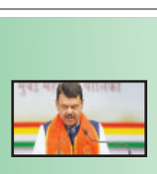
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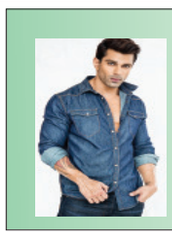
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Israel Values Deep Partnership With India: Netanyahu After Phone Call With PM Modi



Jerusalem: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday said that Israel deeply values its partnership with India and their shared determination to defeat terrorism. His statement came after he spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over a phone call."Thank you, my friend, Prime Minister Modi, for the warm conversation and friendship. I extend my best wishes to the people of India. Israel values the deep partnership with India and our shared determination to defeat terrorism," Netanyahu posted on X.Netanyahu's statement came in response to PM Modi's post on X, where he mentioned that he and Israeli PM discussed ways to further strengthen the strategic partnership between two nations. The two leaders also spoke on regional and global issues of mutual interest..In a post on X, PM Modi stated, "Glad to speak with my friend, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and convey New Year greetings to him and the people of Israel. We discussed ways to further strengthen the India-Israel Strategic Partnership in the year ahead. "We also exchanged views on the regional situation and reaffirmed our shared resolve to fight terrorism with greater determination," he added.During the telephonic conversation, Netanyahu briefed PM Modi on the implem entation of the Gaza Peace Plan, according to the statement released by Prime Minister's Office (PMO). PM Modi reaffirmed India's consistent support for efforts towards a just and durable peace in the region.

Odisha CM Launches Godabarisha Mishra Model Primary School Scheme, Lays Stones For 118 Schools



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Wednesday unveiled the Godabarisha Mishra Model Primary School Scheme and laid the foundation stones for 118 model primary schools across the state, marking a major push to strengthen grassroots education.The scheme was launched at Banpur in Khurda district, the birthplace of Pandit Godabarisha Mishra, a renowned educationist and social reformer who played a pivotal role in the development of primary education in Odisha.Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said the initiative is aimed at transforming primary education in rural, remote, and tribal regions by upgrading infrastructure, ensuring adequate teacher deployment, and modernising learning facilities. He announced that the state government has earmarked ?12,000 crore in the first phase for the development of 2,200 model primary schools.Majhi said the model schools would be established in every gram panchayat of Odisha in a phased manner, with special emphasis on delivering quality education in underserved areas. The scheme aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and will feature digital classrooms, STEM-based learning, sports infrastructure, and a strong focus on foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN).Calling the initiative a transformative step for rural education, the Chief Minister said the schools would help bridge the long-standing gap between urban and rural learning environments. He added that free transportation facilities would be provided to students from remote habitations to ensure better access to education.Each Godabarisha Mishra Model Primary School will be built on over two acres of land, enroll a minimum of 100 students, and offer education from pre-primary to Class VIII.In a post on social media platform X, Majhi described the scheme as deeply personal. "The launch of the Godabarisha Mishra Adarsh Primary School Scheme in Banpur reflects my own childhood experiences as a student from an ordinary tribal family and a vision I hold for the future of our children," he wrote. He reiterated that the initiative would provide students with a world-class learning environment.

US Strike In Venezuela Comes As Big Setback For China's Geopolitical Ambitions'



New Delhi: The US strike in Venezuela and the capture of the country's President, Nicolás Maduro, also comes as a big setback to China, at a time when the Asian giant was expanding its influence in Latin America, according to media reports.An ABC News report states that the US attack was launched just hours after Venezuelan President Maduro met a special Chinese delegation, and the timing does not seem to be a coincidence.Indicating that apart from its other goals, the US has also sent a clear message to China to stay away from the Western Hemisphere, which Washington considers its backyard.The report highlights that for months, the US and President Donald Trump have been sounding warnings about the increasing ties of Latin America with Beijing and trying to effect a diplomatic recalibration. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has also stated that one of the goals of the intervention was to curb investment from US adversaries — including China — in Venezuela's oil industry.China is the biggest buyer of Venezuela's oil, accounting for as much as 80 per cent of the Latin American country's export.The ABC report further states that China has also displaced Washington as the biggest trading partner in other Latin American countries, such as Brazil, Chile, and Peru, in recent years. It is even the second-largest trading partner with one of the US's closest allies in the region, neighbouring Mexico.

26 Maoists Surrender in Sukma, 13 With Rs 65 Lakh Bounty



Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): Chhattisgarh's anti-Maoist campaign achieved a major success as 26 Maoists surrendered in Sukma district. Thirteen of them carried a collective bounty of Rs 65 lakh, and seven were women.The cadres laid down arms before senior police and CRPF officials under the Poona Margem rehabilitation initiative. Moreover, Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan explained that the Maoists were active in the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) battalion, South Bastar division, Maad division, and the Andhra-Odisha Border division. They had participated in violent incidents across Abujhmad, Sukma, and bordering Odisha areas.The surrendered Maoists stated that the state government's surrender and rehabilitation policy influenced their decision. Authorities immediately provided each of them with Rs 50,000 in assistance, and full rehabilitation

Odia Workers Stranded In Uzbekistan Over Unpaid Salaries, Appeal For Govt Help

Bhubaneswar: Over 70 Odia workers, along with hundreds of other Indian laborers, are stranded in Yangiyo?l of Uzbekistan, after a construction company allegedly stopped paying their salaries for the last four months.Some employees were reportedly terminated when they demanded their dues. The workers have been staging a dharna for the past 15 days, demanding immediate payment."We came to Uzbekistan for work, but for the last 4–5 months, we have not received our salaries. We are facing serious problems, and no one is listening. We request the Odisha government and the central government to rescue us," said a worker in a video message shared on social media.Among those affected are 10–15 workers from Ganjam district employed as fitters, plumbers, welders, and construction workers."The company has not paid our salaries since October last year. When we asked for our wages, they terminated us and told us to go back to India," said Jayaram Sahu from Khallingi in Sanakhemundi block, who has been working as a fitter for over a year.

Former ISRO chief makes big statement, India will send astronauts to the moon by 2040



NEWDELHI: India's space programme is progressing at a rapid pace. Former ISRO chief A.S. Kiran Kumar has said that by 2040, India will land astronauts on the moon and bring them back safely. India will also build its own space station. He was speaking at the inauguration of the fifth symposium of the Astronomical Society of India (ASI) at the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL).A.S. Kiran Kumar is currently the chairman of the governing council of PRL. He said that there will be many space missions between now and 2040. The plan for 2040 is to land Indians on the moon and bring them back safely. India will also build its own space station by 2040.

He elaborated on India's space roadmap...

The follow-on mission to Chandrayaan will be launched soon.

Work is underway on a lander and rover in ollaboration with Japan

to collect specific data from the South Meru region of the Moon

. India is committed to understanding the universe and space observation. These opportunities will open up huge opportunities for colleges, engineering institutes and private companies.Kiran Kumar said that India is the only country that has not started space technology for military purposes but for the benefit of society. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai's vision was remarkable. Just 10 years after independence, he brought facilities like broadcast communication and weather observation to citizens through space technology.The three-day symposium focused on the role of light science and advanced instruments in fields like astronomy, space science, planetary science, atmospheric science and quantum science. Around 150 scientists, engineers, academicians, young researchers and industry leaders from across the country are participating.

India's upcoming space missions

Chandrayaan series: Chandrayaan 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are planned. Sample return, LUPEX mission with Japan.

Indian Space Station: Completed by 2035, some modules by 2027

Gaganyaan: First human mission by 2027

Others: Shukrayaan (Moon Mission), Mars Mission, etc.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had set a target in 2023 to land an Indian on the Moon by 2040. India's space programme is growing rapidly. After the success of Chandrayaan-3, preparations are underway for a human mission and landing on the Moon. This will not only be a scientific achievement but will also be a matter of pride for the entire country.

US Embassy warns Indian students: 'If you violate the law...we will expel you'

NEWDELHI: The US Embassy in India has clearly stated that student visas can be revoked and students can even be deported for violating US law.Amid signs of strained relations between India and the US over the past few months, the US has issued a stern warning to Indian students studying there.The US Embassy in India has made it clear that student visas can be revoked and students can even be deported for violating US laws. The US Embassy wrote on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), "If you violate US law or are arrested, there can be serious consequences for your student visa.Your visa may be revoked, you may be deported, and you may be ineligible for future US visas. Follow the rules. A US visa is not a right, but a privilege."The embassy has been issuing such warnings on social media from time to time. Recently, it also issued a strong public message to illegal immigrants traveling to the US from India, stating that violating immigration laws can result in severe criminal penalties. The warning comes at a time when President Donald Trump's administration has been steadily tightening its immigration policies. The Trump administration has made clear its commitment to cracking down on illegal immigration and protecting American borders and citizens. Tightening visa rules is also having an impact. According to data, last year, new international student enrollment in the United States fell by 17%. Meanwhile, skilled foreign workers applying for H-1B visas are facing unusually long wait times.

Bengal SIR: ECI Gives Additional Clarification On Why A Hearing Notice Was Issued To Amartya Sen

Kolkata: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday gave an additional clarification on why the notice for hearing on claims and objections on the draft voters' list was served to Nobel Awardee Economist, Dr Amartya Sen.On Tuesday, after the Trinamool Congress general secretary and the party's Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee, accused the Commission of unnecessarily sending the hearing notice to Dr Sen, the ECI had given its initial clarification that the notice was served because of some "logical discrepancies" arising out of an error in spelling in the enumeration form.

On Tuesday, the Commission had also clarified that while the notice served as a rule in case of "logical discrepancies", there was no requirement for the Nobel Awardee to appear personally at the hearing centre.On Wednesday, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal issued a statement further clarifying that there was another "logical discrepancy" factor in the enumeration form of Dr Sen, which was in relation to the age difference between Dr Sen and his mother being less than 15 years.

The CEO's office also informed that the electoral registration officer (ERO) and the booth-level officer (BLO) concerned arrived at the ancestral residence of Dr Sen at Bolpur-Santiniketan in Birbhum district of West Bengal on Wednesday and completed the formalities in the matter.

CBI Coordinates Return of Fugitive Aman from USA

New Delhi:The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in close coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), successfully brought back fugitive Aman alias Aman Kumar alias Aman Bhainswal from the United States to India.Aman, wanted by Haryana Police for murder, rioting, and criminal conspiracy, played a key role in the notorious Lawrence Bishnoi Gang. He had earlier secured bail after arrest in India, but absconded and avoided trial.Atthe Haryana Police's request, the CBI issued a Red Notice through INTERPOL. Consequently, investigators traced and geolocated him in the USA. Following sustained efforts, authorities deported him to India.Aman landed in New Delhi on January 7, 2026. Immediately afterwards, a Haryana Police team took him into custody at Delhi Airport.

