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Over 50 Lakh Households Benefit From PM Surya Ghar Rooftop Solar Scheme

New Delhi: The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana — the world's largest domestic rooftop solar programme — has crossed the milestone of benefiting more than 50.06 lakh households across the country, the government said on Tuesday. According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, the achievement comes just over two years after the launch of the scheme and marks a sharp acceleration compared with the 7.94 lakh rooftop solar installations recorded during the previous decade. The scheme has an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore and is emerging as one of the fastest-growing clean energy initiatives globally. It is now benefiting around one lakh households every



six days, the government said. In addition, the pace of installations has increased more than three-fold over the last nine months, rising from 5,038 installations per day in October 2025 to nearly 16,328 installations per day in July 2026. July 2026 alone witnessed a record 5.06 lakh households benefiting under the scheme, the highest monthly figure since its launch. To support the expansion, the

government has released Rs 28,024 crore in subsidies directly to beneficiaries through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism. As a result, nearly 19 lakh households are now receiving zero electricity bills, while more than 12 lakh households earned a combined Rs 421 crore through the sale of surplus power during FY25 and generated an average additional income of around Rs 3,500

annually per household. Around 1.6 lakh installations have been completed for PMAY, BPL and SC/ST households across four states, with the model approved for rollout in 12 states, according to the government. It further highlighted that the programme has also generated employment and business opportunities across the solar value chain. Additionally, 34,219 vendors have been registered under the scheme, of which 29,469 are currently active and more than 2.32 lakh people have been trained under various capacity-building initiatives. Cumulatively, 14.8 GW of rooftop solar capacity has been commissioned under the scheme so far.

Prez Murmu Offers Prayers At Maa Kandhuni Devi Temple, Interacts With Tribals In Ganjam

Bhubaneswar correspondent \: President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday offered prayers at the Maa Kandhuni Devi Temple and Nilakantheshwar Shiv Temple at Taptapani in Ganjam district during the second day of her three-day visit to Odisha. Accompanied by Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, the President traveled 55 km by road from Berhampur to Taptapani amid tight security. Taptapani is one of south Odisha's most revered tribal shrines, where members of the Kandha community worship Goddess Kandhuni, who is believed to reside over the natural hot spring. After arriving at Taptapani, President Murmu spent some time at the state guest house



Panthanivas. She took a bath in the natural sulphur hot spring and had lunch before proceeding to the temple. Inside the shrine, she performed rituals according to local tradition. "It is an extraordinary privilege for us to welcome the President," said Redika Jani, secretary of the Taptapani temple development committee. For security reasons, entry of

devotees into the temple was temporarily restricted during the President's visit. Hundreds of tribals gathered outside to catch a glimpse of the President. She interacted with them and distributed chocolates to children present there. People from across the region visit Taptapani, especially in winter, to bathe in the hot sulphuric water and to worship Maa Kandhuni Devi and

Lord Nilakantheshwar. Earlier in the day, the President reached Berhampur from Bhubaneswar aboard the "President's Special" train. The 170-km journey took a little over two hours. The ultra-luxury private rail car has air-conditioned bedrooms, a living-cum-dining room and a kitchen. Officials said the train movement was scheduled keeping in view the IMD forecast of rain.

EC extends Delhi SIR deadline; final electoral roll on October 27

New Delhi, August 4: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday extended the timeline for filing claims and objections under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Delhi, with the final electoral roll now scheduled to be published on October 27. According to the revised schedule, the draft electoral roll will be published on August 24, and the period for filing claims and objections will remain open from August 24 to



September 23. The Commission has fixed October 1 as the qualifying date for the revision. As part of the exercise, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will conduct house-to-house verification from June 30 to August 17. Earlier on Friday, the

EC extended the deadline for filing claims and objections regarding the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Odisha from August 4 to August 19. The decision to revise the schedule was taken following a

request made by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Odisha. The revision is being carried out with July 1, 2026, as the qualifying date. According to a notification issued by the Commission on Friday, the period for filing claims and objections, which was originally scheduled to end on August 4, has now been extended to August 19.

As per the revised schedule, the "Notice Phase" and the disposal of claims and objections will now continue until September 17, 2026.

The final publication of the electoral rolls for the state of Odisha is scheduled for September 21, 2026.

"The Commission, on the request of the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha, and in exercise of the power conferred by the proviso to Rule 12 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, has decided to extend the period for filing claims and objections up to 19.08.2026 for ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls," the official notification stated.

Trump Says US-Iran Talks Underway, Calls It 'Last Chance'

Washington: US President Donald Trump said that talks with Iran are "going on right now," adding that "this is a last chance." "We're talking and we're talking at the request of Iran, backed by Saudi Arabia, backed by UAE and backed by Qatar in particular, but others also," Trump told reporters at the White House Oval Office after signing an executive order on military spouse.

"This is a last chance for them to sign a good document," Trump continued.

"I think we're going to maybe get something, but I want



to give them every last chance before decapitation," he said. When asked about progress, Trump told reporters "you find out today or tomorrow ... they're going to go quickly one way or the other." He said that the two sides are talking about the reopening of

the Strait of Hormuz, "having it open literally by tomorrow, completely open, and that's phase one." "And phase two is we then will talk about the nuclear capacity ... the denuclearization of Iran has to happen," he continued, adding that "that'll take a little while."

President Murmu Travels By Special Train From Bhubaneswar To Brahmapur

Bhubaneswar: President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday undertook a 170-km train journey from Bhubaneswar to Brahmapur in Ganjam district on the second day of her three-day visit to Odisha.

Accompanied by Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, the President boarded the "President's Special" from Bhubaneswar station. The ultra-luxury private rail car is equipped with air-conditioned bedrooms, a living-cum-dining room and a kitchen. Officials said the train



journey was scheduled keeping in view the IMD forecast of rain. The special saloon coach departed with full security cover and was scheduled to reach Brahmapur station at 11:10 AM. High-level security along the route. Two trains escorted the President's train — one in the front and one at

the rear. No other train was permitted on the tracks during the movement, officials said. Both Bhubaneswar and Brahmapur railway stations were placed under tight security. Bomb disposal squads, sniffer dogs and intensive baggage screening were deployed. Personnel from

the Government Railway Police, Railway Protection Force and commandos from central agencies were on board. Around 15 platoons of police were deployed at Bhubaneswar station, with similar arrangements made at Brahmapur.

After arriving in Brahmapur, President Murmu is scheduled to visit the Maa Kandhuni Devi shrine near the Taptapani hot spring in Sanakhemundi block to offer prayers. Ganjam Collector V. Keerthi Vasan said the venues of the President's visit in the district have been declared "no-flying" zones.

Indian Vessel Sinks After Attack In Red Sea, 13 Indian Sailors Rescued

Aden (Yemen): An India-flagged cargo vessel sank after being attacked by an explosives-laden boat in the Red Sea off Yemen's western coast. Yemeni forces rescued 14 crew members; 13 of them are Indian sailors, while one is from Yemen, Xinhua News Agency reported. The government-affiliated National Resistance Forces (NRF) said in a statement that coast guard and naval units carried out a joint operation for the crew of the vessel Faize Noore Oliya after it was attacked about 13 nautical miles south of the Houthi-held port city of Hodeidah. The statement did not specify when the attack occurred. All 14

people aboard were rescued and taken to safety, the statement said, adding that they received medical assistance and no casualties were reported. The NRF blamed Yemen's Houthi group for the attack, while the Houthis have yet to comment. Last month, a Saudi company-owned tanker was attacked and caught fire while sailing in the Red Sea, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported, citing an official source at Saudi Arabia's Transport General Authority (TGA). The source said the attack caused a consequent fire at the ship's bow and all crew members aboard the vessel, Encelia, were safe. Relevant authorities in the Gulf

country have taken all necessary measures to secure the vessel and its crew, and protect the marine environment, it said. According to a United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) advisory, the attack occurred about 70 nautical miles (130 km) southwest of Al Shuqaiq, Saudi Arabia, in the southern Red Sea. In a statement aired on July 23, Yemen's Houthi group said it had attacked two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea, identified as Encelia and Layla, using "ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as drones," claiming that the vessels had violated its recently announced maritime restrictions.

Assam CM Raises Nagaland Mining Issue With Centre, Seeks Scientific Study On Floods

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said the state government will take up with the Centre concerns over mining activities in neighbouring Nagaland amid allegations that they have contributed to flooding in parts of Assam, while stressing that only a scientific study can establish the actual cause. Speaking during his visit to flood hit Sivasagar and Charaideo districts, Sarma said the Assam government has no legal authority to stop mining operations in Nagaland as they fall outside its jurisdiction. "I am the Chief Minister of Assam. I cannot stop mining in Nagaland. I will raise the issue with the Centre. There is no



illegal mining in Assam. We need a scientific study to determine the actual cause of the problem," he said, adding that Nagaland itself has witnessed flooding, which indicates the issue requires a comprehensive technical assessment rather than conclusions

based on speculation. Sarma said the government would rely on expert findings before deciding on any long term intervention to address recurring floods in the affected areas. The Chief Minister also reviewed the flood situation in Sivasagar and Charaideo, where he

interacted with affected residents and assured them of continued government support during the rehabilitation phase. He announced that from August 9, officials will begin a detailed assessment of flood damaged houses to facilitate early distribution of financial assistance. According

to him, nearly one lakh flood affected beneficiaries have already been identified by district administrations and the list has been verified by the state government. Referring to persistent waterlogging in several localities, Sarma said the unusually high water level of the Brahmaputra has slowed the drainage of floodwater. He added that the state government would ask the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) to construct additional cross drainage structures at locations where highways have obstructed the natural flow of water.

