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CM Majhi Launches Rs 120 Cr Lift Irrigation Projects In Kendujhar, Mayurbhanj



BHUBANESWAR, Correspondent : Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday announced a major development push for Kendujhar and Mayurbhanj districts, laying the foundation stones for three lift irrigation projects worth around ?120 crore and unveiling initiatives in healthcare, banking, sports and education during a programme at Raikala in Kendujhar district.The three lift irrigation projects — Raikala, Satikudar and Jarakani — are targeted for completion by 2028 and will provide irrigation to around 4,280 hectares of agricultural land across Kendujhar and Mayurbhanj districts. The projects will benefit farmers in several villages under Jhumpura and Kendujhar blocks, besides the Jarakani area of Mayurbhanj.Addressing the gathering, Majhi said the projects reflected the government's commitment to farmers and rural development. He said assured irrigation would enable farmers to cultivate two to three crops annually instead of one, substantially enhancing agricultural productivity and income.The Chief Minister said the government had set a target of providing irrigation to 15 lakh hectares over the next five years. An allocation of ?14,500 crore had been made in the current year's budget for irrigation projects, he added.Highlighting the state's irrigation initiatives, Majhi said six inter-river reservoir projects had been completed and RCC lining of 1,941 km of field channels undertaken, improving irrigation facilities across nearly 80,000 hectares of command area. Underground pipeline systems were also being developed under the Anandapur Barrage, Lower Suktel and Kusumi Barrage projects. Besides, 656 new check dams had been constructed and 1,022 existing ones renovated.He announced that the long-awaited Kanupur Irrigation Project in Kendujhar would be formally inaugurated in December, providing assured irrigation to thousands of hectares of farmland.

Four Of Family Killed As Fire Guts House In Jajpur Village

JajpurCorrespondent: Four members of a family, including two children aged 10 years and eight months, were burnt to death after a fire engulfed a house at Nalipur village in Jajpur district on Saturday evening. The incident occurred around 8 pm at the asbestos-roofed house of Sk. Nizam Uddin in Nalipur village under Badachana block and Balichandrapur police station limits.

PM Modi Extends Diwali Greetings To Citizens

New Delhi: Ahead of joining defence personnel to celebrate Diwali, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday extended greetings to all countrymen on the occasion of the festival of lights.In a social media video titled "Have a great Diwali", the Prime Minister greeted citizens and informed them that he celebrates the festival enthusiastically every year and will do so this year as well."On the occasion of Diwali, the entire country is illuminated. The festival of lights symbolises our pledge against darkness," he said."May this festival bring happiness, wellbeing and prosperity for all. Just like you all, I also celebrate this festival with enthusiasm. Like every year, I will again be celebrating Diwali with our brave defence personnel. Once again, greetings to all of you on the occasion of Diwali," said PM Modi.Earlier, PM Modi met Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan and extended greetings on the eve of Diwali.The Vice President's office took to X to share information about the meeting. "Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan warmly received Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Uprashtrapati Bhawan today and exchanged Deepawali greetings," said the Vice President's office.The Vice President later reached Ayodhya on Saturday to participate in Deepotsav 2026, said an official.During his visit, the Vice President's schedule includes offering prayers at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple and participating in the symbolic coronation ceremony of Prabhu Shri Ram in Ayodhya.



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Sonia Recalls Her Life And Times As A Gandhi; Avoids Talking About Nepotism

New Delhi: Congress leader Sonia Gandhi appeared to avoid talking about nepotism and the issue of why the party can't free itself from her family's leadership, being "dismissive, perhaps a nerve touched", while speaking to the British daily 'The Guardian' at her residence."You would have to ask the party," she told her interviewer on the Gandhi family's unquestioned leadership.The interview was published on Saturday along with an edited extract from her memoirs "Belonging: A Journey of Love", which will be published early next week.The newspaper also observed that she "skates over the question of nepotism", just answering, "We all fight elections: we win them, we lose them. All of us have."But after so many losses, can a Gandhi-led Congress still be a credible alternative to the BJP? While she is adamant they can, many in the country remain unconvinced, noted her interviewer.Sonia Gandhi was also defensive over the issue of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government that was in power for a decade till 2014."In almost every single instance, the ministers resigned," she said when the issue was pointed out.Since then, the Gandhi family have "overseen its (Congress) calamitous decline", where the article mentioned the



consecutive losses that the party suffered with her son Rahul Gandhi at its helm."After taking over from his mother, Rahul lost the last three general elections to PM Modi, and Congress remains in power in only a few states. Meanwhile, the BJP's Hindutva has become the country's dominant political ideology. As the family has maintained its control, Congress has been unable to shake off allegations that it is nepotistic and run by political elites," stressed the article.She also shared her thoughts on Indira Gandhi having announced the Emergency in 1975 when the latter was Prime Minister, calling it a "mistake", and that she believes her mother-in-law came to feel the same.Sonia Gandhi felt that Indira Gandhi "was a democrat at heart", adding, "I know that many would laugh at this, but I believe she was never comfortable in the course of the emergency. I think it was sitting heavy on her."She emphasised that the Gandhi family was "split on the decision" of calling for the Emergency.According to the newspaper's narration, while her husband Rajiv Gandhi was against the move, telling his mother to wait for the next election, "her hotheaded younger son Sanjay pushed for it."Sanjay Gandhi reportedly argued at one family dinner that the Opposition would destroy his mother, telling her, "They must be stopped", and that his forceful influence over Indira Gandhi "was a great source of public controversy at the time."Sonia Gandhi also recalled during the conversation that it "inflamed tensions" within the family, and Rajiv apparently attempted to confront his mother, "but she refused to listen", the article stated."Keeping Sanjay in check could have prevented much of the damage that followed," it quoted from her book.She also spoke of the trauma following her husband's assassination, struggling to recall how she went on living after his death, even as Priyanka, sitting nearby, joined the conversation.

Nigerian National Held In Kerala After Gujarat Police Follow Whatsapp Trail In Drug Case

Ahmedabad: The Ahmedabad City Police have arrested a 36-year-old Nigerian national from Kerala for allegedly arranging a consignment of 1.85 kg of mephedrone seized in Ahmedabad in September, taking the investigation to the suspected main supplier in an interstate drug trafficking network.The accused, identified as Charles alias Frank Ofudile, was arrested from Kottiyam in Kollam district of Kerala following technical analysis and inputs from human intelligence.He is a native of Onitsha in Anambra State of Nigeria, and was reportedly residing near Banaswadi Fire Station in Bengaluru.The case dates back to September 17, when the Naroda police arrested a 24-year-old man, identified as Nikhilesh Krishnappa, near Chamunda Tyre shop close to Nana Chiloda Circle in Ahmedabad.The police recovered 1,850 grams of mephedrone, valued at Rs 55.5 lakh, and a mobile phone worth Rs 5,000 from his possession. The total value of the seized items was Rs 55.55 lakh.During the investigation, the police learnt that the consignment was intended for delivery in Bengaluru.Acting on information received through WhatsApp, a police team was sent to the city, where it kept surveillance on the suspected recipients.

Punjab Govt Approves 40 Pc DA Hike For Computer Teachers

Chandigarh: In another major employee-friendly initiative, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab on Saturday announced a Diwali bonanza to its employees by approving a historic 40 per cent hike in dearness allowance (DA) for 6,507 computer teachers (PICTES) and regularising the services of 1,007 non-teaching employees working under Samagra Shiksha."On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, the Punjab government has announced a major benefit for its employees. The state government has approved a historic 40 per cent increase in dearness allowance (DA) for 6,507 Computer Teachers (PICTES), taking it from 181 to 221 per cent," an official statement quoting Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said."This decision will provide greater stability and security to these employees."The Chief Minister said that the state government has now also decided to extend salary-related benefits to these employees."The (Punjab) government is committed to the welfare of its employees and ensuring their secure future."Earlier this week, CM Mann announced the release of a three per cent DA for state government employees and pensioners, providing financial relief to nearly eight lakh beneficiaries.He had described the decision as a Diwali gift for government employees and pensioners.The Chief Minister had announced that the DA instalment release would be added to the December instalment.In September, the Punjab government decided to increase DA by eight per cent for employees and pensioners.

CJP Will Continue Anti-SIR Fight: Abhijeet Dipke

Kochi: Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Saturday claimed that the fight against the voter list revision would continue.Speaking at the 'Jantar Mantar at Kochi' protest against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Dipke said that the government's handling of the agitation showed how cowardly the Centre is.Earlier, speaking to reporters at Kochi airport, Dipke said the campaign against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar would continue until an independent and impartial electoral



system was established.He alleged that elections under the present CEC could not be trusted and were being manipulated to benefit one political party.He also claimed that voter deletions were taking place across the country and that no state was untouched by the SIR exercise.Questioning the appointment of a former Kerala Chief Electoral Officer as secretary to the Chief Minister, he said such appointments raised questions about the impartiality of the electoral system.Actor Prakash Raj also joined the protest, which saw hundreds of activists, civil rights campaigners and citizens taking part.Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dipke said he could never stand alongside Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi and would never become greater than Nehru, irrespective of the number of years he remained in power.He said that PM Modi has "surrendered" before US President Donald Trump and "sold" India. "Yet, the government accused the CJP of receiving foreign contributions," he said.Dipke said he had gone to jail for hoisting the national flag and would continue to carry the Tricolour wherever he went in the country. Predicting that PM Modi would "lose" power in 2029, he said the change would come through elections.Rejecting the description of CJP activists as anarchists, Dipke claimed they were "Ambedkarites".He said he had addressed more than 50 press conferences in three months, while PM Modi had not faced the media even once.

