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Delhi: 17 Foreign Nationals Killed In Malviya Nagar Blaze

New Delhi: The Delhi Police have confirmed that of the 21 people who lost their lives in a fire incident that broke out at the multi-storied Lemon Green Restaurant in Malviya Nagar on Wednesday morning, 17 are foreign nationals. Most of the deceased are from Liberia, Nigeria, Mozambique and Bangladesh, officials said. Earlier, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) (South Delhi) Jitender Kumar told IANS that 21 people have lost their lives in the blaze. He said that of the 47 rescued, 26 people are currently undergoing treatment. "Our search and rescue operation was completed at 12:12 p.m. A total of 47 people were rescued, of which 21 have died, and 26 are undergoing treatment," SDM K u m a r added. According to the information shared by



the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi, the hospital had received 13 patients. It mentioned that three of the patients suffered injuries after falling from a height. They had reportedly jumped to save themselves. The AIIMS Delhi Trauma Centre also said that 10 of the patients are Delhi Police personnel, who were among the first to enter the building to save lives. The hospital also said that three bodies have been shifted to the Burns and Plastic Surgery Department.

Meanwhile, condolences poured in from across the political spectrum. Expressing distress over the tragic incident, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh to the families of the deceased. Taking to his official X account, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said: "My heart is deeply grieved by the fire incident in Delhi's Malviya Nagar. The local administration is engaged in relief and rescue operations." "My condolences are with

those who have lost their loved ones in this heart-wrenching tragedy. May God grant strength to the bereaved families to bear this sorrow. The injured are being provided with the best medical facilities. I pray for the swift recovery of all the injured," he added. Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi called the incident "extremely heartbreaking". In a post on X, he said: "I express my deepest condolences to all the bereaved families. I urge all Congress workers to contribute in every possible way to the relief and rescue operations." AAP Convener Arvind Kejriwal also prayed for the peace of the souls of those who lost their lives in the horrific fire. "The continuous fire incidents in Delhi and the deaths of innocent people are extremely concerning," he wrote in a post on X.

Union Cabinet Approves Rameshwar-Paradeep Coastal Highway In Odisha

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the construction of a new coastal highway from Rameshwar to Paradeep on Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) in Odisha. The highway will be constructed under two packages with a combined total length of 160.18 km and a combined total capital cost of Rs 8,300.79 crore. This will reduce travel time by about 2 hours and 30 minutes between Rameshwar and Paradeep, while providing safe, fast, and uninterrupted connectivity for both passenger and freight traffic. Additionally, the project will result in substantial reductions in



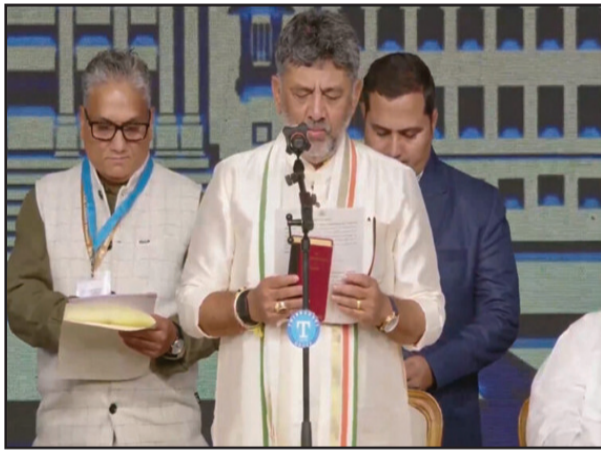
fuel consumption, carbon emissions, and vehicle operating costs (VOC), according to an official statement. The project section of new coastal highway is part of the Golden Quadrilateral and is already a 6-lane highway passing through major towns K h o r d h a , Bhubaneswar, and Cuttack. The existing NH-316 connects

Bhubaneswar-Puri and further extends towards Satapada and Konark. The existing road geometry along the Puri-Satapada and Puri-Konark stretches is poor, with nearly 40 per cent ribbon development along the corridor and high levels of roadside local commuter traffic, making the corridor unsuitable for smooth and efficient long-

distance vehicular movement. The instant projects are proposed to have a 4-lane configuration from Rameshwar to Konark (Package-1) and 2 lane with paved shoulder from Konark to Paradeep (Package-2), ensuring design speed of 100 km/hour and improved travel efficiency across the Districts of Khurda, Puri, Kendrapada and Jagatsinghpur in Odisha. The project will also enhance regional mobility and promote socio-economic development. The projects are in line with the PM GatiShakti principles and will connect nine Economic Nodes and five Logistic Nodes. This will have a positive impact on the Logistic Performance Index (LPI) of the country.

Shivakumar Sworn In As Karnataka's 25th CM

Bengaluru: Karnataka Congress President D.K. Shivakumar was sworn in as the 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka on Wednesday at a grand ceremony held at the Glass House within the Lok Bhavan premises in Bengaluru. Amid loud slogans from supporters, Shivakumar walked to the dais and first paid floral tributes to the portrait of Sri Veera Gangadhara Swamiji, popularly known as Ajjayya, Nonavinakere Ajja, or Veera Gangadhara Ajja. After offering his respects, he proceeded to the podium to take the oath of office and the oath of secrecy. Shivakumar took the oath while holding a copy of the Constitution and invoked the name of



Veera Gangadhara Ajja, the revered seer whom he regards as his spiritual guide. The swearing-in ceremony commenced with the rendition of Vande Mataram. This was followed by the National Anthem performed by the Karnataka State Police Band. The state anthem was also played during the proceedings. Chief Secretary to the Government of

Karnataka, Shalini Rajneesh, welcomed the dignitaries and guests attending the ceremony. Before the formal proceedings began, Shivakumar felicitated outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah by draping a shawl over his shoulders. Several prominent national and state leaders attended the event, including Chief Justice of the Karnataka

High Court Vibhu Bakhru, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Congress leader V.D. Satheesan from Kerala, AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and other senior Congress leaders. At the start of the ceremony, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh sought the permission of Governor Thaaarchand Gehlot to proceed with the swearing-in. Following the Governor's approval, the oath-taking ceremony formally commenced.

CM Majhi Thanks Modi After Rameshwar-Paradeep Coastal Highway Gets Centre's Nod

Bhubaneswar: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Wednesday said the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the Rs 8,300 crore Coastal Highway from Rameshwar to Paradeep. In a post on X, the Chief Minister said the project marks a new chapter in Odisha's infrastructure development under the leadership of Prime



Minister Narendra Modi. The proposed highway will span key coastal districts. It is expected to strengthen connectivity

and reduce travel time by nearly two and a half hours. CM Majhi said the project will create new

opportunities for tourism, trade, logistics and economic growth. He added that the Coastal Highway will accelerate the transformation of Odisha's coastal economy and improve the quality of life for millions. The Chief Minister said the approval reflects the Government of India's continued commitment to building world-class infrastructure in Odisha.

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OKCL Organises AI Capacity Building Workshop for DAV School Principals

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Odisha Knowledge Corporation Limited (OKCL) successfully organised a one-day "AI Capacity Building Workshop" today at the auditorium of DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur. Around 60 principals from various DAV schools across Odisha participated in the programme. The workshop was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Manoranjan Puthal, Managing Director of OKCL, and Dr. Keshab Chandra Satapathy, Regional Director of DAV Institutions.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Puthal highlighted OKCL's continued efforts to empower citizens and government employees across Odisha through digital and Artificial Intelligence (AI) literacy initiatives. He elaborated on how AI can simplify daily life, enhance productivity, and foster innovation among students, educators, and the



public.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Satapathy encouraged school leaders to leverage AI tools effectively to save time, streamline administrative processes, and improve the overall efficiency of school management. He also emphasized the growing importance of AI in modern education and explained the objectives of the workshop.

The training sessions were conducted by OKCL's Senior Project Managers, Dr. Ansuman Sar, Mr.

Sushanta J. Das, and Mr. Jayesh Mahato. Participants received hands-on training on several professional AI tools, including ChatGPT, Google Flow, Napkin AI, Claude AI, and NotebookLM. The sessions demonstrated how these tools can be used for lesson planning, content development, presentation creation, data analysis, and enhancing student engagement in classrooms. During the programme, Project Consultant Mr. Tadit

Parida provided an overview of OKCL and its initiatives, while Senior Manager Mr. Niladri Bihari Ray briefed the participants on the workshop's objectives and key outcomes. At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Manoranjan Puthal distributed certificates to all participants and presented them with the "Odisha AI Map," a knowledge resource developed by OKCL.

The workshop was widely appreciated by the participants, who described it as a significant step toward integrating AI into the education sector. They expressed confidence that such initiatives would strengthen the adoption of AI-driven teaching and administrative practices in schools across Odisha. The participants also thanked OKCL for organizing the insightful and timely programme.

CM Chair Belongs To People: Shivakumar After First Cabinet Meeting

Bengaluru: Newly sworn-in Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday said that the Chief Minister's chair belongs to the people and that he would dedicate the authority entrusted to him for public service. Addressing a press conference at Vidhana Soudha after formally assuming office and chairing his first Cabinet meeting, Shivakumar said he had accepted the responsibility with a commitment to serving the people of Karnataka, setting aside personal considerations. "The Chief Minister's chair does not belong to D.K. Shivakumar. It is the people's chair. The authority given by the people will be dedicated to their service," he

said. Stating that he believes one cannot move forward without remembering past steps, Shivakumar said it is important not to forget one's roots. Describing the day as a new beginning, he said both the Congress party and the people of Karnataka had given him a fresh opportunity to serve. "In the remaining two years, I will explore every possible avenue to serve the people and work for the welfare of the state," he said. Referring to months of speculation over leadership change and transfer of power, Shivakumar said the Congress high command had now put all uncertainties to rest. "The media had been carrying numerous reports and statements about leadership change and power transfer. I

had repeatedly asked everyone to be patient and wait for the right moment. Today, at the auspicious hour of 4.15 p.m., the media and the people of the state have witnessed that moment," he said. Expressing confidence in the trust reposed in him by the people, Shivakumar said public life inevitably attracts both criticism and praise, but it is work that ultimately endures. "I have always believed that criticism dies, but work remains. With my 40 years of political experience, I will strive to bring new energy and direction to the administration of the state," he said. Recalling his political journey since 1985, Shivakumar said he had experienced both hardships and successes.