Gujarat: Statue Of Unity To Introduce 600-Passenger Luxury Cruise On Narmada River

Narmada: Ekta Nagar is set to expand its river tourism offerings with the introduction of a new 600-passenger luxury cruise on the Narmada River, significantly increasing visitor capacity at the Statue of Unity, one of India's most visited tourist destinations. The vessel has been launched and will begin commercial operations after obtaining all statutory approvals and meeting the prescribed safety requirements of the relevant authorities. The new cruise is the latest addition to the tourism infrastructure developed around the Statue of Unity in Gujarat's Narmada district. It will complement the existing 200-passenger cruise, which has become one of the destination's most popular attractions by

offering visitors panoramic views of the world's tallest statue, the Narmada River and the surrounding landscape. According to the Statue of Unity Area Development and Tourism Governance Authority (SOUADTGA), the larger vessel has been introduced in response to rising tourist numbers and growing demand for river cruise experiences at Ekta Nagar. In addition to sightseeing, the cruise has been designed as a multi-purpose floating venue capable of hosting social, cultural and corporate events. The vessel can accommodate birthday celebrations, corporate gatherings, product launches, musical evenings, cultural performances, private functions and other special events on

board. The cruise has a passenger capacity of 600 and a dining area that can seat 250 guests. Measuring 30 metres in length and 12 metres in width, it also includes a performance stage measuring five by four metres and decorative architectural lighting intended to enhance evening and night-time operations. By comparison, the existing cruise accommodates 200 passengers, has seating for 100 diners, measures 24 metres in length and nine metres in width, and features a four-by-three-metre stage. Officials said the larger vessel represents a substantial expansion in passenger capacity and onboard event facilities, allowing the hosting of larger gatherings while offering visitors an enhanced cruise experience.

Gujarat Minister Thanks PM Modi For Porbandar Shipbuilding Project

New Delhi: Gujarat Science and Technology Minister Arjun Modhwadia met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday to thank him for the Centre's approval of a mega shipbuilding project in Porbandar, which is expected to attract an investment of around Rs 27,500 crore. During the meeting, Modhwadia expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for approving the project and honoured him with a traditional turban and a shawl. He also briefed PM Modi on the work being



carried out by his ministry and discussed ongoing development projects in Porbandar district being implemented by the state government under Chief Minister Bhupendra

Patel. According to the minister, he also sought the Prime Minister's guidance on the district's future development. The proposed shipbuilding yard forms part of the Centre's broader effort

to strengthen India's maritime manufacturing sector. Last month, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways granted in-principle approval for a Greenfield shipbuilding cluster in Porbandar district under the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS). The project will be developed through the National Shipbuilding and Heavy Industries Park-Gujarat (NSHIP-Gujarat), a special purpose vehicle promoted by the Ministry and the Gujarat Maritime Board.

Bengal Govt Issues SOP For ISKCON Mid-Day Meals

Kolkata: The West Bengal government on Tuesday notified a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) regarding the serving of mid day meals in state run schools within the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC).

ISKCON had been entrusted by the state government with the task of arranging mid day meals at all state run schools within the KMC area with effect from August 1.

On Tuesday, the state school education department issued the SOP for ISKCON to ensure timely serving of



mid day meals in these schools. As per the SOP, mid day meals must be delivered to all schools in areas under KMC jurisdiction by 8:30 a.m. in the case of morning schools. For day schools, the meals should reach the premises by 1:30 p.m. The SOP also directs that trucks carrying ISKCON arranged midday food

must move through specific routes so that drivers are familiar with them. GPS tracking has been made mandatory in the trucks carrying such meals.

The teacher in charge of the school concerned will take the food account from the dedicated delivery staff and sign the challan, as directed by the SOP. Under no circumstances

can the truck delivering food be parked within the school premises beyond a certain point of time. The SOP further states that no state run school will be allowed to make abrupt changes in shift timings at the discretion of the school authorities. If necessary, a written application must be submitted by the school authorities to the nodal officer, giving reasons. Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari had already announced that while ISKCON will serve protein rich mid day meals in state run schools within the KMC jurisdiction, eggs will be provided separately twice a week for students by the state government through self help groups (SHGs).

MP: BJP Dissolves Datia District Unit After Bypoll Defeat

Bhopal: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday dissolved its entire district organisational structure in Datia, including the district president, office-bearers and all affiliated units, days after the party lost the Datia Assembly by-election to the Congress.

The action came after the party leadership reviewed the bypoll result and discussed the reasons behind the defeat, including allegations of internal sabotage raised by local leaders. An order issued by BJP Madhya Pradesh State Office Secretary Shyam



Mahajan said the decision was taken on the directions of state BJP president Hemant Khandelwal and based on the recommendations of the committee constituted to examine the bypoll outcome. "As per the directions of Bharatiya Janata Party State

President and MLA Hemant Khandelwal, and based on the recommendations of the committee constituted to review the results of the Datia Assembly by-election, the existing organisational structure of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Datia district is hereby dissolved with

immediate effect," the order read. The order added that district president Raghur Singh Kushwah, district office-bearers, district executive committee, mandals, morchas, cells, projects, departments and all other organisational units in the district have been relieved of their responsibilities with immediate effect. The decision followed a review meeting held at Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's residence in Bhopal on Tuesday. The meeting was attended by Hemant Khandelwal, senior ministers, leaders associated with the

bypoll campaign and key organisational functionaries. According to party sources, the meeting focused on analysing the reasons for the BJP's defeat, the performance of the district organisation, complaints of alleged internal sabotage and the party's strategy for rebuilding its organisational network in Datia. Sources told IANS that the party's internal assessment pointed to allegations of sabotage by some local leaders in urban Datia, where the Congress secured a lead despite the BJP expecting to perform strongly.

LoP Udhayanidhi Stalin leaves Thanjavur police station; party cadres accord grand welcome

Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu), August 4: Tamil Nadu Leader of Opposition (LoP) and DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin was welcomed by a large number of party cadres as he left the Sengipatti Police Station in Thanjavur on Tuesday. The DMK leader was detained by the police earlier today in connection with a case registered over his alleged remarks during a recent public meeting. As he stepped out of the police station, party workers gathered at the spot, raising slogans in support of the leader. The cadres were seen cheering and waving party flags to mark his release from detention. The Madras High Court directed the Tamil Nadu Police to release DMK MLA and Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin after completing his questioning in connection with a case

registered over his alleged remarks linked to actress Trisha. The court also directed him to cooperate with the investigation whenever required. The court heard Udhayanidhi Stalin's anticipatory bail plea after the Tamil Nadu Advocate General Vijay Narayan informed the court that the police did not intend to seek his judicial remand. The controversy erupted after Udhayanidhi, while addressing a gathering during the Cauvery protest, was interrupted by sections of the crowd chanting "Trisha, Trisha." He allegedly responded, "Whether the water reaches anywhere else or not, it should reach there," before clarifying that he was referring to Cauvery water. Following the remarks, the women's wing of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) lodged a complaint with the Thanjavur Police,

alleging that the DMK leader had made a double-entendre remark targeting actor Trisha. The DMK, however, has maintained that Udhayanidhi's remarks were misrepresented and were directed at the government's functioning, not at any individual. Earlier in the day, the Thanjavur (East) Police took the DMK leader into custody from his residence in Neelankarai, Chennai, and took him to Thanjavur for questioning in connection with an FIR registered over his public address at a Cauvery protest meeting yesterday. He was booked under Sections 61, 79, 192, 196, 296(b), 351(2) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act.

'Lagaan' & 'Ghajini' Actor Pradeep Rawat Passes Away At 74

Mumbai: Veteran actor Pradeep Rawat, known for some memorable performances in iconic Bollywood movies such as 'Lagaan' and 'Ghajini', left for heavenly abode at the age of 74. Pradeep Rawat is survived by his wife and son Vikramaditya. The unfortunate news of the passing away of the actor was shared by Pradeep Rawat's longtime colleague, actor Yashpal Sharma. Yashpal, who was also a part of 'Lagaan', paid a heartfelt tribute to Pradeep Rawat through an emotional social media post that read, "Pradeep Rawat Our Gajini Deva of Lagaan RIP (sic)". If the reports are to be believed, the veteran

actor was suffering from cancer. It is also reported that Pradeep Rawat was in the hospital for some time before passing away. Talking about his career, during his tenure spanning more than 3 decades, Pradeep Rawat had worked in multiple languages, including Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam. He made his acting debut with the Bollywood movie 'Meri Jung' back in 1985, where he was seen essaying the role of a police inspector. However, he ended up becoming a household name for his portrayal of Ashwatthama, the son of Guru Dronacharya, in B.R. Chopra's iconic television series 'Mahabharat'.

Awareness Against Corruption to Be Strengthened;Anti Corruption Intelligence Committee to Act as a Vigilant Watchdog

Bhubaneswar, (correspondent): With the objective of eliminating corruption from society and creating awareness among the public about transparent and accountable governance, the Anti Corruption Intelligence Committee (ACIC) has announced a nationwide public awareness campaign. The organization aims to encourage citizens to become vigilant watchdogs against corruption.

Speaking at a meeting held at the organization's office in Thane, Mumbai, Ashutosh Tripathi, National President of the Anti Corruption Intelligence Committee (ACIC), said that the institution is committed



to empowering ordinary citizens to play an active role in the fight against corruption. Addressing the meeting, Dr. Bipin Bihari Mishra, National General Secretary of ACIC, stated that the awareness initiatives being undertaken in Odisha against corruption should serve as a model for similar campaigns across all

states of the country. Joining the meeting virtually, he said that corruption is one of the biggest obstacles to development and that government efforts alone are not sufficient to eliminate it. He emphasized that every citizen has an important role to play in combating corruption. Dr. Mishra urged

members and office-bearers to educate people about their legal rights and encourage them to report corruption-related incidents to the appropriate authorities through lawful means. He also announced that new ACIC committees would be formed in different states to strengthen the anti-corruption movement. As part of the campaign, ACIC will organize awareness meetings, seminars, rallies, workshops, and outreach programmes involving educational institutions, social organizations, youth groups, and the general public. Citizens will also be educated about anti-corruption laws, their legal rights, and the procedures for filing

complaints against corrupt practices. Office-bearers of the organization said that the active participation and vigilance of every citizen are essential for building a corruption-free India. They expressed confidence that if people act as alert watchdogs, transparency, accountability, and good governance can be significantly strengthened. On the occasion, an anti-corruption booklet was released, and participants took a pledge to work towards eliminating corruption. Several distinguished personalities were felicitated during the programme. Lingaraj Sahoo, Legal Advisor of ACIC Odisha and a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association, was also honoured for his contribution.