India's 'Reform Express' Continues To Gain Momentum: PM Modi On GDP Growth

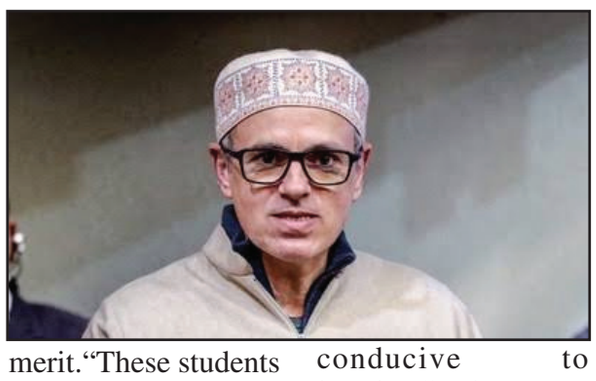
New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that India's "Reform Express" continues to gain momentum, as official figures showed that real GDP has been estimated to grow by 7.4 per cent in FY 2025-26 against the growth rate of 6.5 per cent during FY 2024-25.According to the National Statistics Office (NSO), nominal GDP is estimated to grow at 8.0 per cent in FY2025-26.In an X post, PM Modi said: "This is powered by the NDA Government's comprehensive investment push and demand-led policies"."Be it infrastructure, manufacturing incentives, digital public goods or 'Ease of Doing Business', we are working to realise our dream of a prosperous India", the Prime Minister emphasised.The buoyant growth in the services sector has been found to be a major driver with a robust growth of 9.9 per cent at constant prices in FY 2025-26 for financial services, real estate, professional services, and public administration.Trade, hotels, transport, and communication & services related to the broadcasting sector have been estimated to grow by 7.5 per cent, the official statement said. Manufacturing and construction in the secondary sector have been estimated to achieve a growth rate of 7 per cent, while the agriculture sector growth rate is estimated at 3.1 per cent.

'Unacceptable': Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis Warns BJP Leaders Against Alliances With Congress, AIMIM



NEWDELHI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday issued a stern warning to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders who reportedly entered into post-poll alliances with the Congress and the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) in local civic bodies, calling such arrangements "unacceptable" and a serious violation of party discipline."The BJP can never form an alliance with the Congress or the AIMIM. Such alliances will not be tolerated," Fadnavis said, responding to reports of local BJP leaders forging coalitions without approval from the party's senior leadership.The Chief Minister said clear instructions have been issued to immediately undo the unauthorised arrangements and confirmed that disciplinary action would be taken against those responsible.If any local BJP leaders have entered into alliances with these parties without approval, it is a grave breach of party discipline," he said.The warning comes after BJP leaders in Ambernath announced a post-poll tie-up with the Congress and the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) under the banner of the Ambernath Vikas Aghadi to form the municipal council leadership, sidelining alliance partner Shiv Sena. A similar coalition involving the BJP and AIMIM was also formed in Akot in Akola district.

Omar Abdullah Calls for Adjustment of MBBS Students Amid Admission Controversy at Vaishno Devi Medical Colleges



NEWDELHI: The controversy arose after reports indicated that 46 out of 50 students admitted to the first MBBS batch belong to the Muslim community. Several local residents and Hindu organisations have raised objections, demanding reservation for Hindu candidates, citing that the medical college is largely funded through donations made by devotees of the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.Addressing media persons after reviewing Public Works Department projects, Omar Abdullah defended the students, stating that admissions were based purely on merit."These students earned their seats through hard work. No favours were extended to anyone," he said. "If there are objections to their presence, the solution is to adjust them in other medical colleges—not to target the students."He further added that the prevailing political atmosphere surrounding the institution is not conducive to learning."In the current situation, even students may not feel comfortable studying there. If I were a parent, I would hesitate to send my child to such an environment," he remarked.The Chief Minister accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of politicising sectors such as education, sports, and food habits. He proposed that the affected students be accommodated in established government medical colleges to safeguard their academic future.Commenting on BJP leader Sham Lal Sharma's demand for a separate Jammu state, Omar Abdullah responded critically, stating that the party had the opportunity to do so in 2019 during the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir."They separated Ladakh but failed to manage it effectively. Now, attempts are being made to divide Jammu along religious lines," he said.

On the delay in implementing the reservation policy, the Chief Minister clarified that the cabinet had already completed its process and sent recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor.Meanwhile, protests continued in Jammu, with the youth wing of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sangharsh Samiti demonstrating near the Civil Secretariat. Protesters alleged irregularities in the admission process conducted by the Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (BOPEE) and demanded its cancellation.

Restrictions imposed on boys as well

NEWDELHI: Neither can they wear short pants, nor can they use smartphones. Only kurta-pyjamas are allowed. Such rules have been implemented not only for girls, but also for boys.Neither can wear short pants, nor can use smartphones. Only kurta-pyjamas are allowed. Such rules have been implemented not only for girls, but also for boys. We are talking about the decision of the Khap Panchayat in western Uttar Pradesh. Such strict steps have been taken for social reform in a Khap Panchayat meeting in Baraut, Baghpat. The Panchayat has clarified that the rules of social beauty will not be limited to girls only but will be equally applicable to boys. In this context, two major decisions have been taken. The first is that smartphones are prohibited for boys below the age of 18. The second decision prohibits boys from going out wearing short pants. Khap Chaudhary said that this is having a negative impact on today's youth. In addition, walking around wearing short pants is against society and culture. They said that this practice is not part of normal social behavior.Not only this, the panchayat also took important decisions regarding marriage ceremonies. Restrictions have been imposed on extravagant expenses and organizing wedding ceremonies. It was recommended that marriages be held in villages and homes. They argued that getting married in a mandap increases the distance between family ties. Wedding invitations can now be received through WhatsApp, which will save both cost and time. According to the khap choudharys, these steps are necessary to maintain society and culture.The khap panchayat believes that these decisions will not be limited to Baghpat or western Uttar Pradesh. Other panchayats will be contacted to implement it across the state. This step has been taken taking inspiration from the panchayats of Rajasthan.

Congress Appoints 'Senior Observers' For Poll-Bound States



New Delhi/Kolkata: Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday appointed party leaders as AICC Senior Observers for the forthcoming Assembly elections in poll-bound states of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal, with immediate effect.As per a press release issued by the AICC, the party appointed former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and Bandhu Tirkey as senior observers for the Assam Assembly elections.At the same time, the Congress appointed former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot, Karnataka Minister K.J. George, Rajya Sabha MP Imran Pratapgarhi and Kanhaiya Kumar as senior observers for the Kerala Assembly polls.For the elections in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, the party appointed Mukul Wasnik, Telangana Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and Qazi Mohammad Nizamuddin as senior observers.For the Assembly polls in West Bengal, the Congress appointed Sudip Roy Barman, Shakeel Ahmad Khan and Prakash Joshi as senior observers.The announcement of senior observers has come ahead of the Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry, which are likely to be held in the months of April and May, as the tenures of the respective state assemblies are due to end in May and June.The appointment of senior leaders for the upcoming Assembly elections assumes significance as the Congress is looking to regain the ground it lost in previous elections.After failing to make a significant impact in the Bihar Assembly polls, the party is now looking for electoral gains in the forthcoming state elections. Therefore, it has entrusted senior leaders, including former Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers, with the responsibility of steering the campaign and effecting a turnaround.However, the absence of any heavyweight leader among the senior observers appointed for West Bengal has raised eyebrows.

Awareness program on digital security and cyber bullying

Cuttack,(Corresp ondence): A one-day workshop on cyber security and awareness was held today at the Saddhavana Hall in the office of the District Collector. The program was launched by the District Social Welfare Department under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana under the chairmanship of District Social Welfare Officer Rashmita Mohanty. The workshop discussed how to keep students and youth safe in the digital world, be aware of cyber crimes and deal with the problem of cyber bullying properly. Nowadays, with the increase in the internet and social media, cyber bullying is seen as a major problem, hence this district level program was organized to create awareness about cyber bullying. In the program, experts discussed the safe use of social media, abusive messages, inappropriate comments, harassment through fake accounts, etc. There was a detailed discussion on where and how to file a complaint in case of cyber bullying, and information was also provided about cyber helplines and legal procedures. Finally, girls from different blocks were given a gift of Rs. 1000 each for their transparency. Additional Superintendent of Police Meenakshi Thakur, Additional District Social Welfare Officer Babita Jena, Additional Education Officer Mansi Dalai, Lawyer Vijayakumar Panda, Project Officer Swarnamayi Das, District Coordinator Rashmiranjan Swain, District Child Protection Officer Pragati Mohanty and Child Development Project Officers were present in the program.

TPNODL Upgrades Transformers to Deliver Quality Electricity



Balasore, ,(Corresp ondence) :TP Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), a joint venture of Tata Power and the Government of Odisha, has undertaken a major initiative to resolve the issue of low-voltage faced by electricity consumers. TPNODL remains dedicated for providing quality power supply and will continue to invest in modernizing infrastructure to meet the growing needs of consumers across Northern Odisha.As part of this effort, high-capacity transformers have been installed and upgraded in several districts, ensuring reliable and quality electricity service for local residents. In Keonjhar district's Jhumpura section at Dudkundi, the transformer capacity has been enhanced from 25 kVA to 100 kVA, while in Panturi under Kuakhia division of Jajpur district, a 16 kVA transformer has been replaced with a 100 kVA unit. Similarly, the transformer at Neulpur has been upgraded from 100 kVA to 250 kVA, Raghunathpur under Baripada division has seen its transformer capacity increased from 100 kVA to 250 kVA, and Akhuapada under Bhadrak South division has also been upgraded from 100 kVA to 250 kVA. In Rairangpur division, two transformers at Uparabeda and Kantabani have been enhanced from 25 kVA to 100 kVA, while in Joda under Keonjhar district, the transformer capacity has been raised from 100 kVA to 250 kVA. These upgrades will significantly strengthen the electricity distribution system, eliminate low-voltage problems, and improve the quality of life for thousands of consumers who have been facing such issues for years. In addition to transformer enhancements, TPNODL has also replaced old fencing with new protective enclosures to ensure safety around installations. The company has recently carried out several infrastructure improvements across its distribution network, reflecting its commitment to delivering reliable and consumer-centric electricity services.

