 months to 2 years is the time for the child's rapid growth period. A child's development of health depends on diet

with essential nutrients during this period.

Diarrhea and pneumonia which can be treated and prevented with proper treatment but most of the child are likely to die under the age of 5 years. Death can be avoided with timely treatment. Proper Brest feeding also can avoid the death. Malnutrition in infants and children can be avoided with continuous breastfeeding. There is a general feeling among the certain family that the Bottle feeding is better. Some time a single food source is bad. Various types of food which is recommended by Doctors may be given for better development of the child.

Women, Children and the Elderly are mostly suffer from malnutrition. Women due to pregnancies and breastfeeding, needs extra diet with full of additional nutrition. Mother's proper health condition affects the new born health. The Elderly people have a special problem of eating due to change of appetite, chewing and swallowing problems. They need special care to avoid old age related problems as some time they are not able to look after themselves.

India's strategic challenges and opportunities in hosting mega sporting events

Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

The 2030 Commonwealth Games are not just a competition for India, but a crucial "precursor" to the 2036 World Olympics. This event could elevate India's cultural power (soft power), but any administrative shortcomings could damage its international reputation.

For any nation, mega sporting events are not merely sporting events; they are also a public demonstration of that nation's political will, economic strength, cultural identity, and administrative maturity. In modern times, sports diplomacy has become a form of cultural power—a power that can influence the global community without any military force. India has long strived to strengthen various dimensions of its global reputation, and its ambition to host the 2036 World Olympics is the next natural step in this direction.

But India views hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games as a kind of "rehearsal," a "pre-Olympic template," and a "test of global confidence" before hosting a mega-event like the Olympics. This strategy offers as much attractive potential as it presents serious economic, administrative, and social challenges.

In a diverse democracy like India, preparing for such events requires the combined efforts of not just the Sports Ministry, but also the central government, state governments, municipal bodies, security agencies, the private sector, technical experts, sports federations, and the wider society. If India successfully hosts the 2030 Commonwealth Games, it will send a message globally that the country is capable of handling a massive event like the 2036 World Olympics. This is why this event could prove to be a turning point for India's credibility.

India's greatest motivation is to strengthen its cultural power. Today, in global politics, sporting events have transcended cultural celebrations and become an open test of a nation's capabilities.

Nations showcase their technical prowess, city management, security, social inclusion, environmental awareness, and cultural confidence on the world stage. If India successfully hosts the 2030 Commonwealth Games at a high level, it will undoubtedly elevate India's prestige to new heights.

But what will be the price of this prestige? This is a difficult question that could prove detrimental for India if ignored. The most controversial aspect of mega sporting events is their enormous economic cost. The 2010 Commonwealth Games still remain a stain on India's administrative image—overspending, corruption, lack of timeliness, and poor venue quality significantly impacted India's image. If similar shortcomings resurface in 2030, the dream of hosting the 2036 World Olympics could become virtually impossible. Therefore, financial discipline, transparency, multi-level audits, and accountability must be prioritized from now on.

Along with all this, the 2030 event can also prove to be a laboratory for India. It will be an opportunity to test urban infrastructure, traffic management, disaster response, green energy, drainage systems, healthcare, public safety, and sports science against international standards. At events of this scale, even a moment's misstep can lead to major crises. Therefore, the 2030 event can prove to be a full-scale exercise for India, testing not only sports management but also the entire governance system.

Additionally, urban governance will face its most difficult test. A mega-sporting event isn't limited to the venue and athletes' accommodation. It becomes a stress test for the entire city's transportation, road infrastructure, airport capacity, sanitation systems, water management, night lighting, hospital preparedness, crowd control, environmental sensitivity, and the use of modern technology. Potential host cities—Delhi, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, or any multi-city model—will all face immense preparation pressures.

This preparation is both an opportunity and a challenge. An opportunity because it can elevate urban infrastructure to world standards. The

challenge is to avoid this investment becoming merely "showy infrastructure" that becomes useless after the event. There are numerous examples worldwide where stadiums and buildings constructed for sporting events later become "dead structures." This problem has been witnessed in India as well. Therefore, it is essential that whatever infrastructure is built remains useful for the public, sports training institutions, and urban development even after the event.

India stands to gain immensely in areas such as tourism, hospitality, cultural performances, arts and crafts, traditional music, cuisine, and ethnic diversity. Millions of visitors and delegates from around the world will visit India, providing significant benefits to the service sector, trade, transportation, agro-based consumption, and micro-industries. Furthermore, the Digital India concept—such as a fully digital entry system, remote sensing security system, and fast communication networks—can provide a highly effective demonstration of India's technological capabilities to the world.

Nevertheless, it must be acknowledged that the costs of world events like the Olympics are enormous. Based on current global averages, these costs are exorbitant. Therefore, it is essential for India to use the 2030 Commonwealth Games as a financial laboratory, where measures such as public-private partnerships, social responsibility funds, tourism-based revenue, and partnership models can be tested firsthand to see which models may be more sustainable and successful in India's social circumstances.

But an important line of criticism is whether it's appropriate for a developing nation like India to spend so much money on such large events. Couldn't this money be used more effectively in basic areas like schools, healthcare, rural sports, women athletes, coaches, sports science laboratories, and sports academies? This question is quite logical. The primary objective of any sporting event should not be "glowing national

prestige" but "developing national talent." If the resources spent on the event are diverted from grassroots sports infrastructure and are solely focused on building grandeur, it would be detrimental to national interest.

Additionally, this event could also provide a new dimension to India's international diplomacy. India is already becoming a leading representative of the global South, and its contribution to global institutions is steadily increasing. Successful hosting of the Games will further strengthen India's multifaceted leadership capabilities. This will send the message that India is no longer just an emerging economy, but a responsible, capable, and world-class host nation.

