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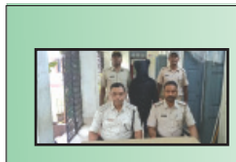
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Indian National From Tamil Nadu Killed In Nepal Helicopter Collision

Kathmandu: The foreign national killed in a helicopter collision in Nepal on Tuesday has been identified as an Indian, officials said.One person was killed and another injured when two helicopters collided in the mountainous Solukhumbu district of eastern Nepal on Tuesday morning.Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Nabin Raja Budhathoki, chief of the District Police Office in Solukhumbu, told IANS that Vasanth Kumar, an Indian national from Tamil Nadu, was killed in the accident."The injured person is a New Zealand national of Indian origin," he said. Both were passengers aboard a Fishtail Air helicopter that collided with an Air Dynasty helicopter as the two helicopters attempted to land at a helipad in the Pheriche area of Solukhumbu district on Tuesday morning, according to preliminary reports.Budhathoki said the pilot of the Fishtail Air helicopter also sustained minor injuries. However, the Air Dynasty helicopter had no passengers on board, Nepali authorities said.The Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal said in a press release that an AS350 helicopter operated by Air Dynasty Heli Service Pvt. Ltd., registration number 9NAOD, had departed from Lukla Airport for Pheriche.The other helicopter, an AS350 operated by Fishtail Air Pvt. Ltd., registration number 9NAJR, had departed from the Gorakshep area for Pheriche carrying two foreign nationals. The two helicopters collided while landing at Pheriche at 8:12 a.m. local time, the authority said.Videos circulating on social media appear to show the rotor blades of the two helicopters colliding as the aircraft approached each other, before they fell to the ground.Local media reports said the injured passenger had been brought to Kathmandu for further treatment."We are preparing to send the body of the passenger killed in the accident to Kathmandu for a post-mortem examination," Budhathoki said.The Everest region is a major tourist destination, and helicopters operate frequently in the area, transporting foreign tourists and supporting rescue operations.

Odisha Signs 18 MoUs Worth Rs 1.17 Lakh Cr In Renewable Energy Sector



BhubaneswarCorrespondent : Odisha has signed 18 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) involving proposed investments of around Rs 1.17 lakh crore in the renewable energy sector, with an estimated capacity addition of 11,742 MW, signalling the State's ambitious push to emerge as a major hub for clean energy.The MoUs were exchanged at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 in New Delhi on Tuesday in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, who jointly inaugurated the Odisha Pavilion and the Netherlands Pavilion at the event. Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Deoranjan Kumar Singh, Home Department Additional Chief Secretary Hemant Sharma, Finance Department Principal Secretary Sanjeeb Kumar Mishra and other senior State government officials were also present on the occasion.The proposed investments span several emerging clean energy segments, including pumped storage, solar and wind power, hybrid renewable energy projects, battery energy storage, green hydrogen and green data centres.According to a post by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) on X, the proposed projects are expected to strengthen Odisha's renewable energy ecosystem and expand its clean energy capacity.The Odisha Pavilion at the summit showcases the State's renewable energy potential, strategic advantages and investment opportunities across various clean energy sectors. The initiative aims to attract investors and highlight the State's readiness to support large-scale renewable energy projects.The exchange of MoUs reflects growing industry interest in Odisha's renewable energy potential and comes amid the State government's efforts to diversify its energy portfolio and promote sustainable industrial development.The proposed capacity addition of 11,742 MW is expected to further advance the State's clean energy ambitions and contribute to India's broader energy transition.The State government has been actively positioning Odisha as an attractive investment destination by highlighting its strategic advantages and opportunities across the renewable energy value chain.

Cyclone Murasu Has No Impact In Odisha, Admin Was Fully Prepared: CS Anu Garg

BhubaneswarCorrespondent: Odisha Chief Secretary Anu Garg on Tuesday reviewed the impact of Cyclone Murasu and the preparedness after it made landfall in Andhra Pradesh.Garg held a meeting with all District Collectors, State Relief Commissioner and DG Fire Services regarding the cyclone's impact and preparedness.Following the meeting, the Chief Secretary informed the mediapersons that so far no impact of the cyclone has been witnessed in Odisha. While drizzle is being experienced in some places, the situation remains normal. However, as per



advance prepare dness, people from vulnerable areas were evacuated to cyclone shelters, she said. The situation is being monitored through various control rooms."We reviewed the situation with all District Collectors after Cyclone Murasu made landfall in Andhra Pradesh. Collectors have informed that there is no major impact in Odisha so far, except light drizzle in some areas. No wind activity has been reported. However, we were fully prepared and had already evacuated people from vulnerable areas to cyclone shelters as a precautionary measure," said Garg. On restoration work in Ganjam and Gajapati districts affected by previous heavy rain triggered by cyclone Arnab, she said restoration work is in full swing. Relief package announced earlier is also being distributed. At landslide sites, restoration work was halted yesterday due to rain, but resumed this morning.Meanwhile, the Central team which has come to assess the damage will visit Gajapati district today and Ganjam district tomorrow. After that, a meeting will be held with the Central team, informed Anu Garg.

Section 163 Imposed In Neredibalsa As Tensions Escalate In Disputed Kotia Ahead Of Andhra Elections

Bhubaneswar: Correspondent The Koraput administration has imposed Section 163 in Neredibalsa to maintain law and order amid rising tensions in the disputed Kotia region, where Andhra Pradesh is preparing to hold elections on November 5 and 6.Andhra is gearing up for the polls a day later, while police, administration and public representatives remain on high alert along the border areas. The Odisha government has adopted a Do-or-Policy policy on Kotia, deploying all strategies to ensure that Andhra officials are not allowed to enter Odisha under any circumstances. Police forces of the two states have already faced off.

Tensions flared again when Odisha police stopped Andhra police personnel attempting to enter the Neredibalsa check post. What began as a verbal exchange quickly escalated into a stand-off. Local Kotia residents, standing alongside Odisha police, opposed the Andhra force, with the entire area echoing with slogans of "Andhra police, go back."Koraput District Magistrate Manoj Satyawan Mahajan said all preparations are in place to counter Andhra Pradesh's move. Sixteen platoons of police force have been deployed in Kotia, while Executive Magistrates are present in three shifts. The administration is also running awareness camps in various villages to educate local residents.The long-standing dispute between Odisha and Andhra Pradesh over Kotia continues without a permanent solution, even after changes in government. This time, however, all political parties have united to oppose Andhra's elections. Public representatives from all parties, social organisations and local people have jointly strategised to protest the polls. BJD workers will begin guarding the border from tomorrow.The Odisha government has already filed a contempt of court case in the Supreme Court against Andhra Pradesh's unilateral decision. Officials maintain that the neighbouring state has illegally announced elections in Kotia.

Right To Protest Cannot Mean Indefinite Occupation Of Designated Sites, Says SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday orally observed that the right to protest cannot be exercised by occupying a designated protest site indefinitely, stressing that such places must be allotted for specified periods to ensure that other groups also get an opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana made the observations while hearing a batch of petitions arising from the October protests in Delhi against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar."You cannot occupy a site for all time to come. There are other protesters. Where will the farmers go? Where will the workers go? Where will the trade unions go? Where will the homeless go? Everybody has a right to protest," the apex court remarked.It further observed that protest sites must be made available to different groups for designated periods, adding that no organisation could claim an exclusive right over a public space merely because it had occupied it first."There may be one site or two, but everybody has a right to protest. You cannot exclude other people merely because you have occupied the site," the CJI-led Bench



said.During the hearing, the top court called for a balance between the right to protest and the right to carry on trade and business, particularly keeping in view the livelihood concerns of daily-wage workers, street vendors and small shopkeepers.Referring to the impact of protests on traders and daily-wage workers, the Supreme Court observed that the right to protest had to be balanced against the right to trade and earn a livelihood."If shops are closed because of protests, where will the shopkeepers and street vendors earn their livelihood? We are not talking about trade merely in terms of commercial establishments. We are talking about the source of livelihood of a daily-wage worker. Where does that person go for their daily bread?" the apex court asked.Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, submitted that permission for the Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) protest in July had been granted for only one day, but the protesters continued occupying the site for 17 days.He further submitted that the protesters had subsequently marched towards Parliament without obtaining the requisite permission, adding that public places and institutions such as Parliament and the Supreme Court could not be used for demonstrations without authorisation.

All 69 Victims Of Spain's Urda Train Collision Identified

Madrid: All 69 victims of last week's deadly high-speed train collision in Urda, central Spain, have been identified, while 29 injured people remain hospitalised, authorities have said.Spain's Integrated Data Center (CID) confirmed on Monday (local time) that the provisional death toll remains at 69, including 54 Spanish nationals and 15 foreigners. The victims, all adults, included 40 men and 29 women.The foreign victims included four Americans, two Australians, two Japanese and one each from Argentina, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Mexico, Portugal and Tunisia.The Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences of Toledo and Ciudad Real completed the identification process. Of the 69 victims, 56 were identified through fingerprint analysis conducted by the Civil Guard's Criminalistics Service, while the remaining 13 were identified through DNA testing by the National Institute of Toxicology.The families of all 69 victims have been notified of the identification results, while the relevant consular offices have also been informed in cases involving foreign nationals, reports Xinhua news agency.Meanwhile, the regional government of Castilla-La Mancha reported that 29 people injured in the collision remain hospitalised in four hospitals, including nine in intensive care units and 20 in general wards.

Allegations of Fake Liquor Sale at Licensed Shop in Kantabanji

Customers Allege Health Problems, Overcharging and Sale of Unsealed Bottles; Demand Excise Department Probe

Kantabanji, correspondence : Serious allegations of the sale of spurious liquor have surfaced against a licensed foreign liquor shop in Kantabanji town of Balangir district, triggering concern among consumers and local residents.According to complaints from customers, the alleged irregularities are taking place at Foreign Liquor Shop No. 1, a licensed off-shop located along the Kantabanji-Balangir main road. Consumers have alleged that liquor is being sold in bottles bearing labels of reputed brands but suspected to contain counterfeit or adulterated liquor. However, the allegations are yet to be officially verified.Some customers have claimed that they experienced headaches, vomiting and other health problems after consuming liquor purchased from the shop. Local residents have also alleged that bills are not being issued, prices exceeding the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) are being charged, and bottles with broken seals are being sold.The allegations have raised questions over compliance with excise regulations and the effectiveness of monitoring by the concerned authorities. Kantabanji has previously witnessed concerns over the alleged circulation of spurious liquor in different localities, including the railway station area. Residents have also recalled reports of deaths allegedly linked to the consumption of illicit liquor in the past.The town has repeatedly come under discussion over alleged counterfeit products, including medicines and food items, and the latest liquor-related allegations have added to public concern.Intellectuals and concerned citizens have urged the Excise Department to conduct an immediate raid, collect liquor samples for laboratory testing and investigate the allegations. They have also demanded strict action against those found responsible in accordance with the law.An official response from the Excise Department and the concerned liquor shop management was not available at the time of filing this report.