WATCO directed to fast track projects to meet future urban demand



Bhubaneswar, (Corresp ondence): The Water Security Plan for Bhubaneswar city and adjoining areas, prepared by the WATCO was reviewed by Smt. Usha Padhee, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department.Additional Secretary Subhananda Mohapatra , MD WATCO Debabrata Mohanty and other concerned Officers were present in the meeting held in Kharabela Bhawan yesterday.During the review, Smt. Padhee directed WATCO to prioritize all ongoing and proposed water supply projects and ensure their completion within the stipulated timelines, keeping in view the rapidly growing population of Bhubaneswar and future urban expansion.Shri Debabrata Mohanty, Managing Director, WATCO, made a detailed presentation on the existing water supply scenario, demand–supply gap, and planned infrastructure augmentation, aligned with the vision of Viksit Odisha @2036 and Viksit Bharat @2047. He also highlighted certain operational and administrative challenges faced during project implementation. It was decided to escalate such issues to the appropriate authorities for early resolution and proceed with the projects without delay.Recognizing increasing water stress due to rapid urbanization, climate variability, and seasonal shortages, the Principal Secretary directed WATCO to undertake a comprehensive survey of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across Odisha, particularly those facing acute drinking water problems during the summer months.The survey will assess source sustainability, treatment and storage capacity, distribution efficiency, and peak seasonal demand, enabling the State Government to prioritize interventions, strengthen emergency preparedness, and plan targeted investments.Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) area has witnessed rapid population growth from 8.40 lakh (Census 2011) to an estimated 13.03 lakh in 2025. At present, the city's water demand is 304 MLD, against an existing supply capacity of 238.50 MLD, resulting in a gap of 65.50 MLD which is managed through ground water system..Currently, water is supplied through six Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) located at Mundali, Palasuni, Chandrasekharpur, Naharkanta, Bhuasuni, and High-Level Tank systems drawing water from Mahanadi, Kuakhai, and Daya rivers.

Biker seriously injured in accident with bus

Malkangiri correspondent: A person named Sukra Anumaliya, has been seriously injured in a road accident while returning home after leaving his daughter at the hostel. According to the information received, a private bus named SBMS was going towards Motu and sukra was returning home after leaving his daughter at the Anwesha hostel when an accident occurred between the bus and the bike near Bhairavi Temple on National Highway No. 326 in Malkangiri. Sukra Anumaliya, aged 47, of Khairput Block, Govindapali area, was seriously injured in this accident. After the accident, people passing through the main road informed the Malkangiri police, after which a police team reached the spot. Shukra Anumaliya, who was injured in the accident, was sent to the Malkangiri Main Hospital in an ambulance. While his treatment is currently ongoing there, his grandfather, Budra Anumaliya, has admitted himself at the Malkangiri police station on 13/26.

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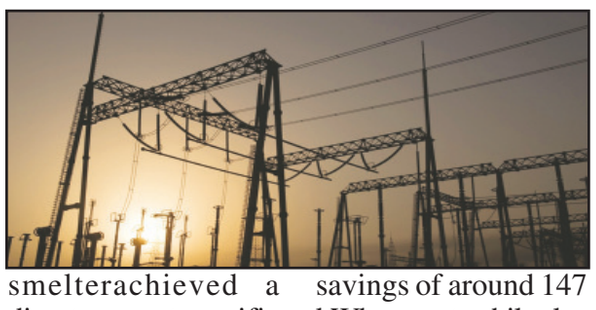
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Two Bike Riders Killed, One Critically Injured

Nuapada: In a tragic road accident on National Highway 353 near Palasipani, a truck rammed into a motorcycle carrying three young men, resulting in the instant death of two riders and severe injuries to the third. The incident occurred on January 8 while the victims were returning to Golabandh.The deceased have been identified as Shiv Majhi from Khairbhadi under Komna police station and Sagar Majhi from Golabandh under Nuapada police station.

Vedanta Jharsuguda Strengthens Energy Efficiency Through Globally Benchmarked Operations



Jharsuguda, (Corresp ondence): Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, haisintensified its journey toward operational excellence and sustainability by integrating globally benchmarked practices at its Jharsuguda smelter, the world's largest aluminium plant. This was achieved through disciplined execution, technology-led interventions, and stringent safety protocols.The smelterachieved a direct-current specific consumption of 13,029 kWh per metric tonne, while overall smelter energy intensity has also improved to 51.12 GJ/MT. The Vedanta Lining Design Project, applied across the unit's potline operations, has contributed to energy savings of around 147 kWh per pot, while also supporting thermal stability and operational safety.Additional gains were achieved through reductions in furnace oil and diesel usage;these initiatives exemplify the company's steadfast dedication to responsible energy use.Safety remains integral to all energy optimization measures, particularly in high-risk areas such as potlines, power generation units, and fuel handling operations. Every project is designed and executedin accordance with globally benchmarked engineering standards, supported byrigorous risk assessments, standard operating procedures, and comprehensive workforce training.

Odisha Rice Millers End Strike: Paddy Procurement Resumes with 15-Day Govt Ultimatum

Bhubaneswar, (Corresp ondence)The All Odisha Rice Millers Association has withdrawn its ongoing agitation following assurances from the state government on fulfilling their demands.The decision was announced during a press conference, where the association stated that paddy procurement at mandis will resume normally from tomorrow.The process will continue until Makar Sankranti, but if the remaining demands are not met within 15 days, the millers have warned of intensifying their protest.Association secretary Laxminarayan Deepak Ranjan Dash explained that the government has accepted one of their four key demands: the pending custody maintenance charges for the years 2023-24 and 2024-25, totaling Rs 160 crore.An official letter has been issued, committing to clear these dues within the next seven days. The other three demands include revising transportation charges (for moving paddy from mandis to mills and rice from mills to godowns), resolving the drying issues with Arua paddy, and increasing compensation for losses.

Dash highlighted the Arua paddy concern, noting that paddy is procured at 17% moisture content but rice is sold at 14%, resulting in a 3% loss for millers. Previously, the government provided 1% compensation for this, but it has been reduced to 0.078%. The association is demanding a restoration to the earlier rate.

On the government's side, Food Supplies Minister Krishna Chandra Patra confirmed that paddy lifting has normalized after discussions with the millers' association yesterday. Directives have been issued for the accepted demands, and procurement has resumed in 19 districts.

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◆ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ଥିବା ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ଶିକ୍ଷାର୍ଥୀମାନଙ୍କ ନିମନ୍ତେ ୫ଗୋଟି କୁଷ୍ଟରସ୍ତରୀୟ ସମ୍ବଳକେନ୍ଦ୍ର (ସକ୍ଷମ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର) ଓ ୬ଗୋଟି ବ୍ଲକ ସ୍ତରୀୟ ସମ୍ବଳକେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମାନ ଖୋଲାଯାଇ ଦିବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗ ଶିଶୁମାନଙ୍କ ଶିକ୍ଷଣସ୍ତର ବୃଦ୍ଧି ଓ ସେମାନଙ୍କଶିକ୍ଷଣ ଅଭିବୃଦ୍ଧି ପାଇଁ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ତାଲିମପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ବିଶେଷଜ୍ଞ ମାନଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଯଥା: ବାଣୀ ପ୍ରଶିକ୍ଷଣ, ବ୍ରେଲ ତାଲିମ ଓ ଭୌତିକ ଚିକିତ୍ସା କରାଯାଉଛି।

◆ ନିପୁଣ ଓଡ଼ିଶା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଅର୍ନ୍ତଗତ ଶିଶୁକେନ୍ଦ୍ରିକ ଶିକ୍ଷଣ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପିଲାମାନେ ଉପକୃତ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି। ପିଲାଙ୍କ ଶୈକ୍ଷିକ ଦକ୍ଷତା ବୃଦ୍ଧି ପାଇଁ ସମସ୍ତ ସରକାରୀ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟମାନଙ୍କରେ ପ୍ରାରମ୍ଭିକ ଭାଷା ଓ ସଂଖ୍ୟା ଜ୍ଞାନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପୁସ୍ତିକାମାନ ମାଗଣାରେ ବଣ୍ଟନ କରାଯିବା ସହିତ ବିଷୟଭିତ୍ତିକ ପଠନ, ଶିକ୍ଷଣ ଉପକରଣଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଶିକ୍ଷକମାନଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରାଯାଇ ଏହାକୁ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତି ଶ୍ରେଣୀଗୃହ କୋଣମାନଙ୍କରେ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ କରାଯାଉଅଛି।

◆ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ଶିକ୍ଷଣ ପ୍ରକ୍ରିୟାକୁ ବୋଧଗମ୍ୟ ତଥା ଆନନ୍ଦମୟ/ଶିଶୁ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରିକ-ଶିକ୍ଷଣ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଯୋଗାଇଦିଆଯିବା ପାଇଁ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସମୟରେ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ୍ରମେ ସମଗ୍ର ଶିକ୍ଷା ତରଫରୁ ଶିକ୍ଷକ ଶିକ୍ଷୟିତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ଶିକ୍ଷଣ ଦକ୍ଷତା ଅଭିବୃଦ୍ଧି ତାଲିମ/ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ଓ ନିରାପତ୍ତା ତାଲିମ/ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ଭିତରେ ରହିଥିବା ଅନ୍ତର୍ନିହିତ ଗୁଣାବଳୀ ବିକାଶ ତାଲିମ ଓ କର୍ମଶାଳା ମାନ ଆୟୋଜନ କରାଯାଉଛି।

◆ ପଢିବା ଗଢିବା ଓଡ଼ିଶା- ପ୍ରଥମରୁ ଅଷ୍ଟମ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କ ପଠନ ଦକ୍ଷତା ବିକାଶ ନିମନ୍ତେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ତରଫରୁ ଏକ ନୂତନ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ହାତକୁ ନିଆଯାଇଛି।

◆ ପଞ୍ଚମ ଓ ଅଷ୍ଟମ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ପିଲାଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ୨୦୨୫-୨୬ ଶିକ୍ଷାବର୍ଷରୁ ପାସ ଫେଲ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥାପୁନଃପ୍ରଚଳନ କରାଯାଇଛି।

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EDITORIAL

Love for God, Fear of Sin

Love for God, fear of sin, and morality in society are interdependent. One will have fear of sin when one develops love for God. One will develop morality when one has fear of sin. Conversely, a person devoid of morality will have no fear of sin, and one who has no fear of sin can have no love for God. People desire many things in life; they perform many types of yoga, meditation, and penance. But all these are useless if they lack fear of sin. Therefore, for morality in society, the individual should have fear of sin. One can earn respect and attain a place of honour in society only when one has morality. No society can exist without morality. Therefore, spread morality in society. Society that is based on morality will promote love for God. On the other hand, if society is without any moral base, there will be neither fear of sin in its members nor love for God. Therefore, it is the foremost duty of people to safeguard their morality.