Yet the ultimate question remains—is India institutionally prepared? Internal politics within sports associations, lack of transparency, corruption, weak selection processes, and administrative uncertainty—these problems still weaken the Indian sports system. If these shortcomings are not addressed, the quality of both the 2030 and 2036 events could be affected.

Ultimately, the 2030 Commonwealth Games represent a huge opportunity and an equally significant responsibility for India. This event could be a global showcase of India's cultural strength, technological prowess, cultural diversity, and administrative efficiency. It could decisively strengthen the 2036 World Olympics proposal. But this is only possible if India does not view it as a mere spectacle, but instead connects it with long-term national interests. If investment is sustainable, policies are transparent, administration is responsive, and infrastructure remains usable by the public, both events could open a golden chapter in India's history.

It's clear—the 2030 Commonwealth Games are not just "an event," but a comprehensive test of India's global standing, economic future, and diplomatic power. This is a juncture where success could catapult India to the center of the global sports scene, and failure could set it back years. Therefore, India must maintain a balance of determination, caution, and vision on this journey.

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue-2026 held in Subarnapur

SUBARNAPUR, (Correspondent) --- "Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue - 2026 Youth Festival" was held at Subarnapur Sanskruti Bhavan on Thursday. This Youth Festival was inaugurated by Subarnapur Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu. On the occasion of this inauguration, Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Rajendra Majhi, Additional District Magistrate (General) Anjalina Pradhan, Sonepur Municipality Chairperson, Tamsi Tamasmita Nayak participated as guests of honor. In the first phase of the celebration of the Youth Festival, a science fair was organized at the conference hall at



D.D.R.C. with the demonstration of science projects by students of various schools and colleges. Similarly, a folk song and dance competition was organized among the youth in the conference hall at the Sanskruti Bhavan. The judges selected the best folk song, singer and best folk dance. A speech competition and drawing competition were held

among the youth and girls in the library and the youth and girls who achieved the best results in this competition were selected by the judges. A story and poetry writing competition was held among the youth and girls in the conference room of the Subarnapur District Planning and Monitoring Branch Office. The youth and girls who wrote the

best stories and poems were selected by the judges. The youth and girls who secured the best positions in the 07 categories of competitions held on the occasion of this youth festival will participate in the state-level youth festival. A meeting was held in the conference room of the District Culture Bhawan of the second phase of this youth festival to distribute prizes to the winning youth and girls. Additional District Magistrate (General) Anjalina Pradhan was the chief guest in this meeting while Sonepur Municipality Chairperson Tamsi Tamasmita Nayak, Chittaranjan Mishra, District Sports Officer, and Ms. Yamuna

Pradhan, District Cultural Officer were the guests of honor and awarded and felicitated the youths who achieved success in the above competitions. In this youth festival, youths from various areas of Subarnapur district, youths and youths from various schools and colleges, intellectuals, many district level officers and employees, including District Panchayat Officer cum District Information and Public Relations Officer Arjun Majhi, Sonepur Sub-division Information and Public Relations Officer Ms. Preeti Suna, journalists from various newspapers and electronic media representatives were present.

Fisheries Department Director visits various fisheries projects in the district

Malkangiri correspondent: Today, Odisha Government's Fisheries Department Director Mohammad Siddique Alam visited various development projects and fisheries schemes under Korukonda block and Chitrakonda block in Malkangiri district. During the visit, he evaluated the issues of increasing fish production, increasing farmer income, water body utilization, aquaculture model, etc. and issued several directions for early action. District Collector Somesh Kumar Upadhyay, District Chief Development Officer Naresh Chandra Shabar, District Scheduled Tribe Empowerment and Livelihood Project



Administrator Haldhar Shabar, District Fisheries Officer Sudhansu Kumar Mallick, Korukonda Community Development Officer Amulya Kumar Sahu and Korukonda Block Assistant Fisheries Officer Saumendra Kumar Behera were present during the visit. The Director today visited various fish ponds, aquaculture units, fish production project run by Maa Gayatri Women Self-Help Group of Korukonda village, fish

rearing centre and Yashoda Parida's fish twin production centre. He also briefed the officials about the water quality of fish ponds in the village, feeding system, problems faced by farmers and training needs. He mentioned that the primary objective of the government is to transform fish farming into a modern model, generate employment for rural youth through aquaculture and empower women self-help groups.

Suspension On Deer Hunting In Rajnagar Forest Division Of K'pada

Kendrapada (Correspondent): A huge quantity of deer horns found in Bhitarkanika wildlife sanctuary under Rajnagar forest division of the Kendrapada district recently. At a time more than fifty horns found near Dobandhi in the sanctuary creates suspense of deer hunting in the national park. Which is well known as safety place for wildlife. Forest department became silent in this matter and said it was a regular process for deer to discards it for new upcoming. Most of the time visitors became night halt there and demands for deer meat. Some local people also hunting deer secretly was said. Forest department poor monitoring system in the sanctuary influenced the hunters some environmentalists said.



52 people from Subarnapur district went to Rameswaram - Madurai under the Senior Citizens Pilgrimage Scheme

SUBARNAPUR, (Correspondent): --- Thursday, the Rameswaram - Madurai spiritual pilgrimage of 52 senior citizens of Subarnapur district under the Senior Citizens Pilgrimage Scheme of Subarnapur district was flagged off by Subarnapur Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu by showing the green flag. At the time of the start of this pilgrimage, Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Rajendra Majhi, Additional District Magistrate (General) Anjalina Pradhan, Nizarat Officer Satyabrata Sahu, District Tourism Officer Ramesh Chandra Gochhi, District Panchayat Officer cum District Information and Public Relations Officer Arjun Majhi, Sub-Divisional Information and Public Relations Officer, Sonepur Ms. Preeti Suna and journalists of various newspapers and electronic media representatives were present. To support and cooperate with these 52 senior citizen pilgrims, two employees of the District Office, Mr. Sahadeb Meher and Mr. Biswa Pratap Seth, have accompanied them as accompanying officers. All the pilgrims will start their journey from today (04/12/25) and will return to Subarnapur district on 10.12.2025.