Kerala Govt Orders Petrol Checks After Reports Of Excess Ethanol Blending

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala government has ordered inspections at petrol outlets across four districts following reports that fuel is being sold with ethanol blended in excess of the prescribed limit.Food and Civil Supplies Minister Anoop Jacob on Saturday directed the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs to collect petrol samples from various locations and send them for testing.The move follows the detection of alleged excess ethanol blending in neighbouring Karnataka.The minister said no such instance had so far come to the notice of authorities in Kerala.However, the government has decided to conduct inspections to ensure



that similar malpractices do not take place in the state.The directive was issued after discussions with Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan.Samples will be collected from different locations in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Kannur districts. The exercise is intended to ascertain whether petrol sold at retail outlets conforms to the prescribed standards and whether the permitted ethanol blending limit is being exceeded.The inspections will be carried out under the provisions of the Central Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation of Supply and Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 2005.Based on this central regulation, the state government issued a notification in 2014 authorising officials of the Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to inspect fuel outlets and initiate legal action in cases of violations.The powers have been vested in officials ranging from the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs to Taluk Supply Officers.This enables inspections to be conducted at different levels across the state.The minister said stringent action would be taken if excess ethanol blending or any other form of adulteration was detected.The inspections assume significance in the wake of reports from Karnataka, where excess ethanol blending has reportedly been detected.

Mamata Threatens To Move SC Over Clashes Outside Abhishek Home; Alleges BJP-Police Conspiracy

Kolkata: Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday threatened to approach the Supreme Court over clashes allegedly involving Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Mamata All India Trinamool Congress (MAITC) supporters outside the residence of her nephew, Abhishek Banerjee, in south Kolkata.She accused the BJP and the police of conspiring to create tension in the area. Mamata visited Abhishek's residence in Kalighat, close to her own home, and spoke to reporters.Abhishek is the Trinamool Congress's Lok Sabha member from Diamond Harbour. Mamata said she would pursue the matter at the highest judicial level if required, alleging that the police had failed to act during the incident. The two residences are located in the same south Kolkata neighbourhood."A group of lumpen elements backed by the BJP orchestrated the attack on Abhishek's house after 2 a.m. The police remained silent spectators," she alleged.She singled out Bolai Bag, officer-in-charge of Kalighat police station, which has jurisdiction over both residences. She cautioned the officer that his actions could trigger public anger.The former Chief Minister also accused the police of trying to disrupt the annual Kali Puja organised at her residence and prevent people from visiting her home for the festival. She alleged that restrictions and police deployment had created tension in the neighbourhood ahead of the celebrations."An atmosphere of unrest has been deliberately created in this area before the Kali Puja. The pujas of old clubs are being prevented. However, new pujas are starting overnight. The entrance to my house has been practically blocked, and new pujas have been organised. The police vehicles have deliberately been kept blocking the entrance to my house. The police have also issued prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the BNSS, 2023," she said.Mamata claimed that surveillance had been stepped up to prevent people from gathering outside her residence."As a result, the police have intensified surveillance to ensure that no gathering takes place in front of my house.

Roof Slab Of Under-Construction House Collapses In Ghaziabad, Several Injured

Ghaziabad: In a major accident, several workers sustained injuries after a roof slab of an under-construction house in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad collapsed on Saturday, officials said.The incident took place in the Modinagar police station area when construction work was underway, and several labourers were present at the site. The roof slab (lanter) suddenly gave way, trapping workers under the debris.Upon receiving information about the incident, teams from the Fire Service, NDRF, and SDRF rushed to the spot and launched rescue operations.According to Rural DCP Surendra Nath Tiwari, five people have been rescued so far.Speaking to IANS, Tiwari said: "The 'lanter' which was being put up at the under-construction house of a person named Satyender, has collapsed, trapping several workers.""Upon receiving the information, teams of NDRF, SDRF and fire service soon reached the spot," he said.The police official added that the rescue operation is currently underway and five people have been pulled out of the debris so far.Police and rescue teams remain at the scene. Efforts are underway to determine whether any other individuals are buried beneath the debris.The incident comes days after an under-construction building collapsed in Delhi's Chawri Bazar area, claiming three lives.The three-storey under-construction building collapsed on Thursday. According to the officials, the information about the collapse was received at 9:50 a.m. from Gali Sitara, near Chawri Bazar Metro Station.Subsequently, a massive rescue operation involving the Delhi Police, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Delhi Fire Services and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) was launched.Two bodies were recovered on Thursday, while one injured person was rescued and sent to the hospital for treatment.

NTPC's 52nd raising day celebrations at Talcher Thermal

Talcher, Correspondent The 52nd Raising Day of NTPC was celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal at the Talcher Thermal on 7th November 2026. The event reflected the spirit and unity of the NTPC family as employees gathered to commemorate over five decades of continuous service by powering the nation.Shri Vijay Chand, Executive director hoisted the NTPC Flag setting a tone of reverence and pride, followed by the resonant strains of the NTPC Geet, reminding everyone of the



organization's steadfast commitment to nation-building.Shri Vijay Chand in his address reflected NTPC and Talcher Thermal plant's remarkable journey its achievements, challenges, and future goal that continues to guide each employee to meet contry's energy requirement. His inspiring words encouraged employees to carry forward NTPC's legacy of excellence and integrity. In an environment cause as well as a memory of 52nd year raising day fifty-two saplings were planted by chief guest Shri Vijay Chand and other dignitaries.To mark the occasion, a cake-cutting ceremony was held, symbolizing the sweetness of success and togetherness. To honour the employees who have demonstrated exemplary work Power Excel award was distributed to six employees. The programme was graced by all GMs, senior officials, employees and ex-employees of Talcher Thermal.

Training Session on NDPS Act Held at Nayagarh DPO

Nayagarh, Correspondent: As part of capacity building and strengthening investigation skills, a training session on the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was organised at the District Police Office (DPO), Nayagarh, on Saturday.The training programme was held under the chairmanship of Nayagarh Superintendent of Police (SP) Subendu Patra, in the presence of Additional SP



Subash Panda.The ADP Nayagarh, senior police officials, including Inspectors-in-Charge (IICs), Sub-Inspectors (SIs) and Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) from various police stations across the district, attended the session.
During the programme, the participating officers were imparted training on various provisions of the NDPS Act, legal procedures and important aspects of investigation in narcotics-related cases.
The initiative aimed at enhancing the professional skills of police personnel, ensuring effective investigation and strengthening enforcement of the NDPS Act in Nayagarh district.

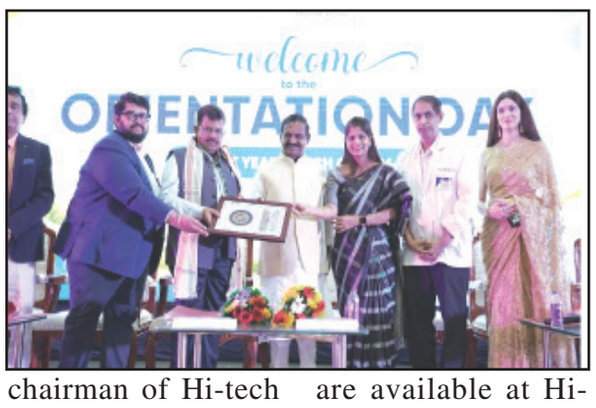
Fifth Monthly Cluster Level Meeting Held at Kantabanji Resource Centre

Kantabanji, correspondence : The fifth monthly cluster level meeting of the Kantabanji Regional Resource Centre was held at Railway Government Upper Primary School, Kantabanji, with the participation of headmasters, headmistresses and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) teachers from all government schools under the cluster.Regional Resource Centre Coordinator Dinesh Mahanand welcomed the participants.

Hi-tech Dental College Orientation Program

Treat patients with sensitivity - Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi

Bhubaneswar.(Correspondent):- Hi-tech Dental College's Orientation Day program was organized, on this occasion, new BDS students were welcomed and introduced to the Hi-tech campus. The most important elements to become a doctor are patience, sensitivity, courage, punctuality and humanity, a doctor who has not developed these qualities from his student life, he has to work hard to become a successful doctor in life. Be it an ABBS doctor or a BDS, these qualities should be developed for everyone, whether at home or in a medical college, said Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi, founder



chairman of Hi-tech Group. Hi-tech's Managing Trustee Suresh Panigrahi said that their parents are luckier than the students, because today their dreams have come true. Hitech Dental College Acting President Er.Madhusmita Tripathi said that all the ingredients to become a good dental surgeon are available at Hi-tech, only by studying with patience and dedication and serving patients, every student can become a good dentist. Hi-tech Medical Director and Administrative Director Professor Dr. Sitaram Mohapatra joined as the guest of honor and said that a dentist is not less than an MBBS doctor in any quality, be it employment or respect, dentists are on the same level. IG Police Satish Gajvaey IPS joined as the chief guest and spoke about the importance of dental treatment and the demand for dentists in the changing situation. Trustee Ankita Panigrahi, CEO Dr. Isha Juneja, Hi-tech Dental College Prof. Dr. Sanjhava Patra, Chairman of Hitech Medical College Prof. Dr. Debananda Mohapatra, Dean Director Prof. Dr. Radhamadhav Tripathi and all the heads of departments of the Dental College were present at the event.

A New Scorpion Species Discovered in Similipal

Baripada,: A new species of scorpion has been discovered in the famous Similipal National Park and Tiger Reserve in Odisha. For the first time in the state, a rare scorpion belonging to the genus Liocheles has been recorded. It has been named Liocheles similipalensis after the Similipal landscape. With this discovery, the number of known species in this genus has increased to three.This significant discovery was made through a joint effort by the Similipal Tiger Reserve authorities and researchers from the Wildlife and Earth Society (WAS), based in Thane, Maharashtra.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender No.: SrDMMRGDATADKRC2601

TENDER TITLE : ENTERING INTO RATE CONTRACTS & EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES IN RESPECT TO HIRING OF SERVICES OF 22 NOS. OF ATTENDANTS IN LIEU OF TADK FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT, REMUNERATION EQUIVALENT TO THE MINIMUM OF LEVEL-1 OF THE PAY MATRIX PLUS APPLICABLE DA FOR ATTACHMENT TO OFFICERS OF RAYAGADA DIVISION, EAST COAST RAILWAY.

EMD : ₹ 2,27,500/-

Tender Closing Date & Time : At 1500 hrs. of 02.12.2026.

Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

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RMC Commissioner Reviews Development Works at Three Locations

Rourkela::(Correspondent):- Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC) Commissioner Smt. Dheena Dastagir conducted visits to three project sites in the city to review the progress of ongoing development works and assess the quality of infrastructure being created for public convenience.During her visit to the project site near TISCO, the Commissioner reviewed the progress of construction of platforms (pindis) for the proposed relocation of the Friday market, which is presently operating at Kalinga Vihar. The weekly



market attracts a large number of vendors and customers, often resulting in traffic congestion and inconvenience to commuters in the area.Keeping in view the convenience of traders as well as the general public, the RMC has planned to shift the market to the new location. The Commissioner reviewed the ongoing construction work and stressed the need for timely completion of the required infrastructure so that the market can be relocated at the earliest.In another visit, the Commissioner inspected the ongoing paver road construction work at EM Block in Basanti Colony. Taking stock of the progress, she instructed the officials concerned to ensure that the prescribed quality standards are strictly maintained throughout the construction process.The Commissioner also visited the Rourkela Sub-Divisional Veterinary Hospital premises, where a kennel facility is being constructed under the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme. The proposed facility is aimed at providing proper shelter and necessary accommodation for stray dogs as part of the city's efforts to control their growing population through the ABC initiative.During the inspection, she reviewed the progress of the kennel construction and took stock of the arrangements being made at the site.The series of inspections reflects the RMC's focus on improving civic infrastructure, easing traffic-related problems, ensuring quality in public works and strengthening facilities for effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control Programme.

Construction on Baitarani Riverbed in Jajpur Raises Serious Questions Over Legality

JAJPUR (Correspondent): Several multi-crore government projects constructed by filling up ecologically sensitive stretches of the Baitarani riverbed and its floodplain in Jajpur town in the name of development are now lying incomplete. Questions have been raised over the legality of these projects and the safety of the river after an RTI reply revealed that the Water Resources Department has no records of the required clearances for such constructions.RTI activist Simanta Kumar Patra had sought information from the Water Resources Department on August 24, 2026, regarding the permissions and clearances granted for construction activities in the river's floodplain. The application was transferred from the office of the Chief Engineer to the Public Information Officer of the Jajpur Irrigation Division under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act.In its reply dated October 5, 2026, the department stated that no records relating to No Objection Certificates (NOCs), approvals, applications, feasibility reports, inspection reports or hydrological survey reports for construction in the river's floodplain were available in its office.According to allegations, several major projects, including the Yajati Keshari Medical College and Hospital, Sports Academy, Shiva statue project, court building, Regulated Market Committee (RMC) market and Biraja Women's College, have been constructed on the riverbed after altering the natural course and flow of the Baitarani.A major concern is whether scientific assessments were conducted before undertaking these projects to determine the highest flood level, water discharge capacity and natural flow of the river. The absence of such records in the Water Resources Department has raised serious questions about the planning and execution of these constructions.The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued various restrictions and directions from time to time concerning unregulated construction and environmental damage in river floodplains. Despite this, questions remain over whether environmental regulations, flood-risk assessments and hydrological surveys were properly considered during the construction of these projects under the previous government. However, the absence of records in the Water Resources Department does not, by itself, establish that no approval was obtained from any other competent authority.Meanwhile, several of these projects, launched with an expenditure of crores of rupees, remain incomplete, with some reportedly turning into abandoned structures. Their completion and eventual utilisation for public purposes remain uncertain.In view of these developments, a high-level inquiry into the approvals, expenditure and implementation of the projects has become imperative. Equally important is the need to safeguard the Baitarani's natural flow and ensure adequate flood protection for Jajpur town.

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'e' Procurement Notice No.BDO-BDPS-01 of 2026-27

1.	Number of the works	:	04 (four) Nos.
2.	Tender Amount (Approx.)	:	Rs.14.54 Lakh to 22.36 Lakh
3.	EMD (online)	:	Rs.14,600/- to Rs.22,400/-
4.	Tender Paper Cost (online) (Non-Refundable)	:	Rs.6,000.00
5.	Class of Contractor	:	"D", "C" & "B" Class Contractor
6.	Period of Completion	:	06 (six) Calendar Months
7.	Availability of Tender	:	From 07.11.2026 at 10.00 AM to 20.11.2026 at 5.30 P.M
8.	Date & Time of opening of BID	:	21.11.2026 at 11.00 AM

Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site *https://tendersodisha.gov.in

All corrigendum / cancellation of tender if any, will only be uploaded in the above web site

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Sd/-
BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
BANKI-DAMPADA, KATAKA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
POTTERU IRRIGATION PROJECT, BALIMELA
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e-Procurement Notice No: - CCE-PIP-BML-18/2026-27

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PARTICULARS OF TENDER

1	Name of Work	**Improvement to Service Road from RD 40.000 km to RD 60.000 km of T.M.C under Potteru Irrigation Project, Balimela**
2	Approximate Value of Work	**Rs. 1680.67 Lakh (Excluding GST)**
3	Bid Security / EMD	**Rs. 16,80,700/-**
4	Class of Contractor	**'A' and 'Special' Class Contractor**
5	Period of Completion	**Twelve (12) Calendar Months**
6	Type of Contract	**Percentage Rate Contract**
7	Cost of Bid Document	**Rs. 10000/- (Non-Refundable)**
8	Availability of Tender online for Bidding	**From 12.11.2026 (10.00 A.M) to 26.11.2026 (05.00 P.M.)**
9	Submission of Bid Online	**From 12.11.2026 (10.00 A.M) to 26.11.2026 (05.00 P.M.)**
10	Pre-Bid Conference Meeting	**NA**
11	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	**27.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M.**
12	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	**To be intimated to the qualified bidders through web-site / Post / e-mail after evaluation of the Technical Bid**

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Chief Construction Engineer
Potteru Irrigation Project,

EDITORIAL

The True Light of Diwali: A Drug-Free Punjab

Diwali is a festival of light, happiness, hope and new beginnings. On this occasion, we illuminate our homes, streets and surroundings with traditional lamps to dispel darkness. But can lighting lamps in our homes alone bring light to society? Is our responsibility limited to illuminating our houses? The true message of Diwali will be fulfilled only when we also resolve to remove the darkness of drug abuse from our society.

Today, drug abuse remains one of the serious social challenges facing Punjab. Addiction not only damages an individual's health but also affects entire families, communities and future generations. Many young people lose their opportunities for education, employment and the fulfilment of their dreams because of substance addiction. Parents' hopes are shattered, tensions increase within families, and the happiness of many households gradually disappears.

Punjab has traditionally been known for its hard work, courage, sportsmanship, agriculture, rich culture and bravery. Young people from this land have demonstrated their talent and capabilities both nationally and internationally. Protecting this younger generation from drugs is therefore not merely the responsibility of the government; it is a collective responsibility of every citizen.

The first requirement for building a drug-free Punjab is awareness and proper guidance. Schools and colleges should provide scientific information about the physical, psychological and social consequences of substance abuse. Teachers and parents must communicate openly with children so that they can share their problems without fear or hesitation.

Sports, literature, music, scientific activities and creative pursuits can channel the energy of young people in positive directions. There is a need to establish sports grounds, libraries, youth clubs and skill-development centres in villages and cities. When young people receive better educational opportunities and access to employment, they become more confident about their future and are less vulnerable to harmful influences.

The role of families is equally important in this struggle. If signs of addiction appear in a young person, instead of humiliating or isolating them, family members should offer love, understanding and support for proper treatment. Addiction is a treatable health condition. Therefore, people affected by substance dependence must be encouraged to seek professional medical advice, counselling and rehabilitation services.

At the same time, strict legal action must be taken against the illegal supply and trafficking of drugs. Citizens should also understand their responsibility and report credible information about drug-related activities to the appropriate authorities. Drug suppliers and individuals struggling with addiction must not be viewed in the same way. Those involved in illegal trafficking must face action under the law, while those suffering from addiction need treatment, compassion and rehabilitation. Both approaches are essential for an effective fight against drugs.

Lead Me From Darkness To Light



Nirupama Bhuyan

"Asatho Maa Sad Gamaya
Thamaso Maa Jyothir Gamaya
Mrithyor Maa Amritham Gamaya"

Lead me from untruth to truth; Lead me from darkness to light; Lead me from death to immortality.

Diwali is a celebration of the victory of good over evil as depicted in the Ramayana the upholding of dharma takes place through the multitude of characters who all play their part in this great depiction of Lord Rama's life. For me, each one represents a life lesson. The reason being that, at specific instances in my life, these characters were presented to me to teach me valuable life lessons. The troubles of Lord Rama taught me that life is uncertain and that overcoming obstacles is a necessary part of my spiritual growth. This is in keeping with Bhagawan's words 'life is a game, play it' and gives me the strength to face struggles with patience and forbearance. On the other hand, Mother Sita is the light of hope that shines despite the circumstances she finds herself in. She is a pillar of faith when all seems lost; she teaches me to trust the 'Sai spirit' within me, by recognising the divinity in all beings and helps me to recall Bhagawan's words of "Why fear when I am here". Lord Hanuman symbolises spirituality and devotion, he is the sibling and friend I strive to be. And Mother Kaikeyi who portrays misguidance, inevitably teaches me the importance of good company.

The second day that holds great significance is Govardhan Pooja, which traditionally falls the day after Diwali. This is a celebration of Lord Krishna defeating Indra, the deity of thunder and rain. The story goes, that after seeing farmers and villagers preparing offerings for Lord Indra every year, one year Lord Krishna instructs them that they should be doing their duty and concentrating on farming properly and protecting their own cattle, rather than undertaking elaborate worship praying for prosperity and protection. Convinced by Lord Krishna's guidance, the villagers unanimously decide that dharma is more important and choose to focus on that instead of propitiating Lord Indra. Thwarted by this break in tradition, Lord Indra gets angry and threatens to flood the village with heavy rains and stormy weather. However, his plan does not succeed as Lord Krishna lifts the famous Mount Govardhan on his little finger, providing shelter to all the villagers and their cattle, protecting them from the storm. Defeated by Lord Krishna's righteous stance and mighty action, Lord Indra accepts Lord Krishna's words as true and joins in the celebrations to uphold dharma.

This Diwali, I look forward to my rajasic detoxification and insightful introspection. I pray to Bhagawan to send through lessons and the opportunities to learn and practice to uphold Dharma through the Sathya Sai Organisation that He has so lovingly created and I look forward to another year of making my life His message.