A true human being is one who is endowed with humanness. First of all, one should have love for God. If we engage ourself in selfless service without love for God, it amounts only to selfishness. As long as one has selfishness, one cannot realise the Self. In fact, a fish is better than a selfish person in the sense that the fish cleans the water in which it moves. Selflessness is the noblest virtue. We consider ourselves human beings, but do we have humanness and human qualities? If we lack these, then where is the difference between a man and an animal or a beast? The animals at least help people to grow crops, but people today have become so selfish that they do not help anybody. Therefore, we should ask ourselves this question: Are we human beings, animals, or beasts? Of course, we are not animals or beasts; we are human beings. When we know this, we should develop befitting human qualities. Everybody should think and ask themself, "Do I have human qualities or not?" The human values of truth, righteousness, peace, love, and nonviolence are like the five life-breaths of the human. We can call ourself a human being only when we possess these five human values. If we lack these five values, then whatever other qualities we may have, they cannot make us a real human being. An animal has hunger, lust, and anger. It leads its life without any restraint. It lacks kindness and compassion, which are the main qualities of a human being. Lust, anger, delusion, greed, pride, and jealousy are common to a man and an animal. One who has no control over these animal qualities is verily an animal. One should keep them under check and develop truth, righteousness, peace, love, and nonviolence instead. One should have kindness and compassion for all.

First of all, one should have love. We can have peace only when we have love. We can have fulfilment in life only when we combine peace and love. When we have both peace and love, we will have no hatred and we will not hurt anybody. If we hurt others, it shows that there is anger in us. Sorrow is the reaction of anger. Therefore, we should develop love.If at any time the feelings of anger and hatred arise in us, we should check them. That is the quality of a human being. That is why we should have fear of sin, love for God, and morality in society. When we develop love for God, all our sins will be totally burnt to ashes. Therefore, if we want all our sins to be destroyed, we should develop love for God.

Guru Padmasambhava

Dr. Arundhati Devi

In Tibetan, Guru Padmasambhava is generally referred to as Guru Rinpoche, which means "precious master." Guru Rinpoche is a totally enlightened being, a fully awakened one, a buddha. He did not become enlightened gradually, or start practicing the teachings of Buddha Shakyamuni and eventually achieve enlightenment. Guru Rinpoche incarnated as a fully enlightened being. Through his form, primordial wisdom manifests in the world to benefit all sentient beings

Guru Padmasambhava was known in Tibet as one of the founding fathers of Tibetan Buddhism, who appeared in Tibet in 749 A.D, and spent 54 years. Other two founders were Acharya Shanta Rakshita and prevalent King Thisong Deotsen. Padmasambhava's birth in this world was mixed with myth and legend. The Buddha Shakya Muni's prophecy about the emanation of Padmasambhava in this world was found recorded in various Sutra and Tantra Texts. Following is one of the records maintained in a Sutra called- "Myang-hDas-mDo":

"OH MY ASHUSMAN DISCIPLE ANANDA AND OTHERS! AFTER MY PASSING AWAY, THAT IS TWELVE YEARS LATER, (It may perhaps referring to twelve hundred years) A PERSON FAR SUPERIOR TO ME WHO WOULD BE THE LORD OF MASS, NAMED PADMASAMBHAVA WILL BE EMANATED. LIKE A GEM FROM THE SEA LIKE USHNISHA VIJAYA AMONG MEDICINAL DIVINITIES LIKE SUN AND MOON AMONG THE CLUSTERS OF STARS LIKE A LION AMONG THE BEASTS AND LIKE A GAUDA (king of birds) AMONG THE BIRDS."

It is worth mentioning here that the mandala form of worship, which Padmasambhava learnt from Lady Kumango in Bihar, finds earliest representation in the Buddhist stupas and cultural mandals of Ratnagiri, Udayagiri and Lalitagiri as mentioned by T.E.Donaldson, 2001. In the Udayagiri monastery, not far as the crow flies from the Viraja Khestra, a large inscription of twenty five lines is found on the back of a standing Bodhisattva. The inscription states that a " Tathagatadhistitha dhatugarba Stupa (a stupa with a relic inside and dwelt in by the Tathagata or Buddha)." The Stupa is believed to have contained the relics of Padmasambhava, and the ruins of it are seen at the spot.The Eight Emanations of Guru Padmasambhava : Depending on your spiritual needs and interests, you can also achieve very specific results by practicing on Guru Padmasambhava. In his commentary on the Seven Chapter Prayer of Guru Padmasambhava, the great master Karma Chagme taught what these specific results are and how to realize them by practicing on the eight emanations of Guru Rinpoche. The enlightened activities of Guru Rinpoche's eight emanations are especially powerful and effective in destroying the solidity of our dualistic concepts and fixed opinions, and in awakening us to true freedom. Therefore, it can be safely concluded that Guru Padmasambhava was a native of Odisha from where he went to the holy land of Tibet and established Lamaism.

Onomatomania

Prof. Dr. Samrat Kar

Naseeruddin Shah has said in an interview that he suffers from a condition called onomatomania. In it, a person keeps fixating on a particular word or phrase. Naseer said that it doesn't let him be at rest even if he tries. Naseer is one of the most respected and loved actors from the Hindi film industry.

If you are consumed by thoughts of the word "ephemeral," and find yourself using it whenever possible, you might have onomatomania, an obsession with a particular word. Lots of people savor beautiful words and names — particularly poets and etymologists and, sometimes, English teachers. An extreme love of a word, though, can veer into onomatomania. If the word you're obsessed with is susurrous, which means "whispering or hissing," you might note the susurrous sound of the wind in the trees and the susurrous noise of the steaming tea kettle. Onomatomania can also mean "fear of a word" or "frustration at not being able to think of a word."

Onomatomania is a mental health condition which causes a person to repeat a sentence, phrase or word, but there is no particular reason behind it. When you have onomatomania, you will be remembering a specific word. This disease is considered to be a part of a person's personality. "Onomatomania is an ailment in which you keep repeating a word or a phrase, a sentence or a verse or a speech for no reason at all. Except that you like to hear it. Onomatomania can also mean "fear of a word" or "frustration at not being able to think of a word." Definitions of onomatomania. obsession with a particular word which the person uses repeatedly or which intrudes into consciousness. type of: compulsion, obsession.

Onomatomania is a mental health condition which causes a person to repeat a sentence, phrase or word, but there is no particular reason behind it. When you have onomatomania, you will be remembering a specific word. This disease is considered to be a part of a person's personality. Although onomatomania is a mental disorder, as per experts, there is no particular treatment or preventive measure for it. It is possible that one has to live with this disease as long as it is not worsening your mental health. However, if the person is worried about this disease, then doctors can treat it by giving CBT therapy. If the symptoms are more severe then medicine for anxiety or depression can also be given. There is no specific medicine or treatment for onomatomania, but CBT therapy is given when the symptoms get worsen. As long as this disorder is not affecting a person's routine, then you will not have any problem with it. According to some cognitive behavior studies, it was found that the condition has been linked to obsessive compulsive disorder or OCD too. Onomatomania on its own is not a matter of concern. If it is associated with something like OCD, anxiety disorder, or other problems, then can be a cause for concern.

Emerging banking frauds, vulnerabilities,and preventive measures

Dr. Tapan Kumar Pal

According to RBI data, India lost at least Rs 100 crore every day to bank fraud or banking related scams. During the COVID-19-induced lockdowns, digital modes of payments have seen a lot of traction. Customers benefit from digital payments however, this also invited many banking frauds.The last two years of pandemic have pushed banking online frauds upward. Large-scale remote working models and increase in customers using non-branch banking channels have pushed it further. Here are some real-life example which state how vulnerable we are to banking frauds in day to day life. Case 1- Mr. A-a chartered accountant, wanted to make some tax payments on behalf of his clients. He logged in to www.ABCbank.com and put his login credential, made tax payments and closed the page. After 15 minutes, he got a message that INR 15 lacs has been debited from his account. Mr. A was shocked, he never shared his user id and password, still this banking fraud has occurred.

The case above is an example of phishing attack. Pharming is type of phishing that tricks users into divulging private information, pharming uses malicious code executed on the victim's device to redirect to an attacker-controlled website. Fraudsters create a phishing website that appears to be a legitimate website, such as a bank's website or an e-commerce website. Fraudsters distribute links to these websites by SMS, social media, email and Instant Messenger, The victim , by mistake clicks on such website and ends up divulging the private and sensitive data.

Imposters acting as bankers, approach customers over the phone or over social media. They disclose a few consumer facts, such as the customer's name or date of birth, to win trust. Then imposter may pressure or trick customers into sharing confidential information such as passwords, OTPs, PINs, and Card Verification Values (CVVs) by citing an urgency / emergency such as the need to block an unauthorised transaction. The fraudsters trick the customer to download a screen-sharing app. Using such an app, the fraudsters can watch/control the customer's mobile / laptop and gain access to the financial credentials of the customer and then carry out unauthorised transfer of funds. Let's go through five key preventive measures, each individual can take easily in day to day life to avoid fraud. Do not access banking sites via random links. A customer should avoid clicking on any random apps, links received via messages, WhatsApp or any social media, which looks like banking site link. Do not share your screen with any stranger over call or via any app. Your personal and financial data could be at risk. DO not ever share OTP with anyone over call or message. Bank never asks for opts from customer. Do not download random apps on your mobile which lure the customers with reward points. If your bank account is compromised, immediately contact the law enforcement as well as bank. Block all your cards, cheques and secure your accounts.

Why Does Lord Jagannath Remain Silent? A Devotee's Dialogue with the Divine

Dr Simant Kumar Nanda

In the heart of Puri, amid chants and crashing waves, stands Lord Jagannath-armless, legless, with two unblinking round eyes. To the uninitiated, this wooden form might seem incomplete, even broken. Yet millions find wholeness in its gaze. After years immersed in slokas, mantras, commentaries, and even scientific probes into Sanatana Dharma, I've grasped its profound completeness: a philosophy weaving astronomy with ethics, rituals with psychology, compassion with cosmic enigmas. But one question haunts me amid this ocean of wisdom.

Why are You so silent, Jagannath Ji?

Daily, devotees approach with trembling hands and tear-streaked faces. Neuroscience now validates their faith,it forges neural pathways, hones focus, heals the mind. Saints knew this intuitively, long before labs confirmed it. Yet Your response is stillness, a vast quiet amid the world's clamor.You witness private universes of sorrow parading before You: lost jobs, shattered families, unspoken griefs. Offerings pile high-flowers, coconuts, coins, vows. But visible miracles? Rare. Sorrows linger, explained away by science (faulty biology), medicine (genetic flaws), or karma (debts from unseen past lives). Who recalls those prior existences? Who verifies forgotten sins? Is this cosmic justice or a soothing myth to steady trembling hearts?