Jumboes Roaming Again at Gajapati District

Paralakhemundi ((Correspondent)) At Gumma block of Gajapati district, 4 elephants found at Parida & Gaiba panchayats in Adangura & Janiguda areas. At mango farm & nearest forest they are moving. After acknowledged on their moving Forest department started as watchdogs & cautioned villagers not to move out. While interacted with Range Officer Brahmanand Sahu, said to Mr Tarini Prasad panda our District Correspondent that, since last 40 days they are moving & since last 2 days they are at Gumma & Kashinagar blocks. So human & land resources are valuable not to destroy, he added.

ECOR Intensifies Measures to Ensure Safe Train Operations during Dense Fog

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent)---With dense fog conditions reported in several sections or routes under its jurisdiction and in Northern parts of the country, East Coast Railway has initiated a comprehensive preparedness drive to ensure safe and smooth train operations during the winter months. ECoR has strengthened round-the-clock monitoring and deployed additional manpower to tackle challenges posed by reduced visibility during night and early morning hours. Railways follow a well-established operating protocol



during fog and ECoR has further intensified efforts to enhance safety across fog-prone routes. During dense fog, Loco Pilots have been instructed to regulate speed strictly based on visibility conditions. Safety Counsellors and Railway Officers are continuously briefing running staff to maintain utmost caution during

train operations. Emphasis is placed on safe speed—even if it results in loss of punctuality—placing passenger safety as the highest priority. To assist Loco Pilots in identifying signals in low visibility, luminous and fluorescent strips have been applied on OHE masts, level crossing gates, and locations

ahead of critical stop signals. These reflective indications enable train crew to spot signal positions well in advance, even under dense fog conditions. To enhance safety during low visibility, FSDs (Fog Safe Devices) have been provided to Loco Pilots for advance signal announcements, while detonators are being deployed at severely fog-affected locations to deliver audible warnings through pressure-activated blasts as trains approach signals. East Coast Railway has ensured adequate fog safety equipment availability across all

divisions. Waltair Division has been provided with 471 FSDs, Khurda Road Division with 125 FSDs, and Sambalpur Division with 210 FSDs. Station Managers have been provided with adequate detonators and have been advised to assess whether visibility is impaired badly enough to warrant the use of detonators. The Railway Staff posted at Stations, Cabins and Gates have also been instructed to place detonators whenever there is thick fog to warn the loco pilots according to laid down rules & regulations.

Tourists bus faced accident while returning from Mahendragiri

Paralakhemundi ((Correspondent)) A tourist bus picked up about 40 passengers was going to Mahendragiri. On return that bus faced accident, while dashed with iron raling. Suddenly that bus stopped. 40 students from Utkal University were going in Bapuni & Bapuni bus (OD02A 7605). After visiting Mahendragiri that bus was going towards Gandahati. At Kichilingi road on ghat turning section that bus lost control & dashed with a iron raling. Students slightly injured. Locals helped those students & by JCB that bus rescued.

Irregularities Alleged in Rayagada Silviculture Division: Incomplete RTI Response Raises Serious Concerns

Rayagada/Koraput: Grave allegations of corruption have surfaced in the Rayagada Silviculture Division, Koraput Research Centre, Potangi Section, particularly in matters related to QPM Nursery development and plantation activities, NEFT payments, and engagement of service providers. On 22 October 2025, an RTI application was filed seeking detailed records concerning: QPM Nursery activities and plantation works carried out between August and September 2025, NEFT transaction details under both

CAMPA and General budget heads, Records of service providers engaged for various works, Payment statements and expenditure-related documents maintained by the section. However, the reply received on 21 November 2025 from the department has raised more suspicion than clarity. Despite requesting specific details, the applicant received incomplete and insufficient information. Crucial records, including NEFT statements and service provider details, were not furnished. The applicant alleges that the Rayagada

Silviculture Division, Koraput Research Centre, and Potangi Section may be deliberately withholding information, likely fearing that full disclosure might expose significant irregularities and ongoing corruption within QPM nursery operations and plantation-related expenditures. In response to this incomplete disclosure, the applicant has announced plans to file a First Appeal under the RTI Act. Citizens and observers are keenly watching to see how the appellate authority addresses the gaps and whether transparency will finally prevail.

Complaint to CM through post card in an innovative way

Malkangiri, correspondent : Electricity service is not available in many villages of 7 blocks of Malkangiri district. The administration has ignored electricity connection, citing remote areas and hamlets of revenue villages. After a timely survey, a proposal has been sent to the government to electrify these villages. After government approval, there is a plan for electricity connection. As a result, the lives of many villagers are being spent in darkness. There are more than 20 houses in Pade Colony village of Kudumulgumma panchayat of Khairput block. Although the village has electricity connection, there is no street light facility. The villagers have informed the electricity department and the local sarpanch many times to install street lights. But since no one listened, the villagers were forced to file a complaint with the Chief Minister.