AIIMS Delhi Receives 13 Patients, Three Bodies After Deadly Malviya Nagar Fire

New Delhi: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, on Wednesday shared details of the patients brought to its Trauma Centre following the devastating fire in Malviya Nagar that claimed at least 21 lives and left dozens injured. According to the AIIMS Media Cell, a total of 13 patients were brought to the Trauma Centre after the fire broke out at the Flourish Stay hotel in South Delhi. Among them were three people who sustained injuries after jumping from the building in a desperate attempt to escape the flames. Of the three victims who fell from a height, two left the hospital against medical advice. Hospital

authorities said both patients were stable while under observation at the Trauma Centre. The third patient, a woman who suffered a serious head injury, underwent surgery and remains in critical condition.

AIIMS also revealed that 10 of the 13 patients admitted were Delhi Police personnel who were part of the rescue operation. The officers were among the first responders to enter the burning building and help evacuate trapped occupants. Hospital officials said all 10 rescuers are stable, under observation, and are expected to be discharged soon. In addition to the injured, AIIMS received three

unidentified bodies, which have been shifted to the Burns and Plastic Surgery Department for further procedures. Earlier, the fire, which broke out around 8.50 a.m., is believed to have originated in a restaurant operating in the basement of the hotel before rapidly spreading through the multi-storey structure. Authorities said 47 people were rescued from the building, while 21 lost their lives in one of the deadliest fire incidents reported in the capital in recent years. Officials had confirmed that many of the deceased were foreign nationals from countries including Liberia, Nigeria, Mozambique and Bangladesh.

Gujarat: 77 Arrested, Rs 23.85 Cr Cyber Fraud Network Uncovered Under Operation Mule Hunt 2.0

Surat: The Surat City Police have arrested 77 people across several states and registered 58 cyber fraud cases after a three-day operation targeting mule account networks used to move and conceal proceeds from online scams, uncovering fraud transactions worth Rs 23.85 crore and freezing more than Rs 1.04 crore linked to the accounts under investigation. The action was carried out under "Operation Mule Hunt 2.0", a special drive conducted from May 31 to June 2 under the direct supervision of Police Commissioner Anupam Singh Gehlot. The operation aimed to identify and



dismantle mule account networks, which police describe as a critical link in cyber-enabled financial crimes. According to the police, digital fraud cases have risen significantly in recent years. Cybercriminals typically transfer funds obtained through fraud from one bank account to multiple accounts in rapid succession before

withdrawing them from ATMs. This multilayered process makes it difficult for investigators to trace stolen funds and return them to victims. Police said mule accounts are often obtained from economically weaker individuals by offering rent or commission.

The account holders permit cyber criminals to use their bank

accounts and, in doing so, become part of criminal activity. Investigators said such accounts play a crucial role in laundering and moving proceeds from cyber fraud. As part of their preparations, the city police spent nearly a month conducting intensive, confidential planning. Investigators said cyber fraud groups commonly obtain Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, photographs, mobile numbers, and other KYC documents from individuals and use them to open new bank accounts in those names. After the accounts are opened, the criminals allegedly retain possession of ATM cards, cheque

books, passbooks, SIM cards, internet banking user IDs, passwords, and UPI credentials, while paying the account holder only a fixed sum or commission. Police said this arrangement makes it extremely difficult to determine who is actually operating the accounts and significantly lengthens investigations. To prepare for the operation, the city police formed specialised teams and conducted a detailed analysis of complaints registered on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCCRP) and of suspicious mule bank accounts.

Gujarat: PM Modi To Inaugurate Expressway Stretches, Lay Foundation For Highway Projects Worth Rs 12,421 Crore

Surat: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate two sections of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and lay the foundation stone for four National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) projects worth a combined Rs 12,421 crore during his visit to Surat on June 5, coinciding with 'World Environment Day'. According to the state government, the projects are aimed at strengthening connectivity across South Gujarat, improving freight movement, and supporting economic activity in the state's tribal, industrial, and coastal regions. The Prime Minister will inaugurate the 36-km Kim-Ena section (Package VI) and the 27.5-km Gandeva-Ena

section (Package VII) of the Vadodra-Mumbai Expressway. Constructed at a cost of Rs 7,689 crore, the two packages form part of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway corridor and include a network of major and minor bridges, rail-road bridges, flyovers, and vehicular underpasses. The government said a total of 70 underpasses and two interchanges have been built across the two sections to facilitate local connectivity. The eight-lane expressway is expected to strengthen regional transport links and enable faster movement of passenger and freight traffic. Seven rest areas are also planned along the two packages to improve safety and convenience for road users. The government stated that



the opening of the two sections would speed up the movement of goods and help reduce logistics costs for local industries, in line with the objectives of the Bharatmala Project. During the visit, Modi will also lay the foundation stone for four highway projects worth Rs 4,732 crore. These include the four-laning of the Dhamasiya-Bitada/Movi section of National Highway 56

under Package IV, the four-laning of the Nasarpur-Malotha section of NH-56 under Package VI, a six-lane vehicular underpass near Reliance on the Surat-Hazira stretch of National Highway 53, and a vehicular underpass-cum-flyover at Kavas. The government said the NH-56 upgradation project would improve connectivity to the Statue of Unity and strengthen links with

tribal districts, including Narmada, Tapi, Valsad, and Chhota Udepur. "By four-laning the Dhamasiya-Bitada and Nasarpur-Malotha sections under the upgradation of NH-56, connectivity to the Statue of Unity and the tribal districts of Narmada, Tapi, Valsad, and Chhota Udepur will improve," the government said in a statement. The 107.67-km corridor is expected to reduce travel time by up to 40 minutes and increase average travel speeds by approximately 75 per cent. According to the government, the highway will connect farmers, industries, and trade routes while linking pharmaceutical and medical manufacturing clusters, fishing and seafood clusters, tribal regions, and logistics nodes, including one

airport, two railway stations, and two ports. Foundation stones will also be laid for two projects worth around Rs 149 crore on the Hazira Port-Surat section of NH-53. These include a new six-lane flyover and a vehicular underpass intended to facilitate the uninterrupted movement of heavy freight traffic serving Hazira Port and surrounding industrial areas. "The new 6-lane flyover and underpass will ensure smooth and faster movement of heavy freight traffic for Hazira Port and industrial areas," the government said. Officials said the projects are expected to support maritime trade and industrial activity while improving road safety and reducing congestion for local commuters in Surat.

Portfolio Allocation In Expanded Bengal Cabinet Deferred Till June 5

Kolkata: The portfolio allocation of the new West Bengal Cabinet under the leadership of Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, which was supposed to be finalised and announced on Wednesday, has been postponed by a couple of days. Sources aware of the development said that the matter will be finalised and the portfolio allocation of the expanded Cabinet will, in all probability, be announced on June 5. Initially, it was decided that the portfolio allocation would be finalised at an important cabinet meeting on Wednesday, which was the third meeting of the new Cabinet, and thereafter it would be announced. However, sources added that the process of finalising the portfolio allocation could not be completed at Wednesday's cabinet meeting due to certain technical reasons. Hence, it was decided that the matter would be finalised and announced on June 5. On June 1, a total of 35 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislators took oath as ministers at a colourful programme at Lok Bhavan in Kolkata. Of the 35 new ministers, 13 were cabinet ministers, three were Ministers of State with independent charge, and 19 were Ministers of State. With the swearing-in of the 35 new ministers, the total strength of the West Bengal cabinet is now 41. Six other cabinet ministers, including Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, had taken oath earlier on May 9.

BJD Seeks OHRC Intervention In Alleged Custodial Death Of Ganjam Man

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): A delegation of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Wednesday approached the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC), seeking its intervention in the alleged custodial torture and death of a man in Ganjam district's Kabisuryanagar area. The delegation, led by senior BJD leader and former MLA Bhruhu Baxipatra, submitted a memorandum to the Commission, demanding a comprehensive inquiry into the incident and action against those responsible. Addressing reporters after the meeting, Baxipatra alleged that the victim, Susant Sahu, died as a result of police torture



despite there being no FIR registered against him. He questioned the circumstances under which Sahu was taken into custody and allegedly detained for several days.

According to the BJD leader, the incident amounted to a violation of legal procedures and Supreme Court guidelines governing custodial detention and the treatment of detainees. The delegation also highlighted the socio-economic condition of the

deceased's family, stating that Sahu was a physically challenged person receiving disability benefits from the state government and was the sole breadwinner for his wife and four children. Seeking relief measures for the family, the party urged the Commission to recommend adequate compensation, educational support for the children, livelihood assistance and employment opportunities for Sahu's

widow.

Baxipatra further alleged that no criminal case had been registered against the police personnel allegedly involved in the incident and demanded that an FIR be lodged as part of the investigation process. He said the Commission heard the delegation's submissions and assured that appropriate steps would be taken within its jurisdiction to address the matter. According to allegations made by the victim's family, Sahu, a resident of Subalaya village in Ganjam district, was taken to Kabisuryanagar police station on May 25 during a raid linked to an illegal stone blasting case. While two persons had earlier been arrested in connection with the case,

the family claims that Sahu's involvement was never established. The family has alleged that he was subjected to custodial torture during a seven-day period of detention. On Sunday, he was reportedly returned to his family in a critical condition. After receiving initial treatment at a hospital in Aska, he was shifted to MKCG Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur, where he was declared dead on Monday. The incident has sparked widespread public outrage. In the aftermath, three police personnel were suspended, while an under-training IPS officer who was holding independent charge of Kabisuryanagar police station was withdrawn from the post pending further inquiry.

Odisha Govt Moves To Launch e-Hundi System For Shree Jagannath Temple

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): In a significant step towards facilitating digital donations to the Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri, the Odisha government on Wednesday reviewed plans to operationalise an e-Hundi system that would enable devotees from across India and abroad to contribute online to the temple's donation fund. The proposal was discussed at a high-level meeting chaired by Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan at Lok Seva Bhawan in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday. Senior officials from the Law Department and the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) participated in the deliberations on the implementation of the digital donation platform. Officials said the proposed e-Hundi system would allow devotees to make offerings

to the temple remotely on special occasions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries and in fulfilment of personal vows and prayers. The initiative is aimed at catering to the long-standing demand from Jagannath devotees residing outside Odisha and overseas who wish to contribute to the temple's Hundi without visiting Puri.