I pose this not in rebellion, but as a child demanding answers from a silent parent. In Bhubaneswar, just 60 km from Puri, I wrestle my own shadows. Must every ache be karmic toll? In an era ruled by science and AI,where algorithms mimic minds ,how do You defend Your hush?

Consider a recent scene at Prayagraj's Kumbh Mela: an 11-year-old boy, before 50,000 devotees, declared coolly, "I don't know God. God is imaginary." His fearless certainty jolts us. As children embrace doubt without shame, what future awaits faith?

Yet faith endures, defiant. Ask a traveler at any Indian railway station, "Where to?" The reply often flows: "Jagannath Puri-one of the four dhams." Not just Puri, but *Jagannath Puri*. You are its soul; the city, Your vessel.

Your temple transcends stone and timber. It's a living civilization,a symphony of sevas, scents of mahaprasad, rhythms surviving Mughal sieges, British rule, famines, reforms, and digital deluges. Empires crumbled; You persist.

Still, You provoke the eternal whisper: Do You exist? If yes, why the silence?

I've scolded You like a mother her wayward son, confronted You as a battered devotee, interrogated You as a truth-thirsty seeker. Anger flares, logic frays,yet I return. Beneath the storm lies an ancient pull: a governing presence, unseen yet insistent.

This force spins planets, orchestrates seasons, ignites atoms, stirs conscience. Call it quantum weave, cosmic consciousness, or divine intelligence,it's beyond telescopes and code. Perhaps that's You, Jagannath: not just the idol, but the invisible pulse filling voids.

The universe defies accident. Stars don't stumble into orbits; atoms don't randomly bond; balance isn't chance. If creation holds purpose, so do You.

In Odisha's sacred geography,from Bhubaneswar's Lingaraj to Puri's Ratha Yatra Your silence invites us to listen deeper. Not for thunderous replies, but for the quiet assurance that some mysteries heal precisely because they endure.

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Mahima Subarnapur Lok Mahotsav and Pallishree Mela - 2026 inaugurated



SUBARNAPUR ,(Correspondent) - The Mahima Subarnapur Lok Mahotsav and Pallishree Mela - 2026 was inaugurated on Wednesday evening. The torch procession started from Ista Devi Maa Sureswari of Subarnapur in the morning.This torch procession was flagged off by Birmaharajpur MLA Er. Raghunath Jagadala, Subarnapur Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu, ADM (Revenue) Rajendra Majhi,ADM (General) Anjalina Pradhan, Chief Development Officer and Executive Zilla Parishad Aswini Kumar Meher, Sonepur Sub Collector Dr. Soumyarupa Rath,District Culture Officer Yamuna Pradhan, DPO cum DI& PRO Arjun Majhi, other district level officers, artists and culture lovers from different blocks of the district joined this . This year, the theme of the district mahotsav has been "Mahima", which is based on the poet Bhima Bhoi. A total of 239 stalls have been set up to sell the products produced by women self-help groups of Subarnapur district and other districts of the state. 59 cultural groups will participate in the Mahima Subarnapur Lok Mahotsav.

3Godabarish Mishra Adarsha PrathamikaVidyalaya (GMAVP)'

Bhawanipatna: (Correspondence)Odisha's several educational block is still under the list of Education Backward Block (EBB) category of national standard, the recent move of BJP with the anticipation for uplift the primary education by new scheme 'laying foundation stone Godabarish Mishra AdarshaPrathamikaVidyalaya (GMAVP)'all over the state through virtual mode has gave new twist in the realm of education as well as in the politics also. The Chief Minister Mohan CharanMajhi giving tribute has laid foundation stone a number of 118 new schoolswith under (GMAVP) scheme to Odisha. In the first series.Kalahandihas got only 3 number of school two in BJD's bastion assembly constituency Junagarh 1-Government UGHS Bankapalas and 2- Government UGHS Baxitulasipali, the last one is meant for Dharamgarhassembly constituency's GovernmentHigh School Gotamunda under Koksara block. At Gotamunda venue MLA SudhirRanjanPattajoshi, while at Bankapalas MLA Dibya Shankar Mishra and at Buxitulsipali DEO RadhakantChhatri were remain present. However with this initiative, the Kalahandi's people has gave mixed response- some group applauding said it as noble step, some-arguing vehemently criticised it as just camouflage to 5t School.

District-level Malyabanta Mahotsav 2025 to be held from 1 to 5th February



Malkangiri, correspondent:The much-awaited Malyabanta Mahotsav-2025 is going to be celebrated with unanimous consent and decision. Today, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Collector and District Cultural Council Chairman Somesh Kumar Upadhyay to fix the date for organizing Malyabanta Mahotsav-2025. It was unanimously decided in the meeting that Malyavanta Mahotsav will be celebrated from 1 to 5th February. The District Collector thanked everyone for their unanimous agreement to celebrate this festival in the district. The District Collector sought everyone's cooperation to maintain peace and order and celebrate this festival with joy and enthusiasm. The festival will be organized at the local DNK grounds. More CCTV cameras will be installed during the festival and all activities will be strictly monitored. The district administration will ensure security. In addition, if any person tries to create chaos by spreading rumors or spreading misinformation, strict action will be taken against them under the National Security Act. Everyone has been warned to be vigilant.

Crores Missing from Boudh Sarasara Post Office

BOUDH, (Correspondent):-It is not a matter of one or two lakhs; the amount involved runs into crores of rupees in an alleged cheating case at the Boudh District Sarsara Post Office. The present Post Master, Niranjan Behera, has been missing for the last two days. Meanwhile, the police team and senior postal authorities have conducted a detailed assessment and confirmed that crores of rupees belonging to depositors are involved. As a result, depositors are now living in fear and uncertainty regarding the safety of their hard-earned money.

Cigarette black marketing alleged in Kantabanji

KANTABANJI, correspondence : Allegations of rampant black marketing of cigarettes have surfaced in Kantabanji, with wholesalers and retailers reportedly selling popular brands well above the printed Maximum Retail Price (MRP), drawing sharp criticism from consumers.According to local sources, a 10-piece pack of Gold Flake King/ Classic cigarettes, procured at a wholesale rate of around ?156, is being sold in the market at ?180. In several cases, despite the MRP being ?170, retailers are allegedly charging as much as 200 per pack.Similar irregularities have been reported in the sale of single sticks and smaller packs. Gold Flake cigarettes, which have a wholesale price of about 86.50–?95, are reportedly being sold at 100, even at the wholesale level, violating pricing norms.

Residents allege that the overcharging has become routine, with enforcement agencies failing to conduct regular checks. Consumers have demanded immediate intervention by the district administration, legal metrology officials and the excise department to curb the practice and ensure strict compliance with MRP regulations.

Block level artist gathering in Budhaibahal village, importance of protecting art culture



Patnagarh - (Correspondent)Balangir district Khaprakhol under Budhaibahal village near Kalyan Mandap, block level artist gathering of Harishankar Kala Sanskriti Sangha was held under the chairmanship of Sangh President Binod Pradhan on Wednesday. The gathering was attended by BDO Bibekananda Sadangi as the chief guest, Deputy Chief Minister's Block Representative Padma Kumar Singh Bariha as the guest of honor, District Kala Sanskriti Sangha Vice President Sudam Triyak, Block Social Security Officer Kanishka Bibhar, Senior Artist Representative Pabitra Patel, Dhandamunda Sarpanch Baidyanath Mishra, Haribol Pod, Kalakanhu Sahu, Umakant Pradhan, Bihari Pradhan, Satya Bariha, Saroj Mishra. The gathering began with the first warship recitation on this occasion. The guests spoke for the protection of art culture. Among others, Block Sangh secretary Arjun Bindhani, Sudan Pradhan, prominent artists and members of the association were present. Miting manageing to Dr. Abhay Tripathi, Block Art Culture Association Vice President Thabir Sahu, who organized the forum, proposed the vote of thanks.

2026 Fair, 2025 Banner

Shameful Negligence by Jajpur District Administration



JAJPUR (Correspondent) :Lakhs of rupees are being spent on organizing a government fair, yet the face of the fair is displayed on an outdated banner. The district-level Fisheries and Animal Resources Fair organized in Jajpur in 2026 has made headlines today — not for its achievements, but for administrative negligence and irresponsibility.Anyone entering the fair premises is left surprised by what they see. The fair is being held in 2026, but the banner still reads 2025. This naturally raises a serious question — where did the government funds meant for printing new banners go? Or was the old banner reused simply to cover up responsibility?This incident has created strong public resentment across Jajpur district. Citizens are openly calling such negligence in a public-funded government program a clear failure of the administration. Direct allegations have been raised against the District Chief Veterinary Officer, Mr. Subrat Kumar Mahapatra.According to public opinion, such careless acts are tarnishing the image of the people's government, the "Mohan Government." Surprisingly, despite everyone seeing and knowing about the issue, no official has spoken out. Discussions are now gaining momentum that money may have been used to "silence" the matter.There is now a strong public demand for a high-level inquiry, strict action against the responsible officials, and full public disclosure of how government funds were utilized. Until transparency is ensured, people will continue to question whether this is truly a government fair — or a platform for misuse of public money.

Helpless woman gets livelihood with the help of the District Magistrate



Cuttack, (Correspondence): Guduli Behera from Dhenkanal Dalar. Guduli was left helpless after her husband died in a road accident in Cuttack Gopalpur while she was going to her workplace. She has a mother-in-law and a paralysed father-in-law at home and two daughters aged eight and five. After losing the only earning member of the family, she faced great difficulty in running the house. With the help of lawyers Jiwanjyoti Yadav and Svetvika Panda, she applied for an accident relief amount from the Cuttack District Magistrate. When the District Magistrate asked her what she would do next to run the family, she expressed her desire to buy a sewing machine and become self-reliant. After hearing all the incidents, the District Magistrate immediately ordered her to buy a sewing machine from the Red Cross fund to support her family. Today, Additional District Magistrate Dr. Dibyalochana Mahanta Guduli has given this sewing machine. Along with this, if she wants, the district administration will also provide support to provide sewing training to her. Later, after all the official activities are over, she will be given an assistance of Rs. 2 lakh from the Red Cross fund as her husband died in an unknown vehicle accident.

