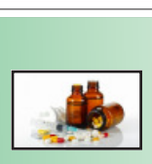
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Guwahati: The mini-bus involved in the devastating collision with a container truck near Assam's Kaziranga had a history of traffic violations, with 12 challans amounting to Rs 38,500 already paid and another Rs 4,000 penalty still outstanding, officials said on Friday.The horrific accident claimed 23 lives, Golaghat Senior Superintendent of Police Swapnanil Deka said, adding that preliminary investigations pointed to overspeeding and violation of traffic restrictions in the Kaziranga area.According to the police, the Traveller mini-bus was moving at a very high speed before the accident.Investigators suspect that the driver lost control of the vehicle, leading to the fatal collision with the container truck."The bus was running at very high speed and was violating restrictions imposed near the park. We believe the driver lost control before the vehicle collided with the container truck," Deka said.Police said the exact number of passengers travelling in the mini-bus was yet to be ascertained. Further details regarding the injured and the identities of all the victims are awaited.Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed profound grief over the tragedy and said the devastating loss had shaken the entire state. In a post on social media platform X, the Chief Minister said the government's immediate focus was to ensure the best possible medical treatment for those injured in the accident."No words can ease their pain, but they should know that they are not alone. All of Assam stands with them in this hour of grief," Sarma said.

CM Majhi Attends National Bandana Parab In Mayurbhanj, Assures Efforts For Wider Promotion



BaripadaCorrespondent: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Friday attended the National Bandana Parab-2026, a traditional festival of the Mahanta and Kudmi communities, organised at Aguada playground in Durgapur under Badashi block of Mayurbhanj district.The Chief Minister, who was on a one-day visit to the district, arrived at the venue around 11 am and received a warm welcome from local residents and party workers. He performed Go-Puja (cow worship) and Hal Puja (plough worship) in accordance with Kudmi community traditions.The festival ground reverberated with traditional Jhumar dance performances and the rhythmic beats of the madal, as thousands of people from nearby areas gathered to participate in the celebrations.Expressing happiness over his participation, Majhi said the state government would explore ways to give the festival wider recognition and expand its reach in the coming years. He lauded the rich cultural heritage, art and traditions of the Mahanta and Kudmi communities.The community members and local residents also urged the government to accord Bandana Parab the status of a state-wide public holiday instead of restricting its observance to Mayurbhanj.In a post on X, the Chief Minister said his interaction with members of the Kudmi community had revived fond memories of his childhood.Describing Bandana Parab as a tradition rooted in nature, soil and cattle wealth, Majhi highlighted the longstanding bond of brotherhood between the Santal and Kudmi communities in the Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar regions.He also appreciated the Kudmi community for preserving its distinct cultural identity while making progress in education and social development.The Chief Minister said the vision of a developed Odisha could be realised only through the inclusive progress of all sections and communities under the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Minister Gokulananda Mallik, Forest and Environment Minister Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia, Housing and Urban Development Minister Dr Krushna Chandra Mahapatra, Badashi MLA Sanatan Bijuli, Balasore MP Pratap Chandra Sarangi and other dignitaries attended the programme.

Amit Shah To Chair Eastern Zonal Council Meet In Odisha On Nov 29



BhubaneswarCorrespondent: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is set to chair the 28th meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council in Odisha on November 29, where issues of national and regional importance will take centre stage.Topping the agenda will be the implementation of Fast Track Special Courts for speedy trial and disposal of rape cases against women and children. Other key issues likely to be discussed include ensuring brick-and-mortar banking facilities within the designated radius of every village, strengthening the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112), and matters of common regional interest such as nutrition, education, health, power, urban planning and strengthening of cooperative systems.The Eastern Zonal Council comprises Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. The day-long meeting is expected to be attended by Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, along with Chief Secretaries and senior officials of the member states and the Central government.The meeting is being organised by the Inter-State Council Secretariat under the Ministry of Home Affairs in collaboration with the Government of Odisha.

Centre Announces Major Reshuffle Of Top IIS Officers

New Delhi: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has a in a top deck reshuffle of its officials, given new postings to six Indian Information Service (IIS) Group 'A' officers across PIB, Central Bureau of Communication, and News Services Division with R.K. Jain designated as the new DG (Coordination) for the PIB, with immediate effect, it was announced on Friday.Kanchan Prasad Mandlaus, Director General (DG), Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), New Delhi, has been transferred and posted as Director General, Directorate of Publication Division (DPD), New Delhi.L Madhu Nag, Director General (Media & Communication), PIB, New Delhi, along with the additional charge of Director General (Training), Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi, has been transferred and posted as Director General (News), NSD, AIR, New Delhi, with the additional charge of Director General, AIR.Dhiraj M Kakadia, Director General, Directorate of Publication Division (DPD), New Delhi, has been transferred and posted as Director General (Media & Communication), PIB, New Delhi. He will also work as Director General (Training), IIMC, New Delhi.

No Nation Can Slow Down Amid Rapid Technological Changes: PM Modi



Mysuru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that no nation could afford to undermine or slow down its progress amid rapidly changing technology, stressing that India was creating a strong ecosystem for science and research to keep pace with global advancements.Speaking after inaugurating COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium, India's first LED Dome planetarium, he said the country had made significant progress in astronomy, astrophysics and the space sector over the last decade, with several achievements placing India among a select group of countries capable of undertaking complex space missions."Today, technology is changing rapidly. No country can take the risk of undermining or slowing down its progress. A strong ecosystem for science and research is being created in the country," he said.PM Modi said the inauguration of COSMOS-Mysuru marked another important milestone in India's efforts to promote scientific temper and research, particularly among the younger generation.Recalling his earlier visit to Mysuru for the inauguration of Viveka Smaraka, he said the two occasions carried a deeper message about India's cultural traditions and values. While Viveka Smaraka inspired people to look within themselves and seek spiritual knowledge, COSMOS-Mysuru encouraged them to look towards the sky and explore the mysteries of the universe."To understand this vast universe and unravel the secrets of the world is an inspiration in itself. In Bharat, the traditions of science and spirituality have always travelled together," he said.Highlighting India's ancient contributions to astronomy, the Prime Minister said ancestors had studied celestial bodies in detail, calculated the movements of stars and planets, developed calendars and understood solar and lunar eclipses.He recalled the contributions of renowned astronomers such as Aryabhata, Bhaskaracharya and Nilakantha Somayaji, noting that they made complex scientific calculations and discoveries despite not having access to modern technology and sophisticated instruments.

West Bengal Pilgrim Bus Collides with Truck in Jajpur, Several Hurt

NEWDELHI: Nine passengers sustained injuries—two of them critically—after a tourist bus carrying approximately 55 pilgrims from West Bengal collided with a stationary truck in Odisha's Jajpur district early Friday morning. The mishap occurred on the Badachana Bridge along National Highway-16 (NH-16), under the jurisdiction of the Badachana police station. According to preliminary reports, the ill-fated bus, named 'Maa Padma', was en route to the holy town of Puri when the driver reportedly lost control and rammed into the parked heavy vehicle.

COP31: New Global Priorities Target Role Of AI In Climate Information Integrity



Antalya: At COP31, the Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change on Friday launched the Priorities for Action on AI for Climate Information Integrity, setting out what states, AI actors, advertisers, researchers, journalists and funders can do so that people can rely on climate information from AI, and about it.The priorities, put forward by Global Initiative co-chairs Brazil, the UN and UNESCO, target two sides of one AI information gap: the reliability of the climate information people receive from AI, and the reliability of information about AI's own impact on the climate.More and more people are turning to AI for climate information, yet the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI warns that "producing fluent text is easier than producing factual text".The risks can heighten during climate disasters, when AI-generated images and videos can spread faster than o?cial warnings.Meanwhile, the public is asked to accept claims about AI's own climate impact without the necessary data to judge. Building on the Belém Declaration and the UN Global Principles for Information Integrity, the Priorities rest on transparency, accountability and human rights.For AI companies, this means assessing how their systems affect climate information integrity and publishing the findings, and disclosing their energy use and carbon, water and land footprints.Actions for states include integrating information integrity into national AI strategies and climate plans.Global Advertising Charter says: follow the money. Advertising is the dominant business model of the digital information ecosystem. Yet because the advertising supply chain is opaque, brands often cannot tell who and what their money funds, including climate disinformation.To change that, the Charter for Climate Information Integrity in Advertising, launched by Conscious Advertising Network (CAN) and Climate Action Against Disinformation (CAAD) and supported by the Global Initiative, calls for transparency across the advertising supply chain to ensure advertisers have visibility of advertising placement while respecting user privacy.The charter also calls for verification of all advertisers on digital platforms, action on greenwashing and ensuring advertising actors publicly disclose their relationships with fossil fuel actors. Strengthening information integrity requires resources.

Woman BJP Worker Falls Ill On Stage; PM Modi Rushes To Help, Gesture Draws Praise

Mysuru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi drew praise for his humanitarian gesture after he rushed to help a 70-year-old woman BJP worker who suddenly fell ill during the inauguration programme of the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium on Friday. The photos have gone viral on social media.The incident occurred while Prema K., a BJP worker from Nanjangud who was present on the stage, appeared unwell and was on the verge of collapsing. Noticing her condition, Prime Minister Modi immediately came to her aid and personally enquired about her health.In a gesture that has drawn appreciation from members of the public, the Prime Minister also offered her a glass of water with a smiling face. Photographs of the incident have since gone viral on social media, with many praising Modi for his concern and prompt response.Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman and Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar were also present on the occasion.Prime Minister Modi instructed officials to take special care of Prema and directed his doctors to monitor her health, according to those familiar with the incident.People claimed that the gesture once



again highlighted Modi's description of himself as a "Pradhan Sevak", or the chief servant of the people.Prema has since returned to her residence in Nanjangud. BJP Rural President Kumbaralli Subbanna visited her residence and enquired about her health.The incident took place during the inauguration of the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium, India's first LED Dome planetarium, which marks a significant advancement in planetarium technology and astronomy education in the country.Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Modi stressed the importance of science and technological progress, saying that no nation could afford to undermine or slow down its development at a time when technology was changing rapidly.He said India was building a strong ecosystem for science and research to keep pace with global advancements, underlining the importance of innovation and scientific temper in shaping the country's future.

Fresh FIR Registered Against Abhishek Banerjee; Summons Served For Questioning On Nov 20

Kolkata: A fresh First Information Report (FIR) was registered on Friday against Trinamool Congress (TMC) National General Secretary and Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee at the Girish Park Police Station in North Kolkata, accusing him of making derogatory remarks and threatening a serving Indian Police Service (IPS) officer.A notice summoning Banerjee for questioning was served at his residence late Friday evening, directing him to appear at the Girish Park Police Station by 12 noon on November 20.



According to police sources, the case was registered based on a complaint lodged by a local woman who alleged that Banerjee, nephew of former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, had obstructed police functioning by issuing threats and making derogatory comments against a serving IPS officer and other police personnel in the state.The controversy stems from remarks made by the Diamond Harbour MP last month regarding state police officials, including West Midnapore Superintendent of Police Papia Sultana, without explicitly naming them.During a public interaction caught on camera last month, Banerjee had warned that the names of allegedly biased police officers were being noted and that necessary action would be taken against them in the future.