During the meeting, discussions focused on ensuring a smooth and secure implementation of the system. It was noted that donations made through the e-Hundi platform would be eligible for income tax benefits under applicable provisions. Funds received through the system would be utilised exclusively for the development and welfare activities of the Shree Jagannath Temple. Harichandan stressed the need for robust safeguards to

prevent cyber fraud and directed officials to take all necessary measures to ensure that cyber criminals are unable to exploit the online platform. Once operational, the e-Hundi system is expected to provide millions of devotees worldwide with a convenient and transparent mechanism to offer donations to Lord Jagannath's temple. Among those present at the meeting were Law Commission Chairman Justice Biswanath Rath, SJTA Chief Administrator Dr Arabinda Padhee, Law Department Principal Secretary Dr Pabitra Mohan Samal, Special Secretary Pranab Kumar Patra and Additional Secretary Shiba Prasad Mahapatra, along with other senior officials.

Youth Brutally Attacked in Kendrapara Village

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): A youth suffered serious injuries after three men attacked him with sharp weapons in the Rajnagar block of Kendrapara district late Tuesday night. The assault occurred near Palanda Bridge when the victim, Dibyanjan Samal of Dholamara village, was returning home after closing his shop at Baunsamula market. Police said the attackers — Pradeep Biswal and his sons Guna and Sunia — stopped Dibyanjan and accused him of not intervening during a previous altercation near his shop. The argument quickly escalated, and the trio allegedly drew sharp weapons and struck him repeatedly. Dibyanjan tried to flee, but the assailants chased and attacked him, inflicting deep wounds on his head, back, and near his ear. Locals rushed the injured youth to Rajnagar Community Health Centre and later shifted him to the district headquarters hospital as his condition worsened. The incident has triggered tension in the area. Rajnagar police registered Case No. 229/2026 under Sections 126, 296, 115, 109, 118, 351, and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Police teams launched raids at multiple locations to trace the accused.

OPGC Milestone Signals Odisha's Focus On Building Future-Ready Energy Sector: CM Majhi



Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Wednesday said Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd has secured the top position among all State sector power generators in India. In a post on X, the Chief Minister stated that OPGC also achieved the 10th rank nationally across both public and private sectors. He said the achievement reflects the Government's commitment to

strengthening Odisha's energy sector and building a self-reliant, future-ready power ecosystem. CM Majhi noted that reliable and affordable power remains the foundation of industrial growth, economic progress and improved quality of life. Congratulating Team OPGC, the Chief Minister said their dedication and operational excellence have brought pride to Odisha. He added that the performance has further reinforced the State's position as a leading energy hub of the nation.

Massive Security Cover For BRICS DRR Meet: 10 Platoons, 70+ Senior Officers Deployed

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): Police has put in place elaborate security arrangements to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the second BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group Meeting in Puri, beginning Wednesday. The prestigious international event, being held from June 3 to 5, has brought together delegates and representatives from BRICS member and partner nations, making it one of the most significant global engagements hosted in Odisha. Director General of Police (DGP) Odisha, Y.B. Khurania, on Tuesday visited the coastal town and conducted a comprehensive review of the security arrangements. During his visit, the DGP inspected



the conference venue, accommodation facilities, designated movement routes, and other critical locations associated with the event. He held detailed discussions with senior police officers and district administration officials and issued necessary directions to ensure foolproof security, seamless coordination, and effective contingency preparedness. According

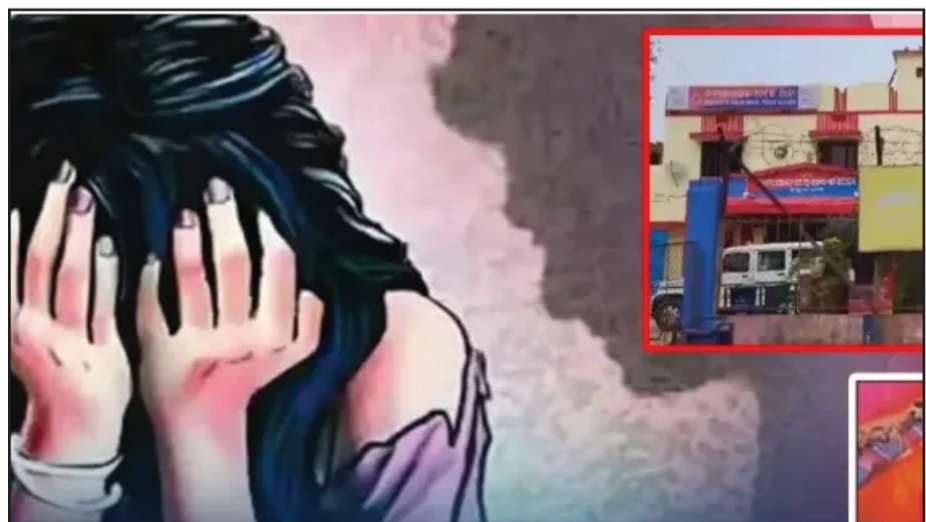
to an official statement, Odisha Police has deployed 10 platoons of armed police force, supported by four Additional Superintendents of Police, six Deputy Superintendents of Police, eight Inspectors-in-Charge, and 45 Sub-Inspectors, besides a substantial number of other officers and personnel from district police, intelligence units, traffic police, marine

police, special operations teams, and emergency response units. The deployment has been strategically planned to provide round-the-clock security at the conference venue, delegates' accommodation sites, transit routes, important public places, and other sensitive locations. A multi-layered security framework has been established, featuring

strict access controls, comprehensive anti-sabotage checks, regular area domination exercises, and continuous surveillance. Security personnel have been deployed at all entry and exit points, while advanced screening procedures are being implemented to regulate access to secured zones. CCTV monitoring, intelligence-based monitoring, and technical surveillance measures are being undertaken to maintain real-time situational awareness and ensure immediate response to any security concern. Special route security arrangements have been put in place for the movement of delegates and dignitaries. All designated routes are being regularly sanitised and monitored by police teams.

NHRC takes suo motu cognizance of Dhenkanal minor trafficking case; seeks report from UP, Odisha DGPs

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of a media report that a 17-year-old tribal girl from the Kankadahada area of Dhenkanal district was trafficked, sold and subjected to repeated sexual assaults for about two years in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. The Commission issued notices to the Odisha and Uttar Pradesh DGPs and the Dhenkanal Collector-cum-District Magistrate calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. It is expected to include the status of investigation and steps taken to



provide relief and rehabilitation to the victim. "Reportedly, the victim and three other girls were trafficked to Uttar Pradesh on the pretext of providing jobs. The girl managed to escape with the help of a local advocate and approached the Jhansi

police. Although her statement was recorded, no further action was allegedly taken by the police except for providing a train ticket to Odisha. Upon her return, the Odisha Police recorded her statement and an investigation is underway," said a

NHRC release on Wednesday. The Commission has observed that the contents of the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights, it stated. "Therefore, it has issued notices to the Director General of

Police, Odisha, Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh and the District Magistrate, Dhenkanal, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. It is expected to include the status of investigation and steps taken to provide relief and rehabilitation to the victim," it stated. The Commission observed that, "According to the media report, carried on 29th May 2026, the victim was allegedly confined at a house for nearly three months and was repeatedly subjected to sexual assault there. It is further alleged that when the victim became pregnant, she was forced to undergo an abortion without her consent.

Thunderstorms To Lash Coastal, Northern & Southern Odisha In Next Three Hours

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Wednesday issued a nowcast warning for several districts of Odisha, forecasting thunderstorms accompanied by lightning, rainfall and gusty surface winds over the next three hours. According to the Meteorological Centre in Bhubaneswar, thunderstorms with lightning and rain, coupled with wind speeds of 40-50 kmph, are very likely to occur at a few places in Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Gajapati, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda,

Kendrapara, Khordha, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh, Puri, Rayagada and Sambalpur districts. The weather office advised residents in the affected areas to remain alert and take necessary precautions against lightning strikes and strong winds. People have been urged to move to safer locations during thunderstorm activity and avoid taking shelter under trees or near vulnerable structures. The warning is part of the IMD's short-term nowcast monitoring system aimed at providing advance information on rapidly developing weather conditions.

EDITORIAL

Beat the Heat: Cotton or Mulmul— What's the Better Choice?

The moment the temperatures soar and the heatwaves roll in, the universal style advice is to just throw on some cotton. It's breathable, it's completely natural, and it basically saves our lives from May to July.

But lately, if you've been scrolling through any 'quiet luxury' or elevated everyday ethnic fashion moodboards, you've probably noticed a distinct aesthetic shift. The style set isn't just wearing regular cotton anymore. They are absolutely obsessed with mulmul.

So what exactly is the difference? And before you hit 'add to cart' on that dreamy pastel saree, which one should you actually be buying? Let's break it down.

The Big Secret: All Mulmul is Cotton

Here is the easiest way to wrap your head around it. All mulmul is actually cotton, but definitely not all cotton is mulmul. Cotton is the raw fiber straight from the plant. It's the starting ingredient. Mulmul—which is globally recognized as muslin—is a very specific kind of weave created using that exact same raw cotton. Originally handwoven by incredibly skilled Bengali artisans centuries ago, it was essentially the fabric of royalty. Regular cotton gives you that standard, slightly structured fabric you see in everything from your crisp poplin office shirts to sturdy canvas totes. Mulmul is what happens when that raw material is spun into incredibly fine, high-twist yarns and woven very loosely.

The Touch and Feel Test

If you closed your eyes and touched them, you'd know the difference instantly. Standard cotton has a bit of bite to it. It's generally opaque, medium-to-heavy in weight, and often feels wonderfully crisp. It holds up beautifully to endless machine washes and heavy daily wear. Sometimes, it can even feel a tiny bit stiff before you break it in over a few months. Mulmul is the complete opposite. It's feather-light and semi-sheer. Because it's so highly porous, it lets the breeze literally pass right through to your skin. The texture? Absolute butter. It's incredibly delicate, meaning it does require a gentle hand-wash (don't even think about throwing it in a rough spin cycle, because it might snag), but the payoff is entirely worth it. The best part about mulmul is that with every single wash, it somehow manages to get even softer.

Change is nothing but a shadow, don't fight it



Badal Bhuyan

We live in an ever-changing world. Some people, and they are very few, understand this

change as the nature of the world, accept it and flow with it, while others complain about it, resist it, try to swim upstream and transform life into a struggle. Those who know that the change is inevitable, they also know that the change is always happening on the periphery, the circumference, and within them they have a centre which is never changing. At that centre there is total restfulness, while on the periphery, life may appear to be very tiring and stressful. Real meditation means moving from the periphery to the innermost centre and settling into being.