Raid on illegal sawmills; valuable timber and machinery worth lakhs seized

Nimapada,(Correspondent)::The Forest Department conducted raids on six illegal sawmills.Early this morning, the Forest Department carried out simultaneous raids on six illegal sawmills located at Tulasipur in Nimapada block of Puri district, seizing machinery and timber worth lakhs of rupees. Acting on complaints that illegal sawmills were mushrooming in and around the Nimapada area, the Puri Wildlife Division launched the operation at dawn and confiscated large quantities of equipment and wood from the six illegal units.Although some sawmill owners, having received prior information, managed to remove certain machine parts, the special Forest Department team involved in the raid cut and seized the remaining machinery, motors, and other components using machines. The value of the seized machinery and timber is estimated to be in the range of several lakhs of rupees.The raid was conducted under the leadership of Ashok Behera, ACF of the Puri Wildlife Division. Rangers from Konark, Astaranga, Gop, Balukhanda, and Brahmagiri ranges, along with more than 100 foresters, forest guards, and other staff, took part in the operation.While there is no official permission for operating sawmills in the district, questions have arisen as to how influential people are illegally establishing sawmills by obtaining unauthorized electricity connections.

Son attacked father for liquor in Malkangiri

Malkangiri correspondent : a shocking incident has been witnessed in MV-1 village near Malkangiri Sadar. Pradeep Kumar Sarkar, age 35, of village MV-01, had asked his father Devendra Sarkar for money to drink liquor yesterday evening. After his father did not gave it to him, the son attacked his father with a sharp Axe. Later, the mother and father have filed an FIR in the name of their son at Malkangiri Adarsh ??police station. The son drinks alcohol every day. Yesterday too, he asked his father for money for liquor, but when his father refused, he went to stab his father with a sharp Axe. After a while, since such incidents are happening every day, the police station was forced to register an FIR, so the police station officer has registered a case under Section 102, Case No. 12/26, Suicide Attack, at the police station. On this basis, Shri Krutibas Behera, the investigating officer, went to the village and arrested Pradeep and Asami has been forwarded to court, informed Police Station Officer Regan Kindo.

Jyoti Received from Mahendragiri; Green Signal for Gajapati Ustav



Paralakhemundi:(Correspondent):- From 18th to 22nd January district level Gajapati Ustav will be held.So traditional signal unveiled through Mashal brought from Mahendragiri.With tribal culture & dance well honored the Mashal.

Sanskruti Bhawan Inaugurated by MLA

Paralakhemundi:(Correspondent):-At Sandangi village of Bhubani panchayat of Gumma block of Gajapati district,Sanskruti Bhawan inaugurated.MLA Paralakhemundi Er.Rupesh Kumar Panigrahi inaugurated the building.This will help on tribal culture.At the cost of 5 lakhs this building built. This will help to discuss local culture & tradition.Similarly at Nursery & Tarava villages foundation stone laid.At Serango upgradation of Tarini temple & development of tourism of surrounding too inaugurated.Among others ZP President Gavara Tirupati Rao,ZP member Renuka Patra,Samiti member Anita Bhuyan,Sarpanch Pradip Mandal,PA ITDA Ansuman Mohapatra with other officers were present.





Birthday Bliss: Karan Singh Grover's heartfelt wishes make Bipasha Basu's day extra special

Bollywood diva Bipasha Basu celebrated her birthday today, receiving warm wishes from friends, family, and fans alike. Among the heartfelt messages, her husband, actor Karan Singh Grover, took to social media to share an emotional and affectionate tribute to his "most favourite person."“To my most favourite person in the whole wide world, my bestest friend, the most patient person, the one I love the most, the most beautiful girl, my whole world… wish you a very happy birthday my monkey,” Karan wrote, expressing his love and admiration.Alongside his message, he shared an adorable picture of Bipasha with their daughter, Devi, adding, “May you shine brighter with every passing year! I love you so much. #monkeylove.” Bipasha responded sweetly with a playful “TUVU,” while fans flooded the post with birthday wishes.Bipasha and Karan's love story began on the sets of Bhushan Patel's film 'Alone' in 2015. They tied the knot a year later, in April 2016, and welcomed their daughter, Devi Basu Singh Grover, on November 12, 2022. This year, the couple will mark a decade of marriage on April 30, 2026.On the professional front, Bipasha has taken a break from films to focus on motherhood, dedicating her time to raising Devi. Karan Singh Grover was last seen in Siddharth Anand's 'Fighter', starring alongside Hrithik Roshan, Deepika Padukone, and Anil Kapoor.

Kangana Ranaut returns to acting, begins shooting for upcoming patriotic film



After a brief hiatus from films ollowing her successful entry into politics and winning the Lok Sabha elections from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi constituency, Kangana Ranaut is back on the big screen. The actress has resumed work at the place where she began her career and has started shooting for her upcoming project. She shared the news with her fans on Instagram, expressing her excitement about returning to acting.Kangana is currently shooting for the patriotic film Bharat Bhagya Vidhata. Fans are eagerly awaiting her return to theaters, as her last major appearance was in Emergency, which she also directed herself, portraying the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Despite high expectations, the film did not perform

3 reasons to include this fruit in your parents' diet for heart health and diabetes management



As parents grow older, concerns around heart health and metabolic issues like high blood sugar and cholesterol tend to become more common - and diet often sits at the centre of it all. While these conditions can feel inevitable with age, the right nutritional choices can go a long way in managing and even preventing them. Sometimes, it's not exotic superfoods but simple, everyday fruits that offer powerful health benefits you may not even realise.

1. Soluble fibres

According to Depsikha, guavas are rich in a soluble fibre called pectin, which plays a key role in diabetes management by slowing glucose absorption and helping maintain steadier blood sugar levels. She explains, "Guava is rich in pectin fibre and that's a kind of fibre that can actually help reduce their blood sugar spike and manage diabetes better. But make sure that you're giving them guava without the skin."

2, Polyphenols and flavonoids

Guava also contains polyphenols and flavonoids, which are powerful antioxidants that improve heart health. The nutritionist highlights, "Guava also has polyphenols and flavonoids. These two have actually shown to reduce their cholesterol and improve lipid profile, which improves their heart health."

3. Vitamin C

According to Deepsikha, guavas are also packed with vitamin C, a powerful antioxidant that helps reduce inflammation and improve overall heart health. She explains, "Guava is also rich in vitamin C. It's highly antioxidant - that can reduce any kind of inflammation, improve their heart health and also reduce oxidative stress."

creamy dessert recipe

Ingredients (serves 3)

4 persimmons (preferably ripe)

4 tbsp cocoa powder

For topping (optional): plain yoghurt or whipped cream, cocoa powder

Method

Start with ripe persimmons. Slice them in half, gently remove the skin, and scoop out the soft pulp.

Transfer the persimmon pulp to a high-speed blender, add cacao, and blend until completely smooth and creamy.

Pour the mixture into small dessert jars or moulds and refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or until set.





Once chilled, enjoy it straight from the jar, or carefully unmould and serve as elegant mini cakes.

Optional toppings: Paula loves finishing it with a dusting of cocoa, a spoon of plain yoghurt, and shaved chocolate. A drizzle of maple syrup or a sprinkle of cinnamon also pairs beautifully.

Health benefits

According to WebMD, persimmons are rich in soluble fibre, vitamin A, and vitamin C, which support digestion, immunity, and heart health. The vitamin A in persimmons can also improve vision and protect against eye diseases. Their antioxidant content helps reduce inflammation and oxidative stress, making them a nourishing winter fruit, as per Medical News Today.

5 nutrition trends for 2026: 'Hormone aware eating is gaining ground...'



Clean eating is usually part of the New Year's resolution package. It unknowingly tags along with almost every big or small goal. However, when healthy eating or dieting goals stay in the background for too long, they tend to fade, and before you know it, you are slipping back into your old habits because you never made clean eating a priority in the first place.

So, to make clean eating a priority, you need to have better clarity on what to expect in 2026. This helps you identify and choose between noise and something useful that supports your health in the long run.Clinical dietitian Ridhima Khamsera, based in Udaipur, Rajasthan, shared with HT Lifestyle her predictions regarding diet in 2026, revealing what's in and what's out. Disclosing the anticipated pattern in nutrition trends, she said, "In 2026, nutrition is no longer centred around weight loss. It is quietly shifting toward keeping the body stable enough to function without constant crashes."

This puts nutrition in a new light. It is no longer conditional or solely associated with shedding weight, but instead focuses on improving overall well-being and sustaining good health in the long run.

1. Metabolic stability is replacing weight loss goals

Instead of chasing fat loss, nutrition focuses on blood sugar stability, energy consistency, and fewer daily highs and lows. Regular meals, balanced plates, and fewer extremes are becoming the baseline," the dietician explained. This marks a major mindshift change as well, redefining the motivation behind clean eating. And since metabolism is associated with weight, you begin to see positive changes regarding your weight once you start to fix metabolic health.

2. Protein is still important, just less dramatic

The protein craze is set to slow down to a healthy pace. Ridhima disclosed that the focus will shift toward consistency rather than counting every last number.

She added, "Spreading protein across meals, choosing sources that digest well, and combining plant and animal options is proving more effective than loading everything into one shake."

Nowadays, everyone is trying to hack their lives to make things easier, but the nutritionist reminded that for anything to be sustainable and truly fruitful, one must lean into habits that actually last and hold up over time. Further, protein is not a fix-all for every health issue, especially if you are undereating, sleeping poorly, or dealing with chronic stress.

3. Gut health is becoming boring in a good way

Not everything needs to be fancy and intriguing. Sometimes, the boring route is the safest and healthiest. The dietician explained that digestive wellness is embracing simplicity, leaving flashy aids behind.

She revealed what to focus on: "Gut health is moving away from detoxes and miracle supplements. What actually works is not glamorous. Regular meals. Fibre variety. Fermented foods. Less constant snacking."

The benefits are ample. Ridhima outlined them: energy improves, hormones feel steadier, and better immunity.

4. Hormone-aware eating

With hormonal issues on the rise, diets fine-tuned to support hormonal balance are expected to help significantly. The dietician predicted, "Hormone-aware eating is gaining ground."

This is especially relevant for women for many reasons. Ridhima shed light on this correlation, explaining how closely women's reproductive and hormonal health are tied to overall well-being. As a result, foods that support hormonal balance are becoming popular.

5. Recovery is becoming the real discipline

As per the dietician, this marks the biggest shift in how nutrition is viewed today. She noted, "Nutrition is no longer about control. It is about recovery." This suggests that 2026 nutrition will move away from rigid calorie counting and instead will be about nourishing the body, particularly if you have very hardcore workout sessions.

