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Karan Adani Meets Odisha Dy CM Singh Deo, Discusses Clean Energy Investment



BHUBANESWAR, (correspondent): Karan Adani and his team met Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo today at Kharavel Bhavan. A bilateral meeting was held between senior state energy leadership and Karan Adani, alongside the executive team of the Adani Group, to discuss energy sector development. The deliberations focused on

accelerating the deployment of clean energy infrastructure—specifically Pumped Storage Plants (PSP), Solar Power generation, and Nuclear Power projects—to fortify long-term energy security, grid reliability, and sustainable energy development goals in the state.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Chief Secretary, Energy,

Vishal Kumar Dev; Chairman and Managing Director of OPTCL, Bhaskar Jyoti Sarma; and Managing Director of GRIDCO, Satyapriya Rath, along with senior officers from the Energy Department. It is worth noting that the Adani Group had previously met with the Deputy Chief Minister and expressed interest in investing in Odisha's energy sector.

Odisha Plans Rs 16,000 Cr Power Projects To Ensure Quality Supply By 2030

Bhubaneswar, (correspondent): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Thursday reviewed various programmes of the Energy Department and upcoming power projects, with the state government targeting quality and uninterrupted electricity supply across the state by 2030. The review meeting, held at Lok Seva Bhawan, was informed that 210 grid substations are currently operational in Odisha, including 15 new substations established over the past two years. During the same period, 788.99 circuit kilometres of transmission lines have been laid across the state. Emphasising the need to ensure reliable power supply in every region, Majhi directed the department to



work towards meeting the state's growing electricity requirements, particularly in view of rapid industrialisation.

The meeting was informed that a 765 kV grid ring system is being established to strengthen the transmission network and ensure uninterrupted and quality power supply to consumers and industries. Two 765/400 kV grid stations

are already operational at Angul and Sundargarh, while similar grid stations are under construction at Gopalpur and Paradip. The government also plans to establish three more 765/400 kV substations near Kolabira, Duburi and Betakholi near Athagarh. Odisha currently has five 400 kV grid substations, while four more are under construction and

two are at the tender stage. Plans are also underway to construct another nine 400 kV grid substations. The government expects around 590 industrial projects to come up in Odisha by 2030-31. To cater to the power requirements of these projects as well as existing and future consumers, power projects involving an investment of around Rs 16,000 crore will be taken up in the

state, the meeting was told. Modernisation of various existing grids is also being undertaken as part of efforts to strengthen the state's power infrastructure. Once the planned substations and projects become operational, Odisha is expected to have significantly enhanced transmission capacity to meet its future electricity demand. Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Development Commissioner D K Singh, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Saswat Mishra, Additional Chief Secretary of the Energy Department Vishal Dev, OPTCL CMD Bhaskar Jyoti Sharma and other senior officials attended the meeting.

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CMD approves Rs 45 crore for Malkangiri bus stand and gives consent for new bus service.

Malkangiri, (correspondent): Malkangiri MLA has made step to avail Fund of Rs 45 crore for the new construction and improvement of Malkangiri bus stand. In addition, Malkangiri MLA Narasinga Madkami, regarding the problem of students and common people facing difficulties for a long time due to the lack of direct bus connection from Malkangiri district headquarters to Gunupur in Rayagada district, met the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) at the OSRTC headquarters in Bhubaneswar and requested for the construction of a new bus stand and bus service. The CMD approved his request and expressed consent to start direct OSRTC bus service from Malkangiri to Gunupur very soon. Which will benefit the students and the general public who travel from Malkangiri for higher education, including GIET University, for education, business and other necessary work. There is a wave of happiness among the public regarding the construction of a new bus stand in the coming days and the new bus service from Malkangiri to Gunupur.

The Inspector of the Plant Site police station, along with police personnel, participated in rescue

Rourkela: Normal life in Rourkela was severely disrupted by heavy rainfall that began on Wednesday night and intensified early Thursday morning. Torrential rain lashed the city for nearly two hours, causing widespread waterlogging; major thoroughfares—including the Ring Road and Main Road—were submerged, and residential areas were inundated. Areas ranging from Basanti Colony and Chhend Colony to Tilkanagar in Bondamunda were badly affected. Floodwaters also entered several neighborhoods, including Daily Market, Gurudwara Road, Birjapali, Jalda, Panposh, and various slum areas. The situation was particularly alarming in the Sarla Bazar slum near Plant Site Road, where residents faced severe waterlogging. Amidst this, a heart-wrenching scene unfolded in the Sarla Bazar area: a mother stood in the rain for over four hours, cradling her one-month-old son, after floodwaters entered their home. This downpour is being described as the heaviest of the season so far, leaving large parts of Rourkela submerged and bringing daily life to a standstill.

RMC Cancels Leave of All Officials and Staff Amid Heavy Rain

Rourkela (correspondent): In view of the heavy to very heavy rainfall lashing Rourkela and the resulting waterlogging and disruption across the city, the Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC) has cancelled the leave of all its officers and employees with immediate effect. Several parts of the city have been affected by waterlogging, while fallen trees have blocked roads at various locations, creating an emergency situation. Considering



the need for immediate response and relief measures, RMC Commissioner Dina Dastagir has directed all officials and staff to report for duty and remain alert round the clock. The Commissioner has instructed the employees to stay prepared for 24-hour

emergency response and take prompt measures to address rain-related problems and restore normalcy.