Operation Chakra: Brown Sugar Dealer's house Demolished

Puri, (Correspondent): The Puri police are actively pursuing Operation Chakra. A woman had been involved in the sale of brown sugar for an extended period, unlawfully occupying government property in Nilachakra Nagar near Atharnala, the entrance area to Puri. Consequently, four residential buildings, including a shop, were demolished under the oversight of a magistrate in compliance with a court order. Bulldozers



were employed to dismantle the homes of those involved in drug dealing. The Puri police have implemented a strict zero-tolerance approach towards drug

traffickers. Sukanti Panda, a brown sugar dealer from Nilachakra Nagar, was operating her business alongside her son-in-law, Tikki Khan. Earlier this year,

Sukanti was apprehended with 200 grams of brown sugar. Puri SP Prateek Singh stated that a comprehensive list of police stations enforcing a zero-tolerance stance against drug-related offenses has been compiled. The Puri police subsequently demolished four unlawful structures in Neelachakra Nagar following the arrests linked to the brown sugar trafficking case. In September of the previous year, Puri

Sadar police seized 200 grams of brown sugar valued at Rs 20 lakh, marking the initial phase of the operation under the anti-narcotics policy, leading to the demolition of Sukanti Panda's and her relatives' homes. The police have urged all drug dealers to cease their activities, warning that noncompliance may result in imprisonment, as their homes will face demolition. A series of houses have been taken down. Sukanti Panda's son-in-law, Tiki Khan, has been arrested in

connection with 17 cases that include offenses ranging from sand smuggling to brown sugar dealing. The local community, including women, has expressed support for the police actions. As drug trafficking has become widespread in the area, theft incidents are reportedly occurring daily. The police urge that this should not be a singular effort and emphasize the need for stringent measures against drug traffickers.

Priyanka Chopra To Husband Nick Jonas: ‘Cementing’ Your Legacy In Hollywood Was A Proud Moment For Me



Global star Priyanka Chopra penned an emotional note for husband Nick Jonas and said that he is the most sincere, talented and definitely the hardest working person she knows. Sharing pictures from the ceremony, Priyanka wrote that she was “so proud” of Nick and said that watching him on stage with Kevin and Joe, “cementing” their legacy, was a moment of immense pride for her. “So proud of you @nickjonas You’re the most sincere, talented and definitely the hardest working person I know. And this is not even my bias speaking. Watching you up there with your brothers, cementing (literally) your legacy in Hollywood was such a proud moment for me,” she wrote on Instagram. Priyanka added: ““Thank you for always, including me and honoring me. Here’s to celebrating many more milestones! Congratulations @jonasbrothers So well deserved and so early in your careers. We’re all so proud of you.” Nick and Priyanka met for the first time at the Vanity Fair Oscars afterparty, where he expressed his feelings for the Indian actress. At the Met Gala, the two made their primary public appearance as a couple, and in 2018, reports of Priyanka and Nick being romantically involved started surfacing over the internet. Nick finally proposed to Priyanka for marriage on her birthday in July 2018, in London, and the actress



immediately said yes. It was in December 2018, the couple married at Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur in traditional Hindu and Christian ceremonies. Talking about her film work, Priyanka is currently in Hyderabad for the shoot of her upcoming movie starring South star Mahesh Babu, helmed by SS Rajamouli. Priyanka, who has been feted with two National Film Awards and a Padma Shri, will next be seen sharing screen space with Mahesh Babu for the first time in her next in the upcoming tentatively titled film “SSMB29”. In addition to this, she has also been roped in for the latest instalment in the popular franchise “Krrish 4”, marking Hrithik Roshan’s debut as a director.

Everyday superfoods that support women’s gynecological health and alleviating painful periods

Healthy eating not only benefits your body, but also supports hormones, periods, fertility, and vaginal health, helping prevent PCOS, painful periods, and low energy. “If you’re trying to take better care of your reproductive health, these simple foods can fit into your daily meals without any fuss and bring miraculous results,” says Dr Preety Aggarwal, Medical Director–Obstetrics and Gynecology, Motherhood Hospital, Gurgaon. Here are here suggestions:

Nuts and seeds — snacks with big hormonal benefits
Pumpkin, almond, and sesame seeds provide magnesium and zinc to balance hormones and boost mood; a handful is enough.

Flaxseeds — A seed that keeps hormones

steady
They help regulate cycles and ease PMS — one spoon of freshly ground seeds daily in yogurt or salads.
Green veggies — Not glamorous but incredibly useful
Leafy greens like spinach, methi, and kale boost iron and folate, helping prevent period fatigue, dizziness, and hair fall—add to dal or rotis for easy intake.

Yogurt and other probiotics — Good bacteria for vaginal comfort
Probiotics, like a daily bowl of yogurt, support healthy vaginal bacteria, helping prevent recurring infections and maintain pH balance.
Turmeric (haldi) — A traditional



remedy that still earns its place
Curcumin in turmeric can ease period pain and inflammation from endometriosis or fibroids—add it to milk or vegetables for relief.
Berries — A treat that actually helps
Berries, pomegranate, or amla boost antioxidants, supporting ovarian health and easing PMS symptoms.
Omega-3 fats — For smoother

cycles
Omega-3s from fish, walnuts, or chia seeds ease cramps and reduce PCOS inflammation. “Superfoods work best when limit hormone disrupting habits like excess sugar, packaged foods and or too much caffeine,” says Dr Vaishali Sharma, Gynecologist and IVF specialist, Apollo cradle.

Want to 'lose 2 kg in 7 days'? top 3 tips for real fat loss

Shedding those extra kilos isn't a one-night magic trick, it's all about the small, consistent choices you make every day that eventually get you to your goal. Fitness and nutrition coach Kush Malhotra has urged his Instagram followers to abandon the pursuit of instant results, clarifying the difference between temporary weight loss and sustainable body fat reduction. In a November 13 Instagram post, he detailed why extreme dieting methods lead to misleading numbers on the scale, advocating instead for a patient, science-backed approach. In the video he posted, Kush explained that while drastic measures like severe carbohydrate cutting and excessive cardio might show an initial drop in weight, this is largely an illusion. “How can you lose 2 kilograms of body fat in one week? I will show you,” Kush said in the video.