There is a Zen saying: Don't just do something and sit there. This statement describes the famous Zazen meditation discipline. Osho, the

modern Zen master, explains: Zazen means just sitting and doing nothing. The first thing to do is learn sitting, a deep restfulness. Become a pool of rest, not even ripples of desire, going nowhere, no ambition – not even for God, not even for nirvana. Sit. . . not only physically – psychologically, spiritually too.

Learn to sit; that is Zazen. And rest – and fall into a deep rest, so the breathing becomes natural, the body becomes cool, all the fever of constant desire and turmoil disappears, evaporates. And then, work. That work will have a totally different quality. It won't be out of desire; it will be your creativity. It will be because you have so much energy available that you would like to share your energy with the world, that you would like to create something, that you would like to make the world a little more beautiful, a little more blissful, a little more human.

This, indeed, is the real art of meditation –

the real secret. It helps us find a centre within our own being and relax into it. And just an hour of such relaxation rejuvenates us and fills us with a tremendous amount of energy. Just one hour or even less than half an hour or 15 minutes, can refresh our being and unleash so much creativity. Those who meditate know this secret. Osho suggests: Don't fight with shadows! And the whole life is a shadow because change is nothing but a shadow. The unchanging is the real; the changing is unreal. So don't ask whether the peripheral change and movement has to be forced to cease in order to realise the centre. There is no need, and you cannot force it. It cannot cease!

The world goes on; only it will not go on in you. You can remain in the world, and there is no need for the world to be in you. The world is not a disturbance. When you get involved in it, when you become the change, when you feel that you have become the change, then it creates problems.

Herbal Therapy: Nature's Healing Gift



Dr. Satyanarayan Mishra

For thousands of years, humans have relied on plants for healing. Long before modern

hospitals and pharmaceutical drugs existed, people used herbs to treat illnesses, maintain health, and improve well-being. Today, despite remarkable advances in medicine, herbal therapy remains popular worldwide. Increasing concerns about lifestyle diseases, stress, and the side effects of some synthetic drugs have renewed interest in natural remedies.

Herbal therapy refers to the use of plants and plant-based preparations to prevent or treat health problems. It forms an important part of traditional systems of medicine such as Ayurveda, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and various indigenous healing traditions. Unlike many treatments that focus on a single symptom, herbal therapy often aims to support the body's natural healing processes and promote overall balance.

One of the most widely used medicinal herbs is turmeric (*Curcuma longa*). Its active compound, curcumin, possesses anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. In Indian households, turmeric milk is commonly consumed to relieve sore throats, support recovery from colds, and promote wound healing. Research has also explored its potential role in managing arthritis and other inflammatory

conditions.

Another remarkable herb is Tulsi (Holy Basil), often called the "Queen of Herbs" in Ayurveda. Tulsi is valued for boosting immunity, reducing stress, and helping with respiratory problems such as coughs and mild colds. Many people drink tulsi tea regularly to maintain general health and resistance to infections.

Aloe vera is famous for its soothing and healing effects on the skin. The gel obtained from its leaves is commonly applied to minor burns, cuts, and skin irritations. It helps cool the affected area and supports tissue repair. Aloe vera is also used in many skincare products because of its moisturizing properties.

Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) is another household remedy with impressive medicinal value. It is widely used to reduce nausea, improve digestion, and relieve symptoms of motion sickness. A cup of ginger tea is often recommended for colds and throat discomfort. Its warming nature makes it a popular remedy during winter months.

Among stress-relieving herbs, Ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*) occupies a special place. Known as an adaptogenic herb, it helps the body adapt to physical and mental stress. Studies suggest that ashwagandha may support energy levels, improve sleep quality, and reduce anxiety when used appropriately.

Neem (*Azadirachta indica*) has long been recognized for its antimicrobial properties. Neem leaves, bark, and oil are used in

traditional medicine for skin conditions and oral hygiene. Neem-based products are commonly found in soaps, toothpaste, and skincare preparations.

The effectiveness of many herbs has attracted scientific interest. Researchers continue to investigate their chemical compounds and therapeutic applications. In some cases, modern medicines have been developed from plant-derived substances, demonstrating the value of traditional botanical knowledge.

However, herbal therapy should not be viewed as a substitute for professional medical care in serious illnesses. The quality, dosage, and safety of herbal products can vary. Some herbs may interact with prescription medications or cause unwanted effects if used incorrectly. Therefore, guidance from qualified healthcare professionals is important, especially for individuals with chronic diseases, pregnant women, and older adults.

Herbal therapy offers a valuable bridge between traditional wisdom and modern health practices. Plants such as turmeric, tulsi, aloe vera, ginger, ashwagandha, and neem illustrate nature's remarkable healing potential. When used responsibly and supported by scientific understanding, herbal remedies can complement healthy lifestyles and contribute to overall well-being. In a world increasingly focused on preventive healthcare, the ancient art of herbal healing continues to provide relevant and sustainable solutions for modern life.

How Social Media Is Destroying Our Country



Arun Kumar Tripathy

Social media was introduced as a powerful tool to connect people, share information, and promote communication across

the world. Platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, X (formerly Twitter), and various short-video applications have transformed the way people interact and consume information. While social media offers several benefits, its uncontrolled and excessive use is creating serious social, cultural, economic, and psychological problems. Many people now believe that social media is becoming as harmful as addictive substances because it captures attention, influences behavior, and distracts individuals from their responsibilities. If not used wisely, social media can significantly damage the progress of a nation.

One of the biggest concerns is addiction. Social media platforms are designed to keep users engaged for as long as possible. Endless scrolling, short videos, notifications, likes, and comments stimulate the brain and create a habit that is difficult to break. Young people, in particular, spend several hours each day watching reels and short videos. Instead of focusing on education, skill development, or productive activities, they often become trapped in a cycle of entertainment and distraction. As a result, concentration levels decline, academic performance suffers, and valuable time is wasted.

Another major problem is the decline in productivity. A country's growth depends on the hard work, creativity, and dedication of its citizens. However, excessive social media use reduces efficiency in workplaces, educational

institutions, and even households. Students spend more time online than studying. Employees become distracted during working hours. Many people constantly check their phones instead of completing important tasks. When millions of citizens lose productive hours every day, the overall economic progress of the nation is affected.

Social media has also become a powerful source of misinformation. False news, manipulated videos, and misleading content spread rapidly across platforms. Many users share information without verifying its authenticity. Rumors can create panic, damage reputations, and even provoke social unrest. In some cases, fake news has led to violence, communal tensions, and public confusion. A society that cannot distinguish between truth and falsehood becomes vulnerable to manipulation and division.

The impact on mental health is equally alarming. Constant exposure to idealized lifestyles, luxury, beauty standards, and success stories creates unrealistic expectations. Many users compare their lives with the carefully edited images they see online. This often leads to feelings of inadequacy, anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem. Young people are particularly vulnerable because they are still developing their identities and emotional resilience. The pressure to gain likes, followers, and online approval can become overwhelming.

Social media is also weakening family and social relationships. Ironically, while people are more connected digitally than ever before, genuine human interaction is decreasing. Family members often sit together while remaining absorbed in their mobile phones. Meaningful conversations are replaced by virtual interactions. Children spend less time engaging with parents, and friendships increasingly depend on online communication. This decline in face-to-face interaction can reduce empathy, understanding, and emotional connection among individuals.

Another serious issue is the promotion of harmful content. Many social media algorithms prioritize content that generates attention, regardless of its quality or social value. Sensational videos, vulgar content, dangerous challenges, gambling promotions, and misinformation often receive more visibility than educational or constructive material. Young users may imitate risky behaviors without understanding the consequences. In some cases, social media influencers promote unhealthy lifestyles, unrealistic expectations, or irresponsible behavior simply to gain popularity.

The influence of social media on culture and values is also significant. Traditional customs, local languages, and cultural practices may gradually lose importance as global trends dominate online platforms. Many young people become more influenced by internet celebrities than by teachers, parents, or community leaders. The desire for instant fame and viral recognition often overshadows the importance of hard work, discipline, and ethical conduct. This shift in priorities can weaken the social foundations that contribute to national development.

Cybercrime is another growing threat linked to social media. Online fraud, identity theft, cyberbullying, hacking, and financial scams have become increasingly common. Many users, especially children and elderly individuals, are unaware of digital security risks. Criminals exploit social media platforms to deceive people, steal personal information, and conduct fraudulent activities. The increasing prevalence of cybercrime places additional pressure on law enforcement agencies and creates financial and emotional losses for victims.

Furthermore, social media has contributed to political polarization and social division. Algorithms often show users content that reinforces their

existing beliefs. As a result, people become trapped in information bubbles where they are exposed only to opinions similar to their own. This reduces constructive dialogue and increases hostility toward those with different viewpoints. A divided society finds it more difficult to address common challenges and work collectively toward national progress.

However, it would be unfair to blame social media alone. The problem lies in how it is used. Social media can be a valuable tool for education, business promotion, awareness campaigns, disaster management, and communication when used responsibly. Many students learn new skills online, entrepreneurs reach wider markets, and citizens stay informed about important events. The challenge is to balance the benefits with the risks.

To address these concerns, digital literacy must be promoted at all levels of society. Schools and colleges should educate students about responsible social media use, critical thinking, and online safety. Parents should monitor children's screen time and encourage healthy offline activities. Governments and technology companies must take stronger action against misinformation, harmful content, and cybercrime. Individuals must also develop self-discipline and limit unnecessary screen time. In conclusion, social media is a powerful tool that can either contribute to national development or undermine it. Excessive use, addiction, misinformation, declining productivity, mental health problems, and social division are serious challenges that cannot be ignored. If society continues to prioritize endless scrolling and virtual validation over education, work, and meaningful human relationships, the consequences will be significant. The future of our country depends not on abandoning social media, but on using it wisely, responsibly, and in a manner that promotes individual growth and collective progress.

FROM THE WEE HOUR CONGRESS KICK-STATRED

Bhabanipatna (Correspondent) Keeping in view the upcoming three-tier Panchayat Raj election in Odisha from the wee hour, the congress party has kick started its preparedness to emerge victory, in this regard a review meeting was held in Bhabanipatna's Townhall with the workers of Kalahandi on Wednesday. Attending as Chief Guest in his speech All India Congress Committee General Secretary and Odisha In-charge J T



Kusum Kumar advised the committee members of both level block and town congress to work collectively and effectively with full dedication which will pave way to the party as subsequent alternative in 2029 general election.