Former Jail DG Sushant Nath Accused of Pressuring Official to Frame Undertrial in Brown Sugar Case

Kataka correspondence: Serious allegations have resurfaced against former Director General of Prisons Sushant Nath, with suspended Balasore jailer Pradipta Kumar Mahalik accusing him of pressuring prison officials to implicate an undertrial prisoner in a brown sugar case. In a letter addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary of the Home Department on November 2, Mahalik alleged that he was asked to frame undertrial prisoner Rajiv Lochan Sahu, who was lodged in Balasore jail, in a brown sugar-related case. He claimed that the alleged directive was conveyed to him through Sarbeswar Sahu, the then Superintendent of Bhubaneswar Jail. According to Mahalik, he refused to comply with what he described as an illegal instruction, despite alleged pressure and inducements from the then prison administration. He further claimed that his refusal to carry out the alleged directive led to his suspension. In his representation, Mahalik maintained that he had acted in accordance with the law and refused to misuse his official position to implicate an undertrial prisoner in a criminal case. He has urged the Home Department to examine the allegations and revoke his suspension order issued on October 13. The fresh allegations have brought the functioning of the prison administration under renewed scrutiny. However, the claims made by Mahalik are yet to be independently established, and an official response from the persons named in the complaint was not available at the time of filing this report.

TPSODL Achieves 100% Power Restoration in Six Districts of Southern Odisha



Berhampur, correspondence: TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL), a joint venture between TATA Power and Government of Odisha has achieved 100% power restoration in six districts of Southern Odisha following the impact of Cyclone Arnab and subsequent floods. Electricity supply has been fully restored to affected consumers in Boudh, Rayagada, Gajapati, Malkangiri, Koraput and Nabarangpur districts.In the remaining two districts, restoration has also progressed significantly, with Ganjam achieving 98.48% and Kandhamal 99.78% consumer restoration. Overall, TPSODL has restored power supply to 99.28% of the affected consumers across its eight-district operational area, reconnecting 17,75,975 out of 17,88,942 affected consumers.The company has also restored all 46 affected 33 kV feeders, all 130 affected 33/11 kV substations and all 658 affected 11 kV feeders. Around 6,500 personnel have been mobilised across Southern Odisha, supported by approximately 400 vehicles, six mobile distribution substations and 16 transit stores.Commenting on the restoration efforts Mr. Amit Kumar Garg, CEO, TPSODL, said: "Achieving 100% restoration in six districts is a significant milestone in our efforts following Cyclone Arnab. I sincerely appreciate our field personnel, engineers and support teams who have worked tirelessly, often in difficult conditions, to restore electricity supply. Our teams continue to focus on the remaining affected consumers in Ganjam and Kandhamal. We remain committed to completing the restoration at the earliest, with safety as our highest priority."TPSODL continues to deploy its resources and coordinate field operations to restore power supply to remaining affected consumers.

Straying Sloth Bear Rescued After Days of Efforts Near Kantabanji

Kantabanji, correspondence : A sloth bear that had been roaming around Kantabanji town for several days was successfully rescued from Kandhbahal village and safely relocated following continuous efforts by the Forest Department.According to the Forest Department, the rescue operation was carried out yesterday by a team comprising members of the Rapid Response Team and Kantabanji Range staff. The operation was completed after several days of hard work and dedicated efforts by the team.The successful rescue brought relief to local residents who had been concerned over the bear's movement in and around the town.The Forest Department appreciated the dedication and coordinated efforts of all team members involved in the rescue operation

RAYAGADA DIVISION OBSERVES BRICS SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE WEEK WITH 'SAVE WATER' AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Rayagada, correspondence::Rayagada Division of East Coast Railway continued its observance of BRICS Sustainable Lifestyle Week by organising a 'Save Water' awareness programme at various Railway Stations over its jurisdiction, today.During the programme, railway employees and passengers were sensitised about the importance of water conservation, prevention of unnecessary wastage and adoption of responsible water-use practices in their daily lives. DRM/Rayagada, Shri Amitabh Singhal, emphasised that water is a precious natural resource and its conservation is a collective responsibility. He urged railway employees and passengers to avoid wastage of water, adopt judicious water-use practices and contribute towards protecting this vital resource for future generations.As part of the initiative, water quality testing was also carried out at various locations over its jurisdiction and in trains to ensure the availability of safe and potable drinking water for passengers. The exercise focused on maintaining proper water quality standards and ensuring passenger safety and hygiene.The programme aimed to promote environmental awareness, encourage sustainable lifestyle practices and strengthen collective participation in water conservation. Rayagada Division remains committed to promoting environmental sustainability and providing safe and hygienic facilities to railway passengers.

Two Arrested for Snatching Elderly Woman's Purse in Rourkela



Rourkelacorrespondence: Criminal activities involving suspected outsiders have reportedly become a growing concern in Rourkela, with incidents being reported from the Steel Township and various residential colonies.In a purse-snatching incident, Sector-19 Police arrested a young man and a woman for allegedly snatching the purse of an elderly woman at Munda Market under Sector-19 Police Station limits.The accused have been identified as 20-year-old Indra Choudhury and his 22-year-old sister-in-law, Deepa Choudhury. Both reportedly hail from the Purulia district of West Bengal and are related as brother-in-law and sister-in-law.According to police sources, the duo allegedly snatched the purse from the elderly woman, a resident of Sector-16, and fled from the spot. Acting swiftly, police tracked them down and apprehended them near the railway station. Around Rs 3,000 was reportedly recovered from their possession.Both accused were subsequently forwarded to court.In a separate incident, Sector-19 Police on Monday detained three youths suspected to be from Jharkhand from the Ispat Market area. They are currently being questioned by police to ascertain their possible involvement in suspicious activities.The two incidents have once again brought attention to the need for increased police vigilance and security in Rourkela's residential and commercial areas.

ICAR-CIFA OBSERVES VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2026



BHUBANESWAR,Correspondent : The ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 from 26 October to 2 November 2026, with the theme "Probity for Prosperity", reaffirming its commitment to transparency, accountability, integrity and ethical governance.The week-long observance commenced on 26 October 2026 at 11:00 AM with the solemn administration of the Integrity Pledge for Citizens and the Integrity Pledge for Organizations by the employees at the ICAR-CIFA, Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar. The programme was simultaneously organized at the institute's regional research centres at Rahara (West Bengal), Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh), Bengaluru (Karnataka) and Bhatinda (Punjab). Dr. Pramoda Kumar Sahoo, Director, ICAR-CIFA, along with scientists, officials and staff members, participated in the inaugural programme. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Pramoda Kumar Sahoo, Director, ICAR-CIFA, emphasized the importance of collective responsibility in fostering a culture of transparency, accountability and ethical conduct in institutional functioning. He stressed that integrity and probity must be reflected in every aspect of official activities and decision-making. Underscoring the need for a zero-tolerance approach towards corruption, he called upon all employees to uphold the highest standards of honesty, fairness and professional ethics, thereby strengthening public trust, enhancing institutional credibility and contributing to good governance and national prosperity. As part of the inaugural programme, Dr. Shailesh Saurabh, Principal Scientist and Vigilance Officer, ICAR-CIFA, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the theme "Probity for Prosperity." Emphasizing the importance of preventive vigilance as a proactive approach to combating corruption, he sensitized the participants to the need for transparency in decision-making, strict adherence to rules and procedures, accountability in official transactions and fairness in administrative practices.

The following activities were organized as part of the week-long observance to actively engage employees and strengthen awareness about vigilance, integrity and ethical practices. A quiz competition on vigilance-related topics was organized on 27 October 2026 to enhance employees' knowledge of vigilance mechanisms, anti-corruption measures and good governance. This was followed by a debate competition on 28 October 2026, providing a platform for employees to exchange views and deliberate on issues related to transparency, accountability and ethical conduct in public service.

Adani Foundation Extends Flood Relief Support in Ganjam; 6,500 Dry Ration Kits to Reach Affected Families

Gopalpur (correspondent): Standing shoulder to shoulder with communities affected by the recent floods triggered by Cyclone Arnab in Ganjam district, the Adani Foundation, social welfare and development arm of the Adani Group, has extended relief support to the Ganjam district administration to strengthen its ongoing humanitarian efforts in the flood-affected areas.As part of this initiative, approximately 6,500 dry ration kits are being provided to support flood-affected households across the district.The Ganjam district administration will lead and coordinate the distribution of the relief materials, with Adani Foundation extending operational support to facilitate the smooth and timely delivery of relief kits to families in need.Each relief kit contains essential food and household items, including rice, dal, refined oil, sugar, flattened rice (chuda), biscuits, candles and matchboxes. These provisions are intended to meet the basic food requirements of a household for approximately three days, providing immediate assistance to families during this challenging period.The initiative reflects the Adani Foundation's unwavering commitment to standing with communities during emergencies and natural calamities. Working in close coordination with the district administration and government agencies, Gopalpur Port and the Adani Foundation have consistently undertaken community welfare and humanitarian initiatives, reaffirming their commitment to the well-being of communities in the port's peripheral areas and across Ganjam district.

Inner Wheel Club of Bhubaneswar Temple City visits Ekamra Nilaya Old Age Home



Bhubaneswar:(Correspondent) :- Six members of the Inner Wheel Club of Bhubaneswar Temple City visited Ekamra Nilaya Old Age Home as part of their senior care initiative. The club donated essential ration supplies worth ?10,000 and spent two meaningful hours interacting with the residents.The visit was filled with warmth and togetherness as members shared conversations, smiles and happy moments with the residents. Watching some of them sing and dance with infectious enthusiasm was truly heartwarming.The visit reinforced the belief that beyond material support, the greatest gift we can offer is our time, companionship and affection.