Losing water weight vs actual loss

He immediately corrected this notion, stating that a genuine weekly fat loss is realistically limited to about 500 grams, achievable through a 500-calorie daily deficit. He cautioned that the additional 1.5 kilograms of weight lost from extreme methods is overwhelmingly water weight, not actual body fat.

How to actually burn fat
For genuine, long-term body composition change, Kush outlined a simple, three-part strategy focused on consistency and habit: maintain a daily calorie deficit of 250 to 500 calories, consume one to 1.5 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight, and incorporate consistent weight training four to five times per week.

He explained, “Now, people don't understand that there is a big difference between weight loss and fat loss. Realistically, the maximum fat loss you

can achieve is up to 500 grams in one week. For most people, achieving even this much becomes a significant challenge. However, to truly lose fat, you must maintain a daily calorie deficit of 250 to 500 calories. You must consume one to 1.5 grams of protein per kilogram of your body weight, and you must do weight training four to five times a week.”

Kush stressed that the most important factor was psychological: “Most importantly, you will need to abandon the instant results mindset. Just as your fat wasn't gained in one or two days, similarly, that fat will not be lost in one or two days.”

Dietitian confirms the difference
Supporting Kush's guidance, Edwina Raj, head of services, clinical nutrition and dietetics at Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru, confirmed the confusion surrounding water versus fat weight. She said: “Many people who want to lose weight get confused about whether their body is holding extra water or storing extra fat. Both can make you feel heavy, but they are very different. Water retention

means your body is holding more fluid than usual. This can occur due to high salt intake, hormonal fluctuations, insufficient sleep, or stress.”

he added, “In this case, your weight may suddenly go up or down within one or two days. Your rings may feel tight, your face may look puffy, or your stomach may feel bloated. This weight usually drops quickly when you reduce salt, drink enough water, and sleep well. Fat gain, on the other hand, happens slowly. It does not change overnight. It increases when you eat more calories than you burn over time. Fat is stored under the skin or around the organs, and it needs a long-term plan to reduce.” Edwina affirmed Kush's recommended 3-step approach for healthy fat loss, and said: “To lose fat safely, being in a calorie deficit is important. Most people can maintain a healthy weight with a 250–500 calorie deficit per day. This helps you lose weight without feeling weak or tired. A larger deficit may cause muscle loss and slow down metabolism. Protein is also important because it protects your muscles while you lose fat. Eating 1-1.5 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight is a simple and effective rule. Protein also keeps you fuller for longer, making the diet easier to follow. Adding strength training supports fat loss and improves body shape. Training for 4-5 hours per week helps you build muscle, burn more calories, and improve metabolism. It also keeps your bones strong and increases overall fitness.”

She concluded: “In simple terms, water weight fluctuates quickly, but fat loss requires consistency. A balanced calorie deficit, enough protein, and regular strength training make weight loss safe, healthy, and sustainable.”



Jaggery and ginger for winter cough

Jaggery plays a comforting role during winter discomfort. As the expert notes, it can ease throat dryness, calm irritation, and support body warmth. This makes it useful when cold air causes the throat to feel scratchy or sensitive. Jaggery also provides essential minerals and sustained energy, which helps when the body feels drained during a cold or persistent cough, as reported by the National Library of Medicine.

Ginger brings strong soothing effects backed by its natural compounds. Dr Agarwal explains that it carries anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties that can ease respiratory discomfort. By helping mucus move more easily and calming throat irritation, ginger supports smoother breathing. This is why many people find a warm jaggery-ginger drink comforting during winter flare-ups.

How to use jaggery and ginger for throat?

A simple warm preparation is the most common way to use this remedy. As Dr Manjusha Agarwal explains, many people mix jaggery, crushed ginger, and water to ease a winter cough and soothe throat discomfort. The warmth helps relax the airways, while the ingredients support better comfort during bouts of irritation.

Who can use it?
Dr Agarwal shares that both children and adults regularly use this preparation during winter episodes of cough or throat strain. It remains a familiar and accessible choice in many homes, particularly when used under the guidance of a healthcare expert, especially if symptoms are frequent and persistent.

Doctor's safety warning
The golden rule is to consult a doctor first. Dr Agarwal advises taking this remedy only after consulting a medical professional. She cautions against following home treatments seen online without proper guidance, stressing that expert input helps prevent avoidable complications.

Potential side effects to keep in mind
Ginger may trigger digestive discomfort, nausea, or vomiting in some people. Jaggery, being high in sugar, can contribute to weight gain, blood sugar spikes, bloating, or even constipation if overused. This makes professional supervision particularly important, especially for individuals with pre-existing health concerns.

KIIT TOPS ODISHA’S MEDAL COUNT, SETS THREE MEET RECORDS IN ATHLETICS, AND FINISHES 7TH OUT OF 222 UNIVERSITIES AT KIUG 2025

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): KIIT Deemed to be University closed the final day of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 with a series of commanding performances, adding crucial medals and two new meet records to its tally. The institution’s athletes excelled across athletics, tennis, volleyball, and other disciplines, taking KIIT’s total to 21 medals (10 Gold, 3 Silver, 8 Bronze), one of the best medal counts achieved by an Odisha-based university at KIUG. On the final day of KIIT’s campaign, success continued on the tennis courts, where the Men’s Tennis Team clinched Gold by



defeating Manipal University in the final, led by the composed displays of Kabir Hans and Debasis Sahoo. Pratyush Mohanty, Anshuman Singh, and Shubham Sarangi were

also part of the gold medal-winning Men’s Tennis Team. The KIIT Women’s Volleyball Team also secured Silver after a hard-fought five-set contest against Lovely

Professional University, narrowly falling short in the decisive final set. In athletics, KIIT also delivered a series of standout performances that significantly elevated its final-day tally. Abhay Singh secured Silver in the Men’s 200m, while Samardeep Singh Gill set a meet record with a throw of 19.42m to claim Gold in Shot Put. The momentum continued with the Men’s 4x100m Relay Team, which produced another record-breaking effort to win Gold in a swift 40.09 seconds, driven by the coordinated execution of Animesh Kujur, Abhay Singh, Mrutyam Jayaram Dondapati, and Santa Mahendra.