PROSTATE CANCER: FIND IT BEFORE IT FINDS YOU



Dr Rahul Pradhan

blood test and timely evaluation can help detect prostate cancer early.""Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting men worldwide. In India, nearly 38,000 new prostate cancer cases were estimated in 2022, and is expected to double in the next decade.""The prostate is a small gland located below the urinary bladder and plays an important role in reproduction. With increasing age, the prostate commonly enlarges—a condition known as Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH). BPH is not cancer, but its symptoms can overlap with those of prostate cancer.""Difficulty in passing urine, increased frequency, urgency, weak urinary stream, getting up repeatedly at night and incomplete emptying may occur with BPH. However, early prostate cancer may have no symptoms at all.""PROSTATE CANCER CAN BE SILENT!"And that's the reason why almost 50% of Prostate canvers are detected in the 4th stage in India.""One simple blood test called - PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) can detect it in Pre cancerous / early stages on routine health screening.""Current European and American Urology guidelines recommend l PSA test for men between 50-70 years. For those with family history of prostate cancer should start screening from the age of 40.""Don't wait for urinary symptoms to think about prostate cancer. Many early cancers are silent. Knowing your risk and discussing PSA testing at the appropriate age can help us detect cancer earlier.""IF CANCER IS DETECTED -"Not every prostate cancer requires immediate treatment. Some slow-growing cancers can be safely monitored through active surveillance.""When treatment is required for localised disease, surgery or radiotherapy are established treatment options. For appropriately selected patients undergoing surgery, robotic-assisted radical prostatectomy offers a minimally invasive approach with the potential for less blood loss and faster recovery.""REMEMBER THESE 5 THINGS""1. BPH is not prostate cancer."Prostate enlargement is common with age, but it does not mean cancer.""2. Prostate cancer can be silent."No urinary symptoms does not mean no cancer.""3. PSA test can help detect early Prostate canvers —but needs proper interpretation by a Urologist / Uro Oncologist "An elevated PSA does not necessarily mean Prostate cancer."DON'T WAIT FOR THE DISEASE TO FIND YOU""Prostate cancer can be silent."Let's find the disease before the disease finds us."

Deepavali : The Victory of Good Over Evil



Er. Subhendu Mohan Subudhiray

All festivals of Bharat have an inner divine significance. In Bharat the festivals are celebrated to prove the immanent divinity in humanity. This day's festival, Deepavali, teaches a sacred inner meaning to humanity. No other element in this world is as significant as light. It is the light that shows us the way dispelling the darkness. It is because of the light that man is able to attend to his daily duties.

The flame of a lamp has two significant qualities. One is to banish darkness; the other is a continuous upward movement. Even if a lamp is kept in a pit, the flame is directed upwards. The ancients have taught that the upward movement of the flame denotes the path to wisdom and the path to divinity. However, the external light can dispel only the external darkness, but not the darkness of ignorance in man.

When Narakasura was killed all those who suffered under him were overjoyed. Having led a life of darkness till then, both internally and externally, they celebrated the occasion by lighting lamps. There is significance in lighting lamps. The flame of one lamp can light the whole array of lamps. That one lamp symbolizes the Paramjyothi. The others symbolize the Jeevana Jyothis. Deepavail is celebrated in order to teach this truth to the world. People celebrate this festival by bursting firecrackers signifying the victory of good over evil.

The inner meaning underlying the Bharatiya festivals should be rightly understood. On each festival day people have a sacred bath early in the morning and wear new clothes, keep their houses and surroundings clean. Thus the festivals teach us the importance of internal and external cleanliness. The Vedas declare, "Anthar Bahischa Tat Sarvam Vyapya Narayana Stithaha", God is present within and around. So one has to be pure both internally and externally. It is the water that helps to keep your body clean. But it is love that keeps your heart clean. You should celebrate the festivals in full realization of their inner significance. Deepavali is a festival which is designed to celebrate the suppression of the Ego by the Higher Self. Man is plunged in the darkness of ignorance and has lost the power of discrimination between the permanent and the evanescent. When the darkness of ignorance caused by Ahamkara is dispelled by the light of Divine knowledge, the effulgence of the Divine is experienced.

The Array of Lights : Light of Wisdom



Manasij Das

The human being is a composite of man and beast and God, and in the inevitable struggle among the three for ascendancy, we must ensure that God wins, suppressing the merely human and the lowly beast. This festival of Deepavali is to express gratitude at the defeat of the Naraka tendencies in man, which drag him down from Divinity. Naraka is the name for hell, and the Asura whose death at the hands of Krishna is celebrated today is called Narakasura, the personification of all the traits of character that obstruct the upward impulses of man.

From the very name of the Dipavali festival, it can be seen that the Divine effulgence is manifested in it. Dipavali means the array of lights. Tamaso maa Jyotirgamaya, is an Upanishadic prayer. This means that where there is darkness, light is needed. What is this darkness? Sorrow is one form of darkness. Peacelessness is another. Loss is another. Disappointment is one form of darkness. Lack of enthusiasm is another. To get rid of the darkness of sorrow, we have to light the lamp of happiness. To dispel the darkness of disease, we have to install the light of health. To get rid of the darkness of losses and failures, we have to usher in the light of prosperity. These apparently opposing conditions are not totally separate from each other. They are interrelated. If there is no sorrow, one cannot know the value of happiness. If there is no darkness, the value of light cannot be appreciated. Hence, if the greatness of light is to be realised, darkness is necessary. It is rightly said that pleasure is an interval between two pains. From the practical worldly point of view, the festivals have one aspect. From the spiritual viewpoint, they carry different significance. But there is a common purport in both.

Looking at the Dipavali festival from the scientific point of view, it should be noted that at one time in the



distant past, our ancestors lived in the Arctic region. In this region, darkness prevailed for six months. The sun appears on Mesha Sankranti day. The sun sets in this region on Tula Sankranti day. In the movement between these two signs, there is an interval of six months. After the sun sets in Libra, the dark half-year starts. Today is the fourteenth day in the month of Kartik. It is the New Moon day. This month is called Kaumudi. The people in the polar region used to start lighting their lamps from this day. The lighting of the lamp is not without significance, as they would be in darkness for a long period. They described the lamp that was lit as "Nitya-jyoti.

If we want to light a lamp, we need four things. First, a container; second oil; third, wick; fourth, a match box. If anyone of these is lacking, we cannot light the lamp. This lamp, however, can only remove the darkness. How can the darkness of the heart be removed? It can be removed only by the light of wisdom, and nothing else. How can this light of wisdom, this spiritual light, be lit? This also needs four elements. Vairaagya is the container. Devotion is the oil. One-pointed concentration is the wick. Knowledge of the Supreme Truth is the matchstick. Without all the four, the light of the spiritual wisdom cannot be got. Of the four, the primary requisite is the spirit of renunciation. Without this detachment, all knowledge of scriptures is of no avail.

Dipavali has to observed as the day for getting rid of all the bad qualities in us, symbolized by demon Narakasura. The Gopikas who were freed on that day represent the imprisoned good qualities in us. They should be manifested effulgently. This is the inner significance of the festival. As long as demonic qualities remain in man, he will be immersed in darkness. Bad qualities and thoughts have to be got rid of altogether. Our festivals and holy days should be observed in the right spirit, with an understanding of their deeper significance. The destruction of Narakasura symbolizes the destruction of evil and the restoration of what is good.

IRON ROD ATTACK INSIDE JHARIGAM COURT; APP, JMFC AMONG THREE INJURED

UMARKOT, Correspondent: Tension gripped in the Jharigam court premises in Nabarangpur district on Saturday after a woman allegedly went on an assault spree with an iron rod, leaving an Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP), a Judicial Magistrate and a court staff member injured.According to a written complaint submitted to the Inspector-in-Charge (IIC) of Jharigam police station on November 7, Assistant Public Prosecutor Pradeep Kumar Pattnaik (60) was examining witnesses in a case and had gone to the Bar Room at around 1 pm when the incident occurred.Pattnaik alleged that a woman, identified as Sanmati Majhi, suddenly struck him on the head with an iron rod while he was speaking over the phone. She had allegedly concealed the weapon inside a yellow plastic bag and attempted to flee from the spot after the attack.The APP sustained a bleeding injury to his head and had to undergo stitches. When court staff and other witnesses rushed to rescue him, the woman allegedly attacked Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC), Jharigam, Smita Lakra, causing swelling on her forehead and a fracture injury to her middle finger.A court staff member, identified in the complaint as CSI Minaketan Gantayat, was also allegedly assaulted with the iron rod and sustained an injury to his forehead.The complainant alleged that the woman disrupted the discharge of official duties inside the court premises and that the attack could have caused serious consequences for those present. The iron rod allegedly used in the assault was seized by the CSI, according to the complaint.Following the incident, the woman was immediately taken into police custody. The motive behind the alleged attack and what exactly provoked her to resort to such violence remain unclear. As she was taken into custody immediately after the incident, her version of events could not be ascertained at the time of filing this report. It is also not clear whether any prior dispute or altercation triggered the incident.The APP has requested the Jharigam police to register an FIR and initiate stringent legal action against the woman.The incident has raised serious concerns over the safety of judicial officers, prosecutors, court staff and litigants within court premises. The police version and details regarding the registration of the FIR were not immediately available.

Kantamal BDO Suspended, Headquarters Shifted to Sambalpur

Boudh, Correspondent:: The Odisha Government has placed Kantamal Block Development Officer (BDO) Smt. Sami Reddy Jayashree, OAS-A (JB), under suspension with immediate effect.An official order to this effect has been issued by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department.According to the order, departmental proceedings and disciplinary action against the officer are under consideration. Accordingly, she has been suspended under Rule 12(1)(a) of the Odisha Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1962, by order of the Governor.Following her suspension, her headquarters have been shifted to Sambalpur.