Two Women Among Four Killed As Suspected Militants Open Fire At Vehicles In Manipur's Ukhrul

Imphal: At least four people, including a mother and her son, were shot dead in a suspected ambush allegedly carried out by Kuki militants along the Imphal-Dimapur National Highway (NH-2) in Manipur's Ukhrul district on Friday afternoon, officials said.The incident reportedly took place at New Haven, under the jurisdiction of Litan Police Station in the hill district of Ukhrul, which shares an unfenced international border with Myanmar and an inter-state border with Nagaland.A police official said that the victims were travelling in two separate vehicles, a Bolero pick-up and a Maruti Swift car, when suspected armed militants reportedly opened fire from the vicinity of Yaolen village, a Kuki settlement near the incident site.The victims, including two women, were identified as Kapangkhui RS, Haoleia RS, both residents of Shangshak Village, and August Ngalung and Khanmila, both residents of Tashar village.They sustained fatal bullet injuries and succumbed on the spot.A police official in Imphal, quoting the local people, said that the two men and two women, who were travelling in the two vehicles, died on the spot following the attack by the armed militants.Bullet marks were seen on the windshields of the two vehicles, he added.Additional security forces comprising Manipur Police, Border Security Force (BSF), Army and Assam Rifles have been rushed to the area to reinforce security and prevent any further untoward incidents.Search operations have been launched in and around the area of the incident to trace and apprehend those involved.

Centre Orders Strict Vigil To Ensure Lower Prices For 137 Anti-Cancer Drugs

New Delhi: The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, on Friday directed strict monitoring of the implementation of Trade Margin Rationalisation (TMR) on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs, for which the reduced prices have come into effect from November 9.The latest revised price lists, based on submissions received from companies up to November 11, are available on the NPPA website and Pharma Sahi Daam app/portal.All manufacturers, retailers, dealers, stockists, hospitals and medical



institutions have been directed to comply with the revised prices and prominently display the updated price lists at their premises and websites, according to an official statement issued on Friday."State Drug Controllers (SDCs) have been directed to strictly monitor compliance by manufacturers, dealers, hospitals and medical institutions to ensure that the benefits of the lower MRPs are passed on to patients. Any violation may attract overcharging proceedings under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013," the statement said."Complaints regarding overcharging, shortage or non-availability of medicines can be reported through the Pharma Sahi Daam app/portal, NPPA helpline (1800-111-255) or email (monitoring-nppa[at]gov[dot]in.) State Drug Controllers have been asked to submit their Action Taken Reports to NPPA by November 16," the statement added.The Centre has introduced a 30 per cent cap on trade margins for 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines, aiming to reduce the prices patients pay for these drugs.The NPPA, through an order issued on October 17, brought the medicines under the TMR mechanism which caps the profits made on the sale of these drugs at 30 per cent.By November 9, 85 pharmaceutical companies had reported revised maximum retail prices (MRPs) for 121 of the 137 medicines, covering 1,366 stock-keeping units.The highest reported price reduction was 96.45 per cent, while more than 650 formulations recorded MRP reductions of more than 50 per cent.The largest number of reductions fell in the 50–75 per cent range."The estimated savings for patients stand at Rs 3,541 crore. These savings have been calculated by comparing the original and revised prices and applying the difference to the sales volumes recorded between April 2025 and March 2026," according to an official statement.

India Aspires To Play Leading Role In Shaping Global Economic Order: Vice President

Visakhapatnam: Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, said on Friday that India aspires to play a leading role in shaping the emerging global economic order.Emphasising India's growing economic strength, young and skilled workforce, vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and expanding manufacturing and services sectors, he said that India aspired not merely to participate in the emerging global economic order but to play a leading role in shaping it.Addressing the valedictory session



of the 31st CII Partnership Summit here, he expressed confidence that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was moving firmly towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.Referring to the theme of this year's Summit, 'Navigating the New World Order – Trade, Technology and Trust', the Vice-President observed that geopolitical uncertainties, technological disruptions, climate change and evolving supply chains were reshaping the global economy.However, every period of uncertainty also presented new opportunities, and nations demonstrating adaptability, innovation and trusted partnerships would be best placed to shape the future.The Vice-President highlighted the transformative potential of artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum computing, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and digital platforms.He stressed that Atmanirbhar Bharat should not be understood as turning inward, but as building domestic capabilities, enhancing competitiveness and integrating more deeply with global markets.Calling for a collective national endeavour towards Viksit Bharat 2047, Radhakrishnan emphasised that the responsibility of building a developed India could not rest with the Government alone.It required the active participation of industry, academia, entrepreneurs, young people and international partners, in keeping with the Prime Minister's call for Sabka Prayas.The Vice-President appreciated the remarkable development achieved by Andhra Pradesh under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

Security Forces Recover Large Cache Of Maoist Explosives In Bijapur Operations

Bijapur/Raipur: Security forces have recovered a significant quantity of Maoist materials, including Barrel Grenade Launcher (BGL) shells and Cordex wire, during coordinated search operations in the forests of the Pamed and Gangalur police station areas in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district.In the Pamed area, a joint team comprising the District Reserve Guard (DRG), a K-9 dog squad and a CoBRA Battalion conducted a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) based on intelligence inputs in the forests near Tumrel/Singampalli.During the search, several suspicious locations were identified.

With the assistance of the K-9 squad, forces unearthed a Maoist dump containing 103 BGL shells along with other Maoist materials that had been carefully hidden.Separately, in the Gangalur area, another joint team consisting of a CRPF battalion, a CoBRA battalion and a K-9 dog squad carried out a search operation in the forests near the Kuppaguda Forward Operating Base (FOB) and Lekampara.The team discovered two Maoist dumps.

India Desires Positive, Constructive And Forward-Looking Relationship With Bangladesh: MEA

New Delhi: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday that India desires a "positive, constructive and forward-looking relationship" with Bangladesh.Addressing a bi-weekly media briefing in New Delhi on Friday, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal expressed India's readiness to discuss all bilateral issues with Bangladesh through these existing mechanisms, including at the technical level.When asked about reports claiming that India-Bangladesh consular dialogue has been postponed, Jaiswal responded, "India desires a positive, constructive, and forward-looking relationship with Bangladesh. Accordingly, initiatives have been taken and meetings held under structured mechanisms in areas such as trade, railways, water resources, and border management, among others.""The next round of India-Bangladesh consular dialogue, which will also take up the matters relating to revised travel arrangement, will be held on a mutually convenient date. India remains ready to discuss all matters or all bilateral issues with Bangladesh through these existing mechanisms, including at the technical level. So, the consular dialogue will be held at a mutually convenient date," he added.On October 7, Bangladesh's outgoing High Commissioner to India, Riaz Hamidullah, held a farewell meeting with Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri in New Delhi, with both sides reflecting on the gamut of bilateral ties and cooperation under existing institutional mechanisms.During the meeting, both officials recognised the importance of people-to-people ties and expressed confidence that collective endeavours would result in "meaningful and impact-driven collaboration" in shared interests.

"Bangladesh High Commissioner Riaz Hamidullah paid Farewell Call on with Foreign Secretary of India, Amb. Vikram Misri, yesterday at MEA India as Amb. Hamidullah ends his tour-of-duty. They reflected on the gamut of bilateral relations as well as cooperation under existing Bangladesh-India institutional mechanisms," the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi posted on X."They recognised the vitality of diverse people-to-people connects; and expressed confidence that collective endeavours would result in meaningful and impact-driven collaboration in shared interests," it added.On October 4, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar met Riaz Hamidullah in New Delhi and appreciated his contribution to the bilateral ties.

East Zone NSS Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp 2026 commences at KIIT-DU



Bhubaneswar, Correspondent : The East Zone NSS Pre-Republic Day (Pre-RD) Parade Camp 2026 commenced at KIIT Deemed to be University (KIIT-DU), Bhubaneswar, on Friday. The ten-day camp, scheduled from November 13 to 22, is being organised by the Regional Directorate of the National Service Scheme (NSS), Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with the KIIT NSS Bureau, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.Around 200 NSS volunteers from 10 states of the East Zone, including Odisha, West Bengal, Manipur and Meghalaya, are participating in the camp. The inaugural ceremony was attended by volunteers and dignitaries from KIIT-DU and the NSS. Dr. Prabhat Kumar Rout, Programme Coordinator, KIIT NSS Bureau, delivered the welcome address.Among those present were Prof. (Dr.) Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Pro Vice Chancellor (Administration)-cum-Registrar, KIIT-DU; Prof. (Dr.) Debashaish Bandhyopadhyay, Pro Vice Chancellor, KIIT-DU; and Ajit Kumar Kushwaha, Regional Director, NSS.Welcoming the participants, the dignitaries extended their best wishes and described the camp as one of the best platforms for volunteers, expressing confidence that the experience could bring a positive transformation in their lives.The participants include 52 volunteers from Odisha, 38 from Assam and 14 from Meghalaya. During the camp, volunteers will undergo rigorous training to develop discipline, leadership, physical fitness and a spirit of national service. The programme aims to identify and prepare talented volunteers for the subsequent stages of the Republic Day Parade selection process.The camp will feature intensive training sessions, marching and drill exercises, physical conditioning and other preparatory activities. It will also provide an opportunity for cultural exchange, interaction and national integration among volunteers from different states.The dignitaries emphasised the importance of youth participation, discipline, leadership and community service in nation-building. Dr. Smruti Ranjan Das, NSS Liaison Officer, KIIT-DU, delivered the vote of thanks.

Unified Pension Management Portal Launched

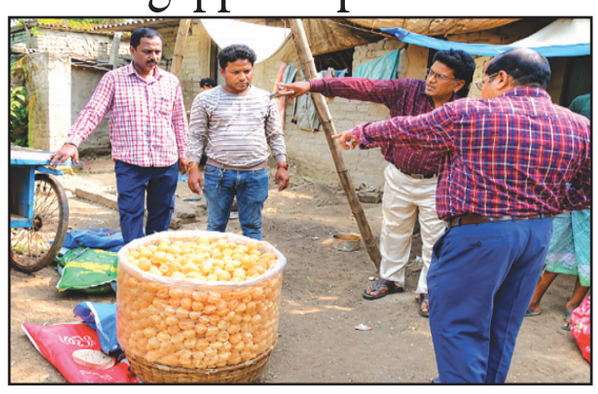


RAYAGADA, Correspondent: The block-level launch programme of the Unified Pension Management Portal (UPMP) was organised at the Rayagada Panchayat Samiti office on Thursday under the joint auspices of the Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) Department of the Odisha Government and the Rayagada district administration.The programme was organised in connection with the state-level launch of the digital portal by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. The initiative aims to make the social security pension delivery system simpler, more transparent, streamlined and efficient, ensuring easier access to services for eligible beneficiaries.The new portal, available at upmp.odisha.gov.in, integrates pension services under the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY) and the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) on a single digital platform. Through the portal, eligible elderly persons, widows and persons with disabilities can apply online, complete Aadhaar-based e-KYC verification and track the status of their pension applications.Addressing beneficiaries and the public, the dignitaries highlighted that the digital initiative would improve transparency in pension administration and facilitate faster delivery of social security benefits.On the occasion, pension sanction orders were distributed to 300 beneficiaries out of 1,787 newly identified eligible applicants under Rayagada Panchayat Samiti. The distribution marked a step towards bringing more eligible people under the social security coverage.

New Team Formed for Koraput District Journalists' Association

laxmipurCorrespondent :With a focus on strengthening unity among journalists, improving the organisational structure and safeguarding the interests of media professionals, a new team of the Koraput District Journalists' Association, affiliated with the Odisha Union of Journalists (OUJ), has been formed.The new office-bearers were unanimously elected during the biennial election held at the Koraput Press Club on Friday. T. Gaurishankar was elected President, while Amitabh Behera was elected General Secretary of the association.The election process was completed through a nomination-based procedure under the direction of OUJ State President Prasanna Mohanty. A 10-member committee, led by OUJ State Vice-President Parikshit Biswal, conducted the process. The committee comprised Ajay Sahu, Sarat Nayak, Tushar Kanta Mohanty, Manoj Pattnaik, Rajendra Goud, Mukteswar Nayak, Amarendra Parichha, Bhavani Mishra and Pratap Nemal.

Unhygienic Conditions Exposed at Golgappa Preparation Units in KATAKA



KATAKA, CORRESPONDENCE: Thousands of golgappas were allegedly being prepared in unhygienic and foul-smelling surroundings in KATAKA, raising serious concerns over food safety and public health. Following reports of such conditions, the Kataka Municipal Corporation (KMC) Health Department conducted raids at three locations across the city, including the CDA slum area, on Friday. During the inspection, more than 20 golgappa vendors were brought under the scanner. At the CDA slum area, the team reportedly found the use of low-quality cooking oil and chemical-based red colouring agents in golgappa preparation. Prepared golgappas, oil and colouring materials were seized and destroyed by the authorities. Despite earlier warnings, some vendors were allegedly found violating hygiene norms. With the annual Bali Jatra approaching, the Health Department has warned that enforcement drives will be intensified to safeguard public health and ensure food safety. Meanwhile, the vendors defended themselves, claiming that they prepare golgappas in clean conditions. Citing financial constraints, they said it was difficult for them to afford permanent concrete premises for their businesses. They also argued that golgappas are not stale food and would not cause health problems. The raid has once again raised serious questions over hygiene standards and food safety in roadside food businesses across Kataka.

Naveen Mourns Loss Of Lives In Kaziranga Mishap

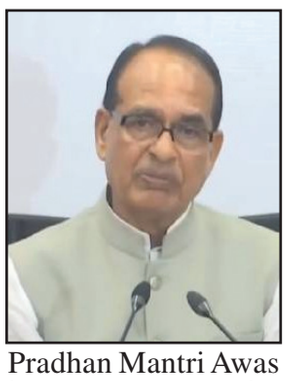


BhubaneswarCORRESPONDENCE: BJD president and Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik on Friday mourned the death of 23 people in a road accident in Kaziranga in Assam.Patnaik, the leader of the opposition in the Odisha assembly, also prayed for the quick recovery of those injured in the accident."Deeply saddened to learn about the tragic loss of so many lives in the fatal road accident in Assam's Kaziranga. My heartfelt prayers are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief. May the families have enough strength to bear the irreparable loss and praying for the swift recovery of those who sustained injuries," the former chief minister said in a post on X.At least 23 people died, and 20 others were injured in a head-on collision between a minibus and a container truck near Kaziranga National Park in Assam.

Ganjam Collector Cancels Leaves Of Govt Staff On Nov 14 &15

BhubaneswarCORRESPONDENCE: In view of the ongoing restoration and rehabilitation works in connection with Severe Cyclone "ARNAB-2026", the Ganjam district administration has cancelled leaves of all government staff on November 14 and 15.In an order, the Collector directed all officers and staff of District Offices, Sub-Divisional Offices, Block Offices and other Government establishments functioning within Ganjam district to attend their respective offices as usual on Saturday (14.11.2026) and Sunday (15.11.2026) and remain present on duty to facilitate effective execution of emergency-related works.The order has been issued considering the urgent nature of emergency response and relief operations.

Union Agri Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan To Distribute PMAY-G Houses In Balangir ToDAY



Pradhan Mantri Awas houses at the programme.

BhubaneswarCORRESPONDENCE: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is on a two-day visit to Odisha. He reached Bhubaneswar on Friday evening and was given a grand welcome by the state BJP at the airport.He went directly from the airport to Hotel Mayfair, where he will stay overnight.On Saturday, he will leave for Balangir by helicopter at 9:45 am. After reaching the Balangir helipad at 10:50 am, he will join the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) programme organised at Patharachepa field from 11 am to 1 pm.He will distribute 4 lakh Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi will also be present.He will return to Bhubaneswar from Balangir by helicopter at 1:35 pm along with the Chief Minister and reach Bhubaneswar airport at 2:40 pm.Then at 3:20 pm, he will reach the Chausathi Yogini Temple in Hirapur. He will participate in the 'Kheta Bachao Abhiyan' and tree plantation programme organised there from 3:20 pm to 4:20 pm.After completing the programme, he will leave Hirapur at 4:20 pm and reach Bhubaneswar airport at 4:50 pm. He will leave for Bhopal by a special flight at 5 pm.

Chief Secy Reviews Devt Projects With Collectors, Focus On Disaster Preparedness



BhubaneswarCORRESPONDENCE:: Chief Secretary Anu Garg on Friday reviewed the implementation of key development projects and government schemes with District Collectors, directing them to expedite land acquisition, strengthen public service delivery and ensure timely execution of projects across Odisha.The meeting, held at Lok Seva Bhawan, was attended by Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Hemant Sharma and secretaries of various departments. District Collectors joined the meeting virtually.Issues concerning Home, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, Water Resources, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Health and Family Welfare, Agriculture, School and Mass Education, Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts, MSME, Mission Shakti and Cooperation departments, among others, came up for discussion.As part of the 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' campaign, Additional Chief Secretary Hemant Sharma advised Collectors and Superintendents of Police to convene District-level Narco Coordination Committee meetings every three months to curb illegal narcotics trafficking and intensify public awareness activities.He also directed the Collectors to identify government land immediately for setting up regional disaster-response hubs at Balasore, Kataka, Brahmapur, Rayagada and Sambalpur. The proposed hubs will facilitate rapid deployment of equipment during disasters. He further called for shifting various offices, police stations and enforcement units of the Excise Department to the designated regional hubs.

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HYDROLOGY & INTERSTATE MATTER, BURLA
E-mail id-sehydrologyismburla@gmail.com
e-Procurement Notice No. SEH&ISM-08/2026-27 (Online)
Bid Identification No. SEH&ISM-08/2026-27 (Online)

Bid documents consisting of work, estimated amount put to tender, cost of tender paper, EMD, time of completion, class of contractor, the set of terms & conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in complete online process only.

1.	Nature of Works	:	Construction of Staff quarters and improvement of Khairmal Gauge site office of Hirakud Dam Project for the year 2026-27.
2.	Nos. of works	:	1 (one) Nos.
3.	Bid Identification No.	:	SEH&ISM-08/2026-27
4.	Estimated Cost	:	22.70 Lakhs (Excluding GST)
5.	Class of Contractor	:	"B" Class
6.	Period of Completion	:	Referred to DTCN
7.	Date and Time of availability of Bid Document in the Portal	:	Dt: 16.11.2026 at 11.30 AM to Dt: 26.11.2026 up to 05.00 PM
8.	Last Date / Time for receipt of Bids in the Portal	:	Dt: 26.11.2026 up to 05.00 PM
9.	Date of opening of Bid	:	Dt: 27.11.2026 at 11.30 AM
10.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:	SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, HYDROLOGY & INTERSTATE MATTER, BURLA AT/PO- BURLA DIST-SAMBALPUR ,768017 Email Id: -sehydrologyismburla@gmail.com

1. Any addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation/ erratum of tender can also be seen in the said website.
2. Further details can be seen from Government Website http://tendersodisha.gov.in.

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Hydrology & Interstate Matter, Burla

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OFFICEOFTHESUPERINTENDINGENGINEER
JAGATSINGHPUR(R&B) DIVISION, JAGATSINGHPUR
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

("e" Procurement Tender Call Notice)
Bid Identification No. S.E.JSPR(R&B)-21 of 2026-27

TENDER CALL NOTICE

1. The Superintending Engineer, Jagatsinghpur (R&B) Division, Jagatsinghpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in Single Cover System in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractor for Road Safety works as mentioned below.

2. No. of Works : 3 Nos.
3. Nature of work : 3 Nos.
4. Class of Contractor : C& B Class
5. Tender Paper Cost :Rs.6,000.00 (Online)
6. Available of bid documents in the website : From 16.11.2026 05.00 PM of 30/11/2026
7. Date of Opening of Bid : 11.00 AM of 01/12/2026

he Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the websitehttps://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

SuperintendingEngineer,
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EDITORIAL

The Rise of Women Athletes: India's Daughters Create History

The progress of any nation is measured not only by its economic prosperity or scientific achievements but also by the opportunities and respect it provides to women. When women are given opportunities to showcase their talents, they establish new milestones in every field. Indian women athletes have proved this through their outstanding performances at the Asian Games.

Over the past few years, Indian women athletes have demonstrated their talent and determination in athletics, boxing, wrestling, badminton, hockey, kabaddi, shooting and several other sports. They have not only won medals but have also become a source of inspiration for millions of girls across the country. Their achievements have proved that success is not determined by gender but by hard work, discipline, courage and opportunities.

The journey of these athletes has not been easy. Many have faced financial difficulties, social restrictions, inadequate training facilities and family-related challenges. Yet, they refused to give up. Through rigorous practice, self-confidence and determination, they have raised the Indian flag high on international platforms.

Another significant aspect of women's achievements in sports is their contribution to changing social attitudes. Today, parents are increasingly encouraging their daughters to pursue sports. Girls from villages and small towns are also dreaming big. They are beginning to understand that sports are not merely a source of entertainment but can also provide a respectable career and an opportunity to serve the nation.

However, women's sports still face several challenges. In many areas, there is a shortage of modern sports facilities, female coaches, proper nutrition, safe environments and financial support. Talented girls from rural areas often remain deprived of adequate opportunities. Therefore, the government, sports organisations, educational institutions and society must work together to address these issues.

Girls should be encouraged to participate in sports from the school level itself. Every school should have playgrounds, proper training facilities and the necessary equipment. Talented athletes should receive scholarships, nutritious food, scientific training and employment opportunities. Their achievements should be recognised not merely through medals but also through appreciation of their struggles, dedication and perseverance.

The achievements of Indian women athletes convey a powerful message: when daughters receive equal opportunities, encouragement and respect, they can excel in every field. Every victory inspires a new generation to pursue its dreams with confidence and determination.

Indeed, when a daughter wins a medal on the sports field, it is not just an individual victory; the entire nation feels proud. We must create an environment in which every girl gets an opportunity to develop her talent and fulfil her potential. When women move forward, families, society and the nation progress together.

"Jawaharlal Nehru : --The Architect of Modern India"



Uma sankar prasad

There are some men without whom a nation's history cannot be imagined. Jawaharlal Nehru is one of them. Children lovingly called him "Chacha Nehru", the world called him "Pandit Nehru" , but history will remember him as the man who built modern India from the ruins of colonial rule. He was not just India's first Prime Minister. He was its first teacher, its first dreamer, and its first nation-builder.

His Birth and Childhood - From Luxury to Sacrifice. Jawaharlal Nehru was born on "14 November 1889" in Allahabad (now Prayagraj) in a wealthy Kashmiri Pandit family. His father, 'Motilal Nehru' , was one of the richest lawyers of India. His mother, 'Swarup Rani' , was deeply religious and affectionate. His home, "Anand Bhavan", was like a palace - horses, cars, servants, English tutors, everything. Young Jawaharlal had everything a child could want, except one thing - freedom for his country.

From childhood, he loved books. Science, history, poetry - he read everything. He would often ask his tutors - Why is our country poor? Why are we ruled by others?

At the age of 15, he went to England. He studied at "Harrow School" , 'Trinity College, Cambridge' , and then law at "Inner Temple, London". He became a barrister in 1912. He could have lived a life of luxury like his father, earning lakhs as a lawyer. But when he returned to India, he saw farmers starving, workers exploited, and the whole nation in chains. He decided ,My life is for India. The Turning Point In "1916, at the Lucknow Congress", Nehru met Mahatma Gandhi for the first time. That meeting changed his life forever. Gandhi said - Swaraj is my birthright._ Nehru made it his life's mantra.

He joined the Non-Cooperation Movement, Salt Satyagraha, Quit India Movement. He gave up foreign clothes and wore Khadi. He gave up the luxury of Anand Bhavan and chose the prison cell.

In his lifetime, he went to jail "9 times and spent almost 9 years in prison". In jail, he wrote letters to his young daughter Indira. Those letters later became two world-famous books - "Letters from a Father to His Daughter" and "Glimpses of World History". He also wrote his autobiography - "An Autobiography" (1936) and "The Discovery of India" (1946) while in prison. Even today, these books are taught in universities all over the world.

In '1929, at the Lahore Congress' , at just 40 years of age, he became the Congress President and declared - (Purna Swaraj) - " C o m p l e t e Independence" is our goal. Until then people only asked for self-rule. Nehru demanded full freedom. On the banks of the Ravi river, the Tricolour was hoisted.

As a First Prime Minister - Tryst with Destiny 15 August 1947 , India became free, but it was also partitioned. Lakhs of people died, crores became homeless. In that moment of pain, Nehru stood at the Red Fort and gave his immortal speech:- "Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge."

This speech is known as "Tryst with Destiny" . The whole nation wept.

Nehru became Prime Minister and remained in office for 17 years - from 1947 to 1964 - the longest-serving Prime Minister of India till today.

In front of him were three huge problems - poverty, illiteracy, and superstition. He attacked all three.

Let us give focus, What Did Nehru Build? "Democracy for All". Nehru gave voting rights to every adult - rich or poor, man or woman, educated or uneducated. At that time, even England had given voting rights slowly. But Nehru gave it to all in one day. He believed - 'Democracy is not a gift, it is a right.' Because of this, India became the world's largest democracy.

He also built strong institutions - Election Commission, Supreme Court, Planning Commission, free press . He never tried to become a dictator, though he could have. He always respected the opposition. Today 's politicians should learn these things.

As per his verson, "Science, Dams and Industry - Temples of Modern India"

Nehru said - "Dams are the temples of modern India."

Under his guidance , India built:

"Bhakra-Nangal Dam, Hirakud Dam (Odisha), Damodar Valley

Bhilai, Rourkela (Odisha), Durgapur Steel Plants"

IITs, IIMs, AIIMS, CSIR, Atomic Energy Commission" " ISRO - Indian Space Research Organisation" was founded in 1962 on his vision.

If today India can send a rocket to the Moon (Chandrayaan) and Mars (Mangalyaan), the foundation was laid by Nehru. He started "Five Year Plans" in 1951 to develop the economy. He believed in a mixed economy - both government and private sector should work together. He gave special importance to agriculture, irrigation, and heavy industry.

Seculiarism was the first motto. Nehru said - ' India belongs to all religions._ Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh - all are children of this soil' . He made secularism a part of the Constitution. He opposed communalism throughout his life. He also passed the "Hindu Code Bills" to give rights to women in marriage, divorce, and property - a revolutionary step in that era.

His Foreign Policy - Non-Aligned Movement. At that time the world was divided into two camps - America and Russia. Nehru refused to join either. He started the " N o n - A l i g n e d Movement (NAM)" with Tito of Yugoslavia, Nasser of Egypt, and Sukarno of Indonesia.

He gave the world the principle of " " "Panchsheel" - Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence - in 1954 with China. He believed in peace, not war. Because of this, India was respected all over the world. Even today, India follows an independent foreign policy because of Nehru. 5. Love for Children and women - Nehru loved children deeply. He said - Today's children are tomorrow's India. That is why his birthday, "14 November, is celebrated as Children's Day in India. He always wore a red rose on his coat - a symbol of his soft heart.

He also worked for women's education, abolition of child marriage, and upliftment of Dalits and tribals. He worked closely with "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar" to make the Constitution.

Also His Mistakes too. No man is without mistakes. Historians say Nehru trusted China too much. In "1962, China attacked India" and India lost. It broke Nehru's heart. He fell ill after that. The "Kashmir issue" also remains debated even today. His decision to take Kashmir to the UN is questioned by many. But it is also true that whatever he did, he did with good intention for the country. He never did anything for personal gain. He died a poor man in terms of property, but rich in love of the people.

Lets have a glance on his Personal Life

Nehru married 'Kamala Kaul' in 1916. Their only daughter was "Indira Gandhi" , who later became Prime Minister. Kamala died young in 1936. Nehru never married again. His sister "Vijayalakshmi Pandit " became the first woman President of the UN General Assembly - a proud moment for India.On 27 May 1964, Nehru passed away in New Delhi. The whole country cried. World leaders from America to Russia paid tribute. He left behind a strong democracy, a scientific India, a secular nation, and a respected India in the world. Today, if we can speak freely, vote freely, send our children to school, and dream of going to the Moon - it is because of Nehru's dream.

Diabetes



Dr. Umesh Chandra Patra

The ancient Greek word for diabetes means, “passing though; a large discharge of urine.” The meaning is associated with frequent urination, which is a symptom of diabetes. Both frequent urination and excess, sweet glucoses levels expelled in our urine can be signs of diabetes.

With diabetes, your body doesn't make enough insulin or can't use it as well as it should. When there isn't enough insulin or cells stop responding to insulin, too much blood sugar stays in your bloodstream. Over time, that can cause serious health problems, such as heart disease, vision loss, and kidney disease. Type 2 diabetes is characterised by relative insulin deficiency caused by pancreatic ß-cell dysfunction and insulin resistance in target organs. Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces. Insulin is a hormone that regulates blood glucose.

Talk to your doctor about an exercise plan. Ask your doctor about what type of exercise is appropriate for you. Keep an exercise schedule, Know your numbers, Check your blood sugar level, Stay hydrated, Be prepared, Adjust your diabetes treatment plan as needed. Type 2 diabetes—the most common form of diabetes—is caused by several factors, including lifestyle factors and genes. Overweight, obesity, and physical inactivity, Insulin resistance, Genes and family history, Insulin resistance, Genes and family history, Genetic mutations, Hormonal diseases. There's no cure yet, but our scientists are working on a ground-breaking weight management study, to help people put their type 2 diabetes into remission. Remission is when blood glucose (or blood sugar) levels are in a normal range again. This doesn't mean diabetes has gone for good. We have reports of people who have been in remission for up to 15 years. However, even if you are in remission, it is always possible that your blood sugar levels could come back into the diabetes range. Remission is not a one-off event, but a process.

While the causes of diabetes differ from body to body, some of the most common factors that can lead to diabetes are obesity, unhealthy diet, alcohol consumption, and an inactive lifestyle. Age plays a crucial role too, more often than not. Diabetes can also be inherited genetically.

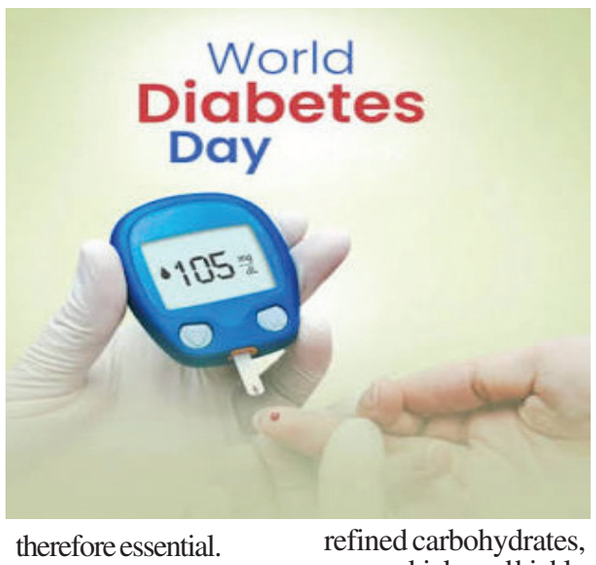
Don’t Wait for Diabetes to Knock: Act Early, Live Better!



Dr Bijay ketan Das

Diabetes mellitus has become one of the most pressing public health concerns of our time. India, in particular, is facing a growing diabetes burden, with millions of people affected and many more yet to be diagnosed. What was once considered a disease of middle-aged and elderly people is now increasingly being seen among younger adults and even adolescents. On the occasion of World Diabetes Day (14 November), it is worth reminding ourselves that diabetes is not simply a condition characterised by high blood sugar. It is a complex metabolic disorder that can affect almost every organ of the body and requires lifelong attention and care. Diabetes develops when the body either fails to produce enough insulin or cannot use the insulin it produces effectively. Insulin, a hormone secreted by the pancreas, helps glucose enter the cells and provide energy. Depending on its underlying cause, diabetes can be classified into different types. Type 1 diabetes occurs when the immune system destroys the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas. It commonly affects children and young adults and requires lifelong insulin treatment. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form and develops due to insulin resistance combined with a gradual decline in insulin production. Gestational diabetes is first recognised during pregnancy and carries health implications for both mother and child, including an increased risk of future type 2 diabetes. Other forms include monogenic diabetes and diabetes associated with pancreatic diseases, hormonal disorders or certain medications.

Although diabetes has a strong genetic component, lifestyle and environmental factors play an important role, particularly in type 2 diabetes. A family history of diabetes, excess body weight, especially abdominal obesity, lack of physical activity, unhealthy eating habits, high blood pressure and abnormal cholesterol levels all increase the risk. Polycystic ovary syndrome and a previous history of gestational diabetes are additional risk factors. Indians and other South Asians are especially susceptible, often developing diabetes at a younger age and at a lower body weight than people from many other populations. Another concern is that diabetes may remain undetected for several years because many individuals do not experience obvious symptoms in its early stages. Regular screening, particularly among those at increased risk, is



therefore essential.

The good news is that type 2 diabetes can often be prevented or delayed through simple but consistent lifestyle changes. A balanced diet containing vegetables, fruits, pulses, whole grains and adequate protein should form the basis of daily eating habits. Reducing refined carbohydrates, sugary drinks and highly processed foods is equally important. Regular physical activity, such as brisk walking, cycling or swimming for at least 150 minutes a week, helps the body use insulin more effectively.

Managing diabetes involves much more than prescribing medicines to lower blood sugar. It requires attention to blood pressure, cholesterol, kidney function, heart health, eye health and foot care. Endocrinologists, who are specialists in hormonal and metabolic disorders, have an important role in providing comprehensive diabetes care, particularly in patients with difficult-to-control diabetes, atypical presentations, complex insulin requirements or associated endocrine disorders. People with diabetes should seek treatment from qualified medical practitioners with appropriate expertise, and should consider specialist endocrinology consultation whenever required. Unqualified medical advice and unproven remedies should never take the place of evidence-based treatment.

This World Diabetes Day, the message should go beyond simply asking people to check their blood sugar. We must encourage healthier lifestyles, regular screening, early diagnosis and responsible medical care. Families, communities and healthcare professionals all have a role to play in tackling this growing challenge. Diabetes may be a lifelong condition, but its complications are not inevitable. With awareness, timely intervention and sustained commitment to healthy living, we can make a meaningful difference.

682 New Beneficiaries to Receive Pension in Laxmipur Block

Two Months' Pension Distributed to 54 Beneficiaries of Sadar Panchayat



laxmipur Correspondent :In an effort to expand the coverage of social security schemes and extend financial assistance to more eligible people, the process of distributing pensions to newly selected beneficiaries has begun in Laxmipur block of Koraput district.As part of this initiative, two months' pension was distributed to 54 newly selected beneficiaries of Sadar Panchayat on Friday.The distribution programme was organised at the meeting hall of the Laxmipur Panchayat Samiti office under the chairmanship of Block Development Officer (BDO) Sabyasachi Behera. Laxmipur MLA Pabitra Saunta attended the programme as the chief guest and distributed pension benefits to the newly selected beneficiaries.
Former MLA Kailash Chandra Kulesika, Panchayat Samiti Chairperson Suai Kulesika, MP's Representative Kailash Khosla and Sarpanch Shyam Sundar Tadingi attended the programme as distinguished guests.According to official information, a total of 682 new beneficiaries have been identified across all 13 Gram Panchayats of Laxmipur block. In the first phase, 54 beneficiaries from Sadar Panchayat received their pension benefits. The remaining newly selected beneficiaries from the other 12 panchayats will receive two months' pension on November 18, 19 and 20, informed BDO Sabyasachi Behera.
Block Social Security Officer Anshuman Behera coordinated the programme, while Data Entry Operator (DEO) Trinath Sahu extended his support.The initiative is being viewed as an important step towards providing financial security and relief to newly enrolled beneficiaries, bringing hope and reassurance to many people dependent on social security assistance.

Crocodile in Binika Mahanadi: People are scared



SUBARNAPUR Correspondent : -- A 6-foot-long crocodile has been seen underwater under the Mahanadi bridge in Binika town of Subarnapur district. It is estimated that the crocodile is about 5 to 6 feet long. A large crowd of people has gathered on the bridge to see the crocodile. Most of the people of Binika area go to the Mahanadi for bathing and defecation. The Mahanadi is the lifeline of the Binika area. Fishermen who earn their living by catching fish from the river, fishermen go to catch fish every day. After receiving the news of the crocodile's arrival, the fishermen are in a state of panic. An atmosphere of fear has been seen in the Binika area after seeing the crocodile in the Mahanadi. Meanwhile, the Binika Forest Department has reached the focus and is monitoring the movements of the crocodile and has warned that it is a crocodile and this crocodile only eats fish, it does not harm people, so there is nothing to be afraid of. However, everyone has been warned with the help of a Loudspeaker to go to the river with caution. Residents of the area, especially fishermen, are being warned not to go into the river to catch fish.

Minister launches integrated pension management portal



Gopalpur, (correspondent):Elderly men and women had been waiting for months to receive their pensions, but the Mohan government has now arranged to provide pensions to all eligible beneficiaries. Additionally, with the launch of an 'Integrated Pension Management Portal,' beneficiaries can register themselves. Bibhuti Bhusan Jena, Minister of Commerce & Transport and Steel & Mines, stated this while speaking as the chief guest at an event held on the premises of the Rangeilunda Block today, during the portal's unveiling. Among those present at the event were Zilla Parishad Vice-Chairperson S. Rajeshwari Dora, Block Development Officer (BDO) Biswajit Ray, and GPDO Santosh. Behera, Supply Inspector Shakti Prasad Ram, Block Social Security Officer Lakshminrusimha Patnaik, and the Minister's block representative Braja Mohan Nahak, among others, were present.In Rangeilunda block, 6,526 individuals were receiving NSSP (National Social Assistance Programme) pensions, while 13,658 were beneficiaries of the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana. It has been reported that an additional 2,910 individuals have now been included under the Madhu Babu Pension scheme. Today, the Minister distributed the pension amounts to these newly enrolled beneficiaries of the Madhu Babu Pension scheme.

Justice Bibhu Prasad Routray to Assume Charge as Acting Chief Justice of Odisha High Court

KATAKA, CORRES PONDENCE: Senior judge Justice Bibhu Prasad Routray is set to assume charge as the Acting Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court following the retirement of the incumbent Chief Justice, Justice Harish Tandon, whose tenure comes to an end on November 15. According to official sources, Justice Routray will take over the responsibilities of the Acting Chief Justice from Monday, following Justice Tandon's retirement. As the High Court will remain closed on the incumbent Chief Justice's final day in office, a formal farewell ceremony has been scheduled for Friday afternoon to honour Justice Tandon. The Union Ministry of Law and Justice has issued the formal notification regarding the appointment of Justice Routray with the approval of the President of India. With Justice Tandon's retirement, the administrative and judicial leadership of the Orissa High Court will pass to Justice Routray, who will discharge the duties of Acting Chief Justice until further arrangements are made.

SUSHANT SINGH'S LEGACY, SUBRAT'S LEADERSHIP MARK BJD MOBILISATION



BARAGADA(correspondent): In a significant display of organisational mobilisation, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) organised a massive Jana Samparka Padayatra in Bhukta, under Ambabhona block in Baragada district, bringing together senior party leaders, elected representatives, many grassroots workers and supporters.The programme, organised under the leadership of Subrat Singh, senior state vice-president of the Biju Yuva Janata Dal and a prominent youth leader from the Bhatli Assembly constituency, was held as directed by BJD president Naveen Patnaik. Ambabhona block BJD president Bishnu Pradhan presided over the gathering.
The participation of Padampur MLA Barsha Singh Bariha, former MLA Debesh Acharya, state secretary Raju Ghibela, Ambabhona block chairman Kirtichandra Duan, Bhatli block chairman Nityananda Pradhan and several other prominent party functionaries lent political significance to the event. District-level office-bearers, Zilla Parishad members, elected local representatives and leaders of the party's youth and women's wings also attended.The presence of thousands of followers and supporters of former Bhatli MLA and minister Sushant Singh was particularly noteworthy, underlining the continuing influence of his political legacy and grassroots connections in the region.

Rayagada Hosts District-Level Startup Awareness and Innovation Challenge

RAYAGADA, CORRES PONDENCE:: The District Industries Centre (DIC), Rayagada, organised the second and final district-level Startup Awareness and Innovation Challenge programme at Biju Patnaik Auditorium here on Friday, drawing participation from over 200 students, women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), entrepreneurs, industry association representatives and district-level officials.The programme was organised as part of the Odisha Seva First Innovation Challenge campaign. Since October 9, the DIC has conducted 20 awareness programmes across educational institutions, including GIET University at Gunupur, Centurion University, Government Autonomous College, Women's College, Adarsha Vidyalayas and other schools in the district. The first district-level programme was held at Gunupur on Thursday.The Friday programme was presided over by DIC General Manager Chittaranjan Mallik and inaugurated by Gunupur MLA Satyajit Gomango.

RaktaMitra Organises Third Blood Donation Camp in Rourkela

RourkelaCorrespondent : Thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder that causes severe anaemia, requires patients to receive regular blood transfusions to survive. Timely availability of blood is crucial, as delays in transfusion can pose serious health risks to patients.According to available information, 136 Thalassemia patients have been registered at Rourkela Government Hospital (RGH), most of them children who require regular blood transfusions. Depending on their condition, these patients generally need blood every seven to 15 days.

722-KG GANJA WORTH RS 50L SEIZED IN GAJAPATI, ONE ARRESTED



Paralakhemundi, (correspondent):: In a major crackdown on illegal cannabis trafficking, R. Udayagiri police in Gajapati district seized 722.4 kg of ganja, valued at over Rs 50 lakh, and arrested a 59-year-old man in this connection.The arrested accused has been identified as Jakhya Mandal of Dumukuli village under R. Udayagiri police station limits. Police seized the contraband packed in 24 bags from his possession.A case (No. 191/2026) was registered at R. Udayagiri police station on November 12 under Section 20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act.The case was registered on the complaint of Sub-Inspector Kautuk Sethi, while SI Laxman Besara has been entrusted with the investigation.Police are investigating the source of the seized ganja and identifying others involved in the illegal trade, informed R. Udayagiri police station officer-in-charge Kalpalata Pradhan.

NOTICE

I Mr. Ananda Kumar Barik ,S/O- Anambandhu Barik .
Address Details: At/Po- Maharampur, Dolasahi ,Tihidi,Dist -Bhadrak,Pin-756127
we have lost my original link ROR Khata No. 462 ,favouring -Pitabas Barik , Nirmala barik & others Mouja-Maharampur,Tahasil- Tihidi ,Thana-Tihidi , Dist-Bhadrak.
I am taking loan from Jana Small Finance Bank, Bhadrak Branch by mortgaging my own land property, Bhadrak , if anyone have objection please contact our lawer-Gadadhara bal within 14days from the date of publication of this notification. Mobile - +917008830616.
No complaint will be accepted after the stipulated time.

Regards
Ananda Kumar Barik

Administration Bows to Public Protest

Doctor Hemant Mahanta to Be Permanently Posted at Pritipur PHC Within Four Months



Jajpur (Correspondent): Following strong public resentment and an indefinite hunger strike, the administration has softened its stand on the transfer of Dr Hemant Kumar Mahanta, an AYUSH doctor serving at Pritipur Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Binjharpur block of Jajpur district. Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Ramesh Chandra Mallik has given a written assurance that Dr Mahanta will be permanently posted at the same health centre within the next four months. Following the assurance, the protesters called off their hunger strike.As per the government policy of transferring employees who have served at one place for more than 10 years, Dr Mahanta had been transferred to the Radhagaon-Paripada PHC in Dasarathpur block. However, local residents strongly opposed the decision and launched an agitation, demanding that he be retained at Pritipur PHC. The protest subsequently turned into an indefinite hunger strike.Taking note of the demands of the agitators and the sentiments of local residents, ADM Ramesh Chandra Mallik intervened in the matter and provided a written assurance. According to the assurance, as an immediate arrangement, Dr Mahanta will be transferred to Binjharpur Community Health Centre (CHC) instead of Radhagaon-Paripada PHC. He will then be deputed to Pritipur PHC for a period of four months.Furthermore, in consultation with the District Collector and the Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer (CDM&PHO), Dr Hemant Kumar Mahanta will be permanently posted at Pritipur PHC within the stipulated four-month period, the ADM assured.Following the administration's written assurance, the protesters withdrew their indefinite hunger strike. However, local residents will be closely watching whether the administration fulfils its commitment within the promised timeframe.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA eerw_kpd@yahoo.com
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS DIVISION, KENDRPADA
INVITATION FOR BIDS (SHORT NOTICE)

'E' PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. RWD / KPD-11 / 2026-27 DT 10.11.2026

1.	Name of work	: **Road** works in the District of Kendrapada.
2.	Total No of work	: **29 Numbers of Road work**
3.	Estimated Cost	: **Rs.5.08 Lakhs to Rs.42.37 lakhs** approximately
4.	Period of Completion	: As Specified in the Annexure
5.	Class of contractors	: As Specified in the Annexure
6.	Cost of tender paper	: Cost of tender paper is to be remitted **ONLINE** as specified in column-5 Annexure.
7.	Detail projects	: As Specified in the Annexure

Other details as follows:

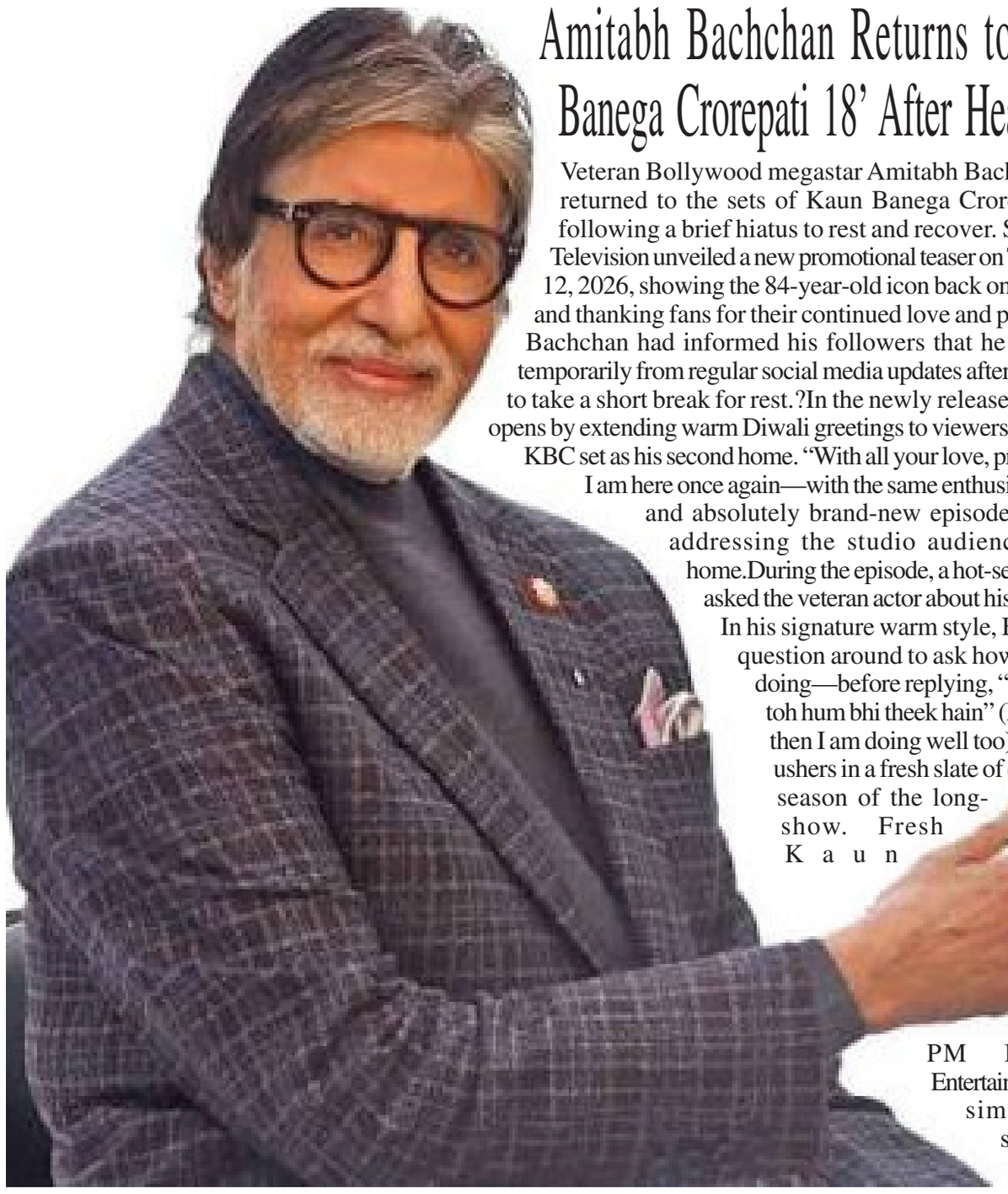
a)	Procurement officer	: Superintending Engineer Rural Works Division, Kendrapada
b)	Availability of tender online	: **18.11.2026** at 11:00 AM to **27.11.2026** up to 2:00 PM
c)	Last date & time of seeking of tender clarification	: 26.11.2026 up to 5.00 PM
d)	Opening of Tender	: **27.11.2026** at 05.00 PM

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

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Superintending Engineer
Rural Work Division-1
Kendrapara

Amitabh Bachchan Returns to Host 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 18' After Health Break



Veteran Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has officially returned to the sets of Kaun Banega Crorepati 18 (KBC 18) following a brief hiatus to rest and recover. Sony Entertainment Television unveiled a new promotional teaser on Thursday, November 12, 2026, showing the 84-year-old icon back on the quiz show stage and thanking fans for their continued love and prayers.?Last month, Bachchan had informed his followers that he was stepping back temporarily from regular social media updates after doctors advised him to take a short break for rest.?In the newly released promo, Bachchan opens by extending warm Diwali greetings to viewers while describing the KBC set as his second home. "With all your love, prayers, and blessings, I am here once again—with the same enthusiasm, the same smile, and absolutely brand-new episodes," Bachchan said, addressing the studio audience and viewers at home.During the episode, a hot-seat contestant directly asked the veteran actor about his health and recovery. In his signature warm style, Bachchan turned the question around to ask how the contestant was doing—before replying, "Agar aap theek hain, toh hum bhi theek hain" (If you are doing well, then I am doing well too).?Bachchan's return ushers in a fresh slate of episodes for the 18th season of the long-running quiz show. Fresh episodes of Kaun Banega Crorepati 18 will begin airing on Monday, November 16, 2026. Viewers can tune in at 9:00 PM IST on Sony Entertainment Television, with simultaneous digital streaming available on Sony LIV.

Salman Khan Sends Best Wishes to Shraddha Kapoor's 'Eetha' Ahead of December 4 Box Office Clash With 'Maatrubhumi'



Ahead of a major Bollywood box office face-off scheduled for December 4, 2026, superstar Salman Khan has extended warm support to actress Shraddha Kapoor and the team behind her upcoming biographical drama Eetha.?Even though his own war drama Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace arrives in cinemas on the exact same Friday, Khan set aside box office rivalry on Thursday, November 12, to promote the competing release on social media.Taking to his Instagram Stories, Salman Khan shared the official poster of Eetha along with a direct link to the film's trailer, tagging lead star Shraddha Kapoor, producer Dinesh Vijan, and production banner.All the best for Eetha!" Khan wrote in his caption, prompting a grateful response from Maddock Films thanking him for his support.Both Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace and Eetha are locked for worldwide theatrical releases on December 4, setting up one of the biggest year-end clashes at the Indian box office.The December 4 clash brings two sharply contrasting genres to theatres—a Maharashtrian folk-musical biopic and a high-stakes military action drama.

Say goodbye to sagging skin: This skincare solution is the new anti-ageing must-have



In the world of skincare, the quest for radiant, youthful complexion is an endless pursuit and one product that has gained significant attention in recently is Wonder Face, a comprehensive facial treatment system designed to address a variety of skin concerns. Read on as we explore the key features of Wonder Face and how it can transform your skin.

What is Wonder Face?

In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Rickson Pereira, Dermatologist at Dermatherapie Clinic in Mumbai, explained, "Wonder Face is the new device capable of combining synchronised Inductive Monopolar Radiofrequency with Neuromuscular emissions. It has undergone rigorous clinical trials and its ergonomic design and ease of use allow beauty professionals to easily integrate it into their procedures. Neuromuscular emissions work directly on facial muscles, helping to tone them and improve firmness, especially in problematic areas such as the zygomatic, frontal and platysma muscles (double chin)."

She elaborated, "It is the new treatment for facial sagging and lack of skin firmness. It simultaneously treats the skin and facial muscles thanks to the unique combination of synchronised Radiofrequency (RF) and Neuromuscular technologies. In this way, it reshapes and tightens the skin by heating the dermis and increasing the levels of collagen and elastin fibres."

The Benefits of Wonder Face

According to Dr Rickson Pereira, using the Wonder Face system can provide a host of benefits for your skin, including

• Deep Facial Rejuvenation: Radiofrequency generates heat in the deepest layers of the skin, which promotes the production of collagen and elastin.

• Muscle Stimulation: Neuromuscular technology stimulates facial muscles, which can help tone and improve facial contour.

• Improved Circulation: The heat generated by radiofrequency can increase blood circulation in the treated area, leading to more radiant and better-looking skin.

• Non-Invasive Treatment: No cuts or surgeries are required, reducing recovery time and the risks associated with invasive procedures.

• Visible Results: Softer, firmer, and rejuvenated skin after undergoing treatments with synchronized neuromuscular technology and radiofrequency.

Remember, skincare is a journey, and it may take several sessions to see the full benefits of the Wonder Face system. Be patient, follow the instructions and enjoy the transformation of your skin.

Festive glow goals: Transform your skin with these beauty treatments



As Diwali approaches, the quest for radiant skin intensifies and the changing weather, late-night celebrations plus exposure to pollution can take a toll on your skin, making a pre-festival skincare routine essential. Whether it is hydration, exfoliation or rejuvenation, starting early ensures you will achieve that flawless, festive glow in time for the celebrations.

With numerous skin rejuvenation techniques gaining popularity, many people are turning to hydrating fillers, microneedling and PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma) therapy. In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Shweta Mishra, Facial Cosmetic and Aesthetic Surgeon at Sharva Clinic in New Delhi, shared, "These treatments not only restore moisture and boost collagen production but also address issues like fine lines, uneven texture, and dullness. Whether you're looking to achieve a natural glow or tackle specific skin concerns, these advanced therapies can provide long-lasting results. With proper aftercare and guidance from a certified doctor, you'll be ready to shine bright this festive season, radiating beauty from within."

1. Hydrating fillers: To achieve that glow

Hydrating fillers, often made from hyaluronic acid, are injectable treatments that add volume to the skin and provide deep hydration. Unlike traditional fillers that primarily focus on contouring, hydrating fillers enhance the skin's overall texture and glow.

Its benefits:

Instant hydration: Hydrating fillers attract water molecules, providing immediate hydration to the skin.

Plumpness: They restore lost volume, making the skin appear fuller and more youthful.

Improved texture: These fillers can smooth out fine lines and wrinkles, resulting in a more even skin surface.

Long-lasting effects: While results are not permanent, they can last several months, providing ample time to enjoy a luminous complexion for festive celebrations.

2. Microneedling:

Microneedling, is also known as collagen induction therapy. This process stimulates the body's natural healing response, promoting collagen and elastin production.

Enhanced collagen production: The micro-injuries trigger collagen synthesis, improving skin elasticity and firmness.

Minimised scars and pores: It effectively reduces the appearance of acne scars, enlarged pores, and uneven texture.

Improved absorption: Microneedling increases the absorption of topical products, enhancing their effectiveness.

Quick recovery: Most patients experience minimal downtime, making it a convenient option for those preparing for festive gatherings.

3. PRP Therapy:

Harnessing your body's healing power Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) therapy involves drawing a small amount of the patient's blood, processing it to isolate the platelets, and then injecting the concentrated platelets back into the skin. This treatment harnesses the body's natural healing properties to rejuvenate the skin.

Its benefits:

Natural rejuvenation: PRP uses your body's own growth factors to promote healing, making it a safe and natural option.

Diminished fine lines: It effectively reduces fine lines, wrinkles, and sagging skin.

Improved skin tone: PRP can enhance skin texture and tone, resulting in a youthful, radiant appearance.

Long lasting results: The results can last for several months, especially when combined with other treatments.

Choosing the Right Treatment

When considering skin rejuvenation treatments, it is crucial to consult a professional as they can assess your skin type, concerns and goals to recommend the most suitable option. Each treatment has its unique advantages and may be used in combination for optimal results.

Dr Shweta Mishra said, "I can confidently say that hydrating fillers, microneedling and PRP therapy each offer unique benefits for achieving radiant skin. Hydrating fillers provide instant hydration and volume, smoothing fine lines for a youthful glow. Microneedling stimulates collagen production, minimizes scars and pores, and enhances product absorption, all with minimal downtime. PRP therapy utilises your body's own platelets to rejuvenate the skin naturally, reducing fine lines and improving overall tone."

She concluded, "Together, these techniques can effectively transform your skin, making them ideal choices for special occasions and festive celebrations. Always consult a qualified professional to find the best option for your skin type and goals. With Diwali around the corner, investing in skin rejuvenation techniques like hydrating fillers, microneedling, and PRP therapy can help you achieve the glowing skin you desire. By understanding these treatments and their benefits, you can make informed choices to look your best during the festivities. Remember to prioritise professional guidance to ensure safe and effective results."



GAJAPATI CLINCH U-14 BOY'S TITLE AT STATE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL MEET



Paralakhemundi, Correspondent : Gajapati district emerged champions in the Under-14 boys' category as the 70th State-Level School Volleyball Championship 2026-27 concluded at the Government SSD Higher Secondary School in Rayagada block on Thursday.The four-day tournament featured Under-14 and Under-17 boys' and girls' teams from different districts of Odisha.In the results, Gajapati and Puri emerged champions and runners-up respectively in the U-14 boys' category. Kalahandi and Nuapada secured the top two positions in U-14 girls, while Puri and Balasore finished first and second in U-17 boys. Bhubaneswar won the U-17 girls' title, with Dhenkanal finishing runners-up.Chief Development Officer-cum-Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad Dayamaya Padhi attended the concluding ceremony as chief guest. The dignitaries urged students to pursue sports with discipline and teamwork and stressed the need to identify and encourage young sporting talent.Trophies and prizes were presented to the winning and runners-up teams. Gajapati District Sports and Physical Education Inspector Surendra Kumar Patra proposed the vote of thanks.

'Ends Speculation': Lalit Modi Welcomes BCCI's Stance On 12-Team IPL

New Delhi: Indian Premier League (IPL) founder Lalit Modi has welcomed the BCCI's clarification ruling out an immediate expansion of the league to 12 teams, but stressed that the tournament's schedule must be revised to accommodate the mandatory 94-match format and avoid the extreme heat in the final weeks of May.Modi's comments came after BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said the proposal to expand the IPL from 10 to 12 teams by 2028 had not been discussed, either formally or informally, within the Board.Taking to X, Modi said he was glad the official statement had put an end to speculation about the possibility of a 12-team competition in the immediate future."I am glad this official comment for now ends speculation of 12 teams. Also, I showed you all what it will take to get the games scheduled to the 94 games going forward, which is mandatory," Modi posted.He also called for changes to the tournament calendar, arguing that the schedule would need to move forward even if the BCCI could not implement the format he had previously proposed."Even if BCCI cannot adopt the earlier schedule and one has to live with may end finish the schedule will nevertheless has to move to second week match. Moving it up 3 weeks into the third week of February will definitely be the first step to avoiding the last three weeks of May, which is the worst heat.

No Unplayable Deliveries': Gambhir Urges Batters To Adapt After Getting All Out For 89 Against NZ

Mount Maunganui (New Zealand): India's head coach Gautam Gambhir believes the batters must find ways to tackle challenging conditions rather than allowing the opposition bowlers to dictate terms, insisting that there are no unplayable deliveries in international cricket after India suffered a humiliating 244-run defeat to New Zealand in the fourth ODI at the Bay Oval on Friday.

India were bowled out for just 89 in 26.4 overs while chasing 334, with Matt Henry producing a career-best performance of 6-27 to dismantle the visitors' batting line-up. The defeat was India's second-heaviest in ODI cricket and reduced their lead in the five-match series to 2-1, with the decider scheduled to be played at the same venue on Sunday.Speaking after the match, Gambhir said the Indian batters should have been better equipped to counter Henry's disciplined bowling, adding that the movement on offer was not enough to justify the batting collapse."There are no unplayable deliveries in international cricket. Matt Henry bowled in good areas, but we should be able to negate that. I don't go into technicalities. There wasn't a lot of deviation. It's the job of the batter to negate movement. More than the seam, the areas and lengths created problems for us. We got stuck in the crease," Gambhir said in the post-match press conference.The Indian head coach admitted that repeated batting collapses were a major concern, particularly with the team needing to prepare for challenging conditions ahead of the upcoming World Cup."You are always concerned when you get bundled out for 90-odd. These are conditions close to the World Cup. Even in the previous game, we lost seven wickets, so it's a concern. We need to be mentally and skill-wise ready. A score of 35-40 without losing a wicket is fine in conditions like these. We have experience and can hopefully adapt in the last game," he added.India had also struggled in the second ODI, losing seven wickets for 111 runs, although they eventually secured a seven-wicket victory through the DLS method.Gambhir also pointed to missed opportunities in the field, particularly the dropped catches of Will Young, who capitalised on the reprieve to score 125 off 108 deliveries and guide New Zealand to 333/8. "Auqib Nabi was unlucky.

Hockey India Announces Free Entry For Women's Asian Champions Trophy In Bhopal



New Delhi: Hockey India has announced free entry for spectators at the Madhya Pradesh Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2026, scheduled to be held at the International Sports Complex in Nathu Barkheda, Bhopal, from November 19 to 28.The ninth edition of the continental tournament will feature 20 matches, with six teams competing for the title. The league-stage matches will take place from November 19 to 25, followed by the semi-finals on November 27 and the medal matches on November 28.

Fans can obtain free entry passes through the Ticketgenie website or its mobile application. After registering, spectators can select their preferred matches from the available fixtures and receive a digital entry pass containing a QR code, which will be scanned at the venue for admission.Hockey India said the initiative aims to bring more spectators closer to international women's hockey while encouraging greater participation and interest in the sport.Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey said the decision would provide an opportunity for families, young players and hockey enthusiasts to witness top-level international competition."Making entry free for fans is a great way to bring the people of Bhopal closer to international women's hockey. We want the Madhya Pradesh Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 to be an occasion where families, young aspiring players and hockey enthusiasts can experience the excitement of top-level competition," Tirkey said.Hockey India secretary general and Asian Hockey Federation vice-president Bhola Nath Singh also welcomed the initiative, expressing hope that the stadium would attract strong support throughout the tournament."We are delighted to make all matches of this prestigious tournament accessible to fans without any entry fee. Bhopal has an opportunity to witness some of Asia's finest women hockey players in action, and we hope the stands will be filled with enthusiastic supporters," he said.India will begin their campaign against Malaysia on November 19 before taking on South Korea on November 21 and Thailand on November 22.The hosts will then face China on November 24 before concluding their league-stage campaign against Japan on November 25.The tournament will provide India's women's team an opportunity to compete against some of the leading sides in Asian hockey on home soil.

4th ODI: Henry's Career-Best Six-For Helps NZ Crush India By 244 Runs



Mount Maunganui: Matt Henry ripped through India's top order with a triple-wicket maiden in the first over and finished with career-best figures of 6-27 as New Zealand won by a whopping 244 runs in the fourth ODI at the Bay Oval on Friday.

Chasing 334, India were bowled out for just 89 in 26.4 overs, as the visitors slumped to their second-heaviest defeat in terms of runs in ODIs. The result cuts India's lead to 2-1 and sets up a series decider at the same venue on Sunday. It proved to be a Friday the 13th to forget for the Indian batters, with only Ishan Kishan, Axar Patel and Naman Dhir reaching double figures.The damage was done before India had scored a run. Rohit Sharma edged the first ball of the chase from Henry to Finn Allen at first slip after being squared up. Virat Kohli played for the inward movement too late and was castled through the gate four balls later.Stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer, the 29th man to lead India in men's ODIs, lasted just one delivery – trapped lbw by a sharp in-seamer from Henry after New Zealand successfully overturned an on-field not-out call. It was only the second time that Rohit and Kohli had both made ducks in the same ODI for India.Kyle Jamieson then had Ruturaj Gaikwad caught at second slip for five, leaving India at 9/4, matching their score at the same stage against Zimbabwe at Tunbridge Wells in the 1983 World Cup. On that day, Kapil Dev rescued India by hitting an unbeaten 175, but here in Mount Maunganui, there was no heroic knock to rescue the visitors.Axar Patel could have fallen next ball, but Nick Kelly put down a simple chance at backward point. Axar and Kishan dug in to add 44 runs off 70 balls for the fifth wicket, before Matthew Fisher had the former at slip by Allen for 21.Henry returned for a second spell and castled Kishan on his first ball for a gritty 27. Fisher then produced a fierce bouncer, clocked at over 143kph, to have Auqib Nabi caught behind for five. Henry completed his five-wicket haul, his fourth in ODIs and second against India, when he castled Kuldeep Yadav for one.Naman Dhir offered brief entertainment, smashing Fisher for two sixes, including a thunderous pull, before holing out to extra cover for 21. Fittingly, Henry wrapped up the match by castling Gurnoor Brar for two with a full delivery that sneaked under the bat.

Youth Olympics: India Conclude Campaign With Win 10 Medals, Record Historic Boxing Double

New Delhi: India signed off from the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games in Dakar with 10 medals, including two gold, three silver and five bronze, marking the country's second-best performance in the history of the competition.India's medal-winning campaign spanned seven disciplines, with five Khelo India Athletes among the medallists. They included Tanvi Patri (Badminton), Khushbu Rajakbhai Darjada (Judo), Shourya Ambure (Athletics), Gunjan (Boxing) and Tirthank Pegu (Swimming).Nine of India's 17 athletes returned with medals, while swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu created history by becoming the first Indian athlete to win two medals in a single edition of the Youth Olympic Games.

India's 10-medal tally was surpassed only by its 13-medal performance at the 2018 Youth Olympics.Boxing emerged as India's biggest success story, with Lairenlakpam Ambekar Meetei winning gold in the boys' 50kg category and Gunjan claiming the top podium finish in the girls' 48kg category.The two victories gave India its first-ever gold medals in boxing at the Youth Olympic Games and marked the country's first boxing gold double at the competition.

With two gold medals, India also recorded its second-highest gold medal tally in a single edition of the Youth Olympic Games.The campaign also witnessed several historic achievements across other disciplines. Shourya Ambure became the first Indian athlete to win an athletics medal at the Youth Olympic Games, claiming bronze in the girls' 100m hurdles. Taniya secured silver in girls' freestyle 75kg beach wrestling, giving India its first-ever medal in the discipline at the competition.India also registered its first medals in swimming and Wushu at the Youth Olympics. Swimming was the country's most productive sport at the Games, contributing three medals.

Boxers L Ambekar Meetei And Gunjan Clinch Gold For India; Make History

New Delhi: In a fitting conclusion to a sensational campaign, Indian boxers made history in the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal, on Thursday as Gunjan (women's 48kg) and L Ambekar Meetei clinched the gold medals in their respective weight categories — the first time that the country has picked gold medals in the competition.The two gold medals meant that the two-member Indian boxing contingent maintained a 100% medal record in the Games, with both winning gold medals. These were also the first two gold medals for India in Dakar."This is a historic moment for Indian boxing and Indian sport. Winning two gold medals at the Youth Olympic Games, with India also opening its gold medal account at the Dakar 2026 edition, makes this achievement even more special," said Boxing Federation of India president Ajay Singh."These are also India's first-ever gold medals in boxing at the Youth Olympic Games," he added.Before Thursday, two Indian boxers had finished on the podium at the 2010 Youth Olympics in Singapore. Shiva Thapa had won the silver medal in the men's 54kg category while Vikas Krishan bagged the bronze medal in the men's 60kg event.At Dakar on Thursday, L Ambekar Meetei opened India's gold medal count with a hard-fought 3:2 win over Jubani Kristian of Ireland in the men's 50kg final.Gunjan had no such struggle in her women's 48kg bout against Bensalah Bouthaina of Algeria as she dominated all three rounds to get a unanimous 5:0 verdict.India had won three gold medals in the 2018 Youth Olympics, with two gold coming in shooting and one in wrestling.As things stand now in Dakar, India has so far won two gold, three silver and five bronze medals and has now jumped from 58th spot to 16th in the medal tally.Speaking about the efforts that have gone into supporting the boxers, Singh said, "What is particularly encouraging is the depth of talent emerging in Indian boxing.

NALCO Hosts "Media Connect 2026" Highlights Expansion Roadmap and Growth Vision



Bhubaneswar, Correspondent : National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), the Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, organised its annual media meet "Media Connect 2026", in Bhubaneswar today. Shri Brijendra Pratap Singh, CMD, along with Shri Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Director (Production), Shri Jagdish Arora, Director (Projects & Technical), Dr. Tapas Kumar Pattanayak, Director (HR), Shri Abhay Kumar Behuria, Director (Finance) and Shri Anil Kumar Singh, Director (Commercial) attended the press meet and interacted with the distinguished media persons. The programme commenced with a presentation showcasing NALCO's operational performance, key achievements, ongoing and future projects, sustainability, CSR initiatives, and contributions towards national development. Serving as an interactive platform for dialogue between the company and the media fraternity, Media Connect 2026 witnessed discussions on NALCO's growth trajectory, future expansion plans, operational excellence, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Addressing the gathering, Shri Brijendra Pratap Singh, CMD, highlighted NALCO's ongoing expansion across its mining, refining and smelting operations to meet the country's growing aluminium demand. He informed that the company is steadily progressing its proposed 0.5 MTPA brownfield smelter expansion at Anugola, which will nearly double its smelting capacity to 1 MTPA, with an estimated investment of ?30,000 crore and targeted commissioning by 2030-31. He further outlined NALCO's future roadmap centred on sustainable growth, renewable energy, digital transformation and critical mineral recovery. "The company aims to source 25-30% of its energy requirement from renewable sources by 2030, while leveraging AI and ML to enhance operational efficiency", he said.It may be mentioned that NALCO has scripted a historic milestone by recording its best-ever half-yearly financial performance since inception for the first half of FY 2026-27. Demonstrating robust operational efficiency and strong business fundamentals, NALCO achieved record-breaking performance across all major financial parameters during H1 FY 2026-27.

KISS DU Holds 6th Annual Convocation



Bhubaneswar Correspondent: The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University held its 6th Annual Convocation today, conferring Honoris Causa degrees on six distinguished personalities for their outstanding contributions to society, education, justice and public service.The honorary degrees were conferred on Judge Iwasawa Yuji, President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ); Judge Bogdan-Lucian Aurescu and Judge Leonardo Nemer Caldeira Brant, both judges of the ICJ; Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson of the National Commission for Women; Dr. Anuradha Sharma (Mataji), Chairperson of Pt. Ram Narayan Sharma Educational Trust and RNS World School, Uttar Pradesh; and Shri Surendra Nath Panda, Founder and Chairman of JayBharat Foundation and Bharat Masala, Cuttack.On the occasion, the prestigious 'KISS Humanitarian Award' was conferred upon Judge Yuji Iwasawa, President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), The Hague. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT, KISS & KIMS handed over the award to Judge Iwasawa in the presence of Smt. Saswati Bal, President, KIIT & KISS; Shri Umapada Bose, Vice-President.Addressing 40,000 students of KISS, Chief Guest Judge Iwasawa Yuji congratulated the graduates and urged them to remain curious, contribute to communities and embrace uncertainty in life. "Don't afraid uncertainty, go ahead with confidence to attain your goal", he said. He emphasised that education does not end with graduation but marks the beginning of a lifelong learning journey.

Indel Money Q2FY27 PAT surges 222% to Rs 80 crore; AUM grows 83% to Rs 5,015 crore

NEWDELHI: Indel Money Limited, a leading gold-loan non-banking financial company (NBFC) which is part of the Indel Group, announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 2026 (Q2FY27). The company has reported a Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs 79.98 crore, registering an impressive year-on-year (y-o-y) growth of 222%. The results were approved by the Board of Directors on 5th November 2026.For the first half (H1FY27) ending September 2026, the company reported a PAT of Rs 107.62 crore, which is an y-o-y increase of 121%. The NBFC's overall AUM (Assets Under Management) grew 83% year on year to Rs 5,015 crore. Its net income increased 111% y-o-y to Rs 159.81 crore, and Net Interest Income by 118% to Rs 145 crore.The gold-loan NBFC's Pre-Provision Operating Profit (PPOP), a key financial metric used to measure the profitability of core business, jumped 182% to Rs 98.95 crore. The company reported a Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) growth of 1.41% only, which is sequentially lower compared to the previous quarter.For Q2, the company's Return on Assets (RoA) stands at 6.85% and for H1, 4.85%. The company also reported a CRAR (Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio) of 22.20% at the end of the quarter, well above the regulatory requirement of 15%. The company raised funds of Rs 1,496 crore during the second quarter, and an overall Rs 2,220 crore in H1FY27, largely through NCDs and Term Loans. It also saw a total disbursement of Rs 2,480 crore during the quarter, and approximately Rs 4,500 crore in H1FY27. During the quarter under review, the company has opened 27 new branches, taking the total number of branches to 427.Commenting on the performance, Umesh Mohanan, Executive Director and CEO, Indel Money, said, "Our Q2FY27 performance reflects the strong growth momentum that Indel Money has built over the past few quarters. The significant improvement in profitability, coupled with robust AUM expansion, underscores the growing scale of our operations and the strength of our customer proposition. We see considerable headroom for growth in India's gold-loan market, particularly across underserved and emerging markets. We are strengthening our distribution network while leveraging strategic partnerships such as co-lending to expand our reach and diversify our business.

JSW JFE Steel Promotes Cleaner Villages Through Waste-to-Wealth Initiative

Battery-operated waste collection vehicles handed over to two Gram Panchayats in Sambalpur and Jharsuguda



Sambalpur,Correspondent: Strengthening its commitment to environmental sustainability and community well-being,JSW JFE Steel Limited has extended support to rural waste management through the distribution of twobattery-operated waste collection vehicles to Sripura Gram Panchayat in Jharsuguda district and Thelkoloi Gram Panchayat in Sambalpur district under its Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Waste-to-Wealth Program. The vehicles will facilitate door-to-door waste collection, promote waste segregation and improve village sanitation. The initiative will be implemented through the active involvement of the respective Gram Panchayats, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Gram Panchayat Level Federations (GPLFs), encouraging greater community participation in responsible waste management. The vehicle for Sripura Gram Panchayat was formally handed over to the Block Development Officer (BDO),Jharsuguda, in the presence of the Sarpanch, Sripura. Similarly, the vehicle for Thelkoloi Gram Panchayat was handed over to the BDO, Rengali, in the presence of representatives from Shakti SHG and the Environment Department of JSW JFE Steel Limited.Through this initiative, the Company aims to strengthen grassroots waste management systems,encourage recycling and resource recovery, and promote cleaner and healthier village environments.The initiative is part of JSW JFE Steel Limited's broader Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER)efforts to promote circular economy practices, environmental awareness and sustainable community development in villages surrounding its project area.

Sensex, Nifty Snap 3-Day Rally As Banking And Realty Stocks Drag Markets Lower



Mumbai: Benchmark equity indices ended a three-day winning run on Friday as selling pressure in banking, financial, realty, and metal stocks overshadowed recent gains.Investors remained cautious amid renewed concerns about price pressures impacting various sectors.The Sensex dropped 318.56 points, or 0.39 per cent, to close at 81,592.45. Meanwhile, the Nifty lost 155.05 points, or 0.61 per cent, to settle at 25,144.30. Among the Nifty constituents, Shriram Finance, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV), and Grasim Industries emerged as the top laggards for the session.Broader market indices also faced declines, with the Nifty MidCap 100 and Nifty SmallCap 100 falling 0.24 per cent and 0.26 per cent, respectively.Sectorally, Nifty Realty, Nifty Auto, and Nifty Cement posted the largest declines, while Nifty Media was the most resilient, recording the least loss among major indices.Experts said that the rate hike fear set to test market rally, as rising inflation concerns and the possibility of further monetary tightening weighed on investor sentiment."Domestic inflation breaching the RB's upper tolerance limit has reinforced expectations of a prolonged restrictive interest-rate environment," analysts stated."Going forward, the trajectory of crude prices, currency stability and foreign investor flows will be critical in determining whether this correction remains a near-term consolidation or develops into a deeper earnings-led adjustment," it added.

India's Merchandise Exports Rise To Record High Of $49.47 Billion In Oct Despite Global Shocks

New Delhi: India's merchandise exports rose to a record $49.47 billion in October this year, which represents a robust 11.4 per cent growth over the corresponding figure of $44.40 billion registered in September, despite the uncertainties in global markets, according to official figures released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Friday."India recorded its highest-ever monthly goods exports in October 2026," Trade Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said while releasing the trade figures.The gems and jewellery sector clocked a 34 per cent increase in exports to $2.92 billion driven by buoyant demand. India's total exports, including merchandise and services, surged by nearly 30 per cent year-on-year to reach $89.99 billion in October 2026, according to the official figures.Driven by a record merchandise export of $49.47 billion and $40.51 billion in services, the overall trade deficit narrowed to $20.09 billion.The country's exports, including merchandise and services, stood at $69.27 billion in the same month last year. India's trade deficit in October 2025 stood at $25.15 billion. However, India's merchandise trade deficit widened to $39.88 billion in October due to the sharp rise in the import bill caused by soaring prices of crude oil amid the Middle East conflict.The deficit increased from $30.21 billion in September and was higher than the $33 billion recorded in October 2025.

India Can Reach Upper-Middle-Income Status Soon: US Economist

New Delhi: India is well-positioned to continue its economic expansion and move towards upper-middle-income status, supported by poverty reduction, infrastructure development and growth on multiple fronts including manufacturing, finance and IT, American economist Noah Smith said in a new blog post.Smith noted that India has made significant progress in reducing extreme poverty over the past two decades, while also lowering inequality. Citing the World Bank, Smith attributed the improvement to strong consumption growth, rising employment, especially among women, and expanded social transfers, including food subsidies.India reached a stage of economic development comparable to where China stood in the late 2000s, both in terms of gross domestic product and the Human Development Index.The blogpost noted that India's development challenge is less demanding than China's, as it had to escape poverty and improve living standards rather than establish global dominance in artificial intelligence or surpass the combined economies of the US and its allies.Highway spending has increased fivefold over the past decade, while central government railway spending has risen eightfold.Global analysts think of China's future success as surpassing the combined economies of the US and its allies or reaching Taiwan or Korea's level of income, or dominate Asia, he said, expressing his increasing skepticism about its ability to do all of those things."But India's job right now is a lot simpler — it just has to escape poverty and become an upper middle-income country.

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