KIIT’s track and field campaign concluded on a high note as Isha Negi captured Gold in the Women’s Heptathlon with a commanding all-around display, securing 4,857 points to set a new meet record. These performances have strengthened the university’s stature in athletics while adding to its overall medal count. These final-day triumphs capped an exceptional campaign for KIIT and contributed significantly to Odisha’s overall performance. As the 5th edition of KIUG concluded, universities from Odisha accumulated 28 medals (13 Gold, 5 Silver, 10 Bronze).

KIUG 2025: Overcoming Personal Tragedies, Nikita Toppo Inspires KIIT To First-Ever Women’s Hockey Gold

Jaipur: Having endured many setbacks and personal tragedies, Nikita Toppo has continued to soldier on as she captained the women’s hockey team of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) to a gold medal in the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025, being held in Rajasthan. The 22-year-old Nikita lost both her parents when she was just five, and one of her elder brothers died in a fatal accident when she was on her way to the U-23 Five-Nations Cup in Ireland three years ago. A year later, she suffered a career-threatening injury, and soon after, her only remaining brother met

with an accident and suffered a skull injury from which he hasn’t completely recovered yet. But instead of getting bogged down by the series of setbacks, Nikita has made hockey her solace and was instrumental in helping KIIT win the women’s team gold at the Khelo India University Games Rajasthan 2025 here in what was their first-ever appearance in KIUG. “Before this, we would not clear our zone as there are many good University teams in Odisha. But from last year, my coach and I were working on building a strong team by getting good players to take

admission in our University, and once we came here, we were determined to win the title here,” Nikita told SAI Media soon after her team defeated ITM University, Gwalior, to clinch the gold medal. In the final, Nikita controlled the pace of the match in the defensive midfielder role and ensured that ITM players could never penetrate her team’s citadel. But it’s not Nikita’s hockey skills but the clarity of thought and resilience that set her apart. “I believe what happened, happened, and we can’t change it. I focus on the present and accept the situation.

Starc Pips Wasim Akram To Become Leading Left-Arm Bowler In Test Cricket History

Brisbane: Australia’s senior pacer Mitchell Starc broke the record for the most wickets taken by a left-arm fast bowler in Test cricket history on Day 1 of the second Ashes Test at Brisbane on Thursday. The 35-year-old dismissed Harry Brook for 31, caught by Steve Smith at second slip, to claim his 415th Test wicket and go past Wasim Akram’s tally of 414 victims after striking with the second ball of his new spell. Interestingly, Starc made his Test debut at the same venue against New Zealand in 2011 and is one of only three bowlers, alongside Nathan Lyon and Ravichandran Ashwin, to have taken at least 350 Test wickets since January 2015. The Pakistani great was quick to hail the Aussie pacer for breaking his

record. “Super Starc! Proud of you, mate. Your incredible hard work sets you apart, and it was only a matter of time before you crossed my tally of wickets. I am pleased to give this to you! Go well, and keep soaring to new heights in your stellar career,” Akram posted on X. Akram played 104 Tests for his 414 wickets, with Starc reaching the milestone in his 102nd. In the series opener in Perth, the left-arm quick produced a sensational spell of 7-58 and became just the 21st bowler and the 13th Australian to reach 100 Ashes wickets. In the current squads of both teams, only Nathan Lyon (110) and Starc are the two bowlers to hold 100 or more wickets in the Ashes. Starc is now 16th on the all-time wicket-taker list and

could move above both India’s Harbhajan Singh (417) and South Africa’s Shaun Pollock (421) in the ongoing pink-ball Test. Moreover, he could match or move past Sir Richard Hadlee’s tally of 431 Test wickets in the series. He hit the milestone in only 23 Tests. Speaking about the match, Starc gave Australia a dream start under the pink ball Test, reducing England to 5/2 within three overs. He first removed Ben Duckett for duck on the last of the first over before dismissing Ollie Pope for nil in his next over. “Then, Zak Crawley and Joe Root dug England out of trouble to reach tea at 98/2. The duo stitched a 117-run stand off 152 balls for the third wicket, before the former fell to Michael Neser.

Ashes 2nd Test: Root Ends Century-Drought In Australia As England Reach 325/9 Despite Starc’s 6-71

Brisbane: Joe Root finally struck his maiden Test hundred in Australia while Mitchell Starc bagged another six-wicket haul as England and Australia shared the honours on the opening day of the second Test of the Ashes series in the Day/Night encounter at the Gabba in Brisbane on Thursday. Root, who survived a difficult chase on the third ball he faced as Steve Smith failed to latch onto what could have been a stunning catch at second slip, was batting on 135 not out along with Jofra Archer, on 32, as England, on electing to bat first, reached 325/9 at stumps after another engrossing day of cricket in the five-Test Ashes series. The 34-year-old right-handed batter Root, who has faced a lot of music on not scoring a hundred