Rayagada Railway Division Conducts Water Conservation Awareness Drive



Rayagada, :(Correspondent) :: Rayagada Division of East Coast Railway organised a water conservation awareness programme at various railway stations under its jurisdiction on Tuesday as part of the BRICS Sustainable Lifestyle Week observance.The programme focused on sensitising railway employees and passengers to the importance of conserving water, preventing wastage and adopting responsible water-use practices in everyday life.Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Amitabh Singhal stressed that water is a precious natural resource and its conservation requires collective responsibility. He urged railway employees and passengers to use water judiciously, avoid unnecessary wastage and contribute towards preserving the resource for future generations.As part of the initiative, water quality tests were also conducted at various locations across the division and in trains to check the quality of drinking water supplied to passengers and ensure compliance with safety and hygiene standards.The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and encourage sustainable lifestyle practices among railway personnel and passengers.Rayagada Division reiterated its commitment to environmental sustainability and the provision of safe and hygienic facilities for railway passengers.

Allegations of Illegal Sand and Morrum Transportation

Complaint Lodged with District Collector Against Mining Officials

BaripadaCorrespondent) :: Serious allegations have been levelled against officials of the Mining Department over the alleged illegal transportation of sand and morrum in the Mahulia area, including Sukhua Khara, under Betanati Tehsil of Mayurbhanj district. In this regard, Dularam Murmu of the Adivasi community's Seva District Swar Samiti submitted a written complaint to the District Collector's office, demanding action against the officials concerned.

Warning of Mass Protest if No Action Is Taken Within Three Days

According to the complaint, Bhavani Shankar Patra and



Anama Charan Singh, mining officers posted at the Baripada Mining Office, have allegedly joined hands with illegal mineral transporters, resulting in losses to government revenue.The complaint states that in February this year, an individual was granted permission through a public auction to extract sand and morrum from certain sites. However, several months later, in October, transportation permission was reportedly granted through e-passes. It has also been alleged that vehicle owners against whom cases had earlier been registered for illegal transportation were being encouraged.The complainants have demanded an immediate investigation into the allegations against the concerned mining officials and strict legal action against those found guilty.

They have further warned that if no action is taken within the next three days, a mass protest will be staged on the premises of the District Collector's office.Copies of the complaint have also been forwarded to the Mayurbhanj Superintendent of Police, the Deputy Director of Mines, Bhadrak, and the Director of Mines, Bhubaneswar.

Rayagada Autonomous College Observes Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Birth Anniversary

RayagadaCorrespondent): The Rayagada unit of Mera Yuva Bharat organised an awareness rally and quiz competition at Rayagada Autonomous College to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India.The programme was conducted under the leadership of District Youth Officer Kishore Bemulawada, with around 100 students of the college participating.The rally highlighted the importance of national unity, integrity and patriotism. A quiz competition was also organised to familiarise students with Patel's life, his contribution to India's freedom struggle and his pivotal role in safeguarding the country's unity and territorial integrity.Addressing the students, college principal Saraswati Rao described Patel as a great freedom fighter and a visionary leader whose contribution to national integration remains unparalleled.Faculty members Ramesh Chandra Huika (Physics), Uday Naik (English) and Arijit Mandal (History) were present and encouraged the participants.Block Coordinator Ajay Melaka, Siddhanta Himirika, Prahlad Paraska and Bikash Bataria extended their support in organising the programme.The event concluded with a vote of

40-Crore State-of-the-Art Library Inaugurated, But Doors Still Shut for Students

KatakaCorrespondent): A state-of-the-art library built at an expenditure of over ?40 crore and inaugurated with much fanfare continues to remain inaccessible to students even more than three months after its formal inauguration. The delay in opening the facility has raised serious questions over administrative preparedness, accountability and the effective utilisation of public money. The Biswanath Pandit Central Library and Research Centre, located on the premises of the Angul-Puri Bus Stand at Badambadi in Kataka, was envisioned as one of the largest library facilities in Odisha. The facility was inaugurated on July 14 by Housing and Urban Development Minister Krushna Chandra Mahapatra. However, despite the completion of the inauguration ceremony, the library has yet to open its doors to the public, leaving students and competitive examination aspirants waiting indefinitely. Designed to accommodate more than 1,700 students at a time, the library is equipped with modern infrastructure and was expected to emerge as a major educational and research hub. It was intended to provide a conducive environment for students preparing for various competitive examinations, including civil services, banking and railway recruitment examinations. The facility was expected to be particularly beneficial for students who lack access to adequate study spaces at home or cannot afford expensive private reading rooms. With a dedicated and well-equipped learning environment, the library could have significantly supported the academic aspirations of thousands of young people in



Kataka and neighbouring areas. However, the prolonged delay in making the facility operational has defeated its very purpose. While the government has invested more than ?40 crore in creating the infrastructure, students are yet to receive the benefits for which the project was conceived. The situation has also brought the question of administrative planning into focus. If the construction work had reached completion and the facility was considered ready for inauguration, why were the necessary arrangements for its public operation not completed simultaneously? Questions are being raised over whether adequate arrangements for staff deployment, library management, procurement and organisation of books, registration of readers and other essential services have been put in place. An inauguration ceremony alone cannot be considered the successful completion of a public welfare project. The real success of such infrastructure lies in making it functional and accessible to the intended beneficiaries. Keeping a facility of this scale closed for months after its inauguration raises concerns about coordination among the departments and agencies responsible for its operation. More importantly, the delay represents a lost opportunity for thousands of students who could have benefited from the facility during their preparation for important examinations. At a time when access to quality educational resources and affordable study spaces remains a major concern for young aspirants, the continued closure of such a public facility is difficult to justify. The authorities concerned need to clarify the reasons behind the delay and disclose a definite timeline for opening the library. The Housing and Urban Development Department and the agencies responsible for its management must explain what is preventing the facility from becoming operational despite the substantial public investment. The larger question remains: Who will take responsibility for the delay, and when will students finally be able to use this expensive public infrastructure? Unless the administration takes immediate steps to make the library functional, the ambitious project risks remaining a symbol of misplaced priorities, where the building is ready but the intended public benefit remains out of reach.

Women surround excise station to ban liquor

SUBARNAPUR (Correspondent)--- Hundreds of women from Andharibanji village of Rampur police station in Dunguripali block under Binika excise station in Subarnapur district reached the excise office. They were standing guard in front of the office for a long time as the office was locked. According to the women, more than 10 types of liquor, domestic and foreign shops, ganja, cough syrup etc. are being sold in Andharibanji village, which has 4 wards. As a result, husbands are creating trouble at home by drinking liquor and beating each other. Soft-spoken boys are also drinking liquor. Even while drinking liquor with their earnings, they are also selling rice and brass utensils and consuming liquor. Due to the oppression of drunkards, women are afraid to go to the well to fetch water. Students are afraid to go to school and come back. Many men have been suffering from various diseases due to drinking alcohol and there are instances of some people dying. Women have expressed their fear. Therefore, women have taken up the cause of banning alcohol and stopping the sale of intoxicants like ganja in the village. Last Sunday, hundreds of women of Andharibanji village went to Rampur police station and submitted a demand letter and on the advice of Rampur police station officer, Binika excise was at the gate of the police station. If no action is taken soon, they said that they will go to the collector's complaint public hearing camp and will go down the highway. These included Andharibanji Sarpanch Tejmayee Sahu, ward member Banita Bariha, Saraswati Seth, Ahalya Behera, Namita Naik, Deepa Padhan, Gayatri Tandi, Radha Tandi, Sarojini Mahanand, Mamata Suna, Seema Mahanand, Sujata Tandi, Annapurna Tandi, Tapaswini Suna, Char Padhan, Mohini Padhan, Yashoda Padhan, Usha Patra with hundred of women including participated

T-bridge To Remain Closed To Vehicular Traffic From November 19 To 24 For Bada Osa

Kataka Correspondent): : In view of the anticipated rush of devotees during the Panchuka and Bada Osa celebrations at the renowned Baba Singhanath shrine, the Kataka district administration has announced special traffic restrictions on the T-Bridge to ensure public safety and prevent congestion. As per the directive issued by District Collector and Chairman of the Regional Transport Authority, Dattatraya Bhausaheb Shinde, the entire T-Bridge connecting Badamba with Baideswar will remain out of bounds for all vehicular traffic from midnight on November 19 to midnight on November 24. The administration has also imposed restrictions on the movement of heavy vehicles at Gopinathpur on the Badamba–Narsinghpur road and at Baideswar Chhak on the Banki–Baideswar road. However, emergency service vehicles and ambulances will be exempted from the restrictions to ensure uninterrupted access to essential services. The annual Panchuka and Bada Osa celebrations attract a large number of devotees from different parts of Odisha to the Baba Singhanath shrine. The substantial increase in the movement of pilgrims is expected to put additional pressure on the road network, particularly around the T-Bridge. The traffic restrictions have been introduced as a precautionary measure to minimise the risk of accidents, facilitate smooth traffic management and ensure the safe movement of devotees visiting the shrine during the festive period.

Odissi Dance artist Dr. Chittaranjan Sahani captivated the hearts with the music of Bhajan Samrat

Cuttack:(Correspondent):- The 16th death anniversary of Bhajan Samrat, a renowned musician, a devotee of Shri Jagannath and chamara Sevaka. Shri Bhikari Bala's death anniversary was celebrated in a grand gathering at Sri Ramachandra Bhawan, Cuttack Banipeeth, on behalf of "Bhikari Bala Smriti Sansada". Dr. Chittaranjan Sahani, an internationally renowned Odissi dancer and senior professor of Odia language and literature, performed a highly spiritual Odissi dance to the emotional and beautiful vocal music of the revered Bhikari Bala, enchanting the auditorium for a while. The chief guest, Paramhansa Swami Brahmananda Saraswati, Cuttack Mayor Shri Subash Singh, eminent litterateurs Dr. Vijayananda Singh, Dr. Baijayanti Mishra, President Gaur Patnaik, Editor Dr. Sunamani Rout, graced the occasion and discussed the musical life of Bhikari Bala. They also felicitated dancer Dr. Chittaranjan with a bouquet of flowers and Uttariya.



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OFFICE OF THE NOTIFIED AREA COUNCIL, GANJAM

Letter No.-2373/ NAC Date -02/11/-2026

"e" Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No.G,JM-06-NAC/2026-27

BID ID No:

Bid documents consisting of work, Estimated cost, Cost of Tender Paper, EMD, Time of completion,Class of contractor and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in Govt. website. i.e www.tendersodisha.gov.in

1. Name of the Work	: Civil construction work as mentioned in DTCN.
2. No. of works	: 7 Nos.
3. Estimated Cost	: Rs 7.07lakhs to 16.456 lakhs
4. Period of completion	: As Per DTCN.
5. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	:From 10.00 AM of 04.11.2026 to 5.00 PM of 17.11.2026.
6. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:Dt.17.11.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
7. Bids received online shall be opened on	: Dt.18.11.2026 at 11.30 A.M
8. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Executive Officer, NAC, Ganjam.

9. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement porial https://tendersodisha.gov.in

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Executive Officer, NAC Ganjam

EDITORIAL

Man, Machine and Mathematics: Exploring the Next Frontier of Intelligence

Mathematics has always been one of humanity's greatest intellectual achievements. From counting simple objects to exploring distant galaxies, from constructing bridges to developing artificial intelligence, mathematics has shaped the progress of civilisation. For centuries, human intelligence has been the driving force behind mathematical discoveries. Today, however, machines are transforming the way mathematics is understood, taught and applied. The meeting of human intelligence, machines and mathematics is opening an exciting new frontier of knowledge.

In ancient times, mathematics developed through human observation, logical reasoning and practical needs. Great mathematicians such as Aryabhata, Brahmagupta, Euclid, Newton and Ramanujan expanded the boundaries of mathematical thinking. Their discoveries helped humanity understand numbers, geometry, algebra, calculus and the laws governing the natural world. Mathematics was primarily a product of human curiosity, creativity and intellectual effort.The invention of mechanical calculating devices and later computers brought a major transformation. Machines could perform complicated calculations much faster and more accurately than humans. Tasks that once required hours or even months could be completed within seconds. Computers made it possible to process enormous quantities of data, solve complex equations and develop mathematical models for science, engineering, economics and medicine.

Today, artificial intelligence has taken this relationship to another level. Modern AI systems can recognise mathematical patterns, solve equations, analyse statistical data, assist in mathematical proofs and generate computer-based models. Machine learning algorithms use mathematical principles to identify relationships in data and make predictions. Mathematics is not merely a tool used by machines; it is also the foundation upon which intelligent machines are built.Artificial Intelligence and the Changing Nature of MathematicsArtificial intelligence is changing the traditional approach to mathematical problem-solving. Earlier, students and researchers spent considerable time performing calculations and following established procedures. Today, AI-powered tools can complete many routine operations quickly, allowing humans to concentrate on deeper reasoning, interpretation and creativity.

THE ILLUSION OF A JP MOMENT: CONGRESS AND ITS RAMLILA EXPERIMENT



M.R.Lalu

The political mobilization led by Jayaprakash Narayan (JP) was arguably the most consequential of all political movements that India witnessed in the post-Independence era. The war cry for regime change against Indira Gandhi between 1974 and 1977 proved to be a game changer. The administrative authoritarianism of the Indira regime was challenged by him through a movement that has since been etched in the annals of history as the JP Movement. Sampoorna Kranti, or Total Revolution, was the movement, and its momentum eventually transformed into the collective voice of all opposition parties, ultimately electorally decimating the most powerful and absolutist government led by Indira Gandhi.

By calling for regime change, everyone involved in the ideological battle meant the electoral defeat of the incumbent government. The JP Movement was not merely a clarion call for resistance but also an emphatic declaration that electoral victory did not necessarily confer unlimited authority upon a government. The movement reminded the regime that democratic legitimacy must be continuously sustained through accountability, transparency and public participation.

The movement, which began in December 1973 as student protests in certain parts of Gujarat, gained considerable momentum and national attention when the mounting pressure eventually forced Gujarat Chief Minister Chimanbhai Patel to resign in February 1974. I would skip the chronology of the protests that unfolded at multiple levels and across several states. However, the far-reaching exploration of possibilities for a nationwide protest culminated in a massive gathering at Ramlila Maidan on 25 June 1975, where Jayaprakash Narayan addressed the rally.

India under Indira Gandhi is perhaps known to have witnessed ruthless atrocities and crackdowns comparable to those of the colonial era under British rule. The ultimate consequence of the widespread public indignation was reflected in the massive electoral defeat inflicted upon Indira Gandhi in the March 1977 general election.

The INDIA bloc, comprising India's opposition parties, planned an almost similar protest against the Narendra Modi government. It declared that regime change would be possible only by mobilizing public anger on the streets. It drew inspiration from similar attempts in countries where regimes had been overthrown through mass street protests. The demonstrations in the streets of Paris, France, were seen as an early catalyst.

It is the same set of parties and leaders who once kept singing the glories of democracy, but for whom India has today become a frightening land where democracy is supposedly taking its last breath under the Modi regime. According to them, it all began in 2014. Their worst political nightmares began when India decided to make a different electoral choice, one that Modi's opposition believed would eventually fade away along with an outsider who was unfamiliar with India's habitual political dynastic traditions.

But Modi stayed, not once but thrice. A decade and more out of power proved to be a massive setback for his principal opposition, the Congress party. It began to recognize the danger and the sluggishness through which its cadres and leaders were passing. The stagnation was real, and the electoral opportunities it had lost, both in the states and at the national level, since Modi's coronation was catastrophic.

The seemingly massive protest organized by the Congress and its INDIA allies at Ramlila Maidan was an obvious eye-opener to many, including the Congress. For the party, it appeared to be a final attempt to assert its political relevance and regain some much-needed political oxygen before its fortunes declined further.

Its claim that a million people would attend the rally fell flat, as the actual turnout was considerably lower than the projected figure. Even the cameras could not conceal the disparity. The INDIA bloc appeared to have lost sight of its political objectives. Having failed to maintain consistency in its efforts to make electoral gains, it seemed increasingly preoccupied with its familiar SIR playbook. Its allegation that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was a complete hoax appeared to be another attempt to keep the Modi government under pressure and the alliance to regain its relevance.

The INDI alliance claimed that protesters were expressing their anger by carrying placards bearing the images of Narendra Modi and Gyanesh Kumar and that a volcanic eruption of public sentiment had taken place on the streets, particularly against the Modi government. This was, however, an abrupt assertion that failed to find convincing substantiation in the numbers. Photographic and videographic evidence does little to support this claim.

A Left-leaning liberal political analyst of international repute, writing on a prominent online platform, claimed that people were hurling curses at both Prime Minister Modi and the Chief Election Commissioner. According to him, the anger and anguish of men, women, youth, politicians, workers and farmers against the government were palpable, and all they wanted was to punish the CEC for allegedly striking off 13 crore names from the electoral rolls at Modi's behest.

On the other hand, a national news channel put out a footage that revealed the apparent innocence of poor people from villages and Adivasi belts when questioned about the protest. They appeared completely blank and unaware of the SIR process. Their understanding of the purpose of their presence in the national capital seemed to be that they had been brought there for dance and merriment on the streets of Delhi.

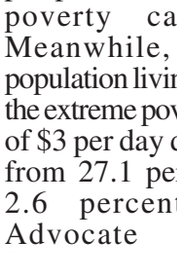
With numerous such firsthand accounts of the participants' apparent lack of awareness emerging from the protest site, the political parties' alleged duplicity in mobilizing people becomes difficult to ignore. The main question is whether the INDI opposition has recalibrated its internal differences sufficiently to make the impression it has struggled to create among the public—that Rahul Gandhi is its undisputed leader—appear relevant and consistent. This, in real terms, seems to be nothing more than a Fata Morgana, as India's voters remains skeptical about the opposition's commitment to elevating an alleged political non-starter into a stalwart of coalition dynamics.

The protest, its impact and the parties' future strategies are yet to unfold fully. Nevertheless, there is an unmistakable attempt to turn the entire political contest into a battle for prominence between Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi. This could well be one of the finest outcomes of the Congress's Ramlila Maidan experiment of November 1, something the party would be happy to celebrate.

Desperation culminating in an exasperated street spectacle may certainly serve as a sedative for some time. However, the real battlefield lies in the campaigns, elections and their outcomes in the states going to the polls in the coming days. For now, Modi seems poised to deliver yet another electoral masterstroke to his opponents, while impending defeats could further undermine the INDI bloc's prospects, both electorally and existentially.

Nothing about the Ramlila Maidan rally, either in its scale or its political significance, warrants its elevation to the stature of a JP moment for the Congress and its affiliates. Unlike during Indira Gandhi's Emergency, India's electorate today has a clearer understanding of electoral freedom and the democratic rights it enjoys. India has progressed as a democracy and emerged as an exemplary model, one that even the Western world has increasingly begun to acknowledge and eulogize.

The World Bank's India Poverty and Equity Brief Report October 2026 surprised the world



Kishan Bhawnani

d Bank's 26 report India's economic progress to the center of globaldiscussion. However, the historic decline in poverty has also raised serious questions about the future of free rations, direct benefit transfers, social security, and government assistance in the upcoming budget. According to the World Bank report, between 2011 and 2023, the proportion of India's population living below the international poverty line of $4.20 per day, set for lower-middle-income countries, declined from 57.7 percent to 16.1 percent. This change brought an estimated 496 million people out of this poverty category. Meanwhile, the population living below the extreme poverty line of $3 per day declined from 27.1 percent to 2.6 percent. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani , Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that this achievement is undoubtedly historic, but to understand these figures, it is essential to understand the definition of poverty. The World Bank's poverty lines are international standards based on 2021 purchasing power parity (PPP). They cannot be directly converted to rupees at the current exchange rate and considered a person's actual daily income. Crossing the poverty line does not necessarily mean that a person has become financially secure, affluent, or middle-class. Multidimensional poverty data also confirm this change. According to the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative's Multidimensional Poverty Index, India's poverty rate was 53.8 percent in 2005-06, which fell to 16.4 percent in 2019-21. According to the World Bank's own multidimensional measure, it was 15.5 percent in 2022-23.

Friends, if we consider the new World Bank report, why are 800 million people getting free rations? To understand this, the most important question is: when approximately 500 million people have already come out of poverty, why are approximately 800 million people being provided free food grains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)? The answer is that measuring poverty and ration eligibility are not the same thing. Under the National Food Security Act, eligible families are selected based on separate criteria and government lists. Crossing the World Bank's international poverty line does not automatically eliminate a family's ration eligibility. Secondly, exiting poverty and being protected from economic shocks are different situations. Even a family that has crossed the poverty line can find itself in crisis again due to illness, unemployment, inflation, crop failure, or a sudden loss of income. Therefore, free rations are not only a means to prevent hunger but also a safeguard against economic insecurity. When a lower-middle-class family has savings over food expenses, they spend that money on children's education, health, and other consumer goods. This increases market demand and strengthens the economy.