Further he added that, from this beginning we have to remain vigilant on the execution of "SIR" activities in the district. On the day long program, including the district president Jalandhar Naik, secretary Nimanchal Naik, observer

of this meeting Fakir Jagat, Suresh Pujhari, AkhilBhatra, Bharat BhusanBemal, PragatiNaik, MuraliNaik, DroupadiMajhi, PremLalSagar, IndrajeetMahakud, SubashPradhan, UchhabaSahu, JayadebNaik, DhanurdharGahir, SudarshanBiswal, LingrajNaik, GanapatiNaik, ManikyaSuna, Saroj Bag, SirdharthNayak, Santosh Panda, SantoshPradhan were the part of meeting.

Subarnapur Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Chairperson takes charge

SUBARNAPUR (Correspondent)---The Chairperson of Subarnapur District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Leena Babu has taken charge. Similarly, along with committee member Brajendra Kumar Bishi, Ranjita Sahu, Anjali Reddy, Keshab Chandra Meher have taken charge as committee members. Earlier, Shankarshan Panda was the committee chairperson while Shantanu Karna and Hemanta Kumar Sa were the committee members, whose terms ended today after serving for three years. Lina Babu, a native of Balangir, has reacted to the media about her continuous work for the safety of children after taking charge as the new Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). She has previously been a member of the Child Welfare Committee in Balangir and also served as the additional Chairperson for a few years.

28,641 PENSIONERS LEFT IN LURCH

Parlakhemundi, (Correspondent)- As many as 28,641 beneficiaries under various social security pension schemes in Gajapati district have been deprived of their monthly pensions for the last three months due to a technical glitch, leaving thousands of elderly, widows and persons with disabilities in severe financial distress. According to reports, beneficiaries of the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana, Widow Pension Scheme and Disability Pension Scheme have not received their pension amounts since March. The delay has made it difficult for many poor families to purchase medicines, food and other essential items, as the pension serves as their only dependable source of income. The affected beneficiaries alleged that despite repeatedly approaching the concerned authorities and requesting the release of their dues, the payments have not been credited to their accounts

Public Awareness Programme on Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 organized

Cuttack (Correspondent) : A public awareness programme on the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0, managed by the Emergency National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited under the Ministry of Finance, was organized this afternoon at Pramod Hotel by the State Banks Committee for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department in collaboration with the Cuttack District Aghrani Bank. The programme aims to create awareness among the stakeholders along with wide publicity of the scheme. The scheme will help in addressing short-term financial challenges for



the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) units of the state, ensuring employment security and maintaining continuity in industrial activities. The scheme has been launched as a targeted initiative to provide loan guarantees to eligible borrowers to address the temporary financial imbalances arising out of the West Asian crisis. It will provide credit support of up to 90% for non-MSMEs, including

those in the aviation sector, and up to 100% for MSMEs. The scheme will help MSMEs overcome the current financial challenges, increased costs and market uncertainties by increasing their working capital. It will help in sustaining productivity, employment generation and business activities in the long term and will accelerate the industrial and economic development of Odisha.

Mystery Surrounds Luxury Innova Used by Jajpur Collector: Questions Raised Over ?

JAIPUR (Correspondent): Is everything in the Jajpur district administration functioning strictly as per rules, or are certain norms being bypassed in some cases? Questions are now being raised in public circles over a luxury Toyota Innova Hycross ZX (OD34Z-2026) reportedly deployed for the use of the Jajpur Collector. It has come to light that this premium vehicle, valued at approximately ₹36-38 lakh, has been engaged on a rental basis for official use by the District Collector. However, this has triggered a major question—was a transparent tender process conducted for hiring the vehicle? If yes, where are the details of

the tender? If not, under what rules was such an expensive vehicle approved for government duty? According to allegations, the vehicle is not registered under any licensed travel agency but is instead owned by a private individual/company. Generally, government vehicle hiring follows a well-defined procurement and tendering process. In this case, however, it remains unclear whether such procedures were followed. Another surprising aspect concerns the appointment of the driver. Despite the district administration having its own pool of drivers, and despite the standard practice of vehicle providers supplying drivers, it is

being discussed that a daily-wage employee working in the Land Acquisition Office was removed from his post and assigned as the driver of this vehicle. This has raised questions as to whether it was done out of administrative necessity or due to other undisclosed reasons. The controversy is further intensified by discussions around state government guidelines, which reportedly set a ceiling of around ₹20 lakh for vehicles used on hire by District Collectors and Superintendents of Police. If this is accurate, how was a vehicle worth nearly ₹38 lakh permitted for official use? Was any special approval

obtained for this deviation? At present, the incident has sparked multiple questions in public discourse. If even the hiring of a single vehicle is surrounded by such doubts, it naturally raises concerns about how transparently other government expenditures and procurement processes are being handled.

There is growing demand for a high-level or independent inquiry to bring clarity to these allegations. Meanwhile, all eyes are on the administration for an official clarification.

Many questions remain unanswered:

Was a proper tender conducted? Were rules followed? Or is a special arrangement being operated using public funds

District-Level Training and Awareness Workshop

Rayagada, (Correspondent): A district-level training and awareness workshop on child labour eradication was organised at the Zilla Parishad Conference Hall in Rayagada under the joint initiative of the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSPCPR) and the Labour & ESI Department, Government of Odisha. The programme was conducted as part of the ongoing campaign against child labour with the slogan, "Every Child Learns, Grows and Dreams." The workshop focused on child labour eradication, protection of child rights, the Right to Education, and the need for coordinated action among various government departments. Addressing the gathering, Rayagada Collector Ashutosh Kulkarni highlighted the importance of inter-departmental collaboration in ensuring child protection and welfare. He stated that the district administration accords top priority to the education, safety and holistic development of children, particularly in the tribal-dominated district of Rayagada. Chief Guest and OSPCPR Chairperson Babita Patra described child labour as not only a legal

offence but also a serious violation of children's rights and aspirations. She stressed that poverty, illiteracy, substance abuse, begging and child trafficking remain major factors contributing to child labour and called for active participation from all sections of society to eliminate the menace. Rayagada Superintendent of Police Raj Prasad elaborated on various provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and emphasised that safeguarding children is a collective social responsibility. He explained the distinction between a child artist and child labour, noting that while participation in cultural, artistic and sporting activities helps nurture talent, any form of exploitative or forced work amounts to child labour. He underlined the need to balance talent development with education and child safety. During the technical session, Professor Biraj Swain of the National Law University Odisha (NLUO) discussed the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Odisha Rules 2017, the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and the Right to Education Act, 2009.

EX-SAMITI MEMBER AMONG 3 HELD WITH 2 QUINTALS OF GANJA

Parlakhemundi, (Correspondent): In a major crackdown on interstate narcotics trafficking, Adaba police seized 2 quintals of ganja worth around Rs 20 lakh allegedly being smuggled from Gajapati district to Uttarakhand and arrested three persons, including a former Panchayat Samiti member and a suspected interstate drug mafia operative. Acting during routine patrolling near Raipanka under Adaba



police limits, police intercepted a car and recovered the contraband. The arrested accused have been identified as Prasanna Tandi (32), an

alleged interstate ganja trafficker, Srikant Mallik (34), former Samiti member of Mandimera Panchayat, and Milan Majhi (33) of Gerenga village. Addressing a

press conference, R. Udayagiri SDPO Rakesh Sahu said the ganja was being transported from the Mandimera area to Uttarakhand. Police records show that Prasanna Tandi is involved in multiple narcotics cases registered in Gajapati, Rayagada and Kalahandi districts.

The vehicle used in the smuggling operation was seized, and all three accused have been forwarded to court. Further investigation is in progress.

Man-Killer Elephant Captured in Angul

Angul (Correspondent): In a major relief for residents of Angul district, the Forest Department on Wednesday successfully tranquilized and captured a wild elephant that had allegedly been involved in multiple human fatalities in the area. The elephant was located in a forest near Kusumapat following an extensive tracking operation aided by drone surveillance. A special team of forest personnel and veterinarians subsequently tranquilized the animal and secured it. After being sedated, the elephant was lifted onto a transport vehicle with the help of a crane and shifted

to Kulasinha Nursery, where it is currently under medical observation and treatment. Forest officials said the animal is stable and healthy. A team of three veterinarians has been deployed to monitor its condition. Following treatment, the elephant is likely to be relocated to the Similipal landscape in Mayurbhanj district, although the final decision will be taken after approval from senior authorities. The capture of the elephant has brought considerable relief to local residents, who had been living in fear following a series of incidents attributed to the animal. According to