Down Under so far, finally removed the anomaly from the pages of his illustrious career. He reached the 40th Test century of his career, reaching the mark off 181 balls (11x4) as he anchored the England innings with a majestic batting effort, rescuing the visitors from a precarious 5/2 in

the morning with both Ben Duckett and Ollie Pope getting out for zeroes, falling to Starc, Australia’s best bowler in the series so far. After the hosts decided to give skipper Pat Cummins more time to recover and surprised many by dropping spinner Nathan Lyon for a five-pronged pace

attack, Starc, who got Duckett edging to Marcus Labuschagne at first slip with a ball that nipped away a bit for a first-ball duck — his 26th victim in the first over of a Test — and then rattled the stumps to send Pope to the dressing room for a three-ball zero. In the process, Starc went

past Wasim Akram to take his wicket tally to 416, becoming the best left-arm pacer in the history of the game. Root, who anchored the innings, joined forces with opener Zak Crawley and took England to 122 when Crawley edged behind to Alex Carey off Michael Neser. Crawley, who reached his fifty off 68 balls, and Root shared a 117-run partnership for the third wicket. The seasoned batter blew hot and cold, continuing to strike a balance between caution and aggression, as he collected the majority of his boundaries from straight drives when the ball was over-pitched. He continued playing his characteristic glides, largely from under his nose, but invariably to a fine gully for no run.

KIUG 2025: Buoyed By Breaking Meet Record, Pooja Sets Sights On Winning Medal At 2026 Asian Games

Jaipur: Reigning Asian champion high-jumper Pooja underlined the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 as the perfect springboard for her return to competition, breaking the meet record with a 1.77m effort to clinch gold in her maiden appearance in the athletics competition of the event for youngsters. Competing at Jaipur’s Sawai Mansingh Stadium, the 18-year-old looked assured in her first outing after an ankle injury kept her out for nearly five months, using the event to recalibrate before shifting her attention to the far bigger target, the 2026 Asian Games. Earlier this year, the 18-year-old had scripted history by becoming only the second Indian woman after Bobby Aloysius to win the Asian Championship high jump gold, scaling a personal best of 1.89 metres. Born to a mason in Boston village in Haryana’s Fatehabad district, Pooja had been recovering from the injury she sustained during training, a setback that forced her out of action for nearly five months and

halted her momentum after a breakthrough 2024–25. Once the KIUG dates were finalised, Pooja saw the event as an ideal platform to assess where she stood physically and mentally. Representing Lovely Professional University (LPU), she entered the competition intending to challenge her personal best. Though she fell short of the 1.89m mark, she was satisfied with her effort, which comfortably broke the existing KIUG record. “I was attempting to get past my personal best here, but even then I’m happy to break the Meet Record and get a gold medal,” Pooja told SAI Media after her win. “This was my first competition since I suffered the ankle injury five months back. I wanted to test myself in this competition.” She was equally effusive about the KIUG experience. “It is my first Khelo India University Games, and I’m happy to win a gold here. The facilities are at par with international standards. Unlike other competitions, athletes don’t have to worry about travel or

logistics, so we can entirely focus on our events,” she added. As part of her rehabilitation and long-term development plan, Pooja has recently joined the Anju Bobby George Academy in Bengaluru. Her rise, however, began in the humblest of settings. Back in 2017, at coach Balwan Patra’s modest training setup in Patra village near Bosti, a bamboo pole served as the crossbar, and sacks filled with rice husk were used as a landing pit. From those beginnings, she steadily progressed through the ranks, winning the Asian Youth gold in 2023 and adding an Asian Junior silver later that year. Having finished sixth at the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023 with a 1.80m jump, Pooja now sees her KIUG performance as a crucial restart and a stepping stone toward securing her place at the 2026 Asian Games. “The focus is definitely on the 2026 Asian Games,” she said. “The injury disrupted my training for nearly five months, but now that I’m back in competition mode, I want to avoid distractions and focus entirely on my training.”

Mbappe Masterclass Inspires Real Madrid’s Thumping Win Over Athletic Bilbao

Madrid: Kylian Mbappe opened the scores a stunning goal against Athletic Bilbao, assisted Camavinga for the second and sealed the 3-0 victory for Real Madrid with a fierce shot from the edge of the box. The win kept Real Madrid a point behind FC Barcelona, who defeated Atletico Madrid 3-1 on Tuesday. Xabi Alonso’s team often faces difficult games at San Mames, and after three consecutive away draws in La Liga, this match could have posed problems. However, Mbappe scored an exceptional individual goal in the seventh minute, shifting the game in Real Madrid’s favor. Thibaut Courtois made two solid saves as Athletic sought to level the score, but a second



goal from Eduardo Camavinga three minutes before the break put the game firmly under Real Madrid’s control. Athletic coach Ernesto Valverde was clearly unhappy with his side’s lack of intensity and replaced Inigo Lekue and Inigo Ruiz de Galarreta at halftime with Jesus Areso and Unai Gomez. That sparked a reaction, with Courtois making a fine save to deny Mikel Jauregizar,

before Mbappe was allowed to advance almost unchecked just before the hour to score his side’s third with a shot for which Athletic goalkeeper Unai Simon was possibly unsighted. The negative note of the night was a muscle injury which forced Trent Alexander-Arnold out of the game early in the second half. “He (Mbappe) scored two more great goals today. His movement and link-up play with Vini Jr. was

very good. The team came out focused from the first minute to win the game with intensity and good tempo. “We dominated the match in the first half and in the second half, though we didn’t have as much possession, we remained in control. It was an important moment after three away draws to get back to winning ways. On Sunday, we return home,” Madrid coach Alonso said after the win.