Major Excise Raid in Kuliana: 214 Bottles of Cough Syrup Seized from Balimundali, One Arrested



Baripada,Correspondent:With growing concern over the expanding illegal drug trade in Mayurbhanj district, the Excise Department has intensified its crackdown on illegal narcotics activities. As part of this drive, the Excise Mobile Team conducted a raid in the Balimundali area under Kuliana Police Station limits and seized 214 bottles of cough syrup. One person was arrested in connection with the incident.According to sources, the Excise Mobile Team conducted the raid after receiving information about the illegal trade of cough syrup in the Balimundali area. During the operation, officials recovered 214 bottles of cough syrup and arrested one accused person. The Excise Department has initiated legal proceedings regarding the seized materials and the arrested individual.However, the major question remains whether the investigation will be limited to the arrest of one individual or whether it will expose the larger network behind the illegal drug trade. Where did the seized cough syrup originate? Who supplied it? How many other people are involved in this illegal business? Will the financial transactions and supply chain behind the operation be thoroughly investigated?Although cough syrup has legitimate medicinal uses, its misuse and illegal sale may pose a serious threat to the younger generation. Therefore, a detailed investigation into the source of the seized syrup, valid purchase and sale documents, licences and possible suppliers is essential.Raids, seizures and arrests alone cannot completely prevent illegal drug trafficking. Effective action against such activities requires an investigation that reaches the main suppliers and the entire distribution network. All eyes are now on the Excise Department's further investigation and the extent to which it succeeds in uncovering the wider network behind this illegal trade.

Three Seriously Injured in Head-on Collision Between Pickup Van and Motorcycle in laxmipur

Laxmipur, Correspondent:: Three persons sustained serious injuries after a pickup van collided head-on with a motorcycle on the Tala Kaipadar road under Laxmipur police station limits.The injured have been identified as Bhagaban Kashi, Jalandhar Kashi and Doul Kashi, all residents of Kumbharaguda village under Odiyapentha Gram Panchayat.According to reports, the three were travelling towards their native village from Laxmipur on a motorcycle bearing registration number OD-10-Y-5629. When they reached near the Dalkhai Thakurani Gudi, a short distance from Tala Kaipadar Square, a pickup van bearing registration number OD-08-AC-3912 allegedly coming from the opposite direction collided with their motorcycle.All three occupants of the motorcycle sustained serious injuries in the accident.
With the help of local residents, the injured were initially rushed to the Laxmipur Community Health Centre (CHC). However, considering their critical condition, the attending doctors referred them to Saheed Laxman Nayak (SLN) Medical College and Hospital in Koraput for advanced treatment.
In connection with the incident, Laxmipur police registered a case vide Case No. 184/26 and seized both the accident-involved pickup van and motorcycle.
Police sources confirmed the incident.

Fire Breaks Out in Ama Bus, Passengers Escape Unhurt



KATAKACorrespondent:: Panic gripped passengers after smoke was detected emanating from an Ama Bus at Adaspur bus stand on the Phulnakhara–Niali road in Kataka district. The timely evacuation of passengers and prompt intervention by the fire services prevented what could have turned into a serious mishap. All passengers were reported safe.According to information, the bus was travelling from Bhubaneswar towards Adaspur College when it reached the bus stand. At that moment, smoke was noticed coming out of the vehicle, triggering panic among those on board. Sensing a possible danger, passengers immediately got off the bus and moved to safety.On being alerted, a fire services team from Adaspur rushed to the spot and launched an operation to bring the situation under control. The firefighters managed to extinguish the flames before the situation could deteriorate further.Fortunately, no injuries or casualties were reported in the incident. However, the exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. A possible technical malfunction is suspected, though the reason has not been officially established.The incident has once again brought the issue of passenger safety and the need for regular technical inspections of public transport vehicles into focus.

7 MONTHS WITHOUT PAY, GAJAPATI OUTSOURCING WORKERS IN DISTRESS



Paralakhemundi, Correspondent:Unpaid for seven months despite continuing to discharge their duties, 104 Gram Sabha mobilisers in Gajapati district are struggling to make ends meet, with their families bearing the brunt of the prolonged salary delay and uncertainty over job renewal.The mobilisers, engaged on an outsourcing basis in different panchayats under R Udayagiri, Mohana, Nuagada, Rayagada and Gumma blocks, have reportedly not received their remuneration from April to October 2026.Working for a meagre monthly incentive of Rs 1,400, these grassroots workers trek through difficult hilly terrain to organise Gram Sabhas and spread awareness about the Forest Rights Act, PESA provisions, MGNREGA and other government welfare schemes.Despite regularly submitting attendance records, tour diaries and field reports to the district nodal officer, their dues remain unpaid. Adding to their distress, their engagement period has also not been renewed.The employees said they had submitted written representations to concerned departmental officials and approached the District Collector's grievance hearing cell. Though assurances were reportedly given, no concrete action has followed.With November 7 passing without any payment, the aggrieved workers have urged the district administration to intervene immediately, release their pending dues and renew their engagement.

Census Director Reviews Preparations for Census 2027 in Nayagarh



Nayagarh, Correspondent: Census Director Nikhil Pavan Kalyan, IAS, visited the Nayagarh District Collector's Office on November 6, 2026, and reviewed the preparations and implementation strategy for the second phase of Census 2027.
On the occasion, he attended a district-level training programme organised for district and charge-level census officers and staff regarding the second phase of Census 2027, hich involves population enumeration.During the programme, he provided necessary guidance and instructions to the officials and staff to ensure that the census exercise is conducted successfully, systematically and within the stipulated timeframe. He also emphasised the importance of proper coordination and effective implementation for the smooth completion of the census process.

Rotary Club of Paradip Connect 360 Empowers Students with AI Awareness



Paradip,Correspondent:- The Rotary Club of Paradip organised "Rotary Connect 360", a collaborative community learning programme on AI Capacity Building and AI Wisdom, at NAC Government High School, Paradip on Saturday.
The initiative was undertaken by Rotary International District 3262 in collaboration with Odisha Knowledge Corporation Limited (OKCL), under the aegis of the Electronics & Information Technology Department, Government of Odisha.
The programme was organised for students of Classes IX and X, with the objective of creating awareness about Artificial Intelligence (AI), its practical applications, responsible usage and its growing relevance in the future. Students of NAC Government Girls' High School also participated. A total of 79 students attended the programme and benefited from the orientation.
Paradip Rotary Club President Rtn. Akshay Chandra Sutar, Secretary Rtn. Kali Prasad Mishra, Municipality Chairman Basant Biswal, Dr.Prasant Mohapatra, Professor Akshay Mishra, Deepak Sarangi, Ranjeet Bommali, Dr. Alok Lenka and Rtn. Biplab Kumar Jena were present on the occasion.The training session was coordinated by Choudhury Srikant Das, Training Coordinator, OKCL, who introduced the students to the fundamentals of AI and its emerging applications.
Encouraged by the response to the programme, the Rotary Club of Paradip has also planned to extend the "Rotary Connect 360" initiative to other government schools and colleges in and around Paradip. The objective is to reach more students, promote digital literacy and equip the younger generation with essential knowledge about emerging technologies. The initiative highlighted Rotary's commitment to education, technological awareness and community development, while encouraging young students to embrace technological advancements and prepare themselves for an AI-driven future.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: SBP-ELECT-2026-T-303-S

NAME OF WORK : COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF AIR CONDITIONERS, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER COOLERS, DEEP FREEZERS & REFRIGERATORS OF DIFFERENT MAKES INSTALLED IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS UNDER THE SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/EL/ BALANGIR & SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER/EL/ SAMBALPUR (EXCEPT SAMBALPUR SETTLEMENT), FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 31,14,288.66, EMD : ₹ 62,300/-, Cost of Tender Document : ₹ 3,540/-, Completion Period of the Work : 36 (Thirty Six) Months / Three (03) years from the date of issue of LoA.

Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1530 hrs. of 26.11.2026.

No manual offers sent by Post / Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.
Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : www.ireps.gov.in

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/ Sambalpur
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Salman Khan dismisses claims of anti-China narrative, govt pressure to rewrite 'Maatrubhumi' script

Bollywood star Salman Khan has dismissed claims that his upcoming film 'Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace' takes a stance against China or that the government pressured the makers to change or rewrite the script, calling such reports "nonsense".Speaking about the film at the trailer launch event of 'Maatrubhumi' on Friday, Salman said the story revolves around soldiers and the challenges faced by them and their families on both sides."Yeh jo narrative hai na ki hum China ke against ja rahe vagharah vagarah aur fir hamari government ne pressure daala hai ki script change karo, rewrite karo yeh sab bakwas hai... humne picture banayi hai soldiers ke upar unki families ki what they go through...(This whole narrative, that we are taking a stance against China, or whatever else is being said—and the claim that our government pressured us to change or rewrite the script, it's all nonsense)"It's not true at all.

Kamal Haasan Announces Next Film 'Sandiyar' with Director S.U. Arun Kumar

On the eve of his 73rd birthday, legendary actor Kamal Haasan officially announced his next feature film, titled Sandiyar, on Friday evening, November 6, 2026. The high-octane project will be directed by acclaimed filmmaker S.U. Arun Kumar (Chithha, Veera Dheera Sooran).?Produced under Haasan's banner Raaj Kamal Films International (RKFI), the announcement marks the actor's first concrete new project lead since his 2025 collaboration with Mani Ratnam, Thug Life.?The promotional poster released by RKFI sets an intense, action-driven tone for the upcoming film. The first-look poster depicts a rugged Kamal Haasan featuring grey hair, a heavy beard, and neutral attire, staring intently at the camera while holding a firearm inside a blood-splattered vehicle.The Tamil title Sandiyar translates to a brawler, rogue, or ruthless fighter—historically carrying connotations of a valiant warrior standing up in battle.Renowned composer Anirudh Ravichander will score the music, while top stunt directors Anbariv



why women should eat pumpkin seeds

If you're a woman, you likely have your own stories about menstrual discomfort. Dealing with cramps, irritability, and bloating can be challenging each month. Many women use over-the-counter pain relievers to help. However, some natural options are worth trying. One suggestion is pumpkin seeds, a simple, healthy snack recommended by a gynaecologist. Pumpkin seeds are important for managing Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS) symptoms because they contain magnesium, a key mineral our bodies need.

Does magnesium help with period cramps?

To understand how pumpkin seeds can help, it is important to look at magnesium's role in managing menstrual cramps. Many women experience severe period pain, called dysmenorrhea, affecting about 50-90 percent women during their reproductive years, according to research in BMC Women's Health. "Besides cramps, symptoms can include nausea, diarrhea, and headaches. This is where magnesium is important," Dr Astha Dayal, Lead Consultant-Obstetrics and Gynaecology, CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram, tells Health Shots.