49th Annual Sports Meet of Kharasrota College Concludes



JAJPUR (Correspondent) :The 49th Annual Sports Meet of Singhapur Kharasrota College, a leading institution under Binjharpur Block of Jajpur district, concluded on Wednesday, January 7. The two-day event witnessed enthusiastic participation of students in various sports events.The sports activities were successfully conducted under the supervision of Sports Council Secretary Prof. Gagan Bihari Behera, Prof. Kamal Kumar Sethi, Prof. Jaldhar Sahu, Prof. Santosh Kumar Mohapatra, Prof. Chandan Pati, Prof. Pushpalata Jena, and sports coaches Sanjeeb Bhadra (D.E.O.) and Rajesh Kumar Prusty.The prize distribution ceremony was held to award certificates and trophies to the winners. The college Principal, Dr. Braja Kishore Sahu, presided over the function. Guest introduction was delivered by Prof. Purnachandra Samal.District Sports Officer Shri Fakir Mohan Tudu attended as the Chief Guest, while noted social worker Shri Surendra Kumar Mahalik, senior English lecturer Shri Srikanta Nayak, and Prof. Gagan Bihari Behera addressed the students, highlighting the importance and value of sports in life.

The guests distributed prizes to the winners. In the +2 Boys category, Pratyush Ranjan Das emerged as Champion, while in the +2 Girls category, Sravani Nanda became Champion. In the +3 Girls category, Pujarini Gahan won the Championship, and in the +3 Boys category, Jagannath Barik secured the Championship title.Several faculty members and staff including Prof. Bijay Pati, Prof. Surendra Kumar Samal, Prof. Kailash Chandra Mishra, Prof. Meenaketan Tripathy, Dr. Deepti Ranjan Senapati, Prof. Vaibhav Nayak, Dr. Arun Kumar Samal, Dr. Subas Chandra Sahu, Prof. Pradeep Kumar Raul, Prof. Chitta Ranjan Sahu, Prof. Bibek Meher, Prof. Rajat Kumar Sahu, Dr. Gayatri Dhal, Ruby Eka, Smrutismita Nayak, Arpita Swain, Sharmistha Sahu, Prof. Satya Ranjan Gupta, demonstrators Chandrahassya Mallik, Chinmaya Kumar Thatoi, Kailash Kumar Sethi, head clerk Chirasmita Nayak, Tapas Kumar Bindhani, Dillip Barik, Yashobanta, Milan, Satyasundar, Madan, Jayanti, Sasmita, Ashok Samal, Sonu, along with all teaching and non-teaching staff, were present and contributed to the smooth conduct of the programme.

The Annual Sports Meet officially concluded with the lowering of the sports flag, followed by a formal declaration of closure by the Principal.

ODISHA MEN MAINTAIN WINNING STREAK WITH 3–1 VICTORY OVER ANDHRA PRADESH



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)Continuing their dominant run at the 72nd Senior National Volleyball Championship, the Odisha Men's Volleyball Team secured their third consecutive win on the third day of the championship at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, further consolidating their position in the league stage of the prestigious national tournament being held from 04th to 11th January 2026.In their third league match, Odisha produced a spirited comeback to defeat Andhra Pradesh by 3–1 with set scores of 19–25, 25–14, 26–24, and 25–19. After conceding the opening set, the Odisha side showed remarkable resilience and tactical sharpness, bouncing back strongly in the second set with dominant attacking and effective blocking.The third set witnessed intense competition, with both teams trading powerful rallies, but Odisha held their nerves at the crucial juncture to clinch the set 26–24, shifting the momentum decisively in their favour. Carrying this confidence forward, Odisha controlled the fourth set with disciplined defense and consistent spikes to seal the match convincingly.

Congratulating the team on their impressive performance, Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Hon'ble President of the Odisha Volleyball Association, appreciated the players for their fighting spirit, composure under pressure, and collective team effort. He expressed confidence that the team would continue their strong showing in the remaining matches.Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Hon. General Secretary of the Odisha Volleyball Association, also congratulated the players and support staff, commending their determination and focus. He encouraged the team to maintain the same level of intensity and discipline as they progress further in the championship.With three consecutive victories in the league stage, the Odisha Men's Volleyball Team has emerged as one of the front-runners in the competition and will look to sustain their winning momentum in the upcoming matches.

Bongomunda storm into final of Ratnakar Bag Memorial Football Tournament



Kantabanji, correspondence : The third edition of the Ratnakar Bag Memorial Football Tournament entered its fifth day on Tuesday, with Bangomunda booking a place in the final after a hard-fought semifinal victory.

The tournament is being jointly organised by Kapilabhata and Talabhata villages under Bangomunda block of Balangir district. The fifth day's programme was held under the chairmanship of organising committee president Huleshwar Hans.State Youth BJD general secretary Ajit Kumar Joshi attended the event as chief guest, while other distinguished guests included Bangomunda block primary teachers' association president Kosharaj Behera, social worker Sushant Behera, Karlapada College lecturer Ranjit Meher, Belpada Panchayat High School headmaster Samar Kumar Jena, Central University of Pondicherry student Shreyash Meher, social worker Jhasaketan Mahanand, BEO office clerk Mahendra Bhoi and several other local dignitaries. The guests encouraged the players and lauded the organisers for promoting rural sports.In the fifth-day match, Bangomunda faced Baratunda. As neither side could score during regulation time, the match was decided through a tie-breaker. Bangomunda emerged victorious, defeating Baratunda to secure a berth in the final.The match was officiated by referee Nitesh Majhi, assisted by linesmen Vaishnab Tandi and Nabin Saraf. Commentary was provided by Parmanand Chhatria.Organising committee coordinator Rahul Bag, vice-president Tribikram Behera, secretary Ashish Behera, joint secretary Girish Ada, treasurer Priyaranjan Hans, adviser Ashok Kumar Bishi and other members played a key role in the smooth conduct of the event.

30th State-Level Nimapada Cup Cricket Tournament

Khordha District Cricket Association in the Semi



Nimapada, correspondence1:The 30th Tapas Memorial Nimapada Cup Cricket Tournament, organized by the Nimapada Athletic Association at the Nimapada Barabati Ground, concluded today. On the fourth day of the tournament, thin the e third quarterfinal match was played between the Khordha District Cricket Association and the Nimapada Athletic Association.Khordha District Cricket Association won the toss and, batting first, scored 257 runs for the loss of 3 wickets in 25 overs. Ranjit Paikaray was the top scorer with 72 runs, while Rakesh Pattnaik contributed 42 runs.In reply, Nimapada Athletic Association, while chasing the target, was bowled out for 98 runs in 18 overs, resulting in a 159-run defeat.Rakesh Pattnaik was declared Man of the Match and was awarded by the guests.Today's match was held under the chairmanship of Athletic Association President Akshaya Kumar Behera. The chief guests included senior Dharitri journalist Bichitrananda Sahu, Helpline President Akshaya Kumar Sahu, and Samaj journalist Purnachandra Mahapatra, among others.The match was officiated by Nirmal Mahapatra and Tribhuvananath Dash, while scoring was done by Anish Pradhan and Ananda Prasad Mallik.Tomorrow, in the fourth quarterfinal match, Paradip Cricket Club Association will face last year's champions Rameshwar Sporting, Bhubaneswar.

Odisha Archers Hit Bullseye at SGFI Championship



NEWDELHI: Students from Odisha achieved remarkable success at the 69th National School Games (SGFI) Under-17 Boys' and Girls' Archery Championship, held in Ranchi, Jharkhand, from January 6 to January 10, 2026.This national-level competition, organised by the School Games Federation of India, saw Odisha's young archers deliver an outstanding performance, securing a total of four gold medals for the state.A contingent of 18 athletes represented Odisha under the banner of the Odisha State School Sports Organisation, part of the Department of School and Mass Education. The team included 11 girls and 7 boys.Rohit Kumar Marandi, a Class X student at UGP Government High School in Baripada, Odisha, clinched two gold medals in the 30-meter Indian Round and the 30-meter Olympic Round events. He also won a third gold medal in the Mixed Team Round, partnering with Reshma Mallick, a Class X student from KISS School. In total, Rohit Kumar Marandi earned three gold medals, while Reshma Mallick contributed one gold medal to Odisha's tally.This historic achievement highlights the growing strength of school-level archery in Odisha and is expected to inspire and encourage young sporting talent throughout the state's schools.

National-Record Holder Jinson Johnson Retires from Athletics

NEWDELHI: Indian middle-distance runner Jinson Johnson, one of the country's finest athletes, announced his retirement from competitive athletics through a heartfelt social media post.Johnson, 34, currently holds the Indian National Record in the men's 1500m with a timing of 3:35.24, set at the ISTAF Berlin meet in 2019. He remains the only Indian to run under 3:36 in the event. Reflecting on his journey, Johnson wrote, "As I step away from competitive athletics, I do so with humility, gratitude, and peace. The track taught me discipline, resilience, and respect. Though I retire from racing, athletics will always live in my heart."A three-time Asian Games medallist, Johnson won gold in the 1500m and silver in the 800m at the 2018 Jakarta Games, followed by a bronze in the 1500m at the 2023 edition. He also represented India at the 2016 Rio Olympics, becoming the first Indian man in 36 years to compete in the 800m after Sriram Singh's appearance in 1980.

Sindhu, Satwik-Chirag Power Through Malaysia Open First Round

NEWDELHI: PV Sindhu and the men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy opened their Malaysia Open Super 1000 campaign with commanding victories, giving India a strong start to the season.

Sindhu, returning after a long injury lay-off, defeated Chinese Taipei's Sung Shuo Yun 21-14, 22-20 in a 51-minute contest. She controlled the first game with ease and then fought back from 4-11 in the second to level at 13-all. Moreover, Sung pushed hard and led 17-14, but Sindhu showed resilience to equalise at 17-all. At 20-all, she sealed the last two points to secure her place in the round of 16. Sindhu now faces Japan's Tomoka Miyazaki, a former world junior champion. Furthermore, Sindhu holds a 1-1 record against Miyazaki, having beaten her in the 2025 China Masters.Satwik and Chirag, former World No.1s and Asian Games champions, dominated Yang Po-Hsuan and Lee Jhe-Hue of Chinese Taipei 21-13, 21-15 in just 35 minutes. They extended their winning record to 7-0 against the pair and advanced to face Malaysia's Junaidi Arif and Roy King Yap in the next round.Meanwhile, India's mixed doubles pair Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto exited after a 56-minute battle against Americans Presley Smith and Jennie Gai, losing 15-21, 21-18, 15-21. In addition, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand bowed out after a close three-game fight against Indonesia's Febriana Dwipuji Kusuma and Meilysa Trias Puspitasari. The Panda sisters, Rutuparna and Swetaparna, also suffered a straight-game defeat to Malaysia's Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan.Sindhu's resilience and Satwik-Chirag's dominance highlighted India's bright start at the Malaysia Open, even as other pairs faced early exits.