Friends, if we consider the question, will free rations and DBT be cut after the World Bank report comes out? To put this into perspective, based on the current report, there is no self-imposed provision for eliminating free rations, direct benefit transfers (DBT), pensions, scholarships, or other welfare schemes. To alter a scheme, the government would have to make separate policy decisions, budgetary provisions, and amend eligibility rules. Rather, the World Bank has included food subsidies and social transfers among the factors contributing to poverty reduction. Therefore, interpreting poverty reduction as evidence of the ineffectiveness of welfare schemes would be an incomplete reading of the report's findings. Economists believe that crossing the poverty line is only a minimum milestone. In the future, the government could take steps such as verifying beneficiary lists, removing ineligible beneficiaries, making schemes more targeted, or altering the balance between cash and food assistance. However, these would be potential administrative reforms, not an automatic result of 496 million people coming out of poverty.

Friends, if we talk about whether people who have come out of poverty will now come under the tax net after the World Bank report comes out? To understand this, crossing the poverty line and coming under the income tax net are two different issues. Income tax liability depends on the actual taxable income of the individual, applicable exemptions, deductions and the income tax law of that financial year, not on the poverty category of the World Bank. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to consider the 49.6 crore people who have come out of poverty as taxpayers collectively or to express the possibility of imposing income tax on them. Those whose actual income exceeds the taxable limit can become taxpayers as per the normal tax rules; the rest of the people will not be charged any new tax merely because they have crossed the poverty line.Friends, if we consider what is likely to happen in the next possible Union Budget (FY 2027-28), which will be released on February 1, 2027, after the World Bank report is released, will allocations for those who have come out of poverty be reduced in this budget? No such decision has been announced yet. Allocations for schemes in the budget will be determined by considering poverty figures, as well as inflation, fiscal situation, employment, food security, and social needs. It is possible that in the future, the government will provide more targeted assistance to extremely poor families and place greater emphasis on employment, skill development, and self-employment schemes for economically insecure families. However, ending assistance to all beneficiaries based on poverty reduction is neither automatically necessary nor economically prudent.

Friends, if we consider the factors behind the reduction in poverty, the World Bank has identified several interconnected reasons for the decline in poverty.These include increased household consumption, expanded employment opportunities, women's economic participation, and social assistance schemes. Between 2017 and 2023, the number of employed people in India increased by approximately 134 million. The increased participation of rural women contributed to household incomes. Food subsidies and social transfers provided economic support to vulnerable families. Initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Swachh Bharat Mission (Swachh Bharat Mission), Jan Dhan accounts, Ujjwala Yojana (Ujjwala Yojana), Ayushman Bharat (Ayushman Bharat), and rural road and electricity have also laid the foundation for improved living standards. However, it would be inappropriate to attribute the entire decline in poverty to a single scheme or a single government. Economic development, previous policies, structural changes, and various government programs have contributed to this outcome.

Thousands of Women Besiege Nabarangpur Sub-Collector's Office, Demand Release of CPI(M) Leader



Umarkot, Corr espondent; Thousands of women took to the streets and besieged the Sub-Collector's office in Nabarangpur on Tuesday, demanding the immediate release of Rajesh Jani, an adviser to the District Nari Mahasangh and CPI(M) leader, who was arrested for refusing to execute a bond to maintain peace.Carrying sticks and bamboo poles, the protesters raised slogans against the administration and demanded Jani's release from jail. They warned that the agitation would continue until he was freed.Jani has been spearheading the anti-liquor movement in Nabarangpur district. The Sub-Collector had issued him a notice under Section 129 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), citing apprehensions of a breach of peace. According to the administration, notices were issued to Jani on three occasions, but no response was received. Subsequently, a warrant was issued against him on October 27.On Monday evening, Tentulikhunti police apprehended Jani and produced him before the Sub-Collector. He was arrested and sent to jail after refusing to sign a bond assuring that he would maintain peace.The arrest triggered widespread protests, with thousands of women assembling outside the Sub-Collector's office and demanding his immediate release. Police personnel reached the spot and attempted to pacify the protesters.Sub-Collector Prakash Kumar Mishra said legal action had been initiated against Jani for allegedly disobeying the court's order.He clarified that Jani would be released if he executed the peace bond and complied with the court's directions under Section 129 of the BNSS.

PADDY-CUM-FISH FARMING WORKSHOP HELD



Bhabanipatna: (Correspondent) In addition to boost the income of agriculture through mixed farming 'paddy and fish' a district level workshop was held at Kalahandi's Tentulikhunti village under Junagad CD block on Tuesday. Especially, on the workshop the experts and personnel had laid their emphasis on cash crop and trained with technical know-how about the mixed farming culture -paddy and fish together to the niche group of farmers those who have facilities of irrigation through canal system. According to information, joining as experts/ personnel from Directorate of Fisheries, Joint-Director Jagdish Chandra Panda, Additional Director Kumari Swayam Prabha Bala, Scientist Dr Ani Punam, Technical person Akshyaya Kumar Maharana from Central Rice Research Institute(CRRI), World Fish Project Fish Farming Specialist Amar Gaekwad and Venkesh Narayan had empowered with the proper techniques and process for 'Paddy-Cum-Fish' farming to the remain present more than 100 farmers in the program to boost the income with minimum efforts. Also, the desirious farmers were encouraged and guided by Chief District Fishery Officer Jnanaranjan Sethi, Additional Fishery Officer Bhabanishankar Panda and Prashanti Nayak.

One More Crocodile Found Dead in Bhitarkanika; Death Toll Rises to 5 in 27 Days

Bhubaneswar:(correspondent) Another saltwater crocodile has been found dead in Bhitarkanika National Park, taking the death toll to five in the last 27 days.A 4.2-ft female crocodile carcass was spotted floating in the Hansua river near Badakota village on Tuesday morning. Local residents noticed the body and promptly informed forest officials.Divisional Forest Officer (Bhitarkanika) Varadaraj Gaonkar said veterinary doctors conducted autopsies on the carcasses. Viscera samples have been sent to the Centre for Wildlife Health at Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar, for further examination."We will know the exact cause of the deaths after receiving the reports," Gaonkar stated. Bhitarkanika National Park is home to 1,858 crocodiles, according to the January 2026 census. The five deaths have been reported since October 6 in the Brahmani, Luna, and Hansua rivers.

APP Odisha State President Nishikant Mohapatra visits cyclone affected areas in Ganjam district



Gopalpur (correspondent) A delegation of Aam Aadmi Party under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party State President Nishikant Mohapatra visited different areas of Ganjam district to take stock of the situation related to Cyclone Arnav. The delegation visited the cyclone affected areas of Gopalpur, Digpahandi, Sankhemundi, Sheragada, Aska and Hinjilikitu in the district and interacted in detail with common people, affected families, panchayat representatives and local leaders and distributed dry food and drinking water at some places.After receiving the news of Arjun Panda, a farmer of Bakilikana village of Dengapadar Panchayat, committing suicide after two acres of land was completely destroyed by flood water and his crops were destroyed, Mr. Nishikant Mahapatra met his family and offered them financial help and demanded proper compensation from the administration. The Aam Aadmi Party has demanded that the compensation announced for other affected farmers in the area be reduced to Rs 50,000 per hectare. On this occasion, after talking to local people, Mr. Mohapatra found evidence that the government and administration had not properly prepared before the cyclone. It was widely alleged that the in-charge administrative staff did not hold any preparatory meetings with the representatives of the local people and that the affected people in individual panchayats were not provided with essential dry food and plastic bags. Even the post-cyclone floods were due to administrative failure. People were unhappy with the administration and the government as relief materials did not reach the cyclone and flood affected areas for two days. AAP president Nishikant Mohapatra has demanded that the Odisha government should immediately assess the damage caused by the cyclone and provide proper compensation to the affected people and complete their rehabilitation in time. The delegation included Ganjam District President Subhash Chandra Raut, District General Secretary Aditya Narayan Rath, Legal Cell President Kailash Sethi, State Social Media Coordinator Lingaraj Patra, Neelkanth Reddy, Ramesh Chandra Behra, Srinivas Reddy, Kuresh Maharana, Bajram Sawat, Mithun Sethi, Mineti Sethi, Ranjan Kumar Raut, Ranjit Kumar Tripathi, who visited key forest areas

Jajpur Steps Up Preparations for Upcoming Panchayat and Municipal Elections

JAJPUR (Correspondent): With preparations underway for the upcoming Urban Local Body (ULB) and Panchayat elections, a high-level review meeting was held in Jajpur district to assess the progress of the ongoing door-to-door voter survey aimed at ensuring a transparent, accurate and smooth electoral process.The meeting was held at 10 am at the Jajpur Circuit House under the chairpersonship of Geetarani Patnaik, Additional Secretary of the State Rural Development Department. Jajpur Collector Ambar Kumar Kar, Additional Collector Judhisthir Nayak and Additional Collector (Revenue) Shibananda Swain attended the meeting and reviewed the progress of the survey and the situation across various wards.The meeting focused on the inclusion of new eligible voters in the electoral rolls, prompt resolution of objections and complaints received during the survey, and expediting the ongoing exercise. The Additional Secretary directed survey teams to make special efforts to reach residents who remain away from home during daytime due to work commitments, ensuring that they are not left out of the survey.She also stressed the need to ensure the safety of women Booth Level Officers (BLOs) performing their duties during evening hours so that they can discharge their responsibilities without fear or hindrance.Collector Ambar Kumar Kar advised officials to ensure that all members of a family are allotted to the same polling booth, wherever feasible. He also directed the concerned authorities to accelerate the survey process and complete the exercise within the stipulated deadline of November 7.Following the review meeting, the Additional Secretary visited several panchayats, including Rasulapur, Barabati, Panikoili, Malanandapur, Pansa and Chainipur, to assess the progress of the survey at the grassroots level.The door-to-door survey is considered an important step towards preparing an accurate electoral roll ahead of the forthcoming Panchayat and municipal elections. The exercise aims to identify and remove duplicate and deceased voters' names, while ensuring the inclusion of all eligible citizens aged 18 years and above.Officials also stressed the importance of keeping all members of a family attached to the same polling booth, wherever possible, to minimise inconvenience to voters on polling day and encourage greater electoral participation.

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DETAIL TENDER CALLNOTICE NO. 04/CPS/2026-27

1. Number of Civil works : 3 (Three)
2. Estimated Cost Period of :As per DTCN
3. Period of completion :06(Six) Calendar Months
4. Availability of Tender online for biding: **04.11.2026 at 11.00 AM** to **16.11.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.**
5. Last Date /Time of seeking Tender Clarification: **16.11.2026** up to **5.00 P.M.**
6. Date & time of opening of Tender: **17.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M.**
7. Further the details can be seen from the website (http://www.tenderodisha.gov.in).