Magnesium is important for many body functions, especially in how muscles and nerves work. "It helps relax the body, which can reduce uterine contractions and relieve pain," says the expert. A 2022 study published in Cureus found that taking 250 mg of magnesium daily can help manage dysmenorrhea symptoms. To ease discomfort naturally, consider eating foods high in magnesium

How many pumpkin seeds should I eat daily to get enough magnesium?

"Pumpkin seeds are not only tasty and versatile but also a great source of magnesium, with about 150 mg per ounce", says Dr Dayal. In addition to magnesium, pumpkin seeds are a rich source of other nutrients, making them a healthy choice for any diet.

Rich in healthy fats and fiber: Pumpkin seeds are a great source of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids. "These healthy fats can help reduce inflammation, which may relieve PMS symptoms," says the doctor. They also have a lot of fiber, which promotes digestive health and helps you feel full longer.

Packed with antioxidants: "Pumpkin seeds contain antioxidants that may help reduce PMS symptoms by fighting oxidative stress", says Dr Dayal. These antioxidants also help maintain overall hormonal balance.

Contains zinc and iron: These important minerals support immunity and energy levels, which many women feel they need during their menstrual cycles. Iron is beneficial for replacing losses, especially for those with heavy periods.

A source of tryptophan: Pumpkin seeds can help improve mood by increasing serotonin levels. "Women dealing with mood swings from PMS can add pumpkin seeds to their diet to feel better mentally", says Dr Dayal.

What is the best way to eat pumpkin seeds?

Ditching processed foods can be simple. Adding pumpkin seeds to your daily meals is easy and tasty. Here are some fun and simple ways to include them in your meals:

Do pumpkin seeds help with period pain?

Pumpkin seeds and magnesium can help reduce period pain, but it alone cannot help. Other lifestyle changes worth incorporating in your life include:

Eat a balanced diet: Eat a mix of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins to keep your body healthy. Include foods high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as fish, flaxseeds, and walnuts, to reduce inflammation and improve your mood.

Focus on hydration: Drink enough fluids during your menstrual cycle. "Herbal teas like chamomile and ginger can help because they have anti-inflammatory properties," says the expert.

Mindful practices: Try yoga or meditation. Deep breathing exercises can help lower stress, which often worsens menstrual symptoms.

Try heating pads: A simple solution is to use one on your abdomen. "This can help relax your muscles and provide quick relief", shares the doctor.

As you look at changing your diet and lifestyle, keep in mind that everyone's body responds differently. Many women find magnesium and other nutrients helpful, but some may have specific health or dietary needs to consider. Dr Dayal recommends that before starting any supplements, it is best to talk to a healthcare provider to get advice tailored to your personal situation.

why constipation increases during winters

6 tips to prevent: Consuming papaya, herbal tea

Nature's call is regarded as one of the most dreaded moments in the winter, when you have to abandon your warm blanket and step away from the toasty heater to waddle to the cold bathroom. And if constipation decides to show up, the wait gets even longer and freezing. Furthermore, if you don't take proper precautions in the colder months, you are likely to suffer from constipation, leaving you stranded far longer.

To understand what makes one more vulnerable to gut issues like constipation in winter months, HT Lifestyle spoke to Dr Sanil Parekh, additional director, interventional endoscopy, Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai.

Let's take a closer look at what the seasonal factors contributing to the surge of constipation cases, along with simple steps to keep your digestion comfortable.

Why does constipation increase in winter?

As per Dr Parekh, winter majorly changes your daily habits, which are responsible for how you digest and how your gut functions.

Elaborating on these changes, he said, "Some factors include colder water makes people drink less, leading to dehydration and harder stools; the cold generally encourages people to be more sedentary, which slows digestion."

6 tips to prevent winter constipation

But reducing constipation risks in winter is not rocket science; it is really about sticking to healthy habits. The changes in habits are one of the key reasons for gut discomfort to arise.

1. Keep hydrated

Even when it's cold outside, it's important to drink plenty of water to keep all bodily functions running smoothly. Being dehydrated can cause stool to harden and be difficult to pass.

Drink at least 2–3 litres of water daily, even if you don't feel thirsty.

Add warm liquids, such as herbal teas, soups, and broths, to the diet, which can help the body maintain fluid levels and activate digestive processes.

Avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol because such substances dehydrate your body.

2. Add fibre to your diet

It helps in regulating digestion because it adds bulk to the stool and regulates bowel movements.

Include apples, oranges, guavas, and pears as fresh fruits.

Eat vegetables high in fibre, such as carrots, beets, spinach, and cabbage.

Incorporate whole grains like oats, brown rice, and quinoa.

3. Stay physically active

Even moderate exercise can boost digestion by helping your intestines function efficiently.

Aim for at least 30 minutes of activity daily, such as walking, yoga, or light stretching.

4. Follow a regular schedule

Digestive systems generally thrive on routine, so eat meals at regular times.

Establish a bathroom routine to help regulate bowel movements.

5. Limit processed foods

Processed snack foods and fast foods contain very little, if any, fibre content.

Replace chips, sweetened snacks, and fried foods with roasted nuts, fresh fruits, or whole-grain crackers.

Whenever possible, prepare meals at home using fresh, unprocessed ingredients.

6. Consider natural remedies

If the constipation problem persists, there are a few home and natural remedies that may help.

Prunes are considered a natural, mild laxative.

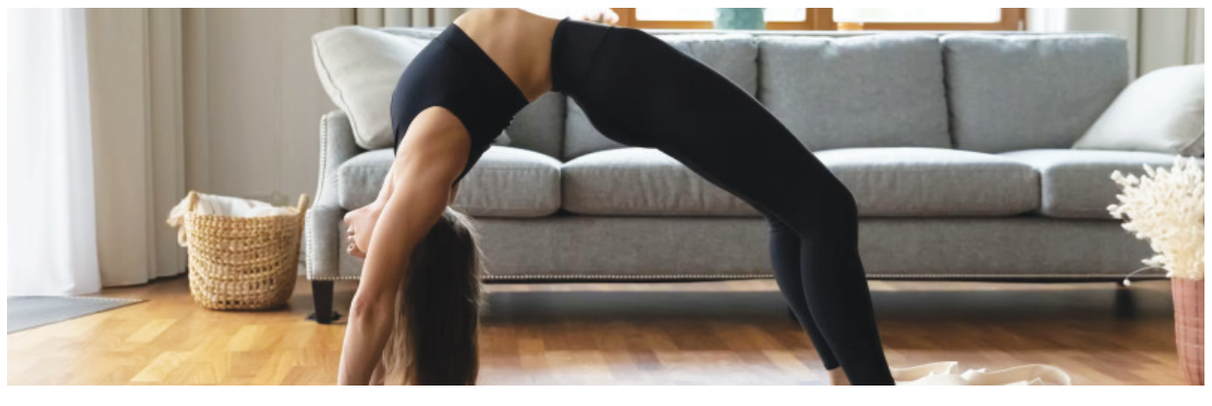
Other ingredients that could help this include papaya, lemon water, and ghee.











District level archery competition held in Dhandamunda



Patnagarh - (Correspondent) Balangir district Khaprakhol block Dhandamunda Jawaharlal High School playground Balangir district school level archery competition was held. Additional District Education Officer Prabir Kumar Panda presided over the opening ceremony of the competition while Khaprakhol Block Chairperson Nirupma Patel was the chief guest Khaprakhol Police Station Officer Narendra Chhatra, Dhandamunda Sarpanch Baidyanath Mishra, School Management Committee President Abin Hans were present as the guests of honor. On this occasion, Principal Ajay Kumar Bhoi introduced the guests while District Physical Education Officer Pradeep Kumar Patra read out the report. The chief guest hoisted the sports flag and inaugurated the competition. Hemant Kumar coordinated the assembly while Pramod Kumar Bagh proposed the vote of thanks. A total of 30 contestants from both girls and boys sections participated in this competition. The students of the school performed welcome songs and dances. The principals, physical education teachers and staff of various high schools of the block participated in the competition.

Hockey India Pays Tribute To Former Chief Coach Gurdial Singh Bhangu

New Delhi: Hockey India on Saturday paid tribute to former India women's chief coach Gurdial Singh Bhangu, who passed away at the age of 86.Bhangu was the coach of India's women's team during their Commonwealth Games 2002 gold medal-winning run, one which inspired director Shimit Amin to make the Chak de India movie a few years later."Hockey India mourns the sad demise of the Chief Coach of the 2002 Commonwealth Games Gold Medal-winning Indian Women's Team, Shri Gurdial Singh Bhangu, at the age of 86. His contribution to Indian hockey will always be remembered. Our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones," Hockey India wrote on X.Bhangu was named the head coach of the Indian women's hockey team in 1998 after India had finished 12th in the World Cup. He inspired the team to an Asian Games silver medal a few months later, only to take the team to larger heights a few years later.
India beat England in the 2002 CWG final in Manchester 3-2, with Mamta Kharab scoring a golden goal in extra time in what was a story of an against-the-odds victory.The story inspired the Bollywood movie, although Shah Rukh Khan's Kabir Khan character is inspired by Mir Ranjan Negi, who was backlashed for India's loss to Pakistan in the 1982 Asian Games final. Negi was India's women's goalkeeping coach during the CWG 2002.Bhangu was born in Lyallpur (now Pakistan) on October 3, 1941. He joined the National Institute of Sports, Patiala, in 1965 and worked under legendary Dhyan Chand.He was the chief coach of the Nigerian women's team from 1972 to 1976 and helped them play their first-ever World Cup in 1976. In 1998, he was named India's women's head coach, leading them to greater heights.Bhangu was honoured with the Dronacharya Award and was the first hockey coach to be presented with it. He moved to Surrey in Canada and passed away at 86 there.