Odisha Welcomes Young Football Talents at CM Trophy–2025 Induction

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent) The Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, organised an induction ceremony for football talents selected through the CM Trophy-2025 at Kalinga Stadium today. Suryabanshi Suraj, Minister for Sports and Youth Services, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, welcoming and congratulating the aspiring footballers.During the ceremony, the Minister briefed the athletes about the various facilities and support systems being provided by the State Government. He encouraged the young players to strive for excellence and to bring pride to both the state and the nation through their performances on the field.



Anenvironmental Awareness Programme On Plastic Free Picnic Spot Challenges -2025



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent) :The Programme was conducted under leadership of Regional Officer, SPCB, Paradeep Sri Puskar Chandra Behera with Sri Pradeep Kumar Mohapatra, Unit Head, IFFCO , Paradeep other officials of IFFCO , Paradeep. Sri Basanta Kumar Biswal, Chairman Paradeep Municipality attended the awareness event with officials& staffs of Paradeep Municipality.During the programme request was made to the public present there regarding prohibitive use single use plastic (SUP) at picnic spot. It was requested to use biodegradable alternative SUP such as paper and wooden cutlery, plates Made up of leaf and paper reusable alternative such as containers of metal and glass at the picnic area while doing picnic.Mechanic of plastic Pollution in air, water & lard environment was explained.Awareness table were impacted by all the dignitaries' presents of the dice.The programme was conducted With placement of Do's / Dont's poster in request of SUP free picnic spot at entry gate zone and other strategic places of the spot. Placement of themed banners at the picnic spot.Installation of theme based selfie zone.Awareness to public by announcement on continuous basis and by visiting across the spot with theme based banner.By showcasing alternative of SUPs such as earthen cutlery, steel and glass containers and cutlery and paper plates and plates made up of leaf to be used at picnic spot. Finally the programme was Concluded with request to keep aesthetics of the picnic spot by a plastic free approach & segregated collection of waste and its disposal with municipal vehicle at end of picnic, and with a pledge of single use plastic (SUP) free picnic spot.

Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) Celebrates 125th Foundation Day



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent) :As Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has completed, 125 years of service to the Nation, Bhubaneshwar Regional office celebrated 125th Foundation Day on 7th January, 2026.The celebrations commenced this morning at the Bhubaneswar Regional Office with the planting of 25 saplings, followed by a workshop titled "Safe Miner, Strong Nation". Seventy-five dignitaries from EZMA including various mining organizations in Odisha, namely M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited, M/s. FACOR, M/s. IMFA, M/s. TATA Steel, M/s. HINDALCO, M/s. RUNGTA, M/s. MGM, M/s. GRM, M/s. Jindal Steel, M/s. Jindal stainless Limited, M/s. JSW, M/s. AMNS etc. participated in the events, conducted under the overall direction of S/Shri A.K. Mishra and N. Balasubramaniam, Directors of Mines Safety, Bhubaneswar Region 1 and 2.Recognizing that minerals and mining are the backbone of the nation's development and industrial growth, Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) emphasizes the importance of safety, health, and welfare for individuals employed in this hazardous industry. Since its inception in 1902, Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has worked diligently to ensure these standards are maintained across India.Over the years, Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has transformed internally, aligning with industrialization and technological advancements while keeping in track with small-scale mines, particularly in the organized sector. The efficacy of DGMS's interventions is evident in the drastic reduction of fatality rates in the mining sector. Since 1902, the fatality rate has decreased from 0.93 to 0.12 per thousand persons employed in coal mines, and from 0.67 to 0.22 in non-coal mines.On this milestone occasion, Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) reaffirms its commitment to serve the nation by ensuring the safety and well-being of our mines and miners, thereby promoting sustainable mining practices.

ITC HOTELS OPENS WELCOMHOTEL BODH GAYA, HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE

GAYA:ITC Hotels Limited announced the opening of Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels, Bodh Gaya, Hotel & Convention Centre. Spread across 18 acres of tranquil landscape, the property features 98 well-appointed rooms & suites, and multiple venues with state-of-the-art banquet and convention facilities poised to redefine MICE activity in the state of Bihar. Welcomhotel Bodh Gaya is distinguished by its convention facilities, among the largest in Bihar & East India. Designed for corporate meetings, conferences, weddings, spiritual retreats, and cultural gatherings, these venues offer versatile use of space. The Utpala Hall, featuring contemporary architecture, elegant interiors, pillarless design, and offers flexibility for both intimate and large-scale gatherings with modern banquet amenities. Together with the Nalanda Hall and the expansive Stupa Auditorium, the convention center can host between 500-2,000 participants, perfectly suited for major conventions, exhibitions, and grand celebrations. These facilities position Welcomhotel Bodh Gaya as a premier destination for business and social events in East India.

Vedanta Lanjigarh Reinforces Zero Harm Commitment with Onsite Emergency Mock Drill



Kalahandi: (Correspondent) :- Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, successfully conducted an emergency mock drill at its Lanjigarh refinery to strengthen preparedness for high-risk operational scenarios and validate the effectiveness of its Emergency Response Plan. The initiative reaffirmed the company's commitment to Zero Harm, ensuring workplace safety and emergency preparedness. The simulated exercise at the Red Mud Pond site recreated a scenario where an excavator operator was trapped following a sudden red mud collapse during routine operations. Immediate isolation of the area was carried out by halting operations, securing the site, and controlling energy sources to prevent escalation. Combat, rescue, and auxiliary teams were mobilized within 4–6 minutes, ensuring the trapped operator was safely rescued using appropriate PPE and specialized equipment. The drill successfully tested response timelines, communication flow, and cross-functional coordination, with all objectives achieved. Observations and improvement points have been documented to further enhance future readiness.Commenting on the exercise, Pranab Kumar Bhattacharyya, CEO, Vedanta Alumina Business, said, "Safety preparedness is a continuous journey at Vedanta Aluminium. Regular mock drills help our teams respond with speed, clarity, and confidence during critical situations. By consistently testing our systems on the ground, we ensure that our people, operations, and neighbouring communities remain safe and protected."The mock drill was conducted in the presence of senior plant leadership and community representatives, reflecting the company's transparent and proactive approach to safety.Vedanta Aluminium continues to maintain a strong focus on world-class safety practices across its operations. In addition to regular mock drills conducted in coordination with the Odisha Directorate of Factories & Boilers, NDRF, and OSDMA, Vedanta Lanjigarh has implemented multiple safety initiatives. These include simulator-based driving training to ensure safe driving; the Suraksha Sankalp programme, a monthly on-ground initiative designed to drive behavioural change through pledges and interactive activities; and smart AAINA safety models within the refinery, which act as reflective checkpoints encouraging employees to self-assess and correct unsafe behaviours before entering high-risk zones. These sustained efforts reinforce the company's commitment to Zero Harm and operational excellence.

(AOCWA) and (AOCA) Seeks Reconsideration of Works Department Memo on Below-Estimate Bidding



Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The All Odisha Contractors' Welfare Association (AOCWA) and All Odisha Contractors Association (AOCA) have jointly expressed serious concern over the recent Works Department Memo No. 173/W dated 03 January 2026, which abolishes the long-standing 14.99% below-estimate threshold in public works tendering. The Associations hvlave urged the Hon'ble Minister, Works Department, Govt of Odisha to reconsider the decision in the larger interest of quality infrastructure, transparency, and sustainability of the contracting ecosystem.Speaking on this issue Jagadish Patra, President AOCWA reiterated that the 14.99% below-estimate threshold was originally introduced through Works Department Memo No. 12366/W dated 08 November 2013 as an amendment to Clause 36 of the OPWD Code, Volume-I, Appendix-IX. Over the years, this framework was refined through eight subsequent circulars to address loopholes such as the lottery system and to regulate under-quoting through the Additional Performance Security (APS) mechanism.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS TO BE HELD AT SOA FROM JANUARY 9

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent) : Around 1500 occupational therapists from across the country will converge at the SOA Deemed to be University here for the three-day annual conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) which will commence on January 9.The conference will be attended by eminent national and international speakers, academicians, clinicians, researchers and students. It will provide a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, professional networking and celebration of cultural diversity while reinforcing the vital role of Occupational Therapy in holistic healthcare and rehabilitation.Titled OTICON-2026, the conference has been organised by the Odisha Branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association (OBAIOTA) and Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR), Olatpur.The theme of the conference will be 'Tradition to Technology: Embracing Cultural Diversity in Occupational Therapy' which reflects the profession's commitment to integrating cultural values with modern technological advancements to enhance healthcare outcomes and rehabilitation.The inaugural ceremony of the conference on January 9 will be graced by Dr. Mukesh Mahaling, Odisha's minister for Health and Family Welfare, Parliamentary Affairs, Electronics and Information Technology, who will be the chief guest while Mr. Bibhu Prasad Tarai, MP and Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, Vice-Chancellor of SOA will be guests of honour. The Pre-conference Continuing Occupational Therapy Education (COTE) program will be inaugurated the same day by Dr. Santosh Kumar Mishra, Director, Medical Education and Training, Government of Odisha. The conference will feature a comprehensive mix of academic and cultural programs including scientific sessions by national and international experts, panel discussions, paper and poster presentations, presentations on resources, innovations and emerging trends in Occupational Therapy and exhibition by students and innovators.

JSW MG Motor India sells 46,735+ units of MG Windsor in CY2025

Bhubaneswar:(Correspondent) :- JSW MG Motor India has announced that the MG Windsor has achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming India's No. 1 selling EV of 2025. The MG Windsor has disrupted the automotive industry with its strong value proposition and established itself as a market leader. With 46,735 units sold in 2025 alone, the MG Windsor has set an unprecedented benchmark that no other OEM has ever achieved in India's 4W EV market. The MG Windsor became India's No. 1 selling EV through its strong appeal among families. Speaking on the occasion, Anurag Mehrotra, Managing Director, JSW MG Motor India said, "I am absolutely delighted that it has become India's No. 1 selling EV of 2025, and we look forward to making 2026 even more memorable." The MG Windsor comes with a futuristic 'AeroGlide' design language, transcending the concept of traditional segmentation. Inside, the car is offered with business-class comfort that features 'Aero Lounge' seats reclinable to 135 degrees, providing utmost comfort. Additionally, the massive 15.6" GRANDVIEW Touch Display on the centre console provides an intuitive driving experience.

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