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Sd/-
Block Development Officer
Chilika

Rangoli Competition Celebrates Creativity and Community Spirit at Hirakud



Sambalpur:(Correspondent):- Keeping alive the tradition of celebrating festivals and promoting community participation, the CSR Department of Hindalco Industries Limited, Hirakud, organized a vibrant Rangoli Competition at the Senior Citizen Association Office Hall, Hirakud. Like every year, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local women and provided a platform to showcase their artistic talent and creativity. Around 35 women participants from different areas including Hirakud, Malipada, ITI Gujatal, Kadampada, Gandhinagar, Shaktinagar, Store Chowk, and nearby localities took part in the competition. The participants displayed a variety of colorful and innovative rangoli designs, transforming the venue into a vibrant showcase of creativity and cultural expression. The rangolis reflected diverse themes, artistic imagination, and the festive spirit of the season, making the competition both attractive and highly competitive. The competition was judged by Mrs. Sabita Panigrahi, Mr. Chandra Sekhar Natha, and Mr. Bibhudha Chandra Nayak, who evaluated the entries based on creativity, design, presentation, and overall artistic appeal. The judges appreciated the enthusiasm, dedication, and artistic skills demonstrated by all the participants. The programme was graced by Ms. Prerna Sinha, Manager - Unit HR, and Ms. Tanishka Randive, Assistant Manager - Unit HR, who encouraged the participants and appreciated their active involvement. They highlighted the importance of such cultural activities in preserving traditional art forms, strengthening community bonding, and providing opportunities for women to showcase their talents. After careful assessment of all entries, Mrs. Jhunu Behera secured the First Prize, while Mrs. Anjali Paik and Mrs. Lily Nayak won the Second and Third Prizes, respectively. Consolation Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Mohini Patra and Mrs. Debasmita Behera for their commendable performances. To encourage community participation and recognize the efforts of every contestant, prizes were distributed to all participants. The event concluded with the prize distribution ceremony and appreciation of the participants for their creativity and enthusiastic involvement. The successful organization of the competition once again reflected Hindalco Hirakud's commitment to promoting cultural activities, encouraging women's participation, and strengthening its relationship with the local community through meaningful engagement and inclusive celebrations.

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Tender Notice No-10 /1F - Dated 02.11.2026

SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE

Divisional Forest Officer, Kataka Forest Division invites sealed tenders from reputed intending Manufacturing Firms/Dealers/Suppliers having valid GSTIN and PAN Registration No. procurement of **Diesel Generator (DG Set)** for Kataka Forest Division. The Tender documents can be obtained by paying Rs.2,000/- towards cost of tender paper from the office of the undersigned in any working days from **04.11.2026**. The last date of receipt of Tender documents is **10.11.2026** at 05.00 P.M. in the office of the undersigned through Speed Post / Regd. Post / Courier and in no case it will be accepted beyond 05.00 PM. The Tender will be opened in the on **11.11.2026** at 12.00 Noon. The authority reserves the right to cancel or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof. Any legal dispute in future is subject to jurisdiction of Kataka only. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Purpose of the Tender	Procurement of **Diesel Generator (DG Set)** for Kataka Forest Division
Date & time of availability of the bid document	04.11.2026 to 10.11.2026
Last Date Submission of Bids	10.11.2026 till - 05.00 PM
The Date of Opening of Tenders	11.11.2026 AT 12.00 - NOON

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Kataka Forest Division



OMG 3 Hit by Roadblock: Director Amit Rai Exits Over Creative Differences

The highly anticipated third instalment of the OMG franchise, titled Oh My Goddess, has reportedly run into a major setback, with director Amit Rai stepping down from the project.Industry insiders reveal that Rai and the producers decided to part ways following prolonged creative disagreements regarding the film's direction. Sources close to OTT platforms suggest that the friction extended beyond the screenplay, involving major points of contention over lead casting decisions and proposed release strategies.The project previously drew headline interest over reports that Rani Mukerji was being considered to headline the lead role alongside Akshay Kumar.However, Mukerji reportedly opted out of the film due to creative differences with Rai, prompting the production team to rethink casting options.

We Are A Secular Country": Bombay High Court Slams Political Backlash Against Dia Mirza, Orders BMC to Re-Upload Firecracker Video



Emphasizing that India is a secular nation, the Bombay High Court on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, expressed "deep pain and displeasure" over political attacks targeting actor Dia Mirza and directed the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to immediately re-upload her deleted environmental awareness video.The 44-year-old actor's video—recorded as part of a civic campaign in compliance with a High Court mandate—appealed to citizens to celebrate an eco-friendly, firecracker-free Diwali to curb severe air pollution. However, the BMC selectively deleted Mirza's video from its social media handles following public objections raised by Mumbai BJP chief Ameet Satam and rhetoric from Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde.

?Taking suo motu cognizance of the deletion controversy, a division bench comprising Justices Girish Kulkarni and Neela Gokhale admonished public representatives for giving a communal narrative to a public health initiative:?"We are a secular country. We are really hurt by this. The issue pertains to the environment and every person, irrespective of their religion and caste, is breathing the same air. It is most unfortunate that such a colour was given to a video made to spread awareness about environment and pollution."?

5 foods and drinks to reduce chronic acidity: Ginger water to oatmeal



Chronic acidity is a common issue many people face. Immediately after eating, some may experience a burning sensation in the chest or heaviness near the abdomen. It can be very uncomfortable and make even simple tasks a big challenge, disturbing daily activities. So you need to address the real root cause of acidity, and one of them is diet. Rectifying your diet and adding foods and drinks that soothe the stomach, improve digestion, and make a very big difference in managing acidity.

Why do you need to take care of acidity?

Annie shared her observation based on her clinical experience, "Acidity is one of the most common complaints I see in the clinic, and contrary to what most people believe, it is rarely caused by 'too much acid.'" So you need to stop taking antacids as the go-to measure for chronic acidity and try to put things on your plate that actually support your digestion.

The nutritionist also pointed out that factors like poor digestion, low stomach acid, sluggish bile flow, stress, overeating or an H. pylori infection are some of the common triggers. This is where a diet which is 'targeted', as per Annie, helps to calm the stomach, improve motility, and reduce symptoms significantly. Other gut problems, like constipation, are associated with acidity.

5 foods and drinks that help control acidity

So to control acidity, you need to soothe the stomach and ease the inflammation that comes from a disrupted gut. Annie shared these foods and drinks that aid in curbing acidity:

1. Ginger water

A proven anti-inflammatory that soothes the stomach lining and improves motility.

Frequency: 1–2 cups/day, especially after meals.

2. Coconut water

Naturally alkaline and rich in electrolytes, it helps neutralise acid and reduce irritation.

Frequency: 1 small glass/day, ideally mid-morning.

3. Aloe Vera juice / cabbage juice

Clinically shown to soothe gastritis and help repair the mucosal lining.

Frequency for aloe juice: 30 ml diluted, once daily on an empty stomach.

Frequency: Cabbage juice; as often as needed, contains bicarbonates, which soothe acidity gently

4. Oatmeal

A gentle, soluble-fibre-rich breakfast that absorbs excess acid and stabilises digestion.

Frequency: Once daily as breakfast or a light dinner, include lean protein and vegetables for a complete meal

5. Bananas

A natural antacid containing pectin, which helps move food smoothly through the digestive tract.

Frequency: 1 banana/day, preferably as a mid-meal. But avoid if suffering from small intestinal bacterial overgrowth until treatment.

When to seek help?

The nutritionist revealed when to seek help, covering certain warning signs:

Acidity daily or several times a week

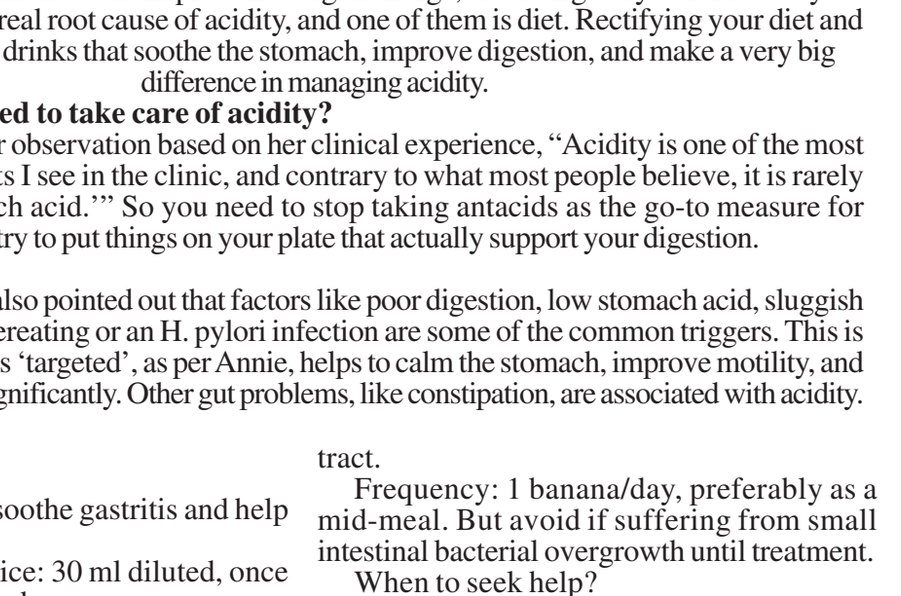
Persistent bloating or indigestion

Burning despite antacids

Nausea, burping, or unexplained fatigue

According to the nutritionist, these could potentially point to suspected H. pylori infection. In the end, she reminded that acidity is treatable. But here's the catch, most of the time, people focus on neutralising the acid in the stomach by consuming antacids. But as per Annie, addressing the root cause is essential. And here the root cause is the entire digestive system.

How To Make Amla Haldi Kanji



Amla Haldi Kanji brings together two ingredients that have long been valued for their healing properties, amla and kachi haldi benefits. The drink is inspired by the traditional winter kanji prepared in North Indian regions, where natural fermentation was used to make gut-friendly beverages. Research shows that Amla has deep roots in Ayurvedic history, often described as a fruit that supports vitality, Amla juice for hair, and immunity due to its naturally high Vitamin C content. Studies show that raw turmeric, or kachi haldi, is known for its earthy taste and strong association with detox and inflammation support.

The fermentation process enhances the bioavailability of nutrients, allowing the body to absorb antioxidants more efficiently. This makes Amla Haldi Kanji useful during the winter months, when the body benefits from foods that strengthen immunity and digestion. The combination of amla juice benefits and turmeric for immunity creates a drink that aligns with seasonal needs without relying on complex preparation methods. Studies also highlight that regular intake of fermented foods supports gut bacteria, which play a key role in overall wellness.