Court Rejects Plea For FIR Against BCCI President Mithun Manhas Over Age Fraud Charge



New Delhi: The Special Railway Magistrate in Jammu has dismissed an application seeking registration of an FIR against Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Mithun Manhas over allegations that he forged his date of birth to gain an edge in age-group cricket.In August this year, a plea was filed by Sudershan Mehta, a retired senior Deputy Superintendent of Police and former joint honorary secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), under Section 175(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.Mehta had accused Manhas of fraud, cheating and forgery, claiming the former Delhi batter had used two different dates of birth to secure selection in national sub-junior and junior tournaments under the JKCA and the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA).Citing an email from the Maharaja Hari Singh Agriculture Collegiate (MHAC) School, Nagbani, the complainant said the school's records put Manhas's date of birth as December 9, 1977, while the DDCA website listed it as October 12, 1979. He said his earlier complaints to the Nowabad police station and SP City North, Jammu, had not been acted upon, prompting him to approach the court.The court of Sub-Judge and Special Railway Magistrate, Jammu, Sandeep Singh Sen, then sought a factual report from the Station House Officer (SHO) of Nowabad police station.The police inquiry concluded that the allegations of forgery and fabrication could not be substantiated. It found that Manhas's date of birth was uniformly recorded as September 12, 1977, across his CBSE mark sheet, PAN card, Aadhaar card and the records of his employer, ONGC.The report further stated that no undue advantage in junior cricket had been shown to have accrued to Manhas on account of the alleged discrepancy, and that he had not been granted any privilege or concession by cricket bodies on the basis of his date of birth.In its order, the court noted that the complainant had largely relied on a photocopy of information downloaded from the DDCA website, and had not produced any original or authenticated document from the association showing that Manhas had submitted a fabricated certificate or made a false declaration."It is important to mention that mere discrepancy in two entries, without anything more, cannot ipso facto lead to an inference of forgery or fabrication," the court observed, adding that criminal law relating to forgery required material showing the making of a false document along with dishonest or fraudulent intent.

2nd ODI: Gurnoor Picks Four As India Bowl Out New Zealand For 134

Wellington: A disciplined bowling performance, led by Gurnoor Brar's four-wicket haul, helped India bundle out New Zealand for a modest 134 in 40.6 overs in the second ODI at the Basin Reserve in Wellington on Saturday, putting the visitors in a commanding position.Brar returned impressive figures of 4-30 from his 10 overs, while Auqib Nabi and Anshul Kamboj picked up two wickets apiece as New Zealand struggled to cope with India's disciplined attack on a two-paced surface.India made an early impact after opting to bowl, with Nabi striking in the second over to remove Tim Seifert for a duck. Seifert mistimed a drive off a delivery that held up on the surface, handing Kamboj a straightforward catch at mid-on. The pacer then accounted for Will Young (6), who edged a delivery outside off to wicketkeeper KL Rahul, leaving the hosts struggling at 11/2.Kamboj joined the wicket-taking effort by dismissing Henry Nicholls (11) in his first over, with the left-hander getting an inside edge onto his boot before the ball rolled back onto the stumps. New Zealand were reduced to 23/3 inside nine overs and managed only 29 runs in the first 10 overs.Brar then took charge of the middle overs, producing a double strike in the 20th over to remove Tom Latham (7) and Glenn Phillips (0). Both batters fell attempting pulls against his short deliveries, with Naman Dhir and Kamboj completing the catches at deep square leg and fine leg, respectively.
New Zealand's slide continued as they slipped to 53/5, but Daryl Mitchell attempted to revive the innings with a patient 55 off 104 deliveries, striking five fours and two sixes. He found an able partner in captain Mitchell Santner, who contributed 31 off 38 balls, as the pair added 59 runs for the sixth wicket.However, Axar Patel broke the partnership by dismissing Mitchell in the 35th over, with Anshul Kamboj taking the catch at long-off. Brar subsequently removed Santner, who edged behind to Rahul, before Axar bowled Kyle Jamieson (7).Brar added Nathan Smith's wicket in the 40th over, while Kamboj finished the innings by bowling Blair Tickner (2) in the following over, wrapping up New Zealand's innings at 134.

2nd ODI: Toss Between New Zealand And India Delayed Due To Rain In Wellington

Wellington: Rain made its presence felt for the second straight time in the ongoing ODI series between New Zealand and India as the toss has been delayed here at the Hnry Stadium on Saturday.India are currently leading the five-match series 1-0. Weather interrupted the proceedings in the opening ODI between the two sides in Auckland on Wednesday as India chased down a DLS-reduced target of 143 in a rain-curtailed chase.Ahead of match day, the city witnessed persistent rain in the first half of Friday as teams were reportedly forced to abandon their planned training sessions.The training sessions were scheduled to take place at Basin Reserve instead of the match venue, Hnry Stadium, but New Zealand moved their practice to an indoor facility, although India cancelled their training session.As per Accuweather, there is a 60 per cent chance of precipitation in Wellington on Saturday. There is a 60 per cent chance of showers in the morning, while the precipitation probability reduces marginally to 55 per cent in the second half.The game is scheduled to begin at 3 PM local time, 7:30 AM IST. However, with the toss being delayed, both sides still await a decision from the match officials.The first match saw a couple of rain interruptions as well. After bowling New Zealand for 185, India were to chase 186 in 50 overs; however, the heavens opened up, and the target was reduced a couple of times before it was 143 in 32 overs. India chased it down with five wickets in hand and in 22.4 overs.
After Arshdeep Singh's four-wicket haul in the first innings, veteran batter Virat Kohli stole the show with a 51-ball 74, keeping India well over the DLS par score and setting up the win for the side.

Hockey India Announce 60-Member Assessment Squad For Women's National Camp



Bengaluru: Hockey India on Monday announced the 60-member women's squad that will report at the SAI, Bengaluru for an assessment camp scheduled from April 1 to 7.Further selection trials will be conducted on April 6 and 7 to prune down the squad to 33 players for future coaching Camps and international exposure tours.The 60-player core group has been shortlisted following the stellar performances at the recently concluded Senior Women's National Championship in Pune.This selection identifies promising talent from across various states based on their impressive performances throughout the tournament. These players will now be closely monitored as they vie for a spot in the final 33-member core probables for the Indian Women's Hockey Team," it said in a release.The players will report to women's hockey team coach Ankitha B.S. until such time that a suitable chief coach is appointed.The assessment squad includes goalkeepers Savita, Sonal Minj, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Madhuri Kindo, Bansari Solanki, Promila Kr, and Ramya Kurmapu.The defenders reporting to camp will be Udita, Nikki Pradhan, Ropni Kumari, Lalhlunmawii, Preeti, T Suman Devi, Anjana Dungdung, and Nishi Yadav.While the midfielders called up to the assessment camp are Monika, Sonika, Neha, Mahima Choudhary, Nisha, Jyoti, Salima Tete, Manashri Shedage, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Lalruatfeli, Marina Lalramnghaki, Prabhleen Kaur, Manisha Chauhan, Ishika Chaudhary, Ritanyna Sahu, Jyoti Chhatri, Ajmina Kujur, Sujata Kujur, Kruthika SP, Mahima Tete, Mamta Bhat, Edula Jyothi, Anisha Dungdung, Bhavna Khade, and Maxima Toppo.Lastly, Deepika, Sharmila Devi, Navneet Kaur, Deepika Soreng, Sangita Kumari, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Rutaja Dadaso Pisal, Lalrindiki, Lalremsiami, Vertika Rawat, Preeti Dubey, Hritika Singh, Mariana Kujur, Mumtaz Khan, Taranpreet Kaur, Baljeet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Dipi Monika Toppo, Kajal S Atpadkar, and Manju Chorsiya are the forwards that have been called up.Commenting on the squad Hockey India High Performance Director Herman Kruis said, "The 14th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship proved to be a gold mine. We have picked out the best performers from the teams in the National Championship, irrespective of prior involvement in the national setup.

Mohammed Shami Retires From Test Cricket

Mumbai: Former India pacer Mohammed Shami has announced his retirement from the longest format of cricket, representing India in 64 Test matches in a career spanning 13 years at the international stage.Shami made the announcement in a video posted on his Instagram handle and said he is saying goodbye to the whites, but not to all memories related to Test cricket.The 36-year-old born at Amroha village in Uttar Pradesh represented India in 64 Tests, claiming 229 wickets, claiming five wickets in an innings on five occasions. His best bowling effort was 6/56 against the very best, Australia, at Perth in December 2018.But in recent times, Shami has been out of the Indian team in all formats, his career ravaged by injuries. With very little chance of making it back into the Test squad, Shami seems to have decided to hang up his boots."Hello everyone, I have come to share a very important message with you. It relates to me—to my personal journey. I am here to share this message with all of you. Today, I want to express my gratitude and say 'thank you' to a few people.

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ECoR Appeals to Passengers to Follow Crowd Management and Safety Guidelines for Safe Travel

BHUBANESWAR, Correspondent :In view of the increased passenger rush during the festive season, East Coast Railway has appealed to passengers travelling across its jurisdiction to cooperate with the Railway authorities and strictly follow crowd management and safety guidelines at railway stations and onboard trains. The appeal aims to ensure safe, comfortable and hassle free journeys for all passengers during the festive period.East Coast Railway has made various arrangements to manage the increased passenger rush, including the operation of special trains, enhanced security arrangements with the deployment of Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel, and close monitoring of passenger movement. However, the effectiveness of these arrangements largely depends on the cooperation, discipline and responsible behaviour of passengers.Passengers have been advised to maintain orderly queues while entering and exiting stations, purchasing tickets and boarding trains. They should avoid rushing, pushing or creating unnecessary congestion, particularly on Foot Over Bridges (FOBs), escalators, staircases and near platform edges. Passengers are also requested to use designated holding areas wherever provided and wait there until their respective trains are ready for boarding to prevent overcrowding on platforms.ECoR has further urged passengers to follow the instructions of RPF, GRP and other railway officials deployed at stations for crowd management. Travellers should reach stations well before their scheduled departure, pay attention to public announcements, verify platform numbers and board trains in an orderly manner.The Railway has also cautioned passengers against unsafe and prohibited practices. Travelling on footboards, buffers or rooftops of trains is extremely dangerous and punishable under railway rules. Crossing railway tracks is strictly prohibited, and passengers must always use Foot Over Bridges or designated subway facilities to move between platforms. Unnecessary pulling of alarm chains causes avoidable delays and inconvenience to other passengers and may invite legal action. Carrying inflammable materials, firecrackers and other prohibited items on trains or railway premises is strictly prohibited. Passengers are also advised to safeguard their belongings and immediately report any unattended luggage or suspicious activity to RPF personnel or through Railway Helpline No. 139.