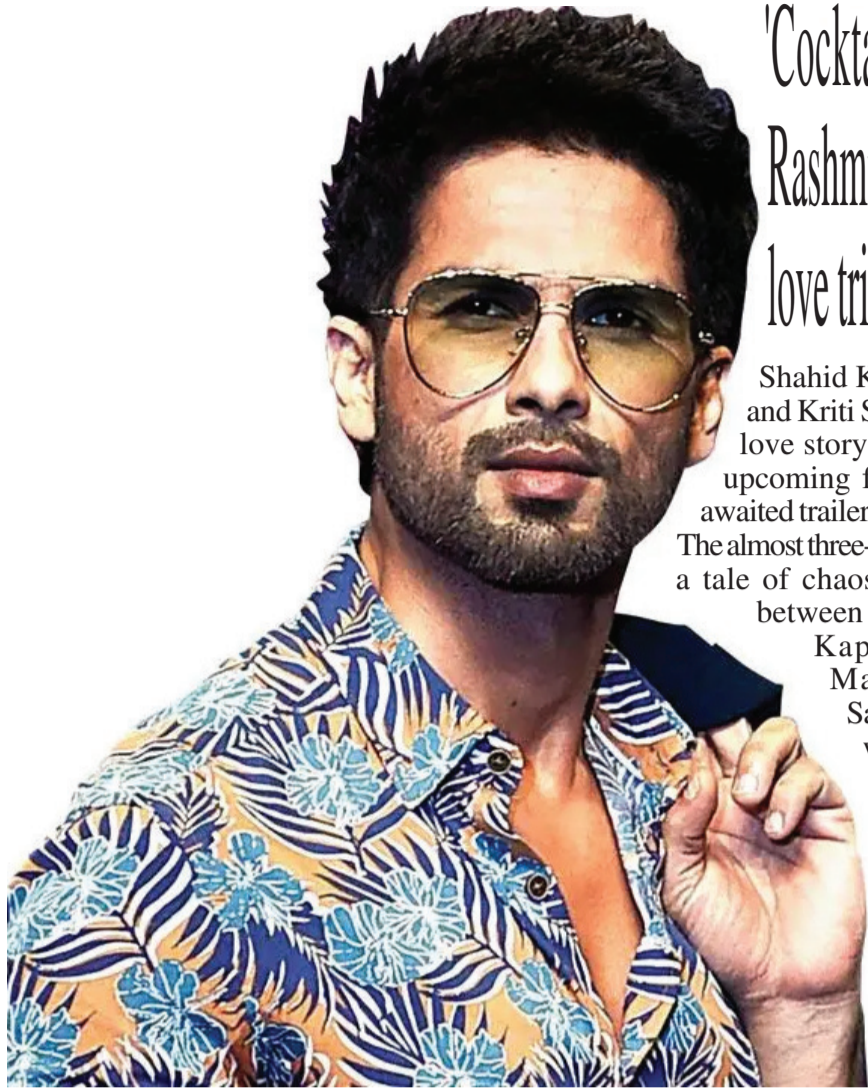
local sources, the elephant had trampled two persons to death on the same day in separate incidents at Chandanpur and Madhupur villages. Speaking on the development, the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Angul said a detailed report would be sent to higher authorities and a decision regarding the animal's permanent relocation would be taken thereafter. Residents welcomed the Forest Department's action, expressing hope that the removal of the elephant would help restore a sense of safety in the affected areas.

Sundargarh's Hatibandha GP Wins National Honour For Clean & Green Initiatives

Rourkela (Correspondent): Hatibandha Gram Panchayat under Lathikata block in Odisha's Sundargarh district has earned national recognition after securing the second prize in the "Clean and Green Panchayat" category of the National Panchayat Awards for 2023-24. The award was conferred during a ceremony held in New Delhi under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Minister of State S.P. Singh Baghel presented the award. The honour was received by Hatibandha Sarpanch Bharati Mundari, Panchayat Executive Officer Jayashree Swain, and Chief Development Officer-cum-Executive Officer of the Zilla Parishad, Suranjan Kumar Sahu. Officials attributed the achievement to the collective efforts of the Lathikata



block administration, district authorities, various line departments, and the guidance provided by the Sundargarh district administration. Speaking on the occasion, Suranjan Kumar Sahu said the award reflects the district's sustained work in strengthening Panchayati Raj institutions, promoting cleanliness, and advancing environmental conservation measures at the grassroots level. The National Panchayat Awards are instituted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to encourage sustainable rural development and recognise outstanding performance by panchayats across the country. The awards provide national-level recognition and financial incentives to local bodies demonstrating excellence in governance and development. The recognition has brought pride to Odisha and highlighted the role of local self-governments in driving sustainable and inclusive development in rural areas.



'Cocktail 2' to feature Shahid, Rashmika, Kriti Sanon's chaotic love triangle; Trailer out

Shahid Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna and Kriti Sanon are set to bring a chaotic love story to the big screens with their upcoming film 'Cocktail 2'. The much-awaited trailer of the movie is finally out. The almost three-minute trailer of the film features a tale of chaos, confusion and heartbreak between three friends, Kunal (Shahid Kapoor), Diya (Rashmika Mandanna) and Ally (Kriti Sanon). In the trailer, the lead cast were seen travelling, where the trio explore their friendship and different aspects of their relationship, including a possibility of a threesome. In some sequences of the trailer, Kriti Sanon was seen flirting with Shahid Kapoor while the actor appears to be in a relationship with Rashmika Mandanna. The situation

takes a downturn when the lady duo starts fighting over Shahid Kapoor. The movie is directed by Homi Adajania and is written by Tarun Jain and Luv Ranjan. The music of the film is composed by Pritam. Maddock Film shared the trailer on their YouTube handle on Tuesday. Prior to the trailer, the makers have already released the chartbuster songs from the film.

Ranveer Singh ban withdrawn by trade body to resolve Don 3 payment issue peacefully

Bollywood star Ranveer Singh can resume his film projects after a powerful trade association officially cancelled an industry-wide work ban against him. The executive committee decided to scrap the restrictive order to settle a financial disagreement peacefully. This sudden u-turn brings a major relief to multiple film producers who faced severe delays on their upcoming projects. Industry insiders state that the initial disciplinary action started from a steep 45 crore financial disagreement linked to the highly anticipated action movie Don 3. The trade group had initially ordered all technicians, directors, and production houses to stop working with the actor until the matter concluded. Film associations in India hold significant power, and such directives can completely halt multi-billion rupee movie productions overnight.

Peaceful Resolution Planned
The association has now altered its stance, sending an official letter to invite the actor for a formal discussion. Representatives believe that sitting down for a direct talk will help solve the contractual problem without hurting the wider film ecosystem. Sources close to Excel Entertainment confirm that this development allows pre-production work to resume without immediate legal hurdles. The actor will now present his version of the contract details to the committee to sign a final settlement.



5 Desserts That Fit Your Fitness Plan - All Under 80 Calories



Craving something sweet but worried about the calories? You are not alone. With tempting treats like mango kheer, gulab jamun churros, tiramisu, and pistachio cheesecake all around, it is tough to say no. And trust us, we totally get it. In fact, skipping desserts while on a weight loss diet can feel like a big sacrifice. But what if you didn't have to give them up completely? What if you could enjoy your favourite sweets without feeling guilty? Sounds too good to be true? Not really! The trick is simple - just make them at home using healthier ingredients. With a few smart swaps, you can enjoy all the taste without the extra calories.

In this article, we have listed five easy-to-make desserts, each under 80 calories. They are light, tasty, and perfect for anyone who wants to enjoy dessert

without going off track.

Can You Have Desserts And Still Lose Weight? The sweet answer is yes! You can enjoy desserts on a weight loss diet as long as you are mindful of your calorie intake. The type of ingredients you choose to make your desserts also makes a huge difference. Instead of refined sugar, flour and butter, you can use healthier alternatives such as whole wheat flour, oat flour honey or olive oil. This way, you can enjoy your desserts minus the guilt! What Are Some Low-Calorie Dessert Options For Diabetics? Yes, even diabetics can enjoy desserts if made the right way. Opt for recipes that are low in sugar and high in fibre or protein. Some great options include: Ragi oats laddoo Carrot kheer Chilled fruit chaat Besan and date barfi Here Are 5 Low-Calories Desserts Under 80 Calories: 1. Ragi Coconut Ladoos Ladoos are among the most beloved Indian desserts out there. But if you want to avoid the calories, consider making these ragi coconut ladoos instead. Coconut's natural sweetness adds richness to the dessert while cardamom enhances its overall flavour. You can enjoy one laddoo a day to stay under the 80-calorie count. Click here for the full recipe. 2. Dark Chocolate Covered Strawberry Dark chocolate is an excellent source of antioxidants. When paired with the natural sweetness of strawberries, it makes for a healthy and delicious dessert. Make

sure to choose dark chocolate that is high in cocoa content to maximize health benefits. Strawberries are naturally low in calories, making this a must-try dessert. Find the full recipe here.

3. Chia Seed Pudding If you want to make a wholesome dessert to enjoy after lunch or dinner, then chia seed pudding is an amazing option. It is the easiest dessert to make when you have minimal ingredients. Also, it is low in calories and extremely filling. Click here for the full recipe. 4. Fruit Popsicles Want a chilly treat but not ice cream? Then why not just blend your favourite fruits and make them into popsicles? Simply blending fruits and freezing the puree can help you achieve a refreshing and wholesome dessert in no time. Fruits, too, are low in calories, so you can enjoy these fruit popsicles guilt-free! Find the complete recipe here. 5. Banana Ice Cream Another low-calorie dessert option you must try is this banana ice cream. It is rich, creamy and will satisfy your sweet cravings in no time. Top the ice cream with chopped bananas and maple syrup to fully enjoy its taste. Click here for the complete recipe.

With these recipes, you can satisfy your cravings and stay healthy. So go ahead, indulge in these delicious desserts and enjoy the guilt-free pleasure!

"Best Foods" For Glowing Skin

Breakfast is the first meal of the day and quite an essential one to determine our energy for the rest of the day. However, not many know that the power of our breakfast is not just limited to our energy, but our skin health as well. If you want clear skin that is soft, supple and healthy, your choice of breakfast can play a vital role. So what should we eat in the morning for glowing skin? Here is a simple, delicious and skin-healthy porridge recipe shared by popular dermatologist Dr Sam Bunting on her YouTube channel.

This porridge is easy to make and is packed with delicious ingredients that are some of the best foods for young and healthy skin. The recipe includes not just one or two, but nine nourishing foods for your skin. Let's learn how to make this breakfast dish.

Here Is How Each Of The 9 Ingredient In This Breakfast Benefit Your Skin: Oats are packed

with fibre and essential nutrients that nourish your skin. Chia seeds contain omega-3 fatty acids and antioxidants, that help combat skin inflammation, irritation and also prevent wrinkles and fine lines. Almond milk is a fantastic source of vitamin E which improves skin elasticity and protects the skin from harmful elements of sun exposure. Cinnamon powder is a rich source of antioxidants that help maintain healthy and younger-looking skin. Walnuts are an incredible source of essential fatty acids. Almonds are rich in protein and zinc which is great for the skin. Pumpkin seeds contain squalene and

Vitamin E, which can help protect your skin from sun damage. These seeds are also a great source of zinc, which can help prevent breakouts and promote collagen production. Sunflower seeds can work wonders for your skin as they are packed with vitamin E, selenium and zinc. Fatty acids like linolenic, oleic and palmitic acids are found in sunflower seeds, which can boost collagen production. Berries are full of powerful antioxidants which neutralise free radicals and help prevent the signs of ageing. Include this breakfast in your daily diet and reap the skin health benefits of all these powerful and tasty ingredients.



supports mental and physical well-being.

5. Improved posture: Stretching can help fix alignment problems and muscular imbalances, which improves posture.

6. Better performance: By improving range of motion and flexibility, regular stretching can improve sports performance.

7. Boost energy: Stretching makes your muscles receive more blood and oxygen, which raises your energy levels.

8. Improved mind-body connection: Stretching promotes body awareness and mindfulness, which strengthens the mind-body bond.