Malkangiri Cyber Police Recovers 34 Lost Mobiles & Handovers to owners

Malkangiri correspondent Malkangiri On the instructions of Malkangiri SP, the Cyber Police Station and Cyber Cell jointly recovered 34 lost mobiles a few days ago and handed them over to



their rightful owners today at the Cyber ??Police Station in Malkangiri. This success was achieved by tracing them through the CEIR portal, said Cyber ??Police Station Officer DSP Mamata Panigrahi. If a phone is lost or stolen, the police have appealed to not remain silent and immediately file a report with the Cyber Police Station. Not only mobile theft but also cyber fraud, mobile hacking have been asked to file a report with the Cyber Police Station immediately. Today's program was held in the presence of District Additional SP Rashmi Ranjan Sahabi, DSP and Cyber Police Station In-charge Mamata Panigrahi, Inspector Deepika Mallick, SI Milan Bariha, Cyber Cell Chief Gautam Kirtania and others.

Electrical section office surrounded by consumers over power problems

SUBARNAPUR correspondent-- Electrical section office surrounded by consumers over power problems. The electrical section office in Pandikital under Subarnapur district was surrounded by local villagers, shopkeepers' associations and garage associations. According to the complaints of the villagers, more than 300 electricity consumers in the Pandikital area are facing many problems due to frequent power outages. Many shops and garages in the area are suffering business losses due to power outages and their daily work is also being disrupted. The power outage is also causing serious disruption in the education of students.

Drinking Water Supply Suspended for Five Days; Outcry in Sheetal Nagar

Rourkela / Bandamunda, (correspondent): Residents of the Sheetal Nagar area in Bandamunda are facing severe difficulties due to a suspension of the drinking water supply for the past five days. Amidst this water crisis, most families in the area are forced to rely on handpumps to meet their daily needs. Long queues form at the handpumps from morning till evening, requiring people to wait for hours to collect water. Locals allege that even before the supply disruption,

the benefits of the piped water scheme were not being distributed equitably. They claim that some individuals illegally attach water motors to the pipeline to draw water at high speed; while this fills their own overhead tanks quickly, it prevents sufficient water from reaching other households. Residents state that this practice not only constitutes a misuse of a government scheme but also violates the rights of other consumers. People allege that despite repeated complaints,

no effective action has been taken, allowing these arbitrary practices to continue unchecked. Local citizens have demanded that the concerned department restore the drinking water supply in Sheetal Nagar immediately. They also urge authorities to investigate and take strict action against those using motors to draw water from the pipeline, ensuring equitable access for all consumers and preventing such irregularities in the future. Residents warn that if the issue is not resolved promptly, the water crisis could worsen significantly.

Capability and Competency Development Training held under Project Nischay at SAIL, RSP

Rourkela (correspondent): As part of the Capability & Competency Development (C&CD) initiative of Project Nischay, a mandatory competency training programme on Electrical Safety and Material Handling was organised at the Gopabandhu Auditorium of the Learning & Development (L&D) Department, SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) on 29th July 2026. Around 160 participants from across the plant including apprentice trainees and contractual supervisors



attended the program with the objective of enhancing competency and reinforcing a strong culture of safety. Mr. Abakasa Behera, GM (SED) presided on the valedictory session of the programme and

underscored the importance of translating the knowledge gained during the training into day-to-day workplace practices. He urged participants to proactively identify Line of Fire hazards, understand their potential consequences and adopt effective preventive and corrective measures to eliminate such risks. He also encouraged participants to share their feedback and suggestions for the continual improvement of future competency development programmes. The session on Material Handling was conducted by Mr. Bhaktahari Mahapatra, Deputy Manager, (HSM-II), who highlighted safe material handling practices with special emphasis on Line of Fire hazards. He

elaborated on the causes, potential consequences and preventive measures required to mitigate such risks and ensure a safer workplace. The Electrical Safety session was delivered by Mr. D. G. Sethi, AGM (PD). He sensitised the participants on electrical hazards, safe work practices, learnings from past incidents and the essential precautions to be followed while working during the monsoon season. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Jyotirmayee Routia, Senior Manager (L&D) and Ms. Prangya Nath, Assistant Manager (Safety).

Solar Rath Initiative Reaches Khordha, Taking Rooftop Solar Awareness to Every Doorstep

Bhubaneswar, (correspondent): TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), a joint venture of Tata Power and the Government of Odisha, flagged off Solar Rath from the Office of the District Collector, Khordha, to spread awareness and promote the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana and encourage the adoption of rooftop solar systems.

The Solar Rath was flagged off by Sri Pratap Chandra Beura, Additional District Magistrate-cum-District Consumer Protection Officer, Khordha and Sri Jyoti



Sankar Sahu, CDO-cum-Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Khordha, in the presence of TPCODL officials. The Solar Rath vehicle will move across Khordha district to educate consumers about the benefits of rooftop solar, available subsidies and the installation process.

The trained Solar Sanga is accompanying the Solar Rath to engage with households, address consumer queries and promote the adoption of clean and affordable solar energy.

Speaking on this initiative Sri Pratap Chandra Beura said, "The Solar Rath

campaign will play a pivotal role in spreading awareness about rooftop solar and encouraging more households to avail benefit from the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. Khordha, the first district in Odisha to surpass 10,000 rooftop solar installations, has set a

benchmark for clean energy adoption, and this initiative is expected to further accelerate installations and strengthen the district's leadership in the state's solar transition."

Sri Jyoti Sankar Sahu said, "The Solar Rath campaign will help spread awareness about rooftop solar and encourage more households to benefit from the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. Through this initiative, the Solar Rath will reach Gram Panchayats and Blocks across the district to create greater awareness and further increase rooftop solar adoption"

Taptapani: Sacred Abode of Serenity and Spirituality

Gopalpur (correspondent) Nestled amidst the lush green forests of the Eastern Ghats, Taptapani has, for centuries, preserved its unique identity through the harmonious blend of nature's tranquility, the soothing warmth of its sulphur-rich hot springs, and the divine aura of spiritual faith. Renowned as a confluence of nature, tradition and divinity, this sacred destination shines like a priceless jewel in the crown of Ganjam district. The perennial sulphur hot springs, the ancient shrine of Maa Kandhuni, the nearby temple of Lord

Mahadeva, and the living traditions of the Kandha tribal community have transformed Taptapani into much more than a tourist destination. It is a revered centre of faith, healing and spiritual awakening, where every touch of nature and every breath of fresh mountain air offers a sense of peace, devotion and inner fulfillment.

The visit of the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, to this historic and sacred land has added a glorious chapter to the history of Ganjam. For the first time, the First Citizen of

the nation visited this revered tribal shrine, offered traditional prayers to Maa Kandhuni, and participated in the rituals and Aarti at the nearby Lord Mahadeva Temple. Her prayers for peace, prosperity and the well-being of all filled the entire atmosphere with devotion and spiritual grace. The hot springs of Taptapani are not merely a natural wonder but also an enduring symbol of popular faith. For generations, people have believed that bathing in these sulphur-rich waters provides relief from various skin ailments.

10 Hyva trucks seized in Sundargarh district; allegedly loaded with illegally removed sand previously confiscated by authorities

Rourkela / Biramitrapur: In a major crackdown on illegal sand transportation, officials seized 10 Hyva trucks allegedly loaded with sand that had previously been confiscated by the Mining and Revenue Department. According

to official sources, the department had earlier seized a large quantity of illegally stockpiled sand from Salangabahal. However, individuals allegedly linked to the sand mafia attempted to remove the seized sand and transport it elsewhere during the

night. Acting on a tip-off, a joint team comprising Raiboga police and Mining and Revenue officials conducted a raid and intercepted the trucks. Preliminary investigations indicate the sand was being transported towards the Bonai area. Officials



have initiated a detailed

probe to identify those involved in the incident, noting that the administration has intensified its enforcement efforts as illegal sand mining and transportation activities in Sundargarh district remain a cause for concern.

Pratappur School Felicitation Ceremony, Seeds Bank Inauguration and Tree Plantation Program held

SUBARNAPUR (correspondent)--- A grand felicitation ceremony was held at Pratappur Government Upper Primary School under Sonpur Block. Subarnapur Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Bishwaraj Panda attended as the chief guest and appreciated the various educational, environmental and social programs of the school. The program was presided over by Headmaster Smt. Santoshini Nanda while Teacher Gopesh Panda coordinated the stage. Teacher Akshaya Kumar Jena proposed the vote of thanks. On this occasion, the chief guest DFO Bishwaraj Panda was felicitated. Similarly, Smt. Santoshini Nanda and Gopesh Panda, who were promoted to the post of Level-III Headmaster from the school, were felicitated. Along with this, the old and newly elected members of the School Management Committee (SMC) of the school and all the ministers of the Students' Parliament were felicitated.

EDITORIAL

Working Women: Flight, Hope, and Challenges

The role of women in modern society has undergone a remarkable transformation. No longer confined to traditional household responsibilities, women today are making significant contributions in every field—from education and healthcare to science, business, politics, law enforcement, and entrepreneurship. For many, a career is not merely a source of income; it is a pathway to independence, self-respect, and personal fulfillment. Yet, this journey of empowerment is often accompanied by hopes, expectations, and countless challenges.

Employment gives women financial independence, enabling them to make decisions with confidence and contribute meaningfully to their families and society. A working woman often becomes a symbol of resilience and determination, inspiring younger generations to pursue education and careers without fear. Her success demonstrates that talent and dedication are not determined by gender but by opportunity and perseverance.

However, the reality of a working woman's life is rarely simple. Many women shoulder a "double burden"—managing professional responsibilities while continuing to handle the majority of household chores, childcare, and caregiving for elderly family members. Balancing work and family often demands extraordinary physical and emotional strength, leaving little time for rest or personal well-being.