Tata Steel's India profit after tax rises ~20% YoY to Rs 5,055 crores in Q2 FY27

Mumbai, November 07, 2026: Tata Steel today reported its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, with India's reported profit after tax increasing ~20% year-on-year to Rs 5,055 crores. India revenues increased ~23% year-on-year to Rs 42,653 crores. India EBITDA was Rs 10,634 crores, which translates to a margin of 25%. Crude steel production was up 7% QoQ to 6.18 million tons. Deliveries were up 16% QoQ to 5.98 million tons.Consolidated Revenues for the Jul - Sep 2026 quarter were Rs 65,436 crores and EBITDA was Rs 10,665 crores with a margin of around 16%. EBITDA improved by 14% QoQ and 17% YoY. Netherlands revenues for the quarter were •1,395 million and EBITDA was •72 million, aided by the restart of the Direct Sheet Plant in early August. Liquid steel production was 1.52 mn tons and deliveries were 1.30 mn tons. UK revenues were £411 million while deliveries stood at 0.38 million tons in the quarter.Consolidated Revenues for the half year were Rs 1,26,231 crores and EBITDA was Rs 20,035 crores with a margin of around 16%. EBITDA improved by 21% YoY despite the challenging operating environment. India half year revenues were Rs 79,641 crores and EBITDA was Rs 20,541 crores, which translates to an EBITDA margin of 26%. EBITDA improved by 27% YoY. Netherlands revenues were •2,840 million and EBITDA was •76 million. UK revenues were £895 million and EBITDA loss narrowed by 22% YoY to £83 million.

Himalaya BabyCare Brings "Pehle Winter Ka Pehla Layer" to Life, Helping Parents Navigate Baby's First Winter

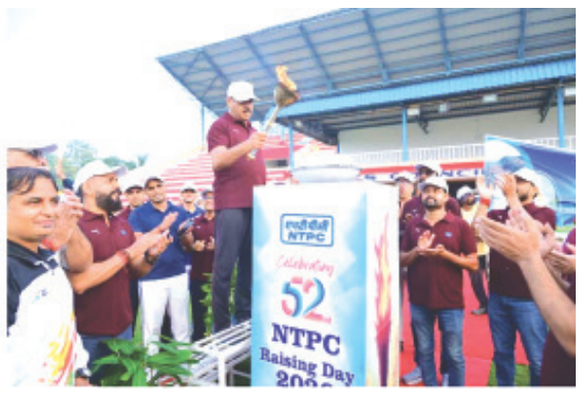
Mumbai : For parents, a baby's first winter comes with a new set of everyday decisions, from choosing the right skincare products to understanding what their baby's skin needs as the weather changes. Recognizing that these seemingly simple choices can leave new parents unsure, Himalaya BabyCare, the No. 1 Doctor-Recommended Brand, has launched its latest winter campaign, "Pehle Winter Ka Pehla Layer," built around a simple thought: a baby's winter care routine should begin with the right first layer of care.The campaign addresses some of the common questions and concerns parents may have around winter skincare for babies, including the fear of products causing allergies, whether lotion or cream is required when oil is already being used, and the need for



specialized products for a baby's delicate skin. Rather than adding to this confusion, Himalaya BabyCare intends to simplify the conversation by helping parents understand the role of dedicated baby skincare as part of their baby's winter routine.Bringing this thought to life, the campaign features a master film showcasing Himalaya Baby Lotion and Himalaya Baby Cream, along with six short films that explore relatable winter-skincare questions parents may have. The films use everyday parenting situations to address concerns around product suitability, the role of lotion and cream alongside oil, and the importance of choosing specialized products for a baby's delicate skin. Through these relatable moments, the campaign aims to make winter skincare feel more intuitive and easier for parents to navigate.
At the heart of the campaign is the communication, "Baby kepehle winter ke liye Himalaya BabyCare ka pehla layer," positioning Himalaya Baby Lotion and Himalaya Baby Cream as an integral part of a baby's winter skincare routine.

NTPC Talcher Kaniha Celebrates 52nd NTPC Raising Day with Enthusiasm, Pride and Commitment to Nation Building

KANIHA, Correspondent NTPC Talcher Kaniha celebrated the 52nd Raising Day of NTPC with great enthusiasm, unity and collective pride, commemorating the establishment of NTPC on 7 November 1975.The celebrations began with a Power Walk from RLI to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stadium, where the ceremonial torch was lit, symbolizing NTPC's unwavering commitment to powering the nation and contributing to India's energy security. The event was followed by the hoisting of the NTPC flag at the Administrative Building, rendition of the NTPC Geet and a ceremonial salute by CISF personnel.Addressing the gathering, Shri Ajay Singh Yadav, Head of Project (HOP), NTPC Kaniha, highlighted



NTPC's remarkable growth journey, key achievements and future aspirations. He stated that NTPC has set an ambitious target of achieving 30 GW of Nuclear Power Capacity by 2047 and aims to reach 149 GW Installed Capacity, 60 GW Renewable Energy Capacity and 22 GWh Energy Storage Capacity by 2032, reaffirming its commitment towards the vision of Viksit Bharat.He informed that NTPC's installed capacity in Odisha currently stands at 4,980 MW, through Talcher Kaniha, Darlipali-I and Rourkela projects, with 2,697 MW allocated to the state. NTPC Kaniha generated 12.2 billion Units, contributing approximately 4.37% of NTPC's total generation, while achieving a PLF of 79.65% and securing the 7th position in NTPC rankings. Highlighting NTPC's commitment beyond power generation, Shri Yadav emphasized several impactful CSR initiatives. These include distribution of 1,400 desk-benches, infrastructure support to PM High School, Kaniha, facilitation of Block Level Sports Meet for around 500 students, participation of 850 students and teachers in the Block Level Shishu Mahotsav, and Dental Health Camps (Haskusuma) benefiting nearly 5,900 students across 29 government schools. Under the Girl Empowerment Mission, 140 girls were trained this year, taking the total beneficiaries since 2019 to 709 girls.In community development, NTPC renovated 14 Anganwadi Centres, ensured drinking water supply in 24 villages, installed 32 solar-powered drinking water systems in PVTG areas, and supported women Self Help Groups, benefiting more than 150 families. Environmental initiatives included plantation of 10,000 saplings at Bada Dandasahi, plantation of an additional 200 saplings on Environment Day, and implementation of plastic segregation and solid waste management initiatives.He urged employees to reaffirm their commitment to safety, operational excellence, environmental stewardship and dedicated service to the nation. The celebration concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony and balloon release. On the occasion, the Raising Day address of NTPC CMD, Shri Gurdeep Singh, was telecast live across NTPC stations and projects nationwide and was viewed enthusiastically by employees.

NLCIL's Talabira II & III OCP Concludes Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2026

BHUBANESWAR, Correspondent: NLC India Limited's Talabira II & III Open Cast Project (OCP), Odisha, successfully concluded the Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2026 under the theme "Probity for Prosperity", through a series of initiatives promoting integrity, transparency and ethical governance.
The campaign commenced with various initiatives (In line with the Central Vigilance Commission's (CVC) focus on preventive vigilance, systemic improvements and capacity building, the three-month campaign (17 August-16 November 2026) included employee awareness programmes, administration of the



Integrity Pledge, and essay, slogan, elocution, Rangoli and banner design competitions. Drawing and essay-writing competitions were organised for school students in nearby areas, while a college-level awareness programme at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose College, Sambalpur, sensitised students on integrity, ethics, cybercrime, digital safety, RTI and POSH through lectures, short films and quizzes.
Public outreach activities included selfie stands at Sambalpur Zoo and Sambalpur City Railway Station, street plays at prominent public locations, a signature wall campaign and an Integrity Walkathon from the Project Office to Sambalpur City Railway Station and back. A Coal Consumers-cum-Vendors Meeting involving around 50 stakeholders was also organised to promote transparency and ethical business practices. Social media engagement and local press coverage further strengthened the campaign's outreach. The campaign's valedictory function was held on 5 November 2026 at the Project Office, Sambalpur. The programme featured the Integrity Pledge, presentation of the campaign report and activity-wise video by the Nodal Officer, along with screening of specially produced awareness films and reels highlighting the initiatives undertaken. Addressing the gathering, Shri Jagadish Chandra Mazumdar, Executive Director & Project Head, appreciated the collective efforts and active participation of employees and stakeholders and emphasised the importance of upholding integrity in both professional and personal life.

VAML and SAIL Strengthen Safety Excellence Through Knowledge Exchange at Jharsuguda

Jharsuguda, Correspondent : Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, hosted a delegation of senior officers from Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for a safety benchmarking visit at its Jharsuguda operations. The 11-member delegation, exchanged extensive insights with the company's management on safety culture, digital transformation and operational excellence during their visit.The visit highlighted VAML Jharsuguda's multi-layered safety initiatives. The delegation visited several locations within the plant, including its large Safety Galaxy park dedicated to highlighting key safety concepts, and providing a glimpse of the plant's safety systems. The delegates also visited VAML Jharsuguda's potline and casthouse areas, which are at the heart of its aluminium manufacturing processes, to observe safety processes and best practices. Discussions with the Jharsuguda management team focused on the role of technology and innovation in strengthening safety across large manufacturing facilities.C Chandru, CEO, VAML Jharsuguda, said, "Safety is fundamental to operational excellence. At VAML Jharsuguda, our endeavour is to build an environment where robust systems, technology and clear accountability come together to anticipate risks and protect our people. As a journey of continuous improvement, engaging with industry peers such as SAIL enables us to exchange perspectives, challenge ourselves against leading practices and collectively raise the bar for safety across the metals and manufacturing industry.Suresh Kumar, General Manager incharge (Safety) SSO SAIL, said, "Safety is an area where the industry benefits immensely from shared learning and exposure to different operating practices. Our visit to VAML Jharsuguda offered useful perspectives on how safety is being embedded across a large and complex modern manufacturing environment. Exchanges such as these enable organisations to learn from proven practices, reflect on their own systems and collectively contribute to safer industrial operations within India."

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