9. Helps avoid injuries: By increasing muscular coordination, flexibility, and mobility, stretching helps avoid injuries.

10. Improved mental health: By lowering stress and anxiety levels and creating a sense of wellbeing, stretching can benefit mental health.

10 wonderful benefits of stretching every day for your body and mind

Sometimes the smallest of movements can help reap great rewards if done regularly and mindfully. Stretching for instance on a daily basis can work wonders for your flexibility, posture, energy levels, and even heart health. In today's modern lifestyle, stretching not only helps release stress, but also reverse ill effects of sedentary lifestyle. Stretching requires putting a body part in a certain position that helps in the lengthening and elongation of the muscle or muscle group, enhancing its flexibility and elasticity. Daily stretching can make your body more flexible, increase your range of motion, improve your posture, keep your muscles agile as you age and make you feel happier, more confident and relaxed.

2. Better blood circulation: By widening blood vessels, stretching promotes blood circulation, which makes it possible for muscles to remove waste products and receive nutrients more effectively. Improved circulation aids in a quicker recovery from exercise or injury in addition to providing nutrition to the tissues. Enhancing blood flow also benefits general cardiovascular health, which enhances physical and mental well-being.

3. Lowers muscle tension: By loosening up tense muscles, stretching helps people relax and feel less tense.

4. Relieves stress: Endorphins are naturally occurring stress relievers that are released as you stretch. Stretching encourages relaxation and lowers cortisol levels, the stress hormone, by emphasising deep breathing and gentle movements. Furthermore, stretching facilitates the release of physical tension brought on by extended sitting or repeated motions, which

BCCI To Hold Online Apex Council Meeting On Thursday, T20I Captaincy Discussion Not Known Yet

New Delhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will hold its Apex Council Committee meeting in online mode on Thursday, though it remains unclear if the issue of India's next men's T20I captain will be formally discussed. "Yes, the BCCI will have an Apex Council Committee meeting in online mode on Thursday. But a possibility of officials discussing India's next men's T20I captain is yet to be known," sources told IANS on Wednesday. Speculation has grown over the future of India's men's



T20I captaincy after the T20 World Cup triumph in March was achieved under Suryakumar Yadav's leadership. It is understood that eyes are on planning for the next two years, where India will enter the 2028 Men's T20 World Cup as defending champions and feature in the Los

Angeles Olympics too. While some believe Hardik Pandya and Shreyas Iyer, the current ODI vice-captain, are in the running to succeed Suryakumar, Sanju Samson, Tilak Varma, Axar Patel, and Ishan Kishan are the dark horses for clinching the

leadership role. Suryakumar's prolonged lean patch has also been a point of concern, something which can't be ignored for long by the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee and Gautam Gambhir-led team management. The right-handed batter managed only 270 runs in 13 innings for the Mumbai Indians in IPL 2026, while averaging 20.76, as the five-time champions finished at ninth spot on the points table. He also struggled with the bat during the victorious T20 World Cup campaign and didn't get a good score in a recent game for

Triumph Knights Mumbai North East in the ongoing Mumbai T20 League. Suryakumar was handed India men's T20I captaincy after veteran right-handed opener Rohit Sharma retired from the format post the T20 World Cup win in the West Indies in 2024. India's next T20I assignment is a two-game tour of Ireland, to be played on June 26 and 28. It is understood that the squad selection for the same can happen sometime in mid-June. After this, India will play a five-match T20I series in England, before going on a three-game tour of Zimbabwe.

Praggnanandhaa Beats Carlsen Twice at Norway Chess

NEWDELHI: R Praggnanandhaa shocked the chess world once more by defeating Magnus Carlsen in classical play for the second time at Norway Chess 2026, boosting his chances of becoming the first Indian champion of the prestigious tournament. The 20-year-old Grandmaster lifted his tally to 12 points and climbed to third place, while Carlsen's hopes of securing an eighth Norway Chess crown suffered a major setback. Praggnanandhaa became the only player this year to beat Carlsen twice in classical games,



underlining his rise among the elite. Carlsen endured a turbulent campaign, losing four classical encounters, including two against the Indian star. His title defence now hangs in the balance with only two rounds left. At the top, Wesley So extended his lead to 14 points after

defeating Vincent Keymer in Armageddon. Alireza Firouzja followed closely with 13 points after outplaying reigning world champion D Gukesh, whose defeat ended his title hopes. Gukesh, stuck on eight points, cannot surpass 14 even with wins in his remaining games.

Satwik's Shoulder Injury Ends Indonesia Open Campaign

NEWDELHI: India's top men's doubles pair, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, retired midway through their first-round match at the Indonesia Open 2026 after Satwik suffered a right shoulder injury. The duo trailed Malaysia's Kang Khai Xing and Aaron Tai 6-11 when Satwik signalled discomfort and stopped play. The setback came just days after the pair ended a two-year title drought by winning the Singapore Open, defeating Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Sobihul Fikri in a tense three-set final lasting 73 minutes. The Badminton Association of India confirmed their withdrawal, stating that the pair will focus on



recovery and rehabilitation ahead of the World Championships in Delhi and the Asian Games. Satwik recently spoke about respecting his body and managing injuries, acknowledging that his attacking style demands careful recovery. He emphasised the importance of peaking at major tournaments

and maintaining long-term fitness. Meanwhile, Rohan Kapoor and Shivani Ruthvika Gadde stunned World No. 20 Yang Po-Hsuan and Hu Ling Fang of Chinese Taipei in mixed doubles, winning 21-14, 21-14 to advance to the second round. PV Sindhu also progressed, while Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth exited early.

Men's U18 Asia Cup: Purti Bags Hat-Trick As India Hammer Chinese Taipei 13-1 To Advance To Semis

Kakamigahara (Japan): The Indian U-18 men's hockey team produced a clinical display against Chinese Taipei, registering a commanding 13-1 victory in its last Pool A match of the U-18 Asia Cup 2026 in Kakamigahara, Japan, on Wednesday. The emphatic win ensured India sealed their place in the semifinals. India ended their pool engagements with wins against Kazakhstan, Korea, and Chinese Taipei, while losing to hosts Japan. It gave them nine points from four matches. The team's attacking prowess was on full display against Chinese Taipei, with Ashish Tani Purti (27', 35', 42') as the standout performer with his hat-trick, while Gazez Khan (40', 44'),



Siddharth Ben (30', 52'), and Rahul Yadav (20', 54') each struck twice. Meanwhile, Karan Gautam (7'), Premchand Soy (11'), captain Ketan Kushwaha (13'), and Varinder Singh (50') also contributed to the tally. India made their intentions clear from the outset, dictating the tempo with incisive play that constantly troubled

the Chinese Taipei defence. They broke the deadlock in the seventh minute as Karan converted India's first penalty corner of the match. Premchand (11') then doubled the lead with a field goal, while skipper Kushwaha (13') added a third in quick succession to put his side firmly in control by the end of the first quarter. India continued

their dominance in the second quarter. Yadav (20') added a fourth before Purti (27') converted a penalty corner to make it 5-0. Siddharth (30') rounded off a prolific second quarter for India with another field goal right at the stroke of half-time. However, Yong-Jyun Jhang (30+) pulled a goal back for Chinese Taipei, scoring

from a penalty corner just before the hooter to make it 6-1 at the break. India resumed with the same intensity after the break. Purti bagged his second goal from another set-piece in the 35th minute to make it 7-1. Khan (40') then got into the act, converting a penalty corner to extend India's lead even further. Purti (42') completed his hat-trick, converting from another penalty corner, while Khan (44') added his second as India went into the final quarter with a commanding 10-1 lead. The fourth quarter saw India maintain their relentless pressure as it remained clinical from set-pieces. Varinder (50') converted a penalty corner before Siddharth (52') scored his second goal of the match.

England Beat India In Third T20I To Seal Series 1-2 Ahead Of Women's T20 WC

Taunton: Alice Capsey and Heather Knight century stand helped England beat India by six wickets in the third and final T20I to seal the series 2-1 ahead of the Women's T20 World Cup, starting from June 12. The two batters shared a massive 137-run stand to recover from a precarious position in the run chase to chase down a target of 181 in 18.3 overs. The effort was England's highest T20I chase since 2018, led by Alice Capsey (82 from 43 balls) and Heather Knight, who finished unbeaten on 70 from just 42 deliveries. Chasing 181, England lost their openers in the first three overs when Kranti Goud castled Danni Wyatt-Hodge in the second over and Arundhati Reddy removed Sophia Dunkley in the third over. Kranti also



managed to get rid of Amy Jones in the final over of the Powerplay as the host were 53/3. But Capsey continued to punish the Indian bowling attack by fetching boundaries. At the other end, Knight also picked up boundaries against the Indian spinners. The duo were all guns blazing as England took control of the chase at the halfway mark. Capsey soon brought up her half-

century off just 26 deliveries whereas Knight inched closer to hers with two more boundaries of Nandni Sharma. Capsey hit a four and two sixes in a row against Shree Charani. This left England needing only 28 runs to win with five overs left. Even though Capsey was eventually caught or bowled out for 82 runs, England was easily going to win. Knight hit a four in the second-to-last over to

finish the game and secure the victory for England. Earlier, batting first, even though India lost their opening batters early, just like England did later in the game, they still managed to score 180 runs. Shafali Verma hit a bad shot and was out for 11 runs. Smriti Mandhana was easily trapped lbw by Charlie Dean. Yastika Bhatia, who had been playing well all series, kept India moving fast during the powerplay,

hitting seven boundaries to push India's score to 57 runs quickly. Unfortunately, her fast and exciting batting ended suddenly when she was run out. Jemimah Rodrigues and Harmanpreet Kaur then rebuilt the innings but England struck again when Lauren Bell executed a perfect slow ball that tricked Rodrigues and hit her stumps to get her out. England then managed to squeeze in a few tight overs before Harmanpreet found her rhythm again. The Indian skipper managed to get her fifty. However, India only scored 48 runs in the final five overs. England Women 184/4 in 18.3 overs (Alice Capsey 82, Heather Knight 70*, Arundhati Reddy 2-31) beat India 180/5 in 20 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 56*, Yastika Bhatia 32; Lauren Bell 2-36) by 6 wickets