Despite significant progress, workplace inequalities still persist. Unequal pay, limited opportunities for leadership, gender stereotypes, workplace harassment, and concerns about safety continue to affect many women. In rural and economically weaker communities, these challenges are often intensified by inadequate transportation, limited childcare facilities, and deeply rooted social expectations.

Yet, working women continue to break barriers. They are leading scientific discoveries, managing global corporations, serving in the armed forces, winning international sporting events, and shaping public policy. Their achievements prove that when given equal opportunities, women excel in every sphere of life.

Creating a supportive environment for working women is not solely their responsibility—it is a shared responsibility of families, employers, governments, and society. Equal sharing of household responsibilities, flexible work arrangements, safe workplaces, affordable childcare, and equal opportunities for promotion can help women thrive both professionally and personally.

A working woman's career should not be viewed as a choice between ambition and family. With understanding, cooperation, and supportive policies, she can successfully balance both. When women are empowered to pursue their aspirations without unnecessary obstacles, families become stronger, workplaces become more productive, and nations become more prosperous.

The story of the working woman is not simply one of struggle or success. It is a story of courage, hope, determination, and continuous growth. Her journey reflects the progress of society itself. By removing barriers and creating equal opportunities, we allow not only women but the entire nation to soar toward a brighter and more inclusive future.

Nahi Satyata Paro Dharma, Na Papo Sadrusham Param



Uma sankar prasad

Nahi Satyat Paro Dharma, Na Papo Sad?sa? Param:-- The Universal Law of Truth and falsehood. In a world increasingly driven by convenience, ambition, and fleeting short-cuts, humanity frequently finds itself at a moral crossroads. Amidst the noise of modern life, ancient wisdom serves as a timeless compass. Few maxims encapsulate the core of human ethics as profoundly as the classic Sanskrit verse found in Indian philosophy and popular Odia tradition:

" (Nahi Satyat Paro Dharma, Na Papo Sad?sa? Param) "There is no righteousness higher than Truth, and no sin greater than Falsehood." Religion. This timeless axiom is not merely a religious commandment; it is a fundamental philosophy for human existence, social harmony, and personal peace. The Essence of *Dharma* and *Satya*

To truly grasp the statement, one must understand the word "Dharma" or Religion *Dharma* in its truest sense means righteousness, duty, moral order, and cosmic law. It is the ethical fabric that holds society together.

The verse boldly asserts that among all virtues—charity, devotion, rituals, or sacrifice—Truth (Satya) stands supreme. Truth is the bedrock upon which all other virtues rest. Without truth, charity becomes mere grandstanding, and devotion becomes mere

hypocrisy. When a society or an individual grounds their actions in truth, they align themselves with the universal law. Truth requires no defense mechanism, no complex web of alibis, and no fear of exposure. It brings an inherent power and peace that no worldly riches can buy.

Falsehood: The Ultimate Sin

The second half of the phrase addresses the inverse:-- "Na Papo Sadrusham Param"—there is no sin equal to untruth or deceit. Why is falsehood identified as the greatest sin? Because deceit corrupts the soul from within and disintegrates trust from the outside. Every moral failing—be it corruption, betrayal, violence, or theft—begins with a lie. A single lie often demands a chain of subsequent lies to sustain itself, trapping the individual in a self-constructed cage of guilt and paranoia.

When deception becomes normalized, social trust collapses. Relationships fail, institutions crumble, and communities fracture. Hence, falsehood is not just a personal fault; it is a destructive force that unravels the social order. The Modern Relevance: Truth in the Digital Age---While this phrase originated in ancient times, its relevance today is arguably greater than ever. The Information Era:-- In an age dominated by social media, fake news, and deepfakes, discerning truth from falsehood has become a major challenge. The deliberate spreading of misquotes and false narratives causes real-world chaos. Adhering to truth today means exercising integrity before sharing information.

"Personal Integrity":-- In professional and personal spheres, the temptation to compromise the truth for quick gains is high. However, history consistently shows that achievements built on deception are fragile and temporary, whereas legacies built on truth endure.

"Mental Peace":--Modern psychology echoes this ancient truth. Living a life built on deceit creates constant cognitive dissonance and stress. Choosing honesty simplifies life and cultivates genuine inner tranquility.

"Satyameva Jayate": --The Ultimate Triumph-- In the spiritual and philosophical tradition of India, Truth is considered synonymous with the Divine. The Upanishadic motto *Satyameva Jayate* ("Truth alone triumphs") further reinforces this idea. Lies may win short-term battles through illusion and manipulation, but time ultimately strips away deception, leaving only the unvarnished truth standing. Living by "Nahi Satyam Paro Dharma" does not require grand heroic gestures. It begins in daily life—in our conversations, our business transactions, our promises, and our self-reflection. It asks us to be honest with others and, most importantly, honest with ourselves. In my Conclusion step I can say only that 'serves as a powerful reminder of life's fundamental priority'. It urges us to elevate Truth as our highest moral duty and to reject Falsehood in all its subtle forms. In doing so, we not only uplift our own character but also contribute to a world built on trust, justice, and lasting peace.

Paper Leak Racket Will Be Curbed Not by Fast-Track Courts, but by an Honest System



Yogesh Kumar Goyal

Speeding up the pace of justice is a welcome, but when the very foundation of a building is infested with termites, applying new coats of paint to the roof will not save the structure from collapsing. The question is not how quickly the punishment will be delivered; the question is why the future of millions of youth is not saved before it is put at stake? When the fraud in NEET and other prestigious competitive examinations, alongside the deep penetration of the organized education mafia, left the future of millions of meritorious candidates hanging in the balance, it was natural for panic to ensue in the corridors of power. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, related to paper leaks, was passed by a voice vote in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, and prior to this, the Prime Minister had also announced the formation of special 'Fast Track Courts' to ensure swift and severe punishment for the culprits. Although these appear to be strict and decisive steps at first glance, the question still remains unanswered: will merely speeding up the strict judicial process overnight fix the decayed structure of the education system? Will the provisions of a 10-year prison sentence and a fine of ₹10 crore in the new amendment stop paper leaks?

As far as Fast Track Courts are concerned, it is a punitive action taken after the crime has occurred, whereas the real challenge is to prevent the crime before it happens. An objective analysis of this entire sequence of events, the mathematics of fast track courts, the provisions of the new strict laws, and the systemic failure is essential. Fast Track Courts simply mean special courts established to dispose of specific categories of highly sensitive and serious cases within a time-bound period. The Indian judicial system is currently buried under the burden of over 50 million pending cases. In regular courts, it takes not just years, but decades for a final verdict to arrive in a case. While interpreting Article 21 of the Indian Constitution (Right to Life and Personal Liberty), the Supreme Court held the 'Right to Speedy Justice' to be a part of fundamental rights. Fast track courts do not create new laws; rather, under the prevailing laws, they conduct extremely strict, disciplined, and daily-basis hearings. In ordinary courts, where there is a gap of months between one date and another and lawyers play the game of 'date after date',

there is almost no room for unnecessary adjournments in a Fast Track Court. On the lines of these courts previously formed for cases like POCSO, rape, corruption, and terrorism, an initiative has now been taken to tackle the education mafia by appointing special judicial officers in places like Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court.

The fundamental question is: why was there a need for speedy courts in the first place? The bitter truth is that the country's public examination framework had completely collapsed. Despite the presence of strict laws, the main problem was that by taking advantage of criminal investigations and a sluggish judicial process, the main kingpins, brokers, and mafias roamed free on bail for years using legal maneuvers. By the time the court reached a conclusion, the upper age limit of millions of candidates would expire. This lax attitude made the copycat mafia so fearless that paper leaks in India took the form of a multi-millionaire organized industry. Lax investigations, slow justice, easy bail for the mafia, and high spirits (a business of crores) kept ruining the future of students. The government's intent shows that if sentences start being announced within 3 to 6 months, a fear of the law will be created in the minds of the copycat syndicate. Investigating agencies will be obligated to present strong chargesheets within a time-bound limit. The broken trust of students and parents caused by repeatedly canceled exams can be restored.

Under this, provisions have been made for individual culprits to face a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 10 years in prison, along with a fine of up to ₹50 lakh. If the crime is committed by an organized gang or examination mafia, there is a provision for a minimum of 7 years imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹10 crore. In case of negligence or collusion in conducting the examination, there are also provisions to impose a fine of up to ₹5 crore on private agencies, blacklist them for up to eight years, and recover the entire cost of conducting the examination. The biggest feature of the bill is that all offenses under it are cognizable, non-bailable, and non-compoundable. The real success of these strict provisions will depend on how rigorously, honestly, and effectively they are implemented.

Now the question is: is merely making strict laws and announcing Fast Track Courts the cure for this cancer? The blunt answer is: absolutely not. Strict laws were enacted after the Nirbhaya case, but did that stop rape cases? Simply creating courts cannot eradicate the curse of paper leaks either, because this entire legal exercise begins when the crime has already been committed. A Fast Track Court is also a kind of 'post-mortem' system.

Paper leaks do not happen in courtrooms; they happen in the closed rooms of printing presses, in vehicles during transportation, or through collusion with officials at strongrooms and examination centers. If the foundation of a building is dilapidated, merely applying fresh paint on top will not save the structure from falling. As long as breaches continue at the initial point, the formation of courts will prove to be nothing more than a political balm. If analyzed deeply, the past record of fast track courts in India has not been very bright. The country's existing speedy courts are themselves grappling with many structural problems. Despite the creation of special courts, cases start pending here too due to a severe shortage of judges. The speed of forensic labs and digital evidence analysis is extremely slow. In a system where it takes a year for a forensics or mobile analysis report to arrive, how can justice become fast merely by writing 'Fast' in front of the court's name?