Different regions prepare kanji using varied ingredients, black carrots in Punjab, mustard seeds in Uttar Pradesh, and even beetroot in some modern adaptations. The amla-turmeric mix adds a newer dimension to this tradition, blending old techniques with ingredients that suit contemporary wellness habits. This version requires minimal steps and still retains the essence of a classic detox drink.

Amla Haldi Kanji fits naturally into winter routines because of its cultural roots, easy preparation, and nutrient-rich profile. Its ability to bring together seasonal produce and traditional techniques makes it an appealing immunity booster for daily use.

How To Make Amla-Turmeric Kanji, An Immunity-Boosting Probiotic Drink

Amla Haldi Kanji blends fermented amla and raw turmeric, inspired by traditional North Indian kanji made during winter. This amla–turmeric mix supports digestion, immunity, and detox, using a method rooted in age-old fermentation practices. The drink remains simple to prepare and aligns well with seasonal wellness needs.

Ingredients (Serves 4–5)

1 cup chopped amla (Indian gooseberry)

2 tablespoons grated raw turmeric (kachi haldi)

4 cups water

1 teaspoon mustard seeds (crushed)

1 teaspoon black salt

½ teaspoon regular salt

1 tablespoon jaggery (optional)

Instructions

Add chopped amla and grated raw turmeric to a clean glass jar.

Pour in water and mix well.

Add crushed mustard seeds, black salt, and regular salt.

Stir thoroughly to dissolve the salts.

Cover the jar with a muslin cloth and secure with a rubber band.

Leave the jar in sunlight for 2–3 days to ferment.

Stir the mixture once daily.

Taste after 48 hours; ferment longer if you prefer a stronger flavour.

Strain the kanji and store it in the refrigerator.

Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Weightlifting: DPR Korea's Song Sets Sights On Olympic Gold After Record-Breaking Run



Ningbo (China): DPR Korea's Song Kuk Hyang broke all three women's 69kg world records at the World Weightlifting Championships on Tuesday before declaring her ambition to win gold at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.The 25-year-old lifted 122kg in the snatch and 153kg in the clean and jerk for a combined total of 275kg, improving the three world records she set at the Asian Games in September by one, one and two kilograms, respectively. Her compatriot Ri Suk took silver with a total of 259kg, while Colombia's Julieth Rodriguez claimed bronze with 245kg.After completing her final lift, Song slammed the barbell onto the platform before grabbing the DPR Korea flag on her lifting suit and holding it up to the crowd in celebration.Speaking to Xinhua in a rare interview following her victory, Song credited her coach for helping her achieve the record-breaking performance. "Above all, I want to say a big thank-you to my coach comrade, who has helped me become the holder of all three world records," she said.With the Ningbo championships marking the start of the qualification process for the Los Angeles Olympics, Song said her focus had already shifted toward winning the sport's biggest prize. "I am training hard at the moment, and I will redouble my efforts to win the Olympic gold medal," she said.Asked about her immediate plans, Song replied: "To keep up the high-intensity training."
Song overcame an unsuccessful opening snatch attempt at 114kg before setting a world record of 122kg with her final lift. She then lifted 153kg on her second clean-and-jerk attempt before opting to skip her third.Despite her dominance, Song acknowledged the strength of her international rivals, including those from China, which did not field a competitor in the women's 69kg category. "Chinese athletes are every bit as strong as ours. We will keep taking on not only Chinese athletes but every athlete in the world," she said.The women's 69kg competition marked DPR Korea's final event at the championships. The country has won every women's 69kg competition it has entered since the introduction of the new weight classes at last year's world championships.

IPL 2027: Punjab Kings Hold The Edge In Race To Seal Hardik Pandya Trade Deal

New Delhi: Punjab Kings (PBKS) have edged ahead of others in the race to secure the services of Hardik Pandya via a trade deal with Mumbai Indians (MI) ahead of the November 17 retention deadline for the 2027 Indian Premier League (IPL) season.IANS understands that apart from PBKS, who have been very aggressive in vying for Pandya, Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), Rajasthan Royals (RR) and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) have also been in the running to acquire the premier seam-bowling all-rounder."Yes, this is true that as of now, Punjab Kings have their noses ahead to get Pandya. If all falls in place, as per the verbal discussions between the top management of the two teams, the formal paperwork to complete Pandya's trade can start soon and then the approval from the IPL officials will be sought," a source tracking the development told IANS on Tuesday.Under the proposed swap, IANS understands that if Pandya goes to PBKS, left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh and wicketkeeper-batter Vishnu Vinod are likely to head to MI. Arshdeep is currently in New Zealand, where he is part of India's fast-bowling attack in the five-match ODI series that starts in Auckland on Wednesday.Vinod, meanwhile, was part of the MI set-up in IPL 2023 and played four games for them. PBKS's rivals in the race to get Pandya's services have appeared to fall behind. KKR, who need a new captain following Ajinkya Rahane's retirement, did reach an advanced stage in talks with MI over Pandya's trade.But three-time winners KKR were not willing to part with their core players, and the talks did not result in a deal. RR, the inaugural edition winners, have also been keen to get Pandya by offering to send Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ravi Bishnoi to MI in exchange, but there has not been much progress. LSG's attempts to get Pandya did not make much headway. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) were also said to have shown early interest, but it did not develop further.

Dr Suprava Dash Appointed DCCI Foundation's Honorary Adviser On Disability Policy

Bhubaneswar: Dr Suprava Dash has been appointed as the Honorary Member Advisor on Disability Policy and Government Relations (Central Schemes) of the Divyang Cricket Council of India (DCCI) Foundation, the organisation announced.The appointment was approved by the DCCI Board of Directors at its meeting held on October 28, 2026. She will serve a three-year term, effective from the date of approval.Dr Dash's appointment is in recognition of her experience in media, communications, public policy outreach and the disability sector.She has previously served in several Union government ministries, including the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.In her new capacity, Dr Dash is expected to contribute to the Foundation's initiatives on disability policy and engagement with government agencies, particularly concerning Central government schemes.Her role will involve supporting the organisation's efforts to strengthen policy outreach and facilitate engagement with relevant government departments and institutions in matters concerning persons with disabilities.

Dakar 2026: Beyond Medals, Senegal's Wushu Journey Reaches Olympic Stage



Dakar (Senegal): A folding fan snaps open. A foot strikes the floor with a powerful stomp. A long staff slices through the air before trembling to a halt. At the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the movements of Chinese martial arts have come alive on an Olympic stage for the first time.For Ousmane Sakho, head coach of Senegal's national wushu team, the sight of his young athletes competing at an Olympic event on home soil represents the fulfilment of a dream he once considered impossible."Never in my life!" Sakho exclaimed when asked whether he had imagined such a moment. "In the beginning, we trained with almost nothing. I would never have imagined bringing young people to the Youth Olympics here in Senegal."His journey began decades earlier, when a kung fu film on a videotape introduced him to Chinese martial arts. "I was immediately fascinated," he recalled.Wushu soon became more than a sporting pursuit. It taught him to control his body, confront difficulties and find what he described as "inner peace."At 20, Sakho decided to devote himself to promoting the sport in Senegal, where football dominates the sporting landscape, and wushu has long struggled for recognition, reports Xinhua.But enthusiasm could not provide a training hall, equipment, or a steady income. For more than a decade, he continued teaching despite limited resources, driven by his belief in the sport's value to young people.Then came an opportunity he had never expected: wushu would make its debut as an official medal sport at Dakar 2026.Appointed coach of Senegal's youth wushu team, Sakho began preparing a new generation of athletes for the biggest competition of their lives.Among them were Mahib Amar and Woreye Ndiaye, both 16, who would eventually represent the host nation at the Games.But reaching the Olympic stage required more than determination.Unlike the forms of martial arts Sakho had spent years teaching, competitive wushu demands precise execution of standardised routines, with strict requirements governing technique, direction, difficulty, and movement.With limited exposure to elite international competition, the Senegalese coach and his athletes faced a steep learning curve.In April 2025, Sakho travelled to China for a training course organised by the International Wushu Federation, studying the third set of international competition routines.Chinese coach Zheng Jutian, who met Sakho during the course, recalled that he was initially unfamiliar with some of the required movements. Their sessions focused on correcting techniques and explaining the finer details that could lead to deductions in international competition.

ICC Rankings: Vaishnavi Sharma Rises 53 Places To 94th In ODI Bowling After Five-Wicket Haul



Dubai: India's young spinner Vaishnavi Sharma made a significant leap in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings following her impressive performance in the three-match series against Zimbabwe, climbing 53 places to reach 94th position in the bowling charts.The 20-year-old spinner emerged as the biggest gainer among Indian players after delivering an outstanding performance in the series, particularly in the third and final ODI, where she registered her maiden five-wicket haul in the format.After picking up four wickets in the second ODI, Vaishnavi continued her impressive run with figures of 5/39 in the series finale. The performance, which came in only her third appearance in the 50-over format, earned her the Player of the Match award and helped India complete a 3-0 clean sweep.Vaishnavi's rise was not the only positive development for India in the bowling rankings, with Sayali Satghare also making notable progress. The pacer climbed 18 places to 85th after an impressive display in the final ODI, where she returned figures of 2/11 in six overs and bowled 30 dot balls.Meanwhile, left-arm spinner Kranti Gaud moved up one place to 24th after claiming two wickets in the third ODI.For Zimbabwe, Nomvelo Sibanda gained two places to reach 60th in the bowling rankings. She made an early impact in the final match by dismissing India's Yastika Bhatia off the first ball of the innings.In the batting rankings, India opener Pratika Rawal climbed three places to 18th following another consistent performance against Zimbabwe. Rawal registered her third consecutive half-century of the series, continuing her impressive run with the bat.