Meanwhile, Sundargarh District Collector Dr. Shubhankar Mahapatra and RMC Commissioner Dina Dastagir visited several rain-affected areas of

Rourkela on Thursday to assess the situation on the ground. They directed officials to provide necessary assistance and relief to people affected by waterlogging and other rain-related disruptions. The District Collector and RMC Commissioner have also instructed officials to undertake post-rain restoration and relief operations on a war-footing, with priority given to clearing waterlogged areas, removing fallen trees and ensuring essential services are restored at the earliest.

Bissamecuttack: BSP stages satirical protest over alleged illicit liquor trade

Rayagadh (correspondent) The Rayagada unit of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) staged a satirical protest in Bissamecuttack on Wednesday over alleged unchecked sale of unauthorised Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), putting up “Missing” posters targeting Excise officials. More than a hundred BSP workers displayed the posters at prominent locations, questioning the alleged absence of effective enforcement despite claims that liquor of several brands remains easily available in the local market. The BSP alleged that the only authorised foreign liquor outlet in Bissamecuttack has remained non functional, raising questions about the



source of liquor reportedly being sold in the area. The party also alleged a possible link with a closed foreign liquor outlet at Amalabhatta under neighbouring Muniguda block. BSP Odisha in charge Jitu Jakashika alleged that the continued availability of liquor despite the non functioning authorised outlet reflected serious enforcement concerns. The party has also questioned the alleged prolonged inaction of the Excise authorities.

The posters displayed during Wednesday’s protest specifically referred, in a satirical manner, to the Excise Superintendent of Rayagada, the Sub Divisional Excise Officer, Gunupur, and the Excise Officer concerned with Bissamecuttack as having been “missing” from their offices for a prolonged period. Rayagada district BSP president Purna Chandra Takri said the “Missing” posters were symbolic and satirical, and were not meant to suggest that any official

was actually missing. The party also submitted a complaint at Bissamecuttack police station as part of the campaign. District in-charge Ram Das Takri said the BSP is considering a wider district level agitation during the ongoing monsoon session of the Odisha Assembly. The protest, attended by several BSP leaders and workers, remained peaceful. The Excise Department’s response to the allegations is awaited.



Rairangpur, (correspondent): The Bamanghati subdivision of Mayurbhanj district has several rivers and streams, including the Khadkhai River. During the monsoon every year, the Suleipat and Bankabal dams release excess floodwater directly into the rivers, causing widespread flooding in nearby villages.

Villages such as Madhuban, Sindurgouri, Chilikapusi, Kapilas, Mahishaneda, Rakha Sahi, Dhada Sahi, Shyamsundar, Kumudasol, Mayurdhar Ghati, Garh, and several other small and large villages remain surrounded by floodwater. The low-level bridges built to connect these

villages have also gone underwater.

Rairangpur has been experiencing heavy to very heavy rainfall for more than three consecutive days, bringing transportation in these villages to a complete standstill. Ambulances are unable to reach affected areas, and young children are also unable to attend school. According to the villagers, they have repeatedly submitted written complaints to the administration, but no effective action has been taken to address their long-standing problems.

Residents of 15 villages have warned that if proper road connectivity is not restored or constructed in the coming days, they will launch a protest and boycott future elections.

EAM Jaishankar Meets Liberian FM

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Thursday met his Liberian counterpart Sara Beysolow Nyanti and discussed the safety and security of commercial shipping, as well as mining, health, agriculture, water, and training. “Delighted to meet Foreign Minister Sara Beysolow Nyanti of Liberia. Congratulated her on the inauguration of new Embassy of Liberia in New Delhi today. Had productive conversation on safety and security of commercial shipping, mining, health, agriculture, water and training,” EAM Jaishankar stated on X. “Our meeting also focused on much-needed UNSC reforms. Confident that our South – South cooperation will continue to strengthen,” he added. The Liberian Foreign Minister arrived in India earlier in the day. Extending a warm welcome to the s Foreign Minister, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)

stated, “Warmly welcome Foreign Minister Sara Beysolow Nyanti of Liberia on her arrival in New Delhi. The visit provides an opportunity to further strengthen the warm and close ties between India and Liberia.” On Tuesday, EAM Jaishankar met a Parliamentary delegation from Liberia for a peer learning programme and reaffirmed commitment towards deeper Global South partnership. “A pleasure to meet a Parliamentary Delegation from Liberia visiting India for the IBSA funded peer learning programme. Exchanged views on development programmes, sharing the experience of Jan Dhan Yojana, MUDRA Yojana, SVAnidhi, Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, and Mission Amrit Sarovar. Appreciated their interest and reaffirmed our commitment towards deeper Global South partnership,” he wrote on X.

Bengal: Main Accused Held In Durgapur Minor