In many cases, it has been observed that police or central agencies, under media trial and political pressure, hastily file weak chargesheets. Big mafias hiring armies of expensive lawyers ultimately get acquitted by taking advantage of legal loopholes. If the investigation itself is flimsy, even Fast Track Courts will be forced to release the accused for lack of evidence. If we truly want to uproot the disease of paper leaks, instead of relying solely on punitive measures, we must take a firm stance on preventive measures. Direct accountability of top officials of national and state-level exam-conducting agencies must be fixed. From printing question papers to their distribution and digital encryption, implementing state-of-the-art and military-grade security standards must be mandatory. There should be complete transparency in the selection of printing presses and strongrooms, and strict background checks must be conducted on every private and government employee involved. Instead of hushing up the matter upon receiving information about a leak, a special rapid investigation wing should be operationalized within the initial 24 hours to secure digital evidence. Crimes are not stopped merely by making sections of the law stricter; the certainty of being caught and administrative honesty at every level form the real shield. The formation of Fast Track Courts may be a welcome and necessary step, but it is not the ultimate solution. The youth of the country do not just need 'speedy justice'; they need a transparent system where the need to ask for justice does not arise in the first place.

The vision of India@2047 requires moving beyond governance for youth to governance with youth



Kishan Bhawnani

Globally, in the year 2026, India is undergoing a historic transformation, where artificial intelligence, automation, robotics, the digital economy, cybersecurity, green technology, and data-driven governance are rapidly transforming traditional structures of education, employment, industry, and administration. Today, the country and the world are producing a large number of engineers, lawyers, doctors, management experts, technical professionals, and graduates in various disciplines. However, I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that there is a serious gap between obtaining a degree and becoming truly employable. Despite receiving higher education, many young people fall short in the practical skills, technical proficiency, problem-

solving abilities, communication skills, teamwork, digital understanding, and the ability to constantly update themselves with changing technologies. On the other hand, the industry lacks trained and work-ready youth. This situation reflects the wide gap not just between education and employment, but between degrees and skills, knowledge and application, youth aspirations and institutional capacity, and government policy and on-the-ground results. Against this backdrop, the second high-level meeting chaired by the Indian Prime Minister with Central Government Secretaries on July 28, 2026, assumes special significance. The meeting discussed the future course of action for ministries and departments related to finance and economy, commerce and industry, and technology. The Prime Minister emphasized the need to reduce horizontal and vertical barriers at the

departmental level, establish better coordination, and make governance more youthful, dynamic, innovative, and future-ready. He also underlined that the government must continuously evolve itself to meet changing challenges and new opportunities. This message is not merely a general idea of administrative reform, but rather indicates a new role for governance in the context of a rapidly changing economy and youthful expectations.

Friends, the high-level meeting on July 28, 2026, the skills gap between industry and education, the need for internships, the new employment challenges of the AI era, the youth movement against exam paper leaks, the expansion of digital democracy, and the need to make the administration young, dynamic, and adaptable—these are not separate topics. They are different dimensions of a single, larger question about India's future: will the country's education, economy, and governance system be able to adapt in time to meet the changing aspirations of the

younger generation? India's youth have clearly indicated that they want fair opportunities, not just jobs; they want useful skills, not just degrees; they want digital rights and transparency, not just digital access; they want timely results, not just assurances. The challenge before the government is not just to create more plans, but to connect plans to results. If education connects with industry, internships provide real-world experience, skills align with the economy of the future, the examination system is reliable, the administration is communicative, and youth are empowered to participate in policymaking, then India's youth power can become the world's greatest development force.

Friends, today the global economy is becoming more than just labor-based, but also knowledge, data, innovation, and skills-based. Artificial intelligence is making many tasks faster, automated, and more accurate. In engineering, design, coding, testing, and production processes are transforming; in law, legal research, document analysis, and the use of judicial data are

being influenced by technology; in medicine, new models of diagnostic assistance, digital health, and personalized treatment are developing; in banking, the importance of algorithms, fintech, and cybersecurity is growing. Therefore, in the future, a degree in just one subject will not be sufficient. Young people must develop digital literacy, understanding of AI, data analysis, ethical decision-making, creativity, and human-centered problem-solving skills alongside their core subjects.

Friends, despite the large number of engineers produced annually in India, there has been a constant debate about the gap between employment availability and skill demand. A study questioned the fact that India produces approximately nine lakh engineers annually and that the number of graduates is still higher than employment growth in the technical sector. The study also indicated that the traditional job-based model alone may not be sufficient and that technical education needs to be integrated with entrepreneurship, local

innovation, and new types of micro-enterprises. While such data should be interpreted in light of the varying circumstances of different institutions and regions, the fundamental challenge is clear: increasing the number of higher education graduates in itself does not guarantee employability. This is why the Prime Minister's emphasis on the need to develop new and skill-based curricula in collaboration with industry is extremely relevant. Curricula in educational institutions often evolve at a slower pace than the changing needs of industry. By the time universities incorporate a new technology into the curriculum, the industry has already begun adopting the next level. Therefore, curriculum development cannot remain solely the domain of universities or regulatory bodies. Industry, educational institutions, research organizations, startups, local administration, and youth must collaborate to develop a framework for future skills. According to the Government

Review of Skills 2025, specialized curricula and new role-based training structures have been developed for emerging sectors such as AI, Industry 4.0, green jobs, and digital services. The need now is to make these initiatives comprehensive, quality-driven, and outcome-driven.

Friends, skill development should not simply mean obtaining a certificate in a few weeks or months. Real skills are those that young people can apply in the workplace, solve problems, and adapt to changing circumstances. For example, an engineer should understand not just technical theory, but also real projects, teamwork, production processes, quality control, and client needs. A law graduate should have not only legal knowledge but also a practical understanding of digital legal research, document creation, mediation, cyber law, data protection, and access to justice. Similarly, a management graduate must develop competencies not just in theory, but in data, markets,

entrepreneurship, and organizational decision-making. Therefore, it is essential to move education beyond "answering exams" to "solving real-life problems." Internships can be an important means of bridging this gap. The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme aims to provide youth with experience in a real-life business environment and build a bridge between education and industry needs. Under the scheme, a structure has been created to provide youth with workplace experience for 12 months. However, the success of internships should not be measured solely by the number of opportunities. It must be seen how many youth actually complete the training, how much practical knowledge they gain, how many find employment or entrepreneurial opportunities, and whether their income and employability improve after the internship. Internships must be linked not only to formal certifications, but also to a mentor, a real project, skills assessment, and career guidance.

A large crowd of people is gathered at night, many with their hands clasped in prayer, during the funeral procession of a man in a green and gold sari. The scene is illuminated by bright lights, possibly from a stage or camera flashes, creating a dramatic atmosphere. The crowd is diverse in age and appearance, and the overall mood is one of solemnity and collective grief.

progress of restoration work. The Deputy Chief Minister interacted with flood-affected residents and enquired about their hardships. She informed the people about the healthcare services, relief assistance, and other emergency support being provided by the Government during the flood situation. She also assured the affected people that every possible assistance and support from the Government would be extended to them. Badachana MLA Shri Amar Kumar Nayak and Jajpur MLA Smt. Sujata Sahu accompanied the Deputy Chief Minister during the visit.

After completing her field visit, the Deputy

Chief Minister chaired a review meeting at the conference hall of the District Collector's Office, where she held detailed discussions on the prevailing flood situation, the extent of damage, and the progress of relief distribution in the district. During the meeting, she expressed concern

over the possibility of water-borne diseases and epidemics after the floodwaters recede. She directed the concerned officials to immediately and properly disinfect all drinking water sources, wells, tube wells, and flood-affected areas by using bleaching powder, halogen tablets, and chlorine. She also

The Deputy Chief Minister directed the Health Department to ensure door-to-door medical services through mobile medical teams, provide essential medicines, and ensure

the supply of safe drinking water through water tankers. She further instructed officials to ensure adequate stock of medicines to prevent water-borne diseases, provide uninterrupted healthcare services, and submit an accurate assessment report of the flood damage.

District Collector Shri Ambar Kumar Kar presented a detailed report to the Deputy Chief Minister regarding the flood situation, relief measures, and rescue operations in the district.

During the review meeting, Smt. Parida directed officials to conduct a proper field-level assessment of the flood damage and immediately prepare and submit a comprehensive report to

the Government. She also instructed officials to expedite restoration work in the affected areas and ensure that no eligible flood victim is deprived of Government assistance.

She further directed the concerned authorities to arrange cattle feed and organize veterinary camps for livestock in the flood-affected areas. The district administration was instructed to remain vigilant so that there is no negligence or irregularity in the distribution of relief materials and delivery of healthcare services.

The review meeting was attended by Badachana MLA Shri Amar Kumar Nayak, Jajpur MLA Smt. Sujata Sahu, District Collector Shri Amban

Kumar Kar, Additional District Magistrate (Administration) Shri Judhishtir Nayak, Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Shri Shibananda Swain, Deputy Chief Minister's Personal Secretary Ashutosh Raut, Sub-Collector Shri Tapas Ranjan Dehuri, the Chief District Medical & Public Health Officer, the Chief District Agriculture Officer, senior district-level officers of various departments, Superintending Engineers, Line Department officials, all Block Development Officers (BDOs), and Tahasildars. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Chief Development Officer of the Zilla Parishad, Shri Debiprasad Mohanty.

Mishra were among the dignitaries present. Government officials, entrepreneurs, startup representatives, academicians, and students participated in discussions on innovation, skill development, government support, and startup opportunities. The programme was described as a significant initiative to promote entrepreneurship and create job creators among the youth of Gajapati district.

Paralakhemundi: (Correspondent):- The TEJAS (Transforming Entrepreneurial Journeys Across States & Districts) Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme was organised at Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Paralakhemundi, under a joint initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Startup Odisha, and the Odisha Government. Paralakhemundi MLA Rupesh Panigrahi

Gomango, Gajapati
Collector Akshaya
Sunil Agrawal, DPIIT
CEO and former
Gajapati Collector
Smruti Ranjan
Pradhan, CUTM
President Dr. D. N.
Rao, and Vice-
Chairman Mukhtikanta

inaugurated the programme and said entrepreneurship is the cornerstone of an Atmanirbhar Bharat, urging the youth of Gajapati to embrace innovation and self-employment. Mohana MLA Dasarathi

Rayagada, (Correspondent) 2026: In a bid to ensure the rule of law and curb illegal activities in the district, Rayagada, Ramesh Kumar Jena, Sub-Collector, conducted a surprise inspection on Monday. During the inspection, officials intercepted and seized a vehicle transporting six bulls near Janata village. Later, while returning from the village, the Sub-Collector noticed a truck carrying fertiliser under suspicious circumstances in the ghat section. The truck was stopped for inspection, and following a preliminary inquiry, it was also seized. Both the seized vehicles have been handed over to the Rayagada Police for further legal proceedings. The district administration stated that such inspections and enforcement drives against illegal transportation and other unlawful activities will continue in the coming days.

Paralakhemundi: (Correspondent):- An elderly couple from Gajapati district has left for Chennai in search of their son, Jitu Nayak, a migrant worker who has been missing for over two months. Jitu, a resident of Kiraamba village under Mohana police limits, had been working in a hotel in Chennai for the past six years to support his aged parents. He regularly sent part of his monthly earnings home, which was their only source of livelihood. However, his parents have neither received any phone call nor money from him for the last two months. They alleged that whenever

they called his mobile phone, an unknown person answered in Hindi, saying Jitu was not there before disconnecting the call. Fearing for their son's safety, the couple lodged a written complaint with Mohana Police and appealed to the district administration and the Odisha Government for assistance. Unable to bear the uncertainty, the elderly parents have now travelled to Chennai to search for their son. The incident has triggered concern in the Mohana area, with local residents urging the authorities to take immediate steps to trace the missing migrant worker and ensure his safe return.

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Sealed proposals are invited from reputed and eligible Service Providers/Agencies registered under the applicable laws for providing 04 (Four) Group-'D' Outsourcing Services at the State Information Centre (Jayadev Bhawan), Bhubaneswar, in accordance with the Finance Department guidelines on outsourcing of services and the provisions of Rule 256(v) of the Odisha General Financial Rules (OGFR).	
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Hindol(Correspondent):-Dhenkanal District Hindol Sub division Level 80th Independence Day Preparation Meeting has been held today. In today's meeting chaired by Upazilapal Prabhas Beura at Hindol Tehsil conference Hall, how to celebrate the National Honour Festival in a peaceful manner, mass parade, various competitions at school and college level, garlanding of idols of great men, awarding individuals for outstanding contribution in various fields, health, sanitation, fire prevention, etc.

Kataka(Correspo ndent):- A young man, suspected of stealing goats, was allegedly tied to an electric pole and beaten by locals at Botalama village under Banki police station area in Kataka on Tuesday. The incident reportedly happend early this morning when the young man was allegedly caught trying to steal goats from the shed of a local resident named Gundicha Dalei.

Reportedly, Dalei's wife spotted the 'intruder' in their shed during the early morning hours and immediately raised an alarm, shouting for help to alert the neighborhood. Soon, villagers rushed to the scene and allegedly caught the young man red handed. The angry villagers then allegedly tied the accused to an electric pole and beat him severely. The residents, frustrated by the theft attempt, decided to punish the

suspect themselves rather than waiting for police intervention, said a local on the condition of anonymity. Banki police arrived at the location after receiving information about the incident. They rescued the accused from the mob and took him to the police station for questioning. Police is r e p o r t e d l y investigating both the attempted theft and the assault by the villagers.

Both the seized vehicles have been handed over to the Rayagada Police for further legal proceedings. The district administration stated that such inspections and enforcement drives against illegal transportation and other unlawful activities will continue in the coming days.

towards Berhampur from Ichapur on the national highway when a truck (TN 29V 20309) came at a high speed from behind and lost control. As a result, the driver and the helper were trapped inside the truck cabin. On receiving information, Golanthara police

station and fire department personnel reached the spot and cut the truck with the help of a gas cutter to rescue both of them. The driver died on the spot. It is learnt that the seriously injured helper has been admitted to the Berhampur MKCG Hospital. The police have seized both the trucks, registered a case and started an investigation.

Gopalpur, (correspondent) A truck lost control and hit a brick-laden truck from behind on National Highway 16 near Girisola village under Golanthara police station, killing the truck driver on the spot and seriously injuring the helper. It has been reported that the deceased truck driver has been identified as Meghnadan from Tamil Nadu. On Tuesday afternoon at 2 pm, a brick truck (OD 07D-1357) was moving

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going to kick open this door." Following this outburst, he then kicked the door three times, breaking it. Following the incident, he was taken out of the headquarters for a few hours. Meanwhile, Salman Khan will be next seen in Maatrubhumi: May War Rest In Peace. The film was earlier scheduled to release in April but was postponed.

Top 5 Everyday Foods That Are Better For Blood Sugar When Eaten Cold



Managing diabetes is not just about avoiding sugar or reading nutrition labels like a hawk. It is also about being smart with how you cook and consume your food. In fact, what happens to your food after cooking could significantly impact your blood sugar levels. We are talking about cooling simple, everyday foods before eating them. While it might sound like a hack for lazy leftovers, cooling some cooked foods can actually be a smart dietary move for diabetics. If you are someone trying to manage diabetes more effectively, this article could change the way you approach your plate. Here is what nutrition experts suggest.

1. Cooked Legumes: Legumes such as rajma and chhole should be cooled in the refrigerator after

cooking. According to the expert, "Cooling these legumes will increase the amylose content and resistant starch." This helps keep post-meal blood sugar levels steadier. No wonder hummus with carrot sticks is often recommended as a healthy snack for diabetics. 2. Cooked Carrots Cooked carrots should be cooled before consumption. The expert explains that cooling carrots enhances carotenoid bioavailability and gives them fibre-like effects. For diabetics, this not only improves nutrient absorption but also supports overall health. 3. Steamed Cabbage: Cooling cabbage after steaming improves its benefits for diabetics. "Cooled cabbage has better stability of glucosinolates, which helps in liver detox and your gut health," says Panchal. A quick tip: serve it as a chilled salad on the side. 4. Cooked Green Peas Green peas, when cooked and then cooled, undergo starch retrogradation. This process increases

their fibre and protein content. The result? More stable blood sugar levels and longer-lasting satiety.

5. Cooked Millets Millets such as jowar and ragi, once cooked and cooled, show a rise in starch that mimics fibre. This helps regulate blood glucose and makes them ideal for anyone managing diabetes.

Here Are 4 Foods To Avoid In The Morning To Prevent Blood Sugar Spikes Starting the day right is crucial for diabetics. Your first meal can set the tone for how your body handles glucose throughout the day. Here are some morning foods experts advise against if you want better blood sugar control. 1. Milk Tea First Thing In The Morning Many people begin their day with a cup of chai, but for diabetics, this may not be the best choice. According to celebrity nutritionist Rashi Chowdhary, "Lactose found in milk can be difficult to digest for some individuals. This undigested lactose ferments in the gut, which leads to bloating, gas and diarrhoea." She also adds that casein in milk can cause inflammation in the gut, affecting gut health and potentially allowing toxins to enter the bloodstream.

2. Fruit Juices

Packaged fruit juices are often stripped of fibre. Without fibre, sugar from fruit enters the bloodstream rapidly, leading to blood sugar spikes. This is usually followed by a crash, which leaves you tired, hungry and craving more sugar—none of which helps manage diabetes.

3. Bread On An Empty Stomach Refined bread may be a breakfast staple, but it is not ideal for those watching their blood sugar. The refined starch quickly converts to glucose, especially on an empty stomach. This sudden spike can throw off blood sugar regulation and impact digestion for the rest of the day.

4. Electrolyte Drinks Electrolytes are often marketed as healthy, but store-bought versions can contain artificial sweeteners such as sucralose. These sweeteners can disrupt your gut microbiome, leading to digestive issues and fluctuating blood sugar levels, particularly if consumed on an empty stomach.



Kolkata-Style Keema Kathi Roll Recipe

Ingredients

250 gms mutton keema 1 onion, finely chopped 2-3 garlic cloves 1 capsicum, chopped 1 tomato, chopped 1 tsp red chilli powder 1 tsp coriander powder 2 tbsp oil 1/2 ginger 2 eggs Salt to taste 1 tbsp coriander leaves 3-4 tsp grated cheese

How to Make

1. To make this kathi roll, add half the onion, red chilli powder, coriander powder, garlic cloves,

ginger, coriander leaves, and salt to a mixer grinder. Grind to form a smooth paste. 2. Now, add the mutton keema to it and combine everything together. 3. Heat some oil in a pan, add the remaining onions, and fry until they become golden brown in colour. Add half the capsicum, tomato, and keema mixture. Cover the pan with a lid and cook for a few minutes. 4. Once done, add the eggs, mix well, and fry until the eggs are done. 5. Heat a chapati or paratha on a tawa and place the prepared stuffing in the centre. Top it with sliced onions, capsicum, and grated cheese. 6. Fold the roll and serve hot with ketchup or chutney.

Pranit More Gets Emotional During First Show After Rs 370 Biryani Row



XStand-up comedian Pranit More became emotional during his first live performance after facing widespread criticism over the viral '370 biryani' controversy. A video from the show has surfaced on social media, showing the comedian fighting back tears as he thanked the audience for standing by him. The clip, reportedly from a show in Georgia held on June 14, 2026, has gained traction online, with many viewers reacting to More's heartfelt remarks. Addressing the audience, Pranit More admitted that he was unsure whether people would welcome him after the backlash. "When I came on stage, I wondered if people would accept me. It felt really good that all of you were so supportive even after everything that happened. Thank you so much." He said the support from the audience meant a great deal to him during a difficult period. The comedian reflected on why he chose stand-up comedy as a career, saying it was never about becoming famous or earning money. According to More, he entered comedy because it brought him happiness, and his goal was always to make others laugh. He added that when audiences stop finding joy in his work, it naturally affects him emotionally. During the performance, More shared advice his mother gave him after the controversy. He said she reminded him that everyone makes mistakes and encouraged him to let his actions demonstrate that he had learned from the experience. Her words, he said, gave him the confidence to continue performing despite the criticism. Towards the end of the show, the comedian became emotional again while expressing gratitude to those who continued to support him. "Thank you so much for giving me another chance. I have performed many shows, but I will always remember this one and all of you." His remarks were met with applause from the audience.

5 Reasons To Add Flaxseeds To Your Daily Diet

1. Supports Hormonal Balance: Hormonal fluctuations are a natural part of a woman's life, often leading to concerns like PMS, irregular periods, and mood swings. Flaxseeds contain lignans, plant-based compounds that help regulate estrogen levels in the body. According to Richa, consuming flaxseeds regularly can support hormonal balance, making them especially beneficial for women dealing with menstrual irregularities.

2. Boosts Heart Health: A healthy heart is key to overall well-being, and flaxseeds can play a vital role in maintaining cardiovascular health. As we age, keeping cholesterol levels in check becomes even more important. The dietitian explains that flaxseeds are rich in fibre and omega-3 fatty acids, both of which help reduce bad cholesterol and promote better blood circulation. Adding just one tablespoon to your diet can be a simple yet effective step towards a healthier heart. 3. Improves Digestion: Digestive issues are common among women, especially during menstrual cycles, due to hormonal fluctuations. Flaxseeds are a natural source of soluble and insoluble fibre, making them excellent for gut health. Richa suggests including one tablespoon in your diet to ease constipation, regulate bowel movements, and keep your digestive system running smoothly. 4. Helps Reduce Inflammation: Inflammation in the body can lead to joint pain, fatigue, and other discomforts. Flaxseeds contain antioxidants and omega-3 fatty acids, which help combat inflammation and promote overall wellness. Regular consumption can reduce symptoms like muscle stiffness and chronic fatigue, making them a great addition to an anti-inflammatory diet. 5. Supports Healthy Weight Management: Weight gain can be a concern for many women, especially those with PCOS or metabolic issues. Flaxseeds, thanks to their high fibre content, help keep you full for longer, reducing unnecessary snacking and cravings. Including them in your diet can aid in weight management and support healthy metabolism, making it easier to stay on track with fitness goals.



Neeraj Chopra To Compete In Lausanne Diamond League After CWG Silver

New Delhi: After his silver-winning show at the recently concluded Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra is set to participate in the Lausanne Diamond League, also known as Athletissima, on August 21.

Neeraj will be competing in a stacked field similar to the Commonwealth Games 2026 along with European stars. The five javelin superstars who have claimed the last four Olympic and World Championship titles will all be at Athletissima on August 21 for a competition of exceptional quality.

The exceptional field highlights how the centre of gravity in world javelin has shifted



towards the Indian subcontinent, with reigning Olympic champion Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, India's Chopra and Sri Lanka's Pathirage, and towards the Caribbean, represented by Trinidad and Tobago's Walcott and Grenada's Peters. The Lausanne

crowd will have the opportunity to witness different schools of throwing and contrasting styles. Peters' meeting record of 90.61m will be under serious threat. Switzerland's Simon Wieland, who continues to make impressive progress, has also been

confirmed, along with the last two European champions, Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Czechia's Jakub Vadlejch and Germany's Julian Weber. World number two American Curtis Thompson will also be in contention for victory. Five of these

throwers, Neeraj, Arshad, Pathirage, Peters, and Walcott, competed in the CWG 2026 javelin final, with Pathirage winning the title with a massive throw of 89.75m in tough windy conditions.

Neeraj produced a season-best throw of 85.83m to finish at the second spot. Arshad, who was also the defending champion from Birmingham, failed to make a mark and finished ninth with a below-par performance of 77.41. Peters finished fourth with 83.88m. In the Diamond League standings, the 2022 champion Neeraj currently sits seventh with five points while Pathirage and Peters have already qualified for the finals with 23 points each.

Stokes Says Not Ready To Return As Player But Open To Coaching Role With England

London: Ben Stokes has insisted that his England career as a player has ended but said he is open to returning to the dressing room in a coaching capacity in the future, the former all-format captain of England said in a podcast.

Stokes ended his international career in controversial circumstances after a 2-1 Test series defeat to New Zealand in June. After being dropped due to disciplinary reasons following their win in the Lord's Test, Stokes admitted that four years as captain had exhausted him and that he did not have "any more fight left in me." England Director of Men's cricket Rob Key stated last week he "wouldn't be surprised" if Stokes were to return. Stokes, who had earlier

reversed his ODI retirement to play in the 2023 World Cup, told the For the Love of Cricket podcast by former team-mate Jos Buttler that he has definitely retired. The 35-year-old Stokes added: "I'm doing my level three coaching now while I'm still playing, because when the day comes that I'm not playing anymore, I'd love to be able to have all that stuff signed off and done." "I know what I want to do in terms of staying within the game, which is to be a coach. "And would I love to be coach of England one day? Absolutely. I just really like the idea of being in some form of leadership away from playing," Stokes said. Joe Root, who led the Test team after the Lord's match against New Zealand,

has since been reappointed as Test captain.

Root won a record 27 Tests during his first stint as captain between 2017 and 2022, but his reign ended on a low note with one win in 17 matches while navigating Covid restrictions. Root, England's record run-scorer, admitted when he stood down he had a "very unhealthy relationship" with the job, although he declared over the weekend he is relishing working under new head coach Stephen Fleming. Stokes added: "I wish him nothing but success. I hope he goes on and achieves amazing things in his role as captain and I think he's going to really enjoy it with Flem. He's a great man."

BCCI Sends Clear Signal to Mohammed Shami by Naming Jasprit Bumrah Replacement for Sri Lanka Tests



Jasprit Bumrah missing the upcoming Sri Lanka Test series due to another injury has forced a notable shift in India's fast-bowling lineup. Instead of recalling veteran Mohammed Shami, the BCCI selection committee decided to replace Bumrah with Jammu and Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi. This decision highlights a tough reality for senior players trying to

overcome extended fitness setbacks. Indian cricket is currently operating under a strict transitional policy where high domestic workloads hold more value than previous international success. Managing fast bowler injuries has become a central focus for team management, especially considering the packed international schedule. Shami has not played a red-ball

Test match for the national team since 2023. Furthermore, his most recent ODI and T20I appearances took place in 2025 against New Zealand and England, respectively. Chief selector Ajit Agarkar stated clearly that the experienced fast bowler currently lacks the physical conditioning needed to survive the exhausting demands of five-day cricket.

FIVB Confirms Participation Of Russian Teams In 2027 Volleyball Nations League

Geneva: The International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) announced on Tuesday that Russia's men's and women's national teams will participate in the 2027 Volleyball Nations League (VNL). "Following its statement issued on 8 July 2026, the FIVB has continued consultations with relevant stakeholders to establish a clear roadmap for the return of Russian athletes and technical officials to World competitions," the world volleyball governing body said in a statement. The VNL will expand from 18 to 19 teams for the 2027 edition, as neither of Russia's teams qualified through the usual



process, with Slovenia's women's team and Finland's men's team retaining their places in the competition. The FIVB confirmed that Russia had voluntarily chosen not to compete in the 2027 Men's World Cup, while its participation in the 2027 Women's World Cup has yet to be

confirmed. Meanwhile, World No. 1 Poland rallied to defeat the United States 3-2 and retained its title in the recently concluded 2026 edition of the FIVB Men's Volleyball Nations League Finals on Sunday, while Slovenia beat Japan 3-1 to secure its first VNL medal. In a thrilling final,

Poland took the opening set 25-21 before the United States responded by edging the next two 25-23 and 27-25 to move within one set of the title. With the championship on the line, the fourth set remained level at 20-20 before Poland outside hitter Tomasz Fornal

sparked his team with a series of outstanding serves. Poland closed out the set 25-23 to force a decider. The defending champion seized control after the score was tied at 5-5 in the fifth set, capitalising on several U.S. attacking errors to build a 13-7 lead. Poland's disciplined defense and effective blocking denied America any chance of a comeback, and the European side sealed the set 15-10 to complete the turnaround and claim its third VNL title. Earlier on Sunday, after finishing fourth on three previous occasions, Slovenia finally reached the VNL podium by defeating Japan 3-1 (25-21, 26-28, 25-22, 25-22) in the bronze medal match.

'Withdrawing The Project Was Absolutely Necessary,' Says Wenger On FIFA's FFE U-Turn

New Delhi: FIFA's chief of global football development Arsene Wenger has backed the decision to withdraw the controversial FIFA Forward Enterprise (FFE) proposal, saying abandoning the project was 'absolutely necessary and beyond question' and reaffirming his belief in an independent and transparent world governing body. In a statement, Wenger clarified that he had no involvement in the strategic proposal, which sought to create a commercial subsidiary to manage FIFA's major competition rights, including the FIFA World Cup, while allowing private investors to acquire an equity stake. "The recent events at FIFA deserve some clarity from my side. At FIFA,



I am the chief of global football development. Together with my team, I oversee the data analysis of the game, the FIFA Online Training Centre, the development of youth education through 60 academies across 60 countries where they are most needed, and youth competitions around the world. In addition, I am

a technical adviser to IFAB," Wenger said in a statement. The former Arsenal manager stressed that he first learned of the proposal through media reports. "I was not involved in this strategic plan and first became aware of the project through media reports. The decision to withdraw the project was absolutely

necessary and beyond question, because I firmly believe in an independent FIFA that serves our game with commitment, transparency, and integrity," he added. FIFA president Gianni Infantino announced the withdrawal of the FFE proposal after it triggered widespread

opposition from UEFA, Concacaf, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and several national associations, as well as criticism from within FIFA. The proposal had envisaged the creation of a new commercial entity to manage the rights of FIFA's flagship competitions, with external investors permitted to purchase an equity stake. FIFA had argued the initiative would generate additional revenue to expand development funding for its 211 member associations.

However, the project drew sharp criticism over governance and transparency, prompting Infantino to abandon the plan, saying it had created divisions within world football that were no longer in the interests of the game.

Coach Santiago Nieve details Tactical Shifts behind Indian Women Boxers securing Five CWG Golds

Returning to India last December transformed national boxing fortunes. Head coach Santiago Nieve guided Indian women boxers to five gold and one silver medal at the recent Glasgow Commonwealth Games. All five championships arrived strictly in Olympic weight categories. Nieve previously served as India's high-performance director from 2017 to 2021 before helping Australia secure two bronze medals at the Paris Olympics. His recent return brings a carefully calculated philosophy to the ring. India continues to strengthen its overall footprint in combat sports on the global stage, making these international gold medals highly significant. Rather than relying on raw



aggression, Nieve currently emphasizes strict discipline and optimal distance control. He trains his boxers to properly manage three specific ring ranges. Athletes learn to fight safely from a distance, close the fighting gap effectively, and defend correctly under extreme pressure at close range. Nieve noticed that long-distance boxers often struggle when opponents quickly

move inside. His practical solution involves avoiding rough physical exchanges and keeping all attacks highly organized. He frequently compares this structured system to football, noting that teams score most often when they maintain strong defensive positions alongside their offensive pushes. This careful strategic planning helped Indian fighters beat world-class opponents from Ireland, Canada, and Australia in the finals.

RBI Appoints Monisha Chakraborty As Executive Director Of Forex Department

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Monisha Chakraborty as Executive Director (ED) with effect from Monday. As Executive Director, Chakraborty will look after the Foreign Exchange Department and the Financial Markets Regulation Department. As a career central banker, she has experience of over three decades in the RBI, having worked in the areas of supervision, foreign exchange, and government and bank accounts. She was associated with a technical Committee set up to review the format of the RBI's Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss account. Chakraborty has also served as Banking Ombudsman. Prior to being promoted as ED, she was serving as Chief General Manager -in- Charge of the Department of Supervision. Chakraborty has a degree in Economics and a Master's degree in Business Economics, both from Delhi University. Last month, the RBI had appointed Ravi Shankar as its new Executive Director (ED).

"Pride of India 2026" award to Moksha daughter of Odisha for environmental protection

Bhubaneswar: (Correspondent):- Odisha's Mokshadhriti Panigrahi has been honoured with the prestigious "Pride of India 2026" award for her exceptional contribution to green industry and environment protection. She has been awarded the 'Green Store-Up' category. Moksha was presented the award at the 'Proud of India Leadership Meet 2026' in New Delhi in the presence of outgoing Central MSM Minister Shri Ramesh Ram Majhi, other Union Ministers, MPs and High Commissioners. Moksha is the eldest daughter of Shri Rupesh Kumar Panigrahi, MLA from Paralakhemundi in Gajapati district, and Smt. Madhusmita Tripathi, Director and Trustee of Hi-tech Medical College and Hospital. Moksha started her journey with a climate movement in her village in 2018. She has been continuously raising her voice for environmental protection and climate justice since a young age. Currently, he is an active member of the 'Again Movement', 'The Child



Movement' and the CBTTO Youth Group, creating environmental awareness across the country. He has brought about a huge change by working in the field of awareness as well as in the real world. He was

instrumental in making Hi-tech Medical College and Hospital the first solar-powered hospital in Eastern India. He has also played a key role in promoting extensive tree plantation, waste recycling and use of renewable energy. This national level Moksha will bring glory to the entire state of Odisha and will definitely inspire the youth towards building a healthy and sustainable future, said Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi, Founder Chairman of Hi-tech Group and Dr. Rakesh Panigrahi, Managing Trustee Director.

KISS ranked 3rd in India among universities in National Green University Ranking 2026

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has secured an impressive 3rd rank and platinum rating in the National Green University Ranking (NGUR) 2026 for fostering an eco-friendly campus and environmental consciousness among students and faculty. This notable achievement highlights KISS DU's growing focus on green initiatives. The comprehensive rankings, compiled and released by Green Mentors, a global greening education organization registered in the United States and India, evaluate universities across India based on their performance in various sustainability initiatives. These include



parameters such as green infrastructure, waste management practices, energy conservation, water harvesting, and curriculum integration of environmental studies. Recognized with Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Green Mentors is dedicated to advancing climate-conscious, regenerative, and future-ready education systems across schools and

universities worldwide. KISS, the largest tribal university worldwide, is known for its green initiatives among the Universities, in India with other sustainable development goals of the UN. The recognition not only elevates the national profile of the university but also sets a commendable benchmark for other educational bodies in eastern India to integrate green practices more effectively. Expressing

his happiness, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, said, from its inception, KIIT & KISS have been working towards green initiatives. For which KISS has been awarded by various national and international organizations. The National Green University Ranking aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the UNESCO Greening Higher Education Framework, encouraging universities to embed sustainability into every aspect of institutional life while supporting India's aspiration to accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals before 2030.

HSM-2 of Rourkela Steel Plant sets new Monthly Rolling Record: DIC RSP hails team's capability

Rourkela, (Correspondent): Hot Strip Mill-2 (HSM-2) of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) has surpassed yet another major milestone by recording its highest-ever monthly rolling of 2,48,598 tonnes in coil weight during July 2026. This surpasses its previous best of 2,47,994 tonnes achieved in March 2026.

In another notable achievement, the Sheet Shearing Line also delivered a record performance by shearing 32,721 tonnes in coil weight in July 2026, exceeding its earlier best of 29,917 tonnes recorded in July 2025.

Mr. Alok Verma, Director In-Charge, RSP visited the mill complex on 3rd



August 2026 and congratulated the entire HSM-2 collective for the superlative performance. While interacting with the team, he appreciated their planning and operational excellence, stating that the achievement reflects the team's strong capability. He further remarked, "I believe the actual potential of the HSM-2 team is in 2.55 lakh tonnes of rolling." In

his concluding observation, he said, "Potential is not what we achieved; potential is what we thought we could not achieve."

The visit was also attended by Mr. Tarun Mishra, ED(HR), Mr. Biswa Ranjan Palai, ED(Works), Mr. Anil Kumar, ED(MM), Mr. M. P. Singh, ED(Mines), Mr. Sudip Palchowdhury, ED(Projects), Mr. Rajesh Dasgupta, CGM(F&A), and

several other senior officers. All the dignitaries shared their views and congratulated the HSM team as well as the supporting departments for the outstanding achievement.

These milestones were made possible through the seamless support and synergy of associated departments including Steel Melting Shops, Production Planning and Control, Traffic and Raw Materials, Research & Control Lab, Field Machinery Maintenance and all centralized maintenance departments, whose coordinated efforts played a vital role in sustaining operational excellence and production efficiency.

10-DAY COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP OF NCC CONCLUDES AT ITER

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): 4: A 10-day Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) attended by around 500 senior and junior NCC cadets concluded at the Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER), faculty of engineering of SOA Deemed to be University here, on Saturday.

The camp, which featured a comprehensive program of military training including Guard and Pilot selection, intensive drill, best cadet and best drill competitions, sports events, disaster management awareness, cultural activities and



leadership development sessions, was commanded by Camp Commandant Lt. Col. R.K. Joshi and Deputy Camp Commandant Major Ashutosh Tripathy. The camp was organised by 4 (Odisha) Comp Tech Coy Cuttack.

Cadets from ITER,

C.V. Raman Global University and Aryan Institute of Engineering and Technology, all from Bhubaneswar, took part in the camp the objective of which was to provide a platform to inspire and empower NCC cadets to become future technopreneurs, agripreneurs, scientists,

technocrats, veterinarians and researchers.

Nine Associate NCC Officers and eight Permanent Instructors supported the camp, a major attraction of which was the Tech Fest with the theme 'Igniting Mind'. Senior division cadets showcased

more than 20 innovative working projects in defence technology, robotics, automation, renewable energy and engineering applications highlighting their scientific temperament and technical excellence.

The successful conduct of the camp and exceptional standard of discipline, training and innovation were highly appreciated by Col. S.G. Sudhansu Sekhar, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters, Cuttack Group, who commended the dedication of the camp staff, Associate NCC Officers, Permanent Instructors and cadets.

Sensex, Nifty Open Mixed Following Global Cues

Mumbai: Domestic equity market benchmarks witnessed a mixed start on Tuesday following a late-session increase in the previous session due to the introduction of a new closing auction session (CAS) framework and mixed global cues. Sensex opened nearly 500 points or 0.63 per cent higher at 79,132.97, while Nifty slipped below the 24,750 mark, declining 70.4 points or 0.28 per cent. Sector-wise, real estate, cement, IT, FMCG, auto, and banking stocks were under pressure as Nifty Realty, Nifty Cement, Nifty IT, Nifty FMCG,

Nifty Auto, and Nifty Private Bank declined by up to 1.5 per cent. In contrast, Nifty Metal was the only index that was trading higher in early deals. Analysts said markets are likely to remain range-bound, with stock-specific action dominating trade as investors assess global developments and await fresh macroeconomic triggers. According to them, global markets remain cautiously positive as investors continue to evaluate the latest US corporate earnings and the interest rate outlook following last week's Federal

Reserve policy decision. With no major adverse global triggers overnight, investors are expected to closely track international cues and domestic developments, they said. From a technical perspective, analysts see the 24,450-24,500 zone as immediate support for the Nifty, while 24,750-24,800 remains a key resistance band, the analysts said, adding that a sustained move above the resistance zone could extend the ongoing rally, while any decline towards support levels is expected to attract buying interest and keep the broader trend positive, they said.

Pixel 11 Pro Fold: Google shares first teaser, launch on August 12

Washington: Google has released the first official teaser for the Pixel 11 Pro Fold, offering an early glimpse of its upcoming foldable smartphone ahead of its scheduled debut on August 12. The short teaser video does not reveal many

details about the device but showcases the Pixel 11 Pro Fold's silhouette along with a brief look at its inner display. It also highlights the rear camera module, which appears to retain the same design seen on the Pixel 10 Pro Fold. While the official



teaser remains limited, previously leaked renders have already provided a clearer picture of what to expect from the next generation foldable. According to those leaks reported by GSM Arena, the Pixel 11 Pro Fold

is expected to closely resemble its predecessor in terms of design. The leaked information also suggests the device will feature an 8-inch inner display and could be powered by Google's Tensor G6 chipset. It is also expected to pack a

4,800mAh battery and introduce the new Pixel Glow LED integrated into the rear camera module. In terms of colour options, the Pixel 11 Pro Fold is expected to be available in a new Pine finish alongside a black variant.