Glenn Maxwell Announces Retirement From International Cricket: Report

New Delhi: Australia's explosive all-rounder Glenn Maxwell announced his retirement from international cricket on Monday, bringing the curtain down on a career spanning more than a decade across all three formats.According to ESPNcricinfo, Maxwell, who represented Australia in 286 international matches, scored 7,226 runs and claimed 136 wickets during his career. Nicknamed 'The Big Show', the 38-year-old was a key member of Australia's successful campaigns in the 2015 and 2023 ODI World Cups and the 2021 T20 World Cup.After making his International debut in an ODI against Afghanistan in 2012, Maxwell went onto become one of the most destructive white-ball batters of his generation, known for his unorthodox stroke-play, power-hitting and how he can change the course of a game.
Maxwell is also the joint holder of most T20I centuries – five – with India's Rohit Sharma.One of the turning points of his career was the 2023 ODI World Cup league-stage game with Afghanistan at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. With cramps and his movement, Maxwell scored an incredible 201 not out off only 128 balls as Australia defeated Afghanistan by three wickets while chasing 292.Before Maxwell's miraculous innings, Australia had been 91/7 and seemingly on the brink of defeat in the seventh over.Maxwell's last Test for Australia was in 2017, with the Australia batsman having played 7 matches. He has largely been confined to limited-overs cricket since and has been significantly more successful in that format.He had earlier declared his quit from ODI cricket after the 2025 Champions Trophy, with a parting shot of 3,990 runs in the format. His last T20I was against Oman in February this year.Maxwell's retirement concludes an international career during which he forged a reputation as one of Australia's most potent limited-overs cricketers, with hard-hitting batting, useful off-spin, and sharp fielding.

MCL Shines at MoC'c Star Rating Awards.: Six MCL Mines Bag 5-Star Rating



Sambalpur:(Correspondent):- Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) has achieved a significant milestone at the Ministry of Coal's Star Rating Awards for the year 2024–25, with 14 of its coal mines receiving Star Ratings for their outstanding performance. Five (05) Opencast Mines- Lajkura OCP, Siarmal OCP, Ananta OCP, Lingaraj OCP and Samaleshwari OCP along with Hirakhand Bundia Underground Mine, have been conferred the prestigious 5-Star Rating.Shri Uday Anant Kaole, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, MCL, received the awards from Shri Satish Chandra Dubey, Union Minister of State for Coal and Mines at a ceremony held in Raipur in presence of the Chairman, Coal India Limited and other senior officials of the Ministry of Coal.Further, (05) Five Opencast Mines—Garjanbahal OCP, Gopalji-Kaniha Expansion OCP, Bhubaneswari OCP, Hingula OCP and Jagannath Colliery—along with Nandira Underground Mine, have been awarded the 4-Star Rating. Two Opencast Mines, Basundhara West OCP and Bharatpur Area, have received the 3-Star Rating. Congratulating Team MCL on this achievement, CMD Shri Kaole said "These recognitions reflect our unwavering commitment to safe, sustainable and technology-driven mining practices while ensuring a reliable energy supply to the nation. MCL will continue to strive for excellence in operational performance, environmental stewardship and community welfare. "The achievement underscores MCL's consistent focus on operational excellence, safety, environmental sustainability and responsible mining, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring energy security in the nation through efficient and sustainable coal production.

VAML Mobilises Over 1,400 People for Breast Health Awareness and Support



Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent):-: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, marked Breast Cancer Awareness Month through a series of awareness, screening and community engagement initiatives across Jharsuguda, Mines and BALCO. Reaching over 1,400 beneficiaries and participants, the programmes brought together healthcare professionals, cancer survivors, employees and community members to encourage informed conversations around breast cancer, how to improve access to healthcare services and strengthen understanding of timely medical intervention.Observed globally each October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month serves as a platform to raise awareness about breast health, promote early detection, and encourage timely access to care. Aligned with this objective, VAML's initiatives focused on bringing healthcare closer to communities through awareness sessions, screenings, and specialised medical support, while fostering open conversations that help reduce stigma and strengthen support systems for those affected by the disease.Speaking on the occasion, Rajesh Kumar, CEO, Vedanta Aluminium, said, "The quality of life within a community is closely linked to its awareness of health and wellbeing. Building that awareness requires consistent engagement, open dialogue and access to the right knowledge at the right time. Breast Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to encourage these conversations and promote a more proactive approach towards women's health. Through such initiatives, we hope to contribute to more informed, resilient and healthier communities."In Jharsuguda, VAML partnered with BALCO Medical Centre (BMC) to bring specialised healthcare services directly to communities through a two-day cancer screening camp. The programme screened about 145 community members, referred around 35 women for mammography, and facilitated Human Papillomavirus (HPV) testing for over 50 women. Supported by a specialised medical team and mammography services, the initiative enabled women to access consultations and screening facilities closer to home while opening up conversations around breast and cervical health.

Special Train Services Extended and Coaches Augmented to Clear Festive Rush



Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent):To meet the increased demand for train travel during the festive season and provide additional accommodation to passengers, special train services between Sambalpur and Santragachi have been extended. In addition, four trains connecting Bhubaneswar and New Delhi will be augmented with one additional AC Three-Tier coach on specified dates in November.

Extension of Sambalpur–Santragachi Special Trains

The special trains operating between Sambalpur and Santragachi will continue to run for two additional trips in each direction.

The extended schedule is as follows:• 08303 Sambalpur–Santragachi Special: Every Wednesday from November 4 to November 18, 2026.

• 08304 Santragachi–Sambalpur Special: Every Thursday from November 5 to November 19, 2026.

Augmentation of Coaches in Four Trains

To accommodate more passengers and ease the extra rush, temporarily one additional AC Three-Tier coach will be attached to each of the following trains on the specified dates:• 20817 Bhubaneswar–New Delhi Tejas Rajdhani express: November 7, 2026.• 20818 New Delhi–Bhubaneswar Tejas Rajdhani express: November 8, 2026.

• 22823 Bhubaneswar–New Delhi Tejas Rajdhani express: November 10, 2026.

• 22824 New Delhi–Bhubaneswar Tejas Rajdhani express: November 11, 2026.

These arrangements will provide additional travel options and enhanced accommodation for passengers, particularly during the period of increased demand.

SUD Life's Group Credit Life Insurance Plan Helps Odisha Family Clear outstanding Loan Upon Insured's Sad Demise



Bhubaneswar (Correspondent)::SUD Life Sampoorna Loan Suraksha Plus, aGroup credit life insurance policy from Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance (SUD Life) has helped to protect the family of an Odisha-based businessman from the financial burden of an outstanding housing loan, highlighting the role of insurance in safeguarding families against unforeseen circumstances.A businessman from the Berhampur-Haldiapadar region of Odisha, had taken a housing loan from Union Bank of India's Haldiapadar branch and opted for group credit life insurance plan under SUD Life's Sampoorna Loan Suraksha Plus with the sum assured of approximately 16.53 lakh.Following the claim, the insurer helped settle the claim within 12 days. The outstanding loan amount as of the date of death was 14.79 lakhs, and the settled claim amount was ?13,86,969 lakhs.The case highlights how credit life insurance can provide financial security to borrowers' families by helping settle outstanding loan obligations and extending financial support to nominees following an insured event.Commenting on the case, Mr. Abhay Tewari, MD & CEO of SUD Life, said, "Financial planning involves not only asset creation but also protecting loved ones from future uncertainties." He also noted that credit life insurance can help preserve a family's financial stability by ensuring that outstanding debts do not become an additional burden during difficult times.The case serves as a reminder of the role insurance can play in comprehensive financial planning. For the family, a decision made at the time of taking a home loan helped provide financial security when it was needed most.SUD Life claims settlement ratio as on 31st March 2026 in Group Business was 98.86% (excluding PMJJBY), reflecting its commitment to delivering prompt financial assistance, with a growing proportion of claims being met within the defined timelines.

GLOWING TRIBUTES PAID TO PROF. (DR.) MAHAPATRA AT SOA CONDOLENCE MEETINGS



Bhubaneswar, Correspondent):: Glowing tributes were paid to the memory of Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, one of India's finest neurosurgeons, who passed away while under treatment at AIIMS New Delhi on Monday, at the SOA Deemed to be University here on Tuesday. Prof. (Dr.) Mahapatra, who served SOA Deemed to be University as its Vice-Chancellor for two years between 2020 and 2022 and was guiding the university as its Principal Advisor (Health Sciences) thereafter, was battling brain cancer. Prof. (Dr.) Mahapatra had earlier headed the neurosurgery department at AIIMS, New Delhi for several years and was the founding Director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar. He also served as Director of the Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow. Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, Vice-Chancellor of SOA, recalled the celebrated neurosurgeon's association with SOA and his contribution to the field of medical science. Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman of the International Advisory Board of SOA, Prof. (Dr.) Neeta Mohanty, Prof. (Dr.) Prasenjit Mohanty, Prof. Prasanta Kumar Patra, Prof. Anup Kumar Samantaray, all Pro-Vice Chancellors, Prof. Bibhuti Bhushn Pradhan, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Registrar, Prof. Manjula Das, Controller of Examination, Deans, Directors, faculty members, senior functionaries and staff members attended the condolence meeting.A separate condolence meeting was also held during the day at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital with which Prof. (Dr.) Mahapatra was deeply associated after his retirement. Doctors and other staff members recalled their association with the eminent surgeon while speaking about his efforts to strengthen healthcare in the hospital.Prof. (Dr.) Sanghamitra Mishra, Dean of IMS and SUM Hospital and Prof. (Dr.) Puspraj Samantasinghar, Medical Superintendent of the hospital, led others in paying tribute to the departed soul.

Many of the speakers recalled Prof. (Dr.) Mahapatra's punctuality, spiritual inclinations and his emphasis on ancient Indian knowledge on healthcare.

AIIMS Bhubaneswar Bids Tearful Adieu to Its Founder Director, Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mahapatra



Bhubaneswar, Correspondent): An atmosphere of profound grief and emotion engulfed AIIMS Bhubaneswar as its doctors, faculty members, students and staff gathered to bid a tearful farewell to their beloved Founder Director, Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, an eminent neurosurgeon, visionary institution-builder and recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri.At a special condolence meeting organised at the Main Auditorium of the Institute, Executive Director Dr. Ashutosh Biswas paid heartfelt tributes to the departed visionary, describing him as the chief architect of AIIMS Bhubaneswar.Dr. Biswas said that Prof. Mahapatra played a pivotal role in conceptualising, establishing and nurturing the institution, laying the foundation for its growth as a premier centre of excellence in healthcare, medical education and research. His exemplary leadership, foresight and unwavering commitment to public healthcare shaped the institution's vision and values.He further said that Dr. Mahapatra's remarkable contributions to neurosurgery, medical education and healthcare delivery, along with his dedication to mentoring future generations of medical professionals, would continue to inspire the medical fraternity.The condolence meeting was attended by faculty members, officers, staff, students and residents of AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Among others, Dean (Academic) Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, Medical Superintendent Dr. Prabhas Ranjan Tripathy, Dean (Examination) Dr. Manaswini Mangaraj and DDA Lt. Col. Abhijit Sarkar, along with heads of departments, senior faculty members, officials and students, paid their heartfelt tributes to the departed leader.

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