JSW MG Motor India Rolls Out 'Midnight Carnival' Across Portfolio

Bhubaneswar: (Correspondent) :- JSW MG Motor India has announced the nationwide rollout of its exhilarating 'Midnight Carnival' campaign across its full range of vehicles from December 5-7, 2025. All MG showrooms will remain open until midnight for these three days, giving customers more time and convenience to explore

their preferred MG vehicles with family and friends while being part of a festive, carnival-like experience. The Midnight Carnival underscores JSW MG Motor India's focus on making customers a central part of its journey by blending product innovation with memorable ownership experiences. By extending showroom

hours and curating engaging in-dealership activities, the brand aims to turn car buying into a joyful, family-friendly celebration. Commenting on the announcement, Vinay Raina, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, "At JSW MG Motor India, we truly believe in going beyond cars to create experiences, and this

year has been a testament to the love and confidence customers have placed in our brand. With Midnight Carnival, we want to ensure that every new journey that begins during the Midnight Carnival comes with a special gift from us as a way of saying thank you and spreading joy among our growing community."

Samsung Strengthens Future-Tech Skilling in West Bengal with Major Certification Drive

NEW DELHI: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today reinforced its commitment to developing future-ready talent in West Bengal by felicitating 750 students under its flagship Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) programme at Brainware University, Kolkata. As part of Samsung's mission to skill 20,000 youth



across India in 2025, the latest batch includes 400 graduates in AI Coding & Programming and 350 in Artificial Intelligence (AI)-equipping young

aspirants with industry-relevant digital capabilities that will drive India's technology future. The ceremony was graced by Prof. Sankar Gangopadhyay,

Vice Chancellor, Brainware University, and Mr. Saroj Apto, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI), along with Samsung leadership and faculty members. West Bengal has a rich legacy in engineering and science, and the state is rapidly nurturing a thriving digital economy.

Revitalization of Barpali Railway Station Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent) Barpali Railway Station has undergone a major transformation under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, one of the flagship initiatives of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, aimed at ensuring modern, inclusive, and future ready railway infrastructure across the nation. This initiative reflects the Prime Minister's broader vision of providing world class public amenities even in semi urban and rural regions,



thereby ensuring balanced regional development. With a redevelopment cost of ₹22.28 crore, the upgraded Barpali Station now stands as a model of modern

railway architecture featuring improved accessibility, enhanced safety, enriched cultural aesthetics, and upgraded passenger facilities. Guided by the consistent focus of the

Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways on station modernization and citizen centric services, Barpali Railway Station now emerges as a key infrastructural asset for western Odisha. Boost to Local & Peripheral Socio Economic Growth The modernization of Barpali Station is expected to bring wide ranging socio economic benefits: Improved connectivity will support daily commuters, students, traders, and farmers across Bargarh district and peripheral regions.

Enhanced infrastructure will boost opportunities for local businesses and OSOP (One Station One Product) artisans, helping them access a larger marketplace. Strengthened logistics will benefit the district's renowned Sambalpuri handloom sector, ensuring faster transport of textiles and increased visibility for weavers. Better travel comfort and safety will encourage tourism and support the economic vitality of surrounding rural communities.

PPA observes International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Paradip, (Correspondent): Paradip Port Authority observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at JAGRUTY School for differently abled children. The event focused on this year's theme, "Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress". Capt A C Sahoo, Dy. Conservator, PPA graced the programme as Chief Guest. He appreciated the spirit and determination of the children and assured that PPA will continue to support the school's overall development. Guest of Honour Chief Engineer, PPA, Shri H S Rout also assured



infrastructure development of the school. Shri Susil Chandra Nahak, CME, Paradip Ladies' Club Secretary Smt. Puspanjali Sahoo, Secretary, Smt. Gemima Edison, Treasurer, Smt. Kabita Nahak, Working President and Smt. Sabita Sahu, member of the ladies Club, Smt. Nalini

Mohanty, Principal, Jagruty also graced as Guests of Honour. Shri Prasanta Kumar Moharana, Dy. CAO also spoke on the occasion. During the programme, mementoes were distributed among 51 Divyang employees of Paradip Port Authority in recognition of their contribution by PPA.

Odisha to host India's Energy COP: Global leaders to meet in Puri for GELS 2025

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The Government of Odisha is convening global and national energy leaders in Puri for the Global Energy Leaders' Summit (GELS) 2025, from 5-7 December 2025. The summit is designed along the annual global COP that provides high-level platform for quality engagement amongst leaders. GELS will play a significant role in shaping India's long-term energy future, the Summit will bring together



representatives from Union Government about 15 Indian States and more than 30 national and international experts on energy. The theme for GELS 2025 is "Powering India: Sufficiency, Balance,

Innovation". It reflects India's priorities for its energy future. "Sufficiency" relates to ensuring adequate and affordable power for all citizens and industries; "Balance" is about harmonising ecological and environment needs

with economic activities; and "Innovation" spans technological breakthroughs, financial instruments, and policy reform that will be critical for navigating the challenges of a rapidly evolving global energy landscape. The GELS platform is unique as it also provides different states to share the learnings of power sector and also deliberate on the challenges that they face.

SUM NURSING COLLEGE ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTHCARE RESEARCH




Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent) : Research in healthcare should be carried out from a humanitarian and social perspective in order to maintain quality and achieve excellence, Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Ghosh, Director, IIIT Bhubaneswar, said. Prof. (Dr.) Ghosh also said that treatment needed to be


provided with a holistic approach with the objective of providing relief to the patient. He was speaking as the guest of honour at the International Conference on 'Evidence Based Practice and Innovation in Healthcare Research: Optimizing Quality and Excellence' held at the SUM Nursing College,

faculty of nursing of SOA Deemed to be University here on November 28 and 29. SOA Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, who also addressed the event said that healthcare services must incorporate synergetic efforts with a multidisciplinary approach. Prof.

(Dr.) Chandi Charan Rath, Vice-Chancellor of Rama Devi Women's University spoke on various aspects of research. Dr. Dinabandhu Sahoo, Team Leader, SHSRC, Odisha also addressed the conference which witnessed 13 scientific sessions, 87 oral paper presentations and seven poster presentations. Altogether 763 delegates from different nursing colleges in Odisha and also from other states attended the conference.




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