India's Multi-Format Tour Healdines NZ's International Home Season

Christchurch: New Zealand Cricket has announced its international home season which will see India's blockbuster three-format tour from October 22 until December 1. Team India will take on the New Zealand in five T20Is, five ODIs, and two Tests, played across the five major centres, with the 12 matches the most in international cricket scheduled for an in-bound tour in NZC history, NZC said in a release. The tour will also mark the first time since 2019 that India will play Test cricket in New Zealand, while it will be their first white-ball assignment in the country since 2022. NZC also said that the New Zealand Government will be supporting the in-bound India tour alongside adjacent sporting tours by India

later in the year, as 100 years of sporting ties between New Zealand and India are commemorated. Christchurch's Hagley Oval opens the India tour with back-to-back T20Is on October 22 and 24 respectively, and the Garden City will host the second Test match starting on Friday, November 27. Wellington has been awarded the first Test starting on Thursday November 19 at the Cello Basin Reserve, as well as a T20I and ODI to be held at Hnry Stadium. Auckland's Eden Park and Hamilton's Seddon Park have both received a T20I and ODI, while Tauranga's Bay Oval will host games four and five of the ODI series. The BlackCaps will then host Sri Lanka in three ODIs, three T20Is,

and two Tests in from January 16 and into February to finish the home international summer, with a much anticipated four-Test away tour in Australia scheduled for December and early January. The women's team, who are currently in England preparing to defend their ICC Women's T20 World Cup title, will host Bangladesh for three T20Is and three ODIs from December 10 to 23. The series will be the White Ferns only home tour of the summer, with the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy (T20I) in Sri Lanka rescheduled for February, meaning the side's planned tour of Australia in February-March 2027 will be rescheduled. The home summer, which could include up to 41 days of international cricket, will be played across eight different cities in New Zealand.

Vedanta Aluminium deepens water and irrigation impact across Kalahandi and Rayagada

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Ahead of World Environment Day, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, highlighted its expanding water stewardship and watershed development efforts in Odisha's Kalahandi and Rayagada districts around its Lanjigarh refinery. The company has created over 18 lakh cubic metres of water storage and groundwater recharge capacity, strengthening irrigation access and improving water security for rural households. Through its integrated watershed and community water management initiatives, the company has revitalised over 73 water bodies across 26 villages, while enabling irrigation across more than 1600 acres of farmland, benefiting over 4,000 people. These efforts are helping



address long-standing water scarcity challenges in one of Odisha's most climate-vulnerable regions. Karbi Majhi, a community member from Banigaon village, said, "Water used to be a daily struggle, especially during the dry months when sources

would run low. Now, with the restoration of water bodies in our village, water is available closer to home and throughout the year. It has reduced our hardship and improved our quality of life." In largely agrarian Kalahandi, now among

Odisha's leading paddy-producing districts, supported by irrigation expansion, improved water availability is directly supporting farm productivity, crop diversification, and farmer incomes. The region's heavy dependence on monsoon rainfall and irrigation makes such interventions critical to sustaining agricultural growth and livelihoods.

Vedanta Aluminium's watershed initiatives focus on scientific rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, and revival of traditional water systems, enabling year-round water availability for both irrigation and household needs. The interventions include development of water harvesting structures, farm ponds, check dams, and community-led water management systems that improve soil moisture and

reduce runoff losses. Dhananjaya Patra, a farmer from Batelima village, said, "Earlier, farming here depended entirely on rainfall. With the water bodies restored and irrigation now available, we are able to cultivate more confidently and even grow an additional crop. It has brought stability to our income and hope for our families." Building on these on-ground interventions, Vedanta Aluminium has now developed a hydrogeological blueprint for the Sijimali region, aimed at further strengthening water security. Scientific studies indicate the potential to increase local water availability by up to 200%, by improving runoff capture and groundwater recharge through a network of soil and water conservation measures.

REGULATION OF TRAIN SERVICES DUE TO SAFETY RELATED MODERNISATION WORKS

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): In view of safety related modernisation works being undertaken in the Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway, temporary changes in the operation of certain express and passenger trains have been notified during the month of June 2026. These measures are essential for facilitating infrastructure upgradation and ensuring safer and more efficient train operations in the future. As part of the traffic and power block arrangements, some trains will be short terminated at Malatipatapur and corresponding return services will originate from Malatipatapur instead of Puri on specified dates. The affected trains include:

- Train No. 12146 Puri-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Superfast Express will originate from Malatipatapur on 9th and 16th June 2026 and Train No. 12145 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Puri Superfast Express will terminate at Malatipatapur on 7th and 14th June 2026.
- Train No. 12993 Gandhidham-Puri Express will terminate at Malatipatapur on 5th and 12th June 2026 and Train No. 12994 Puri-Gandhidham Express will originate from Malatipatapur on 8th and 15th June 2026.
- Train No. 15643 Puri-Kamakhya Express will originate from Malatipatapur on 6th, 13th and 20th June 2026 and Train No. 15644 Kamakhya-Puri Express will terminate at Malatipatapur on 4th, 11th and 18th June 2026.
- Train No. 22973 Gandhidham-Puri Superfast Express will terminate at Malatipatapur on 3rd, 10th and 17th

June 2026. Train No. 22974 Puri-Gandhidham Superfast Express will originate from Malatipatapur on 6th, 13th and 20th June 2026.

- Train No. 17480 Tirupati-Puri Express will terminate at Malatipatapur on 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th June 2026. Train No. 17479 Puri-Tirupati Express will originate from Malatipatapur on 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 17th, 18th and 19th June 2026.
- Train No. 22201 Sealdah-Puri Duranto Express will terminate at Malatipatapur on 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 19th June 2026 and Train No. 22202 Puri-Sealdah Duranto Express will originate from Malatipatapur on 4th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 18th and 20th June 2026.

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Sensex, Nifty End Lower As IT Stocks Drag Markets

Mumbai: Indian equity benchmark indices ended lower on Wednesday, although they recovered a significant portion of intra-day losses supported by gains in PSU bank and financial stocks. Markets witnessed sharp volatility during the session, with heavy selling pressure in information technology stocks weighing on investor sentiment. However, buying in PSU banks, private banks, and healthcare stocks helped the indices trim losses from the day's low.

OPGC Achieves Remarkable PLF Performance - Ranks 1st among all State Sector power generation stations in India up to May 2026

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (OPGC) has secured the 1st position among all state sector power generation stations in India, demonstrating exceptional operational excellence and reliability in power generation.

Key Rankings (Up to May 2026): 1st among all state sector power generators in India 10th across all sectors (government & private) nationwide 6th among large power stations in India with capacity exceeding 1000 MW This



outstanding performance underscores OPGC's commitment to delivering consistent, efficient power and reinforces its position as

a leading power producer in India. The corporation's stellar Plant Load Factor (PLF) reflects superior plant management, optimal maintenance practices, and dedicated

operational teams. OPGC continues to play a pivotal role in meeting Odisha's growing energy demands while maintaining industry-leading performance standards.

An Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance was inaugurated by Aditya Alumina

Sambalpur: (Correspondent) :- Unit Head and President, Mr. J.P. Nayak & Chief of Medical Services Dr Arindam Roy Choudhury. This state-of-the-art ambulance is equipped to provide critical emergency medical care and will serve as a vital lifeline for both employees and the surrounding community. The initiative reflects our continued commitment to ensuring timely healthcare support and enhancing emergency response capabilities.



India-U.S. Agricultural Cooperation Gains New Momentum Through Key Dialogue Led by IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani

New Delhi, (Correspondent): The U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC), based in Washington, D.C., hosted a PHDCCI delegation led by IFFCO Chairman Shri Dileep Sanghani, underscoring the significance and impact of the engagement. Following the meeting, USIBC highlighted the dialogue on its official social media platforms as an important initiative toward strengthening India-U.S. agricultural cooperation. In its message, USIBC noted that the discussions led by Shri Dileep Sanghani paved the way for enhanced collaboration between the two countries in the agricultural sector, helping identify solutions to shared challenges and explore emerging opportunities. The Council



emphasized the importance of a stronger partnership between India and the United States in areas such as innovation-driven agricultural policies, sustainable agricultural development, food security, and farmer prosperity. It is noteworthy that USIBC, one of America's leading business and industry

organizations, publicly accorded prominence to this meeting. This recognition reflects the growing global acceptance of India's cooperative movement, IFFCO's international reputation, and Shri Dileep Sanghani's leadership in effectively presenting the interests of Indian farmers on global platforms. The meeting

included extensive discussions on enhancing agricultural productivity, promoting the adoption of advanced agricultural technologies, improving soil health, providing technical support to farmers, developing innovation-based agricultural solutions, and strengthening food and nutritional security. Agricultural experts, policymakers, and

industry representatives from both countries agreed that expanding India-U.S. cooperation would open new avenues in the agricultural sector and deliver long-term benefits to farmers.

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5. Available of Bid documents in the web site.	:From Dt. 10.06.2026 at 10.30 A.M to Dt. 19.06.2026 at 5.00 PM :Dt. 20.06.2026 at 11.00 AM
6. Date of opening of Bids	
7. Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any information regarding Addendum / Corrigendum/ Cancellation of tender can be available in the said website.	

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The Executive Officer, Paradeep Municipality on behalf of Paradeep Municipality, Paradeep, Dist-Jagatsinghpur invites sealed quotations from the intending registered suppliers/ agencies having valid eligible license/ registration certificate, PAN, GSTIN from competent authority in order to supply of construction vehicle, machinery & equipment (details in BoQ-A) to Paradeep Municipality for different works. The rate for each categories of vehicle should be mentioned clearly in the BoQ/ prescribed format (Annexure-A). The quotation schedule (DTCN) along with terms and conditions can be downloaded from Paradeep Municipality website www.paradeepmunicipality.in from **date.01.06.2026 to date.11.06.2026** on payment of **₹6000.00** (Rupees:- Six Thousand) only (non-refundable) in shape of Cash/ bank draft/ bankers cheque drawn in favour of Executive Officer, Paradeep Municipality payable at Paradeep from any nationalized bank. The quotation alongwith all documents should reach the office of the Paradeep Municipality, Paradeep on or before **date.12.06.2026 upto 11.00 AM**. Quotation reached after due date and time will not be taken into consideration. The quotation will be opened on the same day at 1.00 PM in presence of the quotationer or their authorized representatives. The undersigned has the rights to accept, cancel or reject any or all the quotations with assigning any reason thereof.

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