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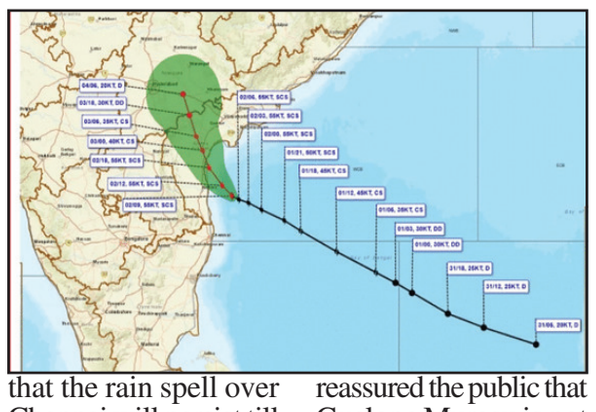
Severe Cyclone 'Murasu' To Cross Andhra Coast Tonight, Heavy Rain Alert For Tamil Nadu

Chennai: Cyclone Murasu, formed over the Bay of Bengal, has intensified into a severe cyclonic storm and is projected to make landfall along the southern coast of Andhra Pradesh between midnight and 4 a.m. on Tuesday, according to Chennai Regional Meteorological Centre Director Durai.Addressing a press conference on the impending storm, Durai stated that while the primary landfall zone remains southern Andhra Pradesh, northern coastal Tamil Nadu will experience severe weather conditions.Coastal districts, including Chennai and Tiruvallur, are expected to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall as the system approaches land."Wind speeds near the core of the cyclone are expected to reach 100 to 120 km/h during landfall. Meanwhile, districts such as Chennai and Tiruvallur are likely to witness strong winds gusting up to 80 km/h," Durai warned.He added



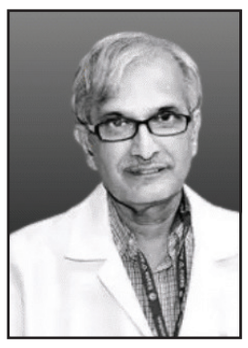
that the rain spell over Chennai will persist till Tuesday morning, with inland districts like Vellore and Nilgiris also slated for heavy showers over the next 24 hours.Despite the severe classification, officials reassured the public that Cyclone Murasu is not anticipated to cause damage on the scale witnessed during the past landfall of Cyclone Arnab.However, precautionary measures have been put in place immediately across sensitive zones.Fishermen operating along the northern Tamil Nadu coast have been strictly advised against venturing into the sea. Strong squally winds reaching speeds up to 80 km/h are projected to prevail over the northern coastal belt starting this evening, creating hazardous marine conditions.Looking ahead, the Weather Department expects wet spells to taper off into moderate rainfall across Tamil Nadu after November 7, with intermittent showers likely to continue into the second week of November.Reviewing seasonal performance, Director Durai noted that Tamil Nadu has received healthy precipitation during the ongoing Northeast Monsoon so far. The state has recorded 18 per cent excess rainfall compared to the seasonal normal, providing substantial reserves before the current severe weather system takes complete effect across the region.

CM Mohan Majhi To Embark On 2-Day Delhi Visit

Bhubaneswar Correspondent : Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi is scheduled to embark on a two-day visit to New Delhi starting today.According to sources, the Chief Minister will leave for the national capital at 6 pm this evening. During his visit, CM Majhi will attend the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit. Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo will also be present at the summit.Apart from the summit, the Chief Minister is also expected to hold discussions with the central leadership regarding the flood situation in the state.

Padma Shri Awardee, Eminent Neurosurgeon Ashok Kumar Mahapatra Dies At 74

BhubaneswarCorrespondent: Eminent neurosurgeon and Padma Shri awardee Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Mahapatra died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, on Monday evening. He was 74.He breathed his last at 9.15 pm while undergoing treatment for a brain-related ailment at the premier medical institute.According to reports, Mahapatra had been undergoing treatment at AIIMS, New Delhi, since October 2. He was initially admitted to a private hospital in Bhubaneswar after complaining of a severe headache. As his condition deteriorated, a specialist medical team accompanied him to New Delhi for advanced treatment.Mahapatra was widely known for leading the historic



surgery in 2017 to separate Odisha's craniopagus (conjoined at the head) twins, Jaga and Balia, at AIIMS, New Delhi. The complex operation brought him national recognition and marked a significant milestone in the country's medical history.He also served as the founding Director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar, playing a key role in establishing the premier medical institution in Odisha.

Odisha Governor Braj Mohan Ram Meets PM Modi

Bhubaneswar Correspondent :Odisha Governor Braj Mohan Ram called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on Monday for a formal meeting focused on the state's development agenda and the welfare of its people.The meeting took place barely two weeks after Ram assumed office as the 28th Governor of Odisha. He was sworn in on October 18, 2026, at Lok Bhavan in Bhubaneswar by Orissa High Court Chief Justice

Harish Tandon, following his appointment by President Droupadi Murmu on October 12. Ram, a three-time former Lok Sabha MP from Palamu in Jharkhand and a senior BJP leader, succeeded Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati.Discussions centred on ongoing and future developmental initiatives in Odisha as well as measures aimed at improving the welfare of the state's residents.Such courtesy calls by newly appointed governors are a standard part of India's federal system. They allow the constitutional head of a state to brief the Prime Minister on regional priorities and seek central support for key projects.Braj Mohan Ram, born in 1958 in what is now Latehar district of Jharkhand, previously served as an MLA in undivided Bihar and as a Lok Sabha member from Palamu in 1996, 1998, and 1999. Before his gubernatorial appointment, he headed the BJP's Scheduled Caste Morcha in Jharkhand.

Delhi-NCR Pollution: GRAP Stage II Restrictions Enforced As AQI Crosses 300 Ahead Of Diwali

New Delhi: The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Monday invoked Stage-II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across Delhi and the entire National Capital Region with immediate effect after Delhi's daily average Air Quality Index (AQI) rose to 324, placing it in the 'Very Poor' category.According to the daily AQI bulletin issued by the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi recorded an average AQI of 324 on November 2. The

CAQM Sub-Committee for operationalisation of GRAP reviewed the current air quality scenario and the forecast provided by the India Meteorological Department and the Sub-Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology.The forecast indicated that Delhi's overall air quality is likely to remain in the 'Very Poor' category in the coming days. In view of this, the Sub-Committee unanimously decided to implement the complete action plan under Stage-II of the extant GRAP in the entire NCR with immediate effect, in addition to the Stage-I measures already in force.Under Stage-II, agencies have been directed to carry out mechanical and vacuum sweeping of identified roads on a daily basis along with water sprinkling, preferably during night or early morning hours, while enhancing the number of shifts and hours of machine deployment and ensuring proper disposal of collected dust at designated sites.Daily water sprinkling with dust suppressants must be undertaken before peak traffic hours on roads and congestion points. Focused and targeted actions are to be intensified at all identified pollution hotspots in Delhi-NCR, with remedial measures strengthened for the predominant sources of pollution in each hotspot.Inspections for strict enforcement of dust control measures at construction and demolition sites have also been ordered to be intensified. The authorities have been instructed to enhance vehicle parking to discourage the use of private transport.Resident Welfare Associations have been directed to necessarily provide electric heaters with proper electricity supply to staff engaged in security, sanitation, horticulture and other services so as to prevent open burning of biomass and municipal solid waste during winters.

Six Indian Tourists Stranded In Nepal's Dolpa Amid Heavy Snowfall Rescued Safely

Kathmandu: Six Indian tourists, stranded in the upper reaches of the remote Dolpa district in western Nepal amid heavy snowfall, were safely rescued by helicopter on Monday morning, a senior police officer in the district said.The Indian tourists had been out of contact since October 31 because of snowfall in the area."A helicopter was deployed after they were located, and they were brought to the district headquarters, Dunai," Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Anil Raj Giri, chief of the District Police Office in Dolpa, told IANS. He said the health conditions of all six rescued tourists were normal.DSP Giri said the tourists were rescued from the Danigadh area of Shey-Phoksundo Rural Municipality after being caught in severe weather conditions.The group encountered heavy snowfall while trekking from Dho Tarap towards Shey-Phoksundo Lake, a popular tourist destination.Upon receiving information about the stranded tourists on October 31, authorities launched efforts to rescue them, officials told local media.

Rijiju Thanks Bhutan King For Dedicating Stupa 76 To PM Modi

Thimphu: Union Minister for Parliamentary and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Monday expressed his "heartfelt gratitude" to Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck for the gesture of dedicating a Stupa in Gelephu Mindfulness City to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his commitment and steadfast support to the project.Rijiju on Sunday represented the Indian government at the ceremony led by the King of Bhutan for raising and consecration of 108 Stupas in Gelephu Mindfulness City, an expression of shared spiritual and cultural ties and the close friendship between the peoples of both countries."Dedicating sacred stupa to someone is not an ordinary gesture. It is highly meritorious, auspicious, and spiritually significant. In Buddhism, a stupa is not just a monument, it is a physical representation of the Buddha's enlightened mind," Rijiju wrote on X as he wrapped up his visit to Bhutan on Monday."I'm extremely fortunate to attend the sacred ceremony in

Gelephu Mindfulness City, Bhutan, marking the raising and consecration of 108 stupas, accompanied by the blowing of Dungchens on the auspicious occasion of Lhabab Duchen," he added.According to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, the 108 Stupas project was conceived by the King of Bhutan who also steered its implementation. In a single day, thousands of volunteers erected 108 Stupas, each 15 metres tall and separated by 108 metres on an 11.7 kilometre stretch along the Aie (Mau) River within Gelephu Mindfulness City near the border with Assam. The project aims to showcase Gelephu Mindfulness City as a prominent center of Vajrayana Buddhism, while simultaneously representing the values and culture of the Bhutanese people.During the visit to Bhutan from October 31 to November 2, Rijiju received an audience with Wangchuck and also met with the Prime Minister of Bhutan, Dasho Tshering Tobgay."The two sides appreciated the special friendship between the two nations and the healthy trend in bilateral cooperation in diverse areas such as development cooperation, trade, energy, investment, connectivity and cultural connections.

BJD's special team visits Swabhiman region Odisha

- ***Andhra border Jhum Dang, Bangursudha, Suapalli villages today held direct discussions with the people***
- ***Promise of the people of the border villages - We will be with Odisha, I have faith in Naveen Babu***

Malkangiri:(Correspondent):- A special team of the Malkangiri district Biju Janata Dal, led by Biju Janata Dal district president and former MLA Manas Madkami, along with district-level and block-level BJD representatives, Malkangiri District Council President Samari Tangul, Chitrakonda Block President Rajeshwari Khil and Karukonda Block President Jeetu Burudi, reached Jhum Dang village, an Andhra border village in Odisha, and held direct discussions with the local people. Now that the Panchayat elections in Andhra Pradesh are about to be held, the people of the Andhra Seemant villages of Jhum Dang, Bangursudha and Sua Palli villages of Odisha heard that they should vote in the Panchayat elections of Andhra Pradesh and support them. In the past, the former Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik had developed this area, provided all the basic facilities, after the construction of the Gurupriya Bridge, all kinds of facilities were provided, but now this double engine government has not provided any such facilities in two and a half years. Now the honorable Congress MLA of this area Mangu Khila and the honorable MP of Bharatiya Janata Party double engine Balabhadra Majhi have not

presented any problem of this area in the Parliament or the Assembly. Therefore, the common people of this region cannot trust the Congress and BJP now because they are not getting drinking water, Awas Yojana is not getting, forest land lease, house lease are not getting, old age allowance of 3 thousand rupees is not getting, Subhadra Yojana is not getting mothers, they said they would give 300 units of electricity free of cost but they did not give it. There are many such problems. In these two and a half years, the double engine government, which was voted by showing faith in the Congress MLAs, has completely collapsed. Now the trust in the honorable MLAs and MPs has been broken. The Malkangiri district Biju Janata Dal team has come here to see if everyone has a double Aadhaar card, a double ration card, a double coolie card. The people of this area had decided to vote in the Panchayat elections of Andhra Pradesh because of the facilities that they are getting in Andhra Pradesh, be it medical facilities or other facilities, but after we, the Biju Janata Dal team, came and explained it, we realized that the villagers of this area only understood our plight, the former Chief Minister Naveen Babu, and now the double engine government does not understand us. Therefore, the Biju Janata Dal has explained it to us on behalf of the Biju Janata Dal. Relying on your words and trust, we have expressed our trust in the District Biju Janata Dal President and former MLA Malkangiri, District Council President, District Council Member, Member, Chitrakonda Block President. Today, we again trust Naveen Patnaik Babu of Odisha, listen to the voice of Odisha and will stay with Odisha, said ward members Sitama Hantal, Naka Raju Khil, Kalia Hantal, Malesh Rao Hantal, Janbav Hantal, Damu Khil, Sariya Golari, Shivaji. Hantal, Venket Rao Hantal, Samson Hantal, Babu Rao Hantal, China Rao Khil, Atesh Rao Hantal, Keshav Rao Galri, Maninga Hantal have made major promises. This initiative of Jhum Dang village, Bangursudha village and Sua Palli village should be taken up by the Malkangiri district Biju Janata Dal district president and former MLA Manas Madkami, who must discuss with the District Magistrate of Malkangiri district, Chitrakonda Block Development Officer and Chitrakonda Tehsildar and make arrangements to provide all the facilities to Dudput village panchayat and Paper Metla village panchayat. He should also take steps to make all the villages bordering Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in Malkangiri district of Odisha state model villages. Otherwise, in the coming days, we will fight against the Malkangiri district administration and the double engine state government on behalf of Biju Janata Dal and this fight will continue until the border villages are turned into model villages, said President Manas Madkami. This special team of Biju Janata Dal included Minority Cell District President Rajendra Khasla, BJD District General Secretary Satya Panigrahi, BJD District Secretary Sadananda Khara, Chitrakonda Block President Ramachandra Galel, Chitrakonda Block General Secretary Tapan Saha along with all the senior workers of Biju Janata Dal.

Villagers Build Their Own Road After Repeated Appeals to Administration Go Unheeded

Rourkela/Lahunipada(Correspondent): After repeatedly approaching the administration for a road, villagers finally decided to take matters into their own hands. Tired of running from the Gram Panchayat to the block office with repeated requests that yielded no results, residents of a remote village came together to construct a motorable road through their collective efforts and voluntary labour. The remarkable initiative has set an example of unity, cooperation and community participation in addressing basic infrastructure problems. The incident is from Nadiadihi village under Talbahali Gram Panchayat in Lahunipada block of Sundargarh district. The nearly four-kilometre stretch connecting the village was in a deplorable condition, with the road covered with stones and rocks, making transportation extremely difficult. Even walking along the stretch was challenging, while travelling by bicycle or motorcycle was equally difficult. Larger vehicles could not reach the village, and ambulances often had

to stop nearly three kilometres away. The poor road condition had become a major concern, particularly for patients, pregnant women and elderly residents. During medical emergencies, transporting patients to hospitals was a difficult and time-consuming task. Villagers also had to depend on the same stretch to access the Gram Panchayat office and various government services and facilities. According to residents, they had repeatedly brought the issue to the notice of the Gram Panchayat and block administration, demanding construction of a proper road. However, despite several appeals, no effective action was taken to address their long-standing problem. Left with little hope of administrative intervention, the villagers eventually decided to take collective action. They joined hands, contributed their labour and began filling the uneven, rocky stretch with soil to make it suitable for movement. The initiative reflects the determination and unity of the villagers, who have taken responsibility for addressing a problem that has affected their daily lives for a long time. While their collective effort has drawn attention as an inspiring example of community participation, the temporary improvement cannot replace a properly constructed and durable road. The bigger question now is when the administration will step in to provide a permanent road and ensure safe and reliable connectivity for the residents of Nadiadihi village.

BJP Leader's Car Smashes into Two Battery-Powered Autos; Eight Seriously Injured

Udala/Baripada(Correspondent):: A car belonging to the general secretary of the BJP's Udala Assembly constituency unit was involved in a serious road accident while returning from a party programme held in Baripada. The accident occurred on Monday afternoon in front of the Bank of India at Bisipur on State Highway No. 19, under the jurisdiction of Udala police station. ccording to reports, the speeding car collided head-on with two battery-operated passenger autos approaching from the opposite direction. The impact was so severe that both autos were completely wrecked, while the front portion of the car also sustained extensive damage. A total of eight passengers, including five women travelling in the autos, sustained serious injuries in the accident. Local residents immediately rushed to the spot, launched rescue operations and shifted all the injured passengers to Udala Hospital for treatment. Upon receiving information, local police arrived at the scene, seized the vehicles involved in the accident and initiated an investigation into the incident.

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Letter No. 5903 /1F, dt. 29-10-2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sl.No	Name of the Work	Building Works as per DTCN available in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
1	Estimated Cost	Rs.12,84,000/-
2	No. of Works	Construction of 30 Nos. of VSS Buildings in different Villages of Paralakhemundi Forest Division
3	Period & time of completion	03 (Three) Calendar Month
4	Date & time of availability of the bid document in the portal	30.10.2026 to 10.11.2026 (up to 5.00 PM) for Online Bidding
5	Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	Up to 5.00 PM of 10.11.2026
6	Date & Time of bid opening	11.30 hours on Dated. 11.11.2026
7	Name & Address of the officer inviting Bid	Divisional Forest Officer, Paralakhemundi Forest Division. Paralakhemundi, Dist:-Gajapati, Pin-761200

Others can be seen from Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, available in website. www.tendersodisha.gov.in.Corrigendumif any, shall only be published in the above website

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Letter No. 5911 / Dtd. 29-10-2026 /

TENDER CALL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

E-Procurement Bid Identification No.PKD -02/2026-27

1.	Name of work	: -	Construction of Buildings
2.	No. of works	: -	02 Nos.
3.	No. of covers	: -	Single Cover
4.	Estimated Cost	: -	Rs. 12,76,000/-
5.	Period of Completion	: -	Three Calendar Months
6.	Date & Time of availability of bid documents in portal	: -	From 30.10.2026 to 05.00 PM to dated 10.11.2026.
7.	Last date/ time for receipt of bids in the portal	: -	Up to 5.00 PM of 10.11.2026.
8.	Date of opening of bid documents	: -	At 11.30 A.M. of 11.11.2026.
9.	Class of Contractor	: -	"C" & "D" Class Contractor
10.	Name and address of officer inviting Bid	: -	Divisional Forest Officer, Paralakhemundi Division, Paralakhemundi.

Further, details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal www.tenderodisha.gov.in. The Addendum / Corrigendum if any will be hosted in the website only

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Parlakhemundi Forest Division

At the Heart of Restoration: TPSODL CEO Visits Cyclone-Hit Areas to Drive Faster Power Restoration

Berhampur, CorrespondentTP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) CEO Mr. Amit Kumar Garg, accompanied by senior officials, visited cyclone-affected areas of Aska, Seragada and Sanakhemundi in Ganjam district to review ongoing power restoration work and assess the situation on the ground. During the visits, Mr. Garg interacted with local residents to understand their concerns and hear their experiences following Cyclone Arnab and the subsequent heavy rainfall and flooding. He also met frontline personnel, reviewed the

restoration activities and discussed the challenges being faced by teams in the affected areas. The interactions provided an opportunity to assess ground-level requirements and reinforce coordination for faster restoration. Under the leadership of Mr. Garg, TPSODL has been coordinating an extensive restoration exercise across its eight-district operational area. Electricity supply has been restored in several districts of Southern Odisha, while restoration work continues in other affected locations. Field teams have been working to repair damaged distribution infrastructure and restore supply despite waterlogging, debris and difficult site conditions. Around 6,500 personnel have been deployed across Southern Odisha to support the restoration operations. The teams are backed by approximately 400 vehicles, six mobile distribution substations and 16 transit stores to facilitate the movement of personnel, equipment and essential materials. During the visits, Mr. Garg stressed the importance of close field-level coordination, timely response to consumer concerns and strict adherence to safety procedures. TPSODL continues to monitor the situation and remains focused on restoring electricity supply to all affected consumers at the earliest.

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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (I.F.B.)
e-Procurement Notice
IDENTIFICATION NO.FORDFO BGH No.03 OF 2026-27
No. 7296 Dated. 29-10.2026

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Baragada Forest Division, Baragada on behalf of Governor ofOdisha invites Percentage Rate bid in Single Cover System in ONLINE MODE for the Civil work as detailed in the Detailed Tender Call Notice (D.T.C.N) from the eligible class of contractors.

2. Name of the Work: Construction of Forest Guard Quarter, at Dahita of Padampur Range
3. Estimated Cost : Rs.13,46,468/- (Excluding 18% GST)
4. Cost of Tender Paper: : Rs.6000/-
5. Class of Contractor :: "C" & "D" Class Contractor
6. Date & Time of available in web site & receipt of Bids: 15:00 Hrs. of 31/10/2026 to 17:00 Hrs.of 09/11/2026.
7. Date of opening of Technical Bid :- 10/11/2026 at 11:30 Hrš
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the State Govt. Portal website https://tendersodisha.gov.in
9. Any corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in Only.

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Baragada Forest Division

Over 40 Families in Khujen Village Await Housing Scheme Benefits

Repeated Online Registrations Fail to Bring Relief; Residents Continue to Live in Mud Houses

Kantabanji, correspondence: More than 30 people in Khujen village under Ghunesh Gram Panchayat of Turekela block in Balangir district are still waiting for houses under government housing schemes, raising questions over the implementation of the housing programme.Despite repeated online registrations, several eligible villagers reportedly remain deprived of housing assistance. Many continue to live in mud houses, struggling with unsafe and inadequate living conditions.The affected residents are yet to receive the benefits they have been hoping for, while concerns over access to basic facilities persist. Their plight highlights the difficulties faced by rural families awaiting permanent housing.The villagers have urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter, verify their applications and take necessary steps to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive housing assistance.Will the administration take note of their hardship and ensure justice for the waiting families?

Kataka Police Tighten Vigil Ahead of Diwali; Rs 40 Lakh Worth of Illegal Firecrackers Seized

Katakacorrespondence: Ahead of Diwali and Kali Puja, Kataka Police have intensified security measures across the city, focusing on public safety, prevention of fire accidents and curbing illegal firecracker activities. With festive celebrations expected to draw large crowds, the police have stepped up surveillance and enforcement against unauthorised storage, sale and transportation of firecrackers. Kataka DCP Rishikesh Khilari has clarified that firecrackers can be burst only between 7 pm and 9 pm. The restriction will remain strictly in force, and people have been advised against bursting crackers beyond the permitted hours. Taking into account Kataka's densely populated neighbourhoods and narrow residential lanes, the police have also urged residents to refrain from using rocket firecrackers to prevent accidental fires and damage to property. To ensure safer and regulated firecracker sales, seven open locations across Kataka have been identified for setting up firecracker stalls. The arrangement is aimed at preventing unauthorised sales in congested localities and reducing potential safety hazards during the festive period. Meanwhile, the police crackdown on illegal firecracker trading has gathered momentum. Eight cases have already been registered in connection with the illegal sale, storage and transportation of firecrackers. During the enforcement drives, police have seized firecrackers valued at approximately Rs 40 lakh, besides confiscating two cars. Three persons have also been arrested in connection with the cases. In a further operation, police are conducting a raid at an alleged illegal firecracker warehouse in the Bidanasi area of Kataka. Earlier, illegal firecrackers were also seized from Barang and the 42 Mouza region. The DCP has indicated that such raids and enforcement operations will continue to prevent the illegal stockpiling and distribution of firecrackers. With Diwali and Kali Puja celebrations approaching, Kataka Police are maintaining strict vigilance to ensure that festivities do not turn into incidents of fire or public disorder. The police have appealed to residents to cooperate with the authorities, observe the prescribed timings and celebrate the festivals responsibly.

ACF DEATH CASE: BIDYA BHARATI SURRENDERS, SENT TO PARALA JAIL

Paralakhemundi, correspondence:: In a significant development in the sensational 2021 death case of ACF Soumya Ranjan Mohapatra, his wife, Bidya Bharati Panda, was remanded to Paralakhemundi Sub-Jail on Monday after she surrendered before the SDJM Court and her bail application was rejected.Bidya Bharati appeared before the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (SDJM) Court in Paralakhemundi and surrendered. Her lawyer subsequently moved a bail petition, but the court rejected the plea and ordered her judicial remand to Paralakhemundi Sub-Jail.Soumya Ranjan, an Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF), died under mysterious circumstances in 2021. The then Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Paralakhemundi, Sangram Keshari Behera, cook Manmath Kumbh and Soumya's wife, Bidya Bharati, had faced murder allegations in connection with the death.
The Crime Branch had subsequently given a clean chit in the case, bringing the investigation to a standstill. However, challenging the development, Soumya's father approached the judiciary seeking justice.
Earlier, former DFO Sangram Keshari Behera and cook Manmath Kumbh had surrendered before the Paralakhemundi SDJM Court. Following the rejection of their bail applications, both were remanded to Paralakhemundi Sub-Jail as undertrial prisoners.
Bidya Bharati's surrender and subsequent judicial remand mark another significant development in the long-running and much-discussed case.

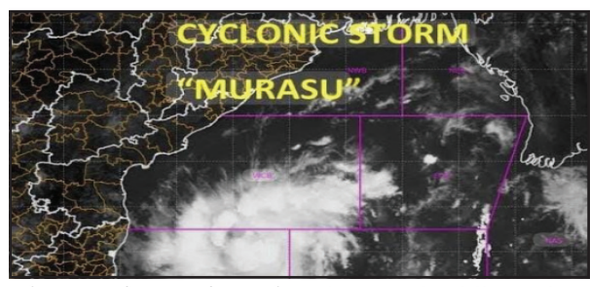
Mumbai Police Get Assistance from Rourkela Police in 18.40 Lakh Investment Fraud Case Accused from Bihar

Rourkelacorrespondence:: In connection with an alleged investment fraud involving 18.40 lakh, a team of Mumbai Police received necessary assistance from Chhend Police Station in Rourkela to trace and take appropriate action against the accused.According to police sources, a complaint lodged by Md. Farooq Chane Manihar (36), a resident under Kandivali (West) Police Station limits in Mumbai, led to the registration of a case against Santosh Kumar (39), son of Bhagwan Prasad Singh, a resident of Shekpur, Akhada Ghat, under Ahiyapur Police Station in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar.The complainant alleged that the accused had induced him to invest money in M/s Gorgates Mutual Benefits Nidhi Ltd., promising to double his investment within 20 months. Between November 2019 and September 2020, the complainant reportedly invested a total of ?18,40,000.However, neither was the promised return paid nor was the original investment refunded.During the investigation, police found that the accused had allegedly received the investment amount through multiple bank accounts and subsequently transferred the money through various banking transactions. Investigators examined the financial transactions and beneficiary accounts to trace the movement of the funds.As part of the investigation, a police team headed by PSI Ravindra Chavan, along with other personnel from Kandivali Police Station, Mumbai, visited Rourkela and sought assistance from Chhend Police Station through Official Letter No.17697/Kandivali P.S./2026 dated November 1, 2026.Accordingly, Chhend Police Station extended necessary assistance and cooperation to the Mumbai Police team in tracing the accused and taking appropriate action in connection with the case.Rourkela Police reiterated its commitment to extending cooperation to police forces from other states in criminal investigations. It also advised citizens to remain cautious about fraudulent investment schemes, particularly those run in the name of Nidhi companies that promise unusually high or guaranteed returns.

Fortress Ticket Checking Drives Boost Ticket Bookings Across ECoR

Bhubaneswar, correspondence:East Coast Railway has intensified efforts to promote ticketing discipline and discourage unauthorised travel through special Fortress Ticket Checking Drives at prominent railway stations across its jurisdiction. The initiative aims to encourage passengers to purchase valid tickets, ensure compliance with railway rules and protect railway revenue.The drives involve coordinated efforts by railway commercial personnel to verify tickets, detect irregularities and discourage travel without valid tickets. Regular and focused checking reinforces the importance of purchasing tickets before boarding trains and promotes responsible travel practices.Due to checking, an increase in Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) booking activity has been recorded at prominent stations, including Bhubaneswar and Sambalpur. Notably, a 29% increase in UTS bookings was recorded on the day of the Fortress Ticket Checking Drive, indicating a positive trend in ticket purchasing activity during the checking operation. The Commercial Department of ECoR has been playing a key role in implementing the initiative through coordinated ticket checking operations across prominent stations in the zone. The active involvement of the Principal Chief Commercial Manager (PCCM) team, along with headquarters and divisional commercial personnel, has strengthened monitoring and helped ensure effective enforcement of ticketing rules.The Fortress Ticket Checking Drive goes beyond detecting ticketing irregularities and collecting penalties. Its broader objective is to encourage passengers to make ticket purchase an essential part of every journey.Regular checks help discourage unauthorised travel and reinforce compliance with railway rules. They also promote fairness for passengers travelling with valid tickets and help protect legitimate railway earnings.The increase in UTS bookings since April 2026 is an encouraging development in the effort to promote proper ticketing practices. Alongside enforcement, accessible ticket booking facilities and passenger awareness can make ticket purchase easier and encourage greater compliance with prescribed procedures.The initiative reflects ECoR's commitment to improving commercial operations through coordinated efforts by headquarters, divisional officials and ticket checking teams. To sustain the progress, ECoR plans to conduct Fortress Ticket Checking Drives at regular intervals across prominent stations in the zone.Alongside regular checking, convenient booking facilities and passenger awareness will play an important role in encouraging the purchase of valid tickets, reducing unauthorised travel and protecting railway revenue. The encouraging growth in UTS bookings since the launch of the initiative further highlights the importance of sustained efforts to promote responsible travel and strengthen ticketing discipline across the ECoR network.

FRESH CYCLONE MURASU THREAT ALARMS ARNAB-HIT GAJAPATI



Paralakhemundi, correspondence: Barely recovering from the devastation caused by Cyclone Arnab, Gajapati district is facing fresh anxiety over the possibility of another cyclone, Murasu, with residents fearing further damage from the approaching weather system.Anticipating a possible impact on the district, the administration has stepped up its preparedness. Collector Akshay Sunil Agrawal chaired a virtual review meeting to assess the readiness of various departments and ensure coordinated action to tackle any eventuality. The meeting reviewed the possible track and impact of the cyclone, the vulnerability of storm- and landslide-prone areas, drainage arrangements, rescue and relief operations and emergency services. The Collector directed all departments to remain alert and work in close coordination to protect lives and property.However, the fresh cyclone threat has deepened public anxiety as several parts of Gajapati are yet to recover from the torrential rains, floods and landslides triggered by Arnab. With normalcy still elusive in many affected areas, residents are apprehensive that another spell of severe weather could compound their suffering and cause further devastation.

KIIT School of Law Organises Legal Awareness Camp at Cuttack

Bhubaneswar, correspondenceThe Legal Services Clinic of KIIT School of Law organised a Legal Awareness Camp at Mamata Short Stay Home, Bidanasi, Bandhagada, Cuttack, with the objective of promoting legal awareness and access to justice among destitute, distressed, and homeless women residing at the institution.Mamata Short Stay Home provides shelter and support to women from different age groups who are facing challenging social and personal circumstances. The camp focused on familiarising the residents with their legal rights, statutory protections, and various government welfare schemes aimed at ensuring their safety, dignity, rehabilitation, and empowerment.As part of the initiative, student volunteers of the Legal Services Clinic interacted with the residents and sensitised them about important legal provisions relating to women's rights, available legal remedies against exploitation and violence, and relevant government welfare initiatives. The interaction also provided a platform for the residents to share their concerns and understand the avenues available for accessing legal assistance and institutional support.The programme was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Lokanath Mohapatra, Director, Legal Services, and coordinated by Mr. Shashank Nande and Dr. Pragynya Parimita Ray, Faculty Coordinators, Legal Services Clinic. Ms. Amrita Bal, Assistant Legal Officer, extended her support in the successful conduct of the camp.The initiative reaffirmed KIIT School of Law's commitment to promoting legal literacy, strengthening access to justice for vulnerable sections of society, and empowering women through community engagement and experiential legal education.

EDITORIAL

AI in Focus

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the world around us. From smartphones and online shopping to healthcare, education, agriculture and transportation, AI has become an important part of modern life. What once appeared to be science fiction is now a practical reality. Machines can recognise faces, understand human language, analyse large amounts of information, generate content and assist people in making decisions. AI is not simply another technological invention; it represents a major shift in how human beings live, work and communicate.

Artificial Intelligence refers to the ability of computer systems to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence. These tasks include learning, reasoning, problem-solving, recognising patterns and understanding language. Machine learning, deep learning, robotics and natural language processing are some of the important technologies that make AI possible. Modern AI systems learn from data and improve their performance through experience.

One of the most significant contributions of AI can be seen in healthcare. AI-powered systems help doctors analyse medical images, identify diseases at early stages and support treatment planning. They can assist in detecting cancer, heart conditions and eye disorders. AI-based tools also help researchers study diseases and accelerate the development of medicines. However, medical decisions must continue to involve qualified healthcare professionals, as technology cannot replace human judgement and compassion.

Education is another field experiencing a remarkable transformation. AI can provide personalised learning experiences according to students' abilities, interests and learning speeds. Intelligent tutoring systems can explain difficult concepts, generate practice questions and identify learning gaps. Teachers can use AI tools to prepare lessons, assess performance and reduce repetitive administrative work. Nevertheless, AI should support teachers rather than replace them. Human interaction, emotional understanding, moral guidance and encouragement remain essential elements of education.

Agriculture also offers enormous opportunities for AI. Smart farming systems can analyse weather conditions, soil quality, crop health and water requirements. Drones and sensors can help farmers monitor fields, detect diseases and use fertilisers more efficiently. Predictive technologies can provide information about possible crop yields and market trends. Such applications may improve productivity, reduce waste and support sustainable agriculture, particularly when made affordable and accessible to small farmers.AI is also changing industries, businesses and employment patterns. Automated systems can perform repetitive tasks with greater speed and accuracy, while intelligent software helps organisations analyse information and improve productivity.

THE HUMAN COMPUTER: WHEN HUMAN INTELLIGENCE OUTPACED MACHINES

Narayana Padhan

Can the human brain perform calculations faster than a sophisticated computer, or can the power of human intelligence transcend the limitations of technology? Long before AI and supercomputers captured our imagination, one incredible Indian woman proved that the human brain itself could outsmart machines. It was Shakuntala Devi, India's extraordinary mathematical prodigy, who made the world witness this remarkable possibility. Known around the world as The Human Computer, she left everyone spellbound with her super-fast calculations, incredible memory for numbers, and brilliant mind. She challenged even the fastest machines and showed the world what the human brain is truly capable of.

Born on 4 November 1929 in Bengaluru to a humble family of circus performers, Shakuntala Devi displayed extraordinary numerical memory at just three, astonishing her father, a trapeze artist and magician, during card tricks. Without formal schooling or academic degrees, she developed exceptional mental-arithmetic skills through relentless practice, observation and intellectual curiosity. At six, she demonstrated her mathematical brilliance at the University of Mysore, captivating academic audiences. By her teens, she was touring the world, presenting her extraordinary abilities at universities and distinguished international platforms. Yet, she was never merely a performer; she was a self-taught mathematical genius who regarded mathematics not as a burden, but as a language of joy, freedom and wonder. Passionate about eliminating mathematical fear among children and adults, she devoted herself to making mathematics engaging, accessible and enjoyable. She demonstrated that genius is not merely an inherited gift; it flourishes through curiosity, disciplined practice, determination and an unquenchable thirst for knowledge.

Shakuntala Devi's extraordinary mathematical performances redefined the frontiers of mental computation and astonished the scientific world. In 1977, at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, she mentally extracted the 23rd root of a 201-digit number in just 50 seconds, a remarkable feat subsequently verified by a UNIVAC computer, which reportedly took 62 seconds. Three years later, she achieved an even more spectacular milestone at Imperial College London. On 18 June 1980, she multiplied two randomly selected 13-digit numbers, 7,686,369,774,870 and 2,465,099,745,779, and delivered their correct 26-digit product, 18,947,668,177,995,426,462,773,730, in an astonishing 28 seconds. This historic performance earned her recognition in the 1982 Guinness Book of World Records. Her numerical brilliance extended to calculating the cube root of 95,443,993 in two seconds, 204,336,469 in five seconds and 2,373,927,704 in ten seconds, besides extracting the seventh root of a 27-digit number in approximately 40 seconds. She could also identify weekdays corresponding to historical dates with remarkable speed. Her exceptional abilities attracted scientific investigation, notably by psychologist Arthur Jensen at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1988. Collectively, these extraordinary accomplishments established her worldwide reputation as The Human Computer, demonstrating the astonishing possibilities of human mathematical intelligence. Shakuntala Devi humanised mathematics and proved that the human mind could outpace machines, inspiring millions to pursue STEM. Her greatest achievement was not just calculating faster than a computer; but showing how far an awakened mind can go beyond ordinary limits

"Allegations, Impeachment and Reputation:-- A Crisis of Credibility Across India's Institutions"

Uma sankar prasad

In India today, three words dominate the public discourse - "Allegation (Maharali), Impeachment (Mahabhijog), and Reputation (Khyati)". What started as a controversy around one man, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, has now become a mirror for how reputation is built and destroyed across different sectors of the country.

1. The Epicentre:-- The Election Commissioner. The current storm is about Gyanesh Kumar and the "Special Intensive Revision (SIR)" of electoral rolls.

The Allegations:-

The opposition INDIA bloc alleges that 13.3 crore names have been deleted from voter lists, with 47 lakh deletions in Delhi alone. They claim two Election Commissioners, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, had formally objected to changes in Form-6. The Election Commission maintains that all orders were issued with the approval of all three commissioners and that the changes have been upheld by the Supreme Court.

"The Impeachment Move:"--

Since removing a CEC requires a majority like a Supreme Court judge, which the opposition doesn't have in Lok Sabha, they have invented a new political tool - "Public Impeachment". On October 30, 21 parties of the INDIA bloc are scheduled to hold a public impeachment at Mallikarjun Kharge's residence, followed by a 10-lakh-strong rally at Ramlila Maidan on November 1.

Congress leader Venugopal alleged, "It is not Delhi Police's decision. It is the decision of PM Modi and Amit Shah and they are protecting their pet Gyanesh Kumar". Rahul Gandhi went further, demanding Gyanesh Kumar's resignation and calling for a probe into Modi and Shah over alleged "vote theft". A viral resignation letter addressed to President Droupadi Murmu also circulated in September, which the Election Commission officially declared as "fake". This shows how an institution that was once considered untouchable now faces a full-blown reputational crisis. The Pattern Across sectors. This is not isolated. The same cycle of allegation-impeachment-reputation is visible everywhere:- a) In Politics:

Allegation has become a political weapon. The ruling party is accused of protecting its appointees, while the opposition is accused of doing a "public trial" without proof. As Frontline noted, Gyanesh Kumar "will not demit office, as he has no fear of being impeached, because he enjoys the protection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi". Reputation is no longer earned by work, but decided by which side you are on. b) In Judiciary:

The Supreme Court on October 5 declined to order Kumar's interim suspension while issuing notices to the Centre. This cautious approach shows the judiciary's own reputation challenge - if it acts strongly, it is called activist; if it doesn't, it is called compromised. c) In Media and Civil Society:--

The term "Gyanesh Gate" is now trending. Citizens protested near Gol Dak Khana on October 23 with slogans like "Gyanu must go!". Social media can create a fake resignation letter in a day and destroy a 35-year-old bureaucrat's reputation.

3. Why Reputation (Khyati) Matters More Than Ever. In the words of Frontline, "Citizens have two months to save Indian democracy" - a headline that itself shows how reputational damage to one institution is seen as damage to democracy itself. In India, we remember Lal Bahadur Shastri (1956) and V.P. Singh (1982) who resigned on moral grounds even without direct culpability. Today, the standard has flipped. As one analysis noted, Kumar is " directly responsible for the Election Commission's acts of commission" yet refuses to resign.

In Conclusion:-- The Fate Question

The question you asked - "Is Modi-Shah's fate being decided on Gyanesh Kumar's resignation?" - is the right question. If he resigns, the opposition will claim it as proof that "vote chori" happened, delegitimizing the 2024 mandate. If he doesn't resign, the opposition will carry the issue till 2029, calling the Election Commission a "one-man show" and a puppet.In the end, in modern India, "allegation creates the noise, impeachment provides the theatre, but reputation decides the fate." And once reputation is lost in the eyes of the public, no legal clean chit can bring it back.

Who Is Sowing the Seeds of Violence in children's Minds?

Yogesh Kumar Goyal

Childhood is considered synonymous with innocence, simplicity, sensitivity and cheerful smiles. Toys look good in children's hands, not stones and bricks; dreams look good in their eyes, not hatred and violence against anyone. But when even children aged 8–10 years become intent on taking the life of another innocent child, the question is no longer merely about the abnormal behaviour of one child. It concerns the entire social environment, family values, education system and our changing lifestyle. The brutal attack by an eight-year-old third-grade student on a six-year-old girl with special needs in Panchkula, Haryana, is a mirror reflecting this frightening reality. When I watched the video of this heart-rending incident that took place at the Government Sanskriti Model School in Sector 20, Panchkula, I was deeply disturbed. The accused student took the girl into an empty classroom, dragged her by her hair, slammed her head against a bench, kicked her and repeatedly struck her head and face with bricks, stones and a flowerpot. The violence, which continued for approximately 96 seconds, was captured by a CCTV camera installed in the classroom.

The most disturbing aspect is that the attacker was not an adult criminal but an eight-year-old child. This incident is as horrifying for the victim as it raises serious concerns about the mental and social development of the child responsible for the attack. Where does such extreme aggression originate in a child at such a tender age? Has the child begun to consider violence normal behaviour? Is he losing the ability to understand another person's pain and helplessness? And the biggest question is: What is changing in our homes, schools and society that violence is increasingly finding its way into the language of childhood, replacing love and sensitivity? The fact that, according to the available CCTV footage, the assault reportedly continued even after the girl had become helpless makes the incident far more serious than an ordinary childhood quarrel.

This incident has raised a question that we can no longer afford to ignore: Who is sowing the seeds of violence in children's minds? There is no single cause of violent behaviour among children and adolescents. Exposure to violence within the family, harsh or inconsistent discipline, emotional neglect, inadequate parental supervision, peer pressure, social isolation and difficulties in controlling behaviour can increase the risk of such tendencies. The first questions must be directed at families. Today, many households provide children with expensive toys, smartphones, tablets and countless means of entertainment, but the time spent sitting with them, talking to them, understanding their emotions and guiding their behaviour is steadily diminishing. Parents are caught up in their own busy schedules, and children often find themselves alone with their emotional confusion. Children who repeatedly witness quarrels, verbal abuse, physical violence, insulting language and violent reactions to minor issues between their parents can be deeply affected. A child learns what he or she repeatedly sees in the surrounding environment. If problems at home are resolved not through dialogue but through shouting, threats and physical aggression, violence can gradually become an acceptable way of behaving for the child.

The second major concern is the digital world. Mobile phones and the internet have opened up countless opportunities for knowledge and entertainment for children, but this same world also contains violent videos, games involving physical aggression, abusive content and scenes that glorify aggressive behaviour. The problem becomes serious when a child watches such content for hours without supervision and has no one to explain that the violence shown on a screen can cause deep physical, emotional and psychological harm to someone in real life. The third concern is the development of sensitivity and empathy among children. Today, we are teaching children to excel in competitions, win and perform better than others, but how much are we teaching them to accept defeat, respect the feelings of others, help the vulnerable and control their anger? Has moral education in schools become confined merely to textbooks? Are children being taught that hurting someone is not an act of bravery but a sign of weakness? Feeling compassion when witnessing another person's suffering is the very foundation of human sensitivity. If this sensitivity is not developed, even the highest educational qualifications cannot guarantee a civilised society.

The responsibility of schools is equally important here. The Panchkula incident has exposed the difference between the presence of CCTV cameras and actual surveillance. Installing cameras does not ensure safety; continuous monitoring, timely intervention and accountability are what guarantee security. The question is how a six-year-old girl was able to reach a situation inside the school premises where another student could continuously assault her without any teacher or staff member becoming aware of it in time. If there was a shortage of teachers, if one teacher was required to manage several classes, or if there were shortcomings in the duty arrangements, these issues must also be investigated.

This is not the first incident in which violence among children in schools has shaken the entire country. In 2017, seven-year-old Pradyuman Thakur was murdered at Ryan International School in Gurugram. In 2018, a stabbing incident took place at a government school in Delhi. In 2019, a student was murdered following a cricket-related dispute in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu. In 2021, a student was stabbed to death in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

Extensive preparations by the Rangeilunda Block administration to tackle Cyclone "Murasu"

Gopalpur, Correspondent :In view of the potential cyclone "Murasu," the Rangeilunda Block administration has undertaken extensive preparations and preventive measures to tackle any emergency situation.Prioritizing the safety of lives and property, the Block administration has identified residents living in low-lying areas, coastal villages, and vulnerable locations. Arrangements have been made to relocate these individuals to 125 designated shelters and cyclone shelters. These shelters—along with other safe locations—have been equipped with facilities such as drinking water, electricity, lighting, toilets, and sanitation arrangements for those taking refuge there. Necessary arrangements have been made to provide cooked food, dry rations, snacks, and drinking water to the people. BDO Biswajit Ray stated that vehicles, rescue teams, and other essential supplies required for rescue operations have been kept on standby. By evening, 566 individuals had been relocated to safe shelters. Coordination has been established with the Health Department to ensure the availability of essential medicines, first aid, and emergency healthcare services at these shelters. A 24-hour control room has been made operational at the Block office to facilitate the exchange of information regarding the cyclone, receive grievances, and ensure prompt action. For this purpose, a special team has been deployed, with a duty roster prepared for the officers and staff to work in shifts. Public awareness campaigns are being conducted via loudspeakers, advising people to avoid unnecessary travel outside their homes and to stay away from the sea. In the event of an emergency, the BDO and the Kanisi Tehsildar have been assigned responsibilities as block-level nodal officers. Additionally, two Additional Tehsildars and two Assistant Executive Engineers have been appointed as cluster-level nodal officers. Revenue Inspectors, Assistant Revenue Inspectors, Panchayat Executive Officers, Supply Assistants, and teachers have been designated as village-level Nodal Officers. They are tasked with the rapid collection of information, raising public awareness, identifying and relocating vulnerable individuals, and providing emergency assistance at the village level. All appointed Nodal Officers have been instructed to remain vigilant in their respective areas, maintain coordination with the administration under all circumstances, and take prompt action

2.3K People Evacuated In Kandhamala Ahead Of Cyclone 'Murasu'

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): At least 2,394 people have been evacuated to cyclone shelters in Odisha's Kandhamala district as the administration stepped up precautionary measures in view of the severe cyclonic storm 'Murasu', which is moving towards the Andhra Pradesh coast, officials said on Monday.The evacuees include 848 men, 1,030 women and 450 children, who have been shifted to 35 permanent cyclone shelters across the district.

Jajpur Grievance Camp Receives 220 Petitions, 84 Resolved on the Spot

JAJPUR (Correspondent): A district-level joint public grievance hearing camp was held at the DRDA Conference Hall in Jajpur, with District Collector and District Magistrate Ambar Kumar Kar presiding over the proceedings.A total of 220 petitions were received from the public during the camp. Of these, 135 related to individual grievances, five concerned community or general issues, 78 sought financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF), and two applications were submitted for assistance from the Red Cross.Under the direct supervision of the District Collector, 84 grievances were resolved on the spot. The Collector stated that the remaining petitions would be examined by the concerned departmental authorities and necessary steps would be taken to address the genuine grievances of eligible applicants at the earliest.Several senior district officials attended the hearing and interacted with the applicants to understand their problems and facilitate appropriate action.Those present included Superintendent of Police Yash Pratap Srimal, Additional District Magistrate Judhishthir Nayak, Chief Development Officer-cum-Executive Officer of the Zilla Parishad Debi Prasad Mohanty, Sub-Collector Tapas Ranjan Dehury, Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer Dr Nagendra Nath Mohapatra, Deputy Collector (Grievance Cell) Saraswat Sahu, Jajpur Block Development Officer Brahmananda Behera and Jajpur Tehsildar Rabi Narayan Padhi.The officials heard the grievances and took necessary steps for their redressal.

Sudhanshu Trivedi Targets Congress and Rahul Gandhi Over SIR, Questions Opposition's Stand

Kataka- (Correspondent : BJP Rajya Sabha MP and national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi launched a sharp attack on the Congress and Rahul Gandhi over the opposition's allegations concerning the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He accused opposition parties of creating confusion and instability over the exercise, alleging that certain forces were unable to accept India's growing global stature and that opposition parties were acting at their behest. Addressing a press conference in Bhubaneswar, Trivedi said India was making rapid progress in artificial intelligence, defence manufacturing and advanced technology. However, he alleged that some forces, both within and outside the country, were uncomfortable with India's achievements. He further accused Rahul Gandhi of attempting to create an atmosphere of unrest in the country. Taking a dig at the opposition gathering at Ramlila Maidan, Trivedi alleged that several opposition parties were promoting dynastic politics under the cover of democracy. Instead of focusing on making India a great nation by 2047, these parties were more concerned about securing the political future of their respective families, he claimed. Trivedi also questioned the Congress's electoral prospects, pointing out that the party had remained out of power in Odisha for the past 25 years. He further referred to Gujarat, where the Congress has not returned to power since 1995, and Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, where it has been out of power since 1990. He pointed out that these states together account for 120 Lok Sabha seats. Claiming that the Congress was not in a position to win even 10 seats out of another 230 seats across other states, he questioned how the party expected to secure 272 seats from the remaining 300 constituencies. Rejecting the opposition's allegations regarding SIR, Trivedi explained that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are appointed by the Election Commission, while Booth Level Agents (BLAs) are appointed by political parties to assist in the electoral roll verification process. He said around 12 lakh BLOs and 22 lakh BLAs had been appointed across the country. Questioning the Congress's objections, he asked what the party's BLAs were doing during the voter list verification exercise and why they had not raised objections at the appropriate time if they had any concerns. He also cited Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala's reported statement that his party had benefited from the SIR exercise in Kerala, questioning the opposition's criticism of the process. Meanwhile, the massive march witnessed the participation of former Choudwar-Kataka MLA Dr Pravat Ranjan Biswal, who joined the programme along with a large number of his supporters. Under his guidance, supporters from the Choudwar-Kataka region took part in the march.

Ulaka presses Centre for relief, long-term flood protection in Koraput, Rayagada

New Delhi, (Correspondent: Koraput MP Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka has stepped up demands for Central intervention in the aftermath of Cyclone 'Arnab' and subsequent torrential rainfall, seeking an immediate assessment of damage and financial assistance for affected areas of Koraput and Rayagada districts.The MP has called for the deployment of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team to assess the impact on agriculture, rural infrastructure, housing, irrigation facilities and livelihoods. He has also urged the Odisha government to establish a dedicated interdepartmental mechanism to coordinate relief and rehabilitation efforts with the Centre.The extent of the rainfall impact is reflected in the reported precipitation of 188 mm in Pottangi and 143.1 mm in Semiliguda. Several areas have reportedly experienced waterlogging, landslide risks, uprooted trees and disruption of road connectivity, particularly affecting vulnerable hill settlements and remote rural areas.Ulaka has sought financial assistance under the applicable State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) provisions for restoring damaged roads, bridges, drinking water facilities, electricity infrastructure, schools, Anganwadi centres and healthcare facilities. He has particularly

stressed the restoration of connectivity to remote tribal villages and vulnerable stretches of National Highways 26 and 326.Agricultural losses and rural connectivity have also figured prominently in his demands. He has called for a preliminary crop-loss assessment within 72 hours, followed by detailed verification, to ensure timely compensation for affected farmers, including tenant and sharecropper cultivators. Small and marginal tribal farmers have been identified as a priority group.The MP has also pressed for expedited technical assessments and reconstruction funding for damaged roads, bridges and causeways under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), advocating climate-resilient construction and improved drainage systems.Beyond immediate relief, Ulaka has called for a comprehensive flood and landslide mitigation strategy covering the Vansadhara, Nagavali, Kolab and Indravati river basins. He has proposed a technical task force involving national agencies to examine riverbank protection, flood forecasting, slope stabilisation, catchment treatment and drainage improvements.He has further emphasised the need for adequate relief camps, essential supplies, medical services and temporary shelters, particularly for pregnant women, children, elderly persons and residents of geographically isolated tribal settlements.In his communication to Prime Minister Narendra Modi dated October 30, Ulaka warned that recurring extreme weather events could undermine development gains in agriculture, rural connectivity and tribal welfare. Copies were also forwarded to the Collectors of Koraput and Rayagada for necessary action.

Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy: Massive Rally Organised in Baripada

Baripada, Mayurbhanj,Correspondent :Under the slogan "Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy," a massive rally was organised in Baripada, the district headquarters of Mayurbhanj, witnessing the participation of thousands of people.The nearly two-kilometre-long rally started from Madhuban Ground and proceeded along the main roads of the town, passing in front of the District Collector's Office before reaching College Ground.Following the rally, a public meeting was organised at College Ground in the presence of thousands of people. Among those present were Odisha Minister Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra, former East Mayurbhanj District President Nihar Ranjan Madi, MLAs Sanatan Bijuli and Bhaskar Madhei, MLA Sanjali Murmu, District Development Council Chairman Dr. Budhan Murmu, Vice-President Shipra Bajpayee, State Spokesperson Kabi Vishnu Satpathy, State BJP Secretary and youth leader Soumyaranjan Mishra, IT Cell President Samal, along with several senior party leaders and women representatives.The impressive speech delivered by Badshahi MLA Sanatan Bijuli and the nationalist address by Minister Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra captivated the gathering. Their speeches highlighted the ideals of nationalism, patriotism and love for the motherland, inspiring the people to follow the path of national service and dedication. Arrangements for devotional songs and drinking water were made for the participating leaders and members of the public. The entire programme was conducted in a disciplined and well-organised manner.

Khaprakhol Block Level Surabhi Program Ended, Successful Contestants Promoted, Audience Danced to Songs

Patnagarh - (Correspondent) A block level surabhi program was organized on Monday at the Balangir district khaprakhol high school playground by the School and Public Education Department and the Block Education Officer's office. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by ABO Miniketan Bariha, while Block Education Officer Abhinav Mishra was the chief guest, Deputy Chief Minister's Block Representative Padma Kumar Singh Bariha was the guest of honor, local high school principal Ispal Suna, School Management Committee President Narendra Bhoi joined and inaugurated the program by breaking the coconut. On this occasion, students from all the schools of 14 group centers of the block participated in various competitions. On this occasion, competitions like dance, singing, elocution, logic, drawing, painting, handicraft, Prime Minister Poshan Painting etc. were organized. On this occasion, the closing ceremony was held in the afternoon under the chairmanship of Block Education Officer Abhinav Mishra, while the chief guest was Bibekananda Sarangi, the guest of honor was Tehsildar Soumya Kishore Behera, Additional Tehsildar Satya Sundar Rautraya, ABO Miniketan Bariha, and Head Teacher Ishpal Suna. They highlighted the purpose of the Suravi program and talked about bringing the hidden art among the students to the public and giving recognition to it. The program was organized by the Centre Coordinator Satyabrat Behera, Om Prakash Meher, Murali Meher, Sujit Barik, and Chandraka Bagh. Sushil Pod, Prafulla Pradhan, Vighnaraj Pradhan, Sanand Meher, Jijyas Pradhan Manorama Naik, Namita Mandal, the head teacher collaborated. On this occasion, the audience danced to the songs. Finally, Kahna Meher gave the vote of thanks.

EAST COAST RAILWAY

File No. DRM/Engg/KUR/26-27/ E-Tender/57, Dt. 29.10.2026

Tender No. etendernorthkur-154-2026, Dtd.: 22.10.2026

DESCRIPTION: PROVISION OF SERVICE BUILDING FOR INTERLOCKING OF NON INTERLOCKED LEVEL CROSSING GATE AT 17 NO. OF LEVEL CROSSINGS OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION USING CONCRETE 3D PRINTED PANELS / 3D PRINTED ELEMENTS.

Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 1208.29 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 24,16,600/-, Completion Period : 08 (Eight) Months.

Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1500 Hrs. of 13.11.2026.

No manual offers sent by Post / Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

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Shah Rukh Khan expresses gratitude to fans with special note on his 61st birthday

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan expressed gratitude to his fans for their love and birthday wishes as he turned 61 on Monday, sharing a handwritten note outside his residence, Mannat.Thousands of fans gathered outside the actor's residence to celebrate his birthday; a giant projector displayed his handwritten message, giving fans a special birthday surprise."Thank you all for your wishes and love. Sending mine right back to you all," the note read. Shah Rukh signed off with the words, "Lots of love and a big hug."On the special occassion, the makers also shared visuals from his upcoming action entertainer 'King', offering fans a glimpse of the film. The projections showcased two dialogues, "King Akela Kaafi Hai" and "Darr Nahi, Dehshat Hoon", adding to the excitement among his admirers gathered outside Mannat.Directed by Siddharth Anand, 'King' will release in theatres on December 24, 2026, making it a major Christmas release. The film marks Shah Rukh's reunion with Anand after their collaboration on 'Pathaan', which was released in theatres in 2023.The birthday celebrations thus brought together the superstar's personal message to his fans and a promotional glimpse of his next big-screen outing.Earlier, the Bandra-Worli Sea Link in Mumbai was illuminated with greetings and pictures of Superstar Shah Rukh Khan ahead of his 61st birthday.Shah Rukh's last theatrical release was Rajkumar Hirani's 'Dunki', which arrived in cinemas in December 2023. Excitement gripped outside Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's house, Mannat, as fans gathered in large numbers today (November 2) to celebrate King Khan's birthday and catch a glimpse of their favourite star.Fans, some of whom had travelled from different parts of the country, expressed their excitement while waiting outside the actor's residence. The gathering reflected the immense popularity of the Bollywood superstar, with admirers eagerly hoping to see him on his special day.Speaking to ANI, one enthusiastic fan said, "Bahut excited hain. Bete ko haath lagane se pehle baap se baat kar le."Another fan, who had arrived from Kolkata, said he had travelled all the way to Mumbai just to catch a glimpse of Shah Rukh Khan."Hum Kolkata se aa rahe hain. Unki ek jhalak dekhne ke liye aaye hain. Unko dekhne ke liye hi yahan aaya hoon," the fan said.Another admirer also expressed excitement about celebrating the actor's birthday, saying that the occasion was special for all his fans.The celebrations were not limited to local admirers. One fan from Nanded revealed that he had been away from home for three days to make it to Mumbai for the occasion.When asked about his favourite Shah Rukh Khan song, one of the fans named 'Jhoome Jo Pathaan' from the actor's 2023 blockbuster film 'Pathaan'.

Samreen Kaur hits back at trolls accusing her of dating cricketer Arshdeep Singh for fame

Actor-model Samreen Kaur, who is dating Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh, has hit back at social media trolls who called her a fame digger. In her latest Instagram post, Samreen addressed the constant judgement, assumptions and negativity surrounding her personal life and relationship.From being judged for keeping their relationships private to being accused of seeking attention when they openly express their love, she highlighted the double standards women continue to face online.

Speaking about her independent journey, Samreen revealed that she has been working since the age of 17, financially supporting herself, travelling to over 20 countries and building a fulfilling life on her own terms. She also expressed gratitude for the opportunities and blessings that have allowed her to enjoy her lifestyle independently.Also Read: Berhampur Forest Division's swift response saves 10 blackbucks from flood-hit BaliaAddressing her relationship, she shared how fortunate she feels to have found someone she genuinely wishes she had met earlier, adding that their bond is something she does not owe anyone an explanation for.Samreen wrote, "The more I see the world, the more I realise how hypocritical people on social media can be. If you hide your man, you're apparently not proud of him enough. If you love him loudly, you're doing it for fame. If you have standards, you're selfish. And if you genuinely love someone for who they are and how they treat you, apparently you're going to leave him anyway.""I've been working since I was 17, taking care of myself financially and professionally, travelling to over 20 countries, and building a happy life with or without a relationship.

Jaggery vs sugar

why gud must be a winter pick for better immunity and easier digestion

When the temperature drops, most of us reach for warm drinks, comforting desserts, and extra helpings of sweet treats. It feels natural in winter, but this subtle rise in sugar intake often adds to seasonal sluggishness, minor colds, and slower digestion. Your body is already working harder to stay warm, and excess refined sugar only makes things heavier. So what's a simple, realistic change you can make to feel lighter and more supported this season? According to Nicole Linhares Kedia, Sports Nutritionist and Integrated Health Coach, the answer might be sitting in your kitchen all along: just switch to a different sweetener, she suggests. Jaggery, or gud, is a minimally processed sweetener made from sugarcane or palm sap. It carries natural minerals and antioxidants that refined sugar lacks. During winter, this gentle support can make a noticeable difference, providing steady energy, easier digestion, and improved comfort after meals.

Jaggery vs refined sugar: The nutritional difference

Unlike jaggery, refined sugar is stripped of nutrients, explains Nicole Linhares Kedia, Sports Nutritionist and Integrated Health Coach. Refined sugar offers only quick calories with no meaningful support for immunity, energy, or digestion, making it less helpful during winter, when the body already feels sluggish and more prone to minor seasonal discomforts.

The nutritional power of 'gud'

Jaggery or 'gud' is far less processed and naturally rich in iron, magnesium, and antioxidants. According to the expert, the following are the key nutrients in jaggery and how they support your health during winter:

Iron and magnesium help to reduce winter fatigue and supports steady energy.

Antioxidants strengthen natural defence against seasonal sniffles.

Minimal processing retains minerals and natural components, making it a more wholesome option than refined sugar.

Benefits of jaggery in winter

Jaggery is good for circulation:"It not only provides gentle warmth but also boosts circulation," says the nutritionist. While its warmth has long been valued in traditional winter eating, better circulation helps you feel more comfortable in colder weather, especially when it comes to your hands and feet. It also supports steady blood flow when the temperature drops.

Improves digestion: Winter often means heavier meals and slower movement, which can leave you feeling sluggish. Jaggery has been used for years as a simple after-meal aid to ease digestion and alleviate the heavy feeling many people experience during the season.

Guilt-free winter comfort: The nutritionist suggests that jaggery can be added to laddoos, porridge bowls and turmeric milk without any guilt, to make you feel warm in winter.

Moderation is the key

"Even though jaggery may be a better alternative to sugar, it's still a form of sugar. So moderation is the key," adds the expert.

How to add jaggery to your diet?

Jaggery can be paired with fibre-rich foods, nuts and seeds, which help in steady blood glucose. This pairing slows down absorption and helps prevent you from feeling tired soon after eating something sweet.

Add a small amount of jaggery to warm oatmeal topped with almonds or seeds.

Enjoy a tiny piece after a high-fibre meal.Add a pinch of jaggery to porridge made with flaxseed or chia for a smoother, more energising boost.

5 tips for that perfect glute workout session

All of us want to maintain a healthy lifestyle with a diet rich in nutrients and a sweaty workout. Glute workout, is an important one which improves functioning of the hip joint and also enhances posture. Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty recently shared the benefits of a proper glute workout routine

Here are the benefits of a glutes workout session:

Increases hip flexion range ? Shilpa Shetty explained how greater glute maxes or increases the hypertrophy stimulus. According to National Institutes of Health, hypertrophy stimulus is a signal, most commonly mechanical stress from forceful, repetitive muscle activity like resistance training, that causes muscle cells to grow larger.Elevation shifts load to posterior chain while also minimizing lumbar extension.Band provides lateral tension ? This enhances glute med/upper-glute activation.

A proper glute routine also improves hip external-rotation stability and knee alignment.

It enhances posterior pelvic tilt control for safer, more efficient glute engagement.

Sets and reps:

Shilpa Shetty advised her followers to do 3 sets of 20 reps with 20 band abduction pulses on the last rep. She asked to repeat this for all 3 sets.

What is a glute workout?

Glutes, commonly known as the gluteal muscles, constitute a group of three muscles that are a part of the gluteal region, which is known as the buttocks.

The functions of the muscles generally revolve around the hip joint, including the extension, abduction, external rotation, and internal rotation of the joint.

A glute workout is nothing but a series of exercises that help us tone the muscles of the buttock region.

Odisha State Senior Women FIDE Rated Chess Championship 2026 Inaugurated at KIIT University

Bhubaneswar,Correspondent :The prestigious Odisha State Senior Women FIDE Rated Chess Championship 2026, organised by the Jagatsinghpur District Chess Association under the aegis of the All Odisha Chess Association (AOCA), with the support of the Department of Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, was inaugurated at Campus 13, KIIT University, Patia, Bhubaneswar.A total of 66 talented women chess players, including 34 internationally rated players, are participating in the championship, making it a highly competitive state-level event.At the conclusion of the second round on the opening day, 14 players emerged as joint leaders with a perfect score of 2 points each. The leading players include top seed Ayushi Ray

Chowdhury and Anisha Mishra (both from Puri), Yashita Raut and Nainika Sahu (both from Khordha), Smaraki Mohanty (Kendrapara), Shraddha Smaranika Nanda (Cuttack), and Snehajukta Behera (Ganjam), among others.The inaugural ceremony was presided over by Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Secretary of the Jagatsinghpur District Chess Association and Director General of Sports & Yoga, KIIT and KISS. Mr. Satya Ranjan Patnaik, President of the All Odisha Chess Association, attended the occasion as the Guest of Honour.Other distinguished guests included Mr. Bhavesh Mohanty, incumbent Executive Secretary of AOCA; Mr. B.B. Mishra, Treasurer of AOCA; Mr. S. Satyakam, former National Chess Player; and Mr. Muktikanta Mahapatra, father of International Master Siddhant Mahapatra, who graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.The championship is being conducted under the supervision of International Arbiters Mr. Santosh Mahapatra and Mr. Suresh Chandra Sahu, along with National Arbiters Mr. Gaurahari Mahapatra, Mr. Bikram Biswal and Ms. Bismita Sahu.All participating players, officials and organisers expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS and KIMS, for providing world-class sporting infrastructure, excellent facilities and continuous encouragement. His unwavering commitment and support have played a significant role in ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the championship at KIIT University.The participants and officials highly appreciated the excellent arrangements and hospitality extended by KIIT University, which have provided an ideal environment for the players to showcase their talent and compete at the highest level.The championship is expected to provide an important platform for promoting women's chess in Odisha and identifying emerging talent for future national-level competitions.

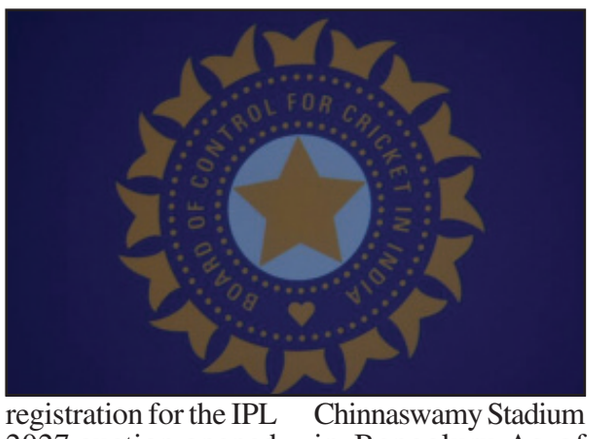
Narayanpatna Girls won Champion Title at District Level Kho-Kho Competition

NARAYANAPATNA Correspondent: The girls' Kho-Kho teams from Narayanapatna Block have brought laurels to the region by emerging as champions in the district-level Under-17 Kho-Kho competition. Both the junior and senior girls' teams displayed outstanding sporting talent and teamwork to secure the championship titles.Teams from various blocks across the district participated in the competition, witnessing intense competition and exciting performances. However, the Narayanapatna girls stood out with their excellent skills, determination and coordination, ultimately emerging victorious.The remarkable achievement has brought immense pride to Narayanapatna and highlighted the growing sporting talent among

young girls in the region. Their success reflects their dedication, regular practice, discipline and strong team spirit.
Block Chairperson Goladi Trinath, Tehsildar Prabhati Jhodia and Block Education Officer (BEO) Chameli Majumdar congratulated the players on their outstanding performance and wished them success in their future sporting endeavours.The players credited their success to the guidance and support of their sports teachers Rajesh Mahapatra, Chinmay Rout and Murali Badatiya, whose training and encouragement played an important role in their achievement.Meanwhile, congratulations and best wishes have been pouring in from local residents, sports enthusiasts and well-wishers. The victory is expected to inspire more girls from the region to take up sports and pursue excellence at higher levels.

BCCI Extends IPL 2027 Retention Deadline To November 17 Due To India-NZ Fifth ODI Clash

New Delhi: The BCCI has given all ten IPL franchises two more days to submit their retention lists, as they moved the deadline to November 17. The 2027 IPL player auction will go ahead as planned on December 16 in Goa.IANS understands that the BCCI informed all ten franchises of the two-day extension in an official communication on Monday. The original retention deadline of November 15 clashed with the fifth and final ODI between India and New Zealand at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui.It is understood that the clash with the men's ODI match would have affected the retention announcement and its subsequent coverage, and that prompted the board to move the deadline to November 17. The player



registration for the IPL 2027 auction opened on Monday and will end on November 23.It gives players worldwide three weeks to put their names forward for the auction. The entire process, from the opening of registration to the auction, will run for a little over six weeks. Interestingly, the auction day also clashes with an international fixture – India will host Sri Lanka in the second men's ODI at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.As of now, there's no sign of moving the auction date, or changing the date on which the ODI game in Bengaluru will happen. The remaining steps follow in quick succession – once registration closes, the auction register will be finalised on November 24.Teams will have time until November 27, to put in requests for additional players, and allow them to ask for names not on the initial register to be added to the pool. Franchises must submit their player auction lists by December 1. The final auction list, along with the sets in which players will go under the hammer, is scheduled to be unveiled on December 3.That leaves a gap of nearly two weeks between the release of the final player list and the auction itself on December 16 for teams to work out their respective strategies. Two trades have been completed so far ahead of the 2027 IPL mini auction.Delhi Capitals (DC) brought back their former captain, wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, from Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), with left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav moving to Lucknow.

SBI LHO Bhubaneswar Organised SBI YONO Interbank Cricket Tournament 2026

Bhubaneswar, Correspondent: State Bank of India (SBI), Local Head Office (LHO), Bhubaneswar, organised the SBI YONO Interbank Cricket Tournament on November 1, 2026, at SOA Ground, Bhubaneswar, with enthusiastic participation from 13 banks.The tournament witnessed participation from State Bank of India (SBI), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), NABARD, Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bank of India (BOI), Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Bank of Baroda (BOB), IDBI Bank, UCO Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Central Bank of India and Union Bank of India.The event was inaugurated jointly by Shri Sibi Mathews, Regional Director, RBI,

and Shri Rakesh Kumar Yadav, Chief General Manager, SBI, LHO Bhubaneswar, in the presence of senior officials from participating banks.The tournament culminated in an exciting final match between State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank, in which SBI emerged victorious, lifting the tournament trophy.The occasion was graced by Shri Rakesh Kumar Yadav, Chief General Manager, SBI, LHO Bhubaneswar, and Shri Prabudh Kumar, General Manager, along with Deputy General Managers (DGMs), Assistant General Managers (AGMs) of SBI LHO Bhubaneswar and Regional Heads of all participating banks.The tournament provided an excellent platform for interbank camaraderie, sportsmanship, teamwork and healthy competition. The enthusiastic participation of all 13 banks made the event a memorable sporting occasion, reinforcing the spirit of friendship, cooperation and unity among the banking fraternity.The successful organisation of the tournament reflects SBI's continued commitment to promoting sports, fitness and stronger professional relationships within the banking community.

NIT Rourkela Hosts All India Inter-NIT Sports Meet; 1.1K Athletes Participate

Rourkela: A total of 1,198 student-athletes from 30 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and IIEST Shibpur participated in the three-day All India Inter-NIT Sports Meet 2026–27, hosted by NIT Rourkela from October 30 to November 1.The event featured five sporting categories — men's and women's volleyball, men's and women's handball, and men's hockey. Matches were conducted at P.T. Usha Stadium, the Indoor Stadium at NIT Rourkela and the Birsa Munda

International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, officials said.NIT Calicut emerged as one of the leading performers, winning the men's handball and men's hockey championships. NIT Jamshedpur clinched the men's volleyball title, while VNIT Nagpur and NIT Kurukshetra won the women's handball and women's volleyball championships, respectively.In men's handball, NIT Calicut emerged victorious, with NIT Warangal and SVNIT Surat finishing as the first and second runners-up, respectively. Pavan Kalyan of NIT Calicut was named the Best Player.In women's handball, VNIT Nagpur secured the championship, followed by NIT Warangal and NIT Calicut. Bhagya Santoshi of VNIT Nagpur received the Best Player award.NIT Jamshedpur won the men's volleyball title, while NIT Tiruchirappalli and SVNIT Surat finished as the runners-up. Himanshu Teotia of NIT Jamshedpur was adjudged the Best Player.In women's volleyball, NIT Kurukshetra emerged as champions, followed by NIT Calicut and NIT Jamshedpur. Palak Chaudhary of NIT Kurukshetra received the Best Player award.In men's hockey, NIT Calicut won the championship, with host institute NIT Rourkela finishing as the first runner-up and NIT Tiruchirappalli as the second runner-up. Aman of NIT Rourkela was named the Best Player.The valedictory ceremony was attended by NIT Rourkela Director Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, Dean (Student Welfare) Prof. Rajeev Kumar Panda, Student Activity Centre (SAC) President Prof. Dillip Kumar Pradhan, Games and Sports Society Vice Presidents Prof. Mohd. Khalid Gul and Prof. Aditya Das, and Tournament Observer Dr. Manoj from NITK Surathkal.The Games and Sports Society of the Student Activity Centre, NIT Rourkela, organised the meet under the coordination of Prof. Mohd. Khalid Gul and Prof. Aditya Das, with support from Sports Officer C. Alagesan and Sports Assistant Preetam K. Mishra.NIT Rourkela thanked the All India Inter-NIT Sports Board for assigning it the responsibility of hosting the event. It also acknowledged the Sports and Youth Services Department of the Odisha government for providing the facilities at the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium for the men's hockey competition.The institute also appreciated the contributions of its administration, sports officials, referees, coaches, volunteers and support staff in successfully conducting the event.

Aditya Aluminium Organises Educational Exposure Visit to OAV Rengali for Rural Students and Their Parents

Sambalpur:(Correspondent):- As part of its Project Adhyayan, Aditya Aluminium, Lapanga, organised an educational exposure visit to Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya (OAV), Rengali, for 45 students of Classes IV and V from government schools across five plant-periphery Gram Panchayats — Bomaloi, Ghichamura, Lapanga, Jangla and Katarbaga. Six parents also accompanied the students.The participants were enrolled at the Gyanarjan coaching centres at Tileimal and Lodhapali, where they receive academic support and coaching for entrance examinations to OAV and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV).The visit aimed to familiarise rural students and parents with a quality academic environment and modern educational facilities, while motivating children to pursue their educational aspirations.The students and parents received a warm welcome from OAV students. During the visit, they explored the Digital Library, Chemistry and Physics Laboratories, Computer Laboratory, and Music and Arts Room. The students also participated in a musical session and attended a presentation highlighting the institution's achievements. A visit to the playground provided exposure to football and other sporting activities.To encourage reading habits, the OAV faculty presented copies of Anandamath to the parents and storybooks to all participating children.OAV Principal Mr. Ramanikanta Sahu and other teachers appreciated Aditya Aluminium's CSR Department for this meaningful initiative. The participating parents also expressed their gratitude. Aditya Aluminium continues its commitment to strengthening rural education and creating better learning opportunities for children in its plant-periphery communities.

East Coast Railway to Organize Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5.0

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent):East Coast Railway will organize Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5.0 from November 1 to 30, 2026, for Railway pensioners and family pensioners. The campaign aims to facilitate the submission of annual Digital Life Certificates and make the process more convenient and accessible for pensioners.Special camps are being organised at various locations across East Coast Railway, including ECoR Headquarters at Bhubaneswar and Khurda Road, Sambalpur and Rayagada Divisions. The camps will facilitate pensioners and family pensioners in submitting their Digital Life Certificates through digital mode.Under Khurda Road Division, camps will be organized at Brahmapur, Balugaon, Puri, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Paradeep, Angul, Bhadrak and Kendujhargarh. Under Rayagada Division, camps will be conducted at the Office of DRM(Personnel)/ Rayagada and designated offices at Koraput, Jeypore and Araku. Under Sambalpur Division, camps are scheduled at Rairakhol, Balangir, Titilagarh, Mahasamund and Kantabanji.Camps will also be organized at Carriage Repair Workshop, Mancheswar and at designated locations under ECoR Headquarters, including the offices of PCPO/ PFA.Special assistance will be extended to super senior pensioners aged 80 years and above to facilitate the submission of their Digital Life Certificates conveniently.Railway pensioners and family pensioners visiting the camps are requested to bring their Aadhaar Card, Pension Payment Order (PPO), Bank Passbook and Aadhaar linked mobile phone to ensure smooth completion of the Digital Life Certificate process.Through this initiative, East Coast Railway continues its efforts to provide accessible, efficient and pensioner friendly services, ensuring greater convenience and ease for retired Railway employees and their family pensioners.

TPNODL reinforces commitment to ethical governance during vigilance awareness week

Baleshwar, (Correspondent): : TP Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) successfully concluded its observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026, held from 26 October to 1 November under the theme "Probity for Prosperity." The week-long initiative reaffirmed the company's commitment to strengthening ethical governance, transparency, accountability and a culture of integrity across its operations.The week-long observance culminated in a concluding ceremony held on 2 November, attended by Mr. Dushyant Kumar Tyagi, CEO, TPNODL; Mr. Subhadip Raychaudhuri, Chief - Commercial and Business Excellence; Mr. Ramendra Banik, Head - HR, IR and Administration; Mr. Santosh Samantara, Head - Vigilance; Mr. Harish Kumar Panda, SE - Vigilance; and other employees.Addressing employees, Mr. Tyagi emphasised the importance of integrating integrity and ethical conduct into everyday decisions and professional responsibilities. He highlighted that adherence to established procedures, transparency in operations and individual accountability are fundamental to strengthening organisational credibility and maintaining public trust.Throughout the week, TPNODL organised a series of employee engagement and awareness activities aimed at promoting ethical conduct, strengthening vigilance awareness and encouraging responsible decision-making. The initiatives focused on sensitising employees to potential ethical risks, reinforcing compliance with established procurement and administrative procedures, and promoting accountability through appropriate mechanisms for reporting suspected irregularities.

JSW Utkal Steel and JSW Foundation Launch Emergency OPD Service to Strengthen Healthcare Access Across Dhinkia, Nuagaon and Gadakujang Gram Panchayats

PARADIP(Correspondent): In a significant step towards strengthening rural healthcare infrastructure and ensuring timely medical assistance for people in surrounding communities, JSW Utkal Steel Limited and the JSW Foundation have launched an Emergency Outpatient Department (OPD) service at the Nuagaon Gram Panchayat office.Under the leadership of Mr. Anil Kumar Singh, President, JSW Utkal Steel Limited, this initiative reflects the organisation's continued commitment to community welfare and improving access to essential healthcare facilities across the Dhinkia, Nuagaon and Gadakujang Gram Panchayats.Previously, residents of all three Gram Panchayats had to depend primarily on the Community Health Centre (CHC), Kujang, for emergency medical assistance and first-aid services during night hours. The absence of nearby night-time healthcare facilities often created difficulties for villagers in accessing timely medical attention, particularly during critical emergencies.Recognising this long-standing demand of the local community, JSW Utkal Steel and the JSW Foundation have taken a significant step by establishing the Emergency OPD service at the Nuagaon Gram Panchayat office to provide service to the communities of all the three Gram Panchayats Dhinkia,Nugaon and Gadakujang. The facility will remain operational from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, providing emergency OPD consultations and first-aid services to residents during night hours. To ensure effective and timely medical assistance, the facility will be supported by a full-time MBBS doctor, a dedicated attendant and ambulance services throughout the night. This arrangement will enable patients to receive immediate medical attention and first aid at the facility. In cases requiring advanced medical intervention or further treatment, patients will be transported to CHC, Kujang, through the JSW Ambulance service. This initiative is expected to make a meaningful difference in emergency healthcare delivery by reducing delays in accessing medical assistance. Timely medical intervention and prompt transportation to the referral hospital can help prevent complications and potentially save many lives.The service was formally inaugurated by the distinguished officials from JSW Utkal Steel Mr. Manoj Singh, Vice President of JSW Utkal Steel, Paradip, Mr. Mitrabhanu Chowdhury, Associate Vice President JSW Utkal Steel, Paradip, Mr. Abhijit Mohanty, CSR Head, JSW Foundation, Paradip in the presence of prominent community leaders and representatives from the three Gram Panchayats, Mr. Smruty Mantry, Mr.Jadunath Khatua Mr. Tamil Pradhan, Mr. Sampad Barik Mr. Kesab Rout, Mr. Ranjan Bardhan, Mr. Prabhat Rout, Mr. Prasant Lenka, Mr. Santosh Mohanty, Mr. Suresh Chandra Dash and other prominent local representatives and community members.

TPWODL's Urja Utsav 2026 Brings Together 500+ Students to Champion Sustainability and Innovation

Burla, (Correspondent): : Encouraging young minds to think creatively, embrace sustainability and become agents of environmental change, TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) organised Paschim Odisha Urja Utsav 2026 at Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla, on October 31. The festival brought together over 500 students from more than 40 schools, teachers representing all nine districts of Western Odisha and over 200 volunteers, creating an engaging platform for young participants to explore innovative solutions around energy conservation, waste management and sustainable development.The event was inaugurated by Mr. Parveen Verma, CEO, TPWODL, along with Dr. Dipak Kumar Sahu, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT. The festival was also attended by Mr. Satyanarayan Nanda, Regional Director, State Pollution Control Board; representatives from the District Skill Development Department, DCPO, Sambalpur and the police department, along with professors, principals, teachers, parents, TPWODL's senior leadership and employees.
The festival featured a range of competitions, including a Science Exhibition, Best Out of Waste, poster-making, essay writing and quizzes, encouraging students to translate their understanding of environmental challenges into creative ideas and practical solutions. The Science Exhibition and Best Out of Waste categories showcased 25 projects each, reflecting the imagination, curiosity and problem-solving abilities of the young participants.Among the notable science exhibition entries were projects on Sustainable Cities and Renewable Energy and Rainwater Harvesting: Water Conservation and Sustainable Management. The Best Out of Waste category featured creative concepts such as Turning Household Waste into Worth and Creative Reuse and Recycling of Waste Materials, highlighting the importance of responsible resource utilisation and waste reduction.Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Parveen Verma, CEO, TPWODL, said, "The future of a sustainable society depends not only on the energy we generate, but also on the awareness and responsibility with which we use it. Through Club Enerji, we aim to nurture a generation of environmentally conscious citizens who understand the importance of energy conservation, electrical safety and responsible living. Paschim Odisha Urja Utsav provides a platform for young minds to showcase their creativity, innovation and commitment towards a greener future. We believe that by empowering them with the right awareness and opportunities, we are investing in a more sustainable and prosperous Western Odisha."Interactive games based on the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) helped students explore themes such as responsible consumption, climate action and resource conservation through everyday actions. Adding to the inclusive spirit of the festival, children from special schools actively participated in the celebrations and showcased their talents through vibrant cultural performances, reinforcing the importance of equal opportunities for every child to learn, participate and shine.

KIMS Doctors Remove Metallic Nail From 10-Year-Old Girl's Airway

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): A team of doctors at the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bhubaneswar, has successfully removed a metallic nail lodged in the airway of a 10-year-old girl from Koraput, Odisha, demonstrating the hospital's advanced treatment capabilities.The child had accidentally inhaled the nail, which was part of a nail art instrument, two days before she was brought to the hospital. Medical examinations and scans revealed that the nail was stuck in the right bronchus, the passage that carries air from the windpipe into the right lung.A team of specialists from the departments of ENT and Anaesthesiology carried out the procedure using a specialised instrument called a rigid bronchoscope. It is a thin, tube-like device that doctors use to look inside the airways and remove objects that have accidentally entered them.The procedure was performed under general anaesthesia, with the child kept asleep throughout. The doctors successfully removed the nail without any complications. She recovered well after the procedure and was shifted to the ward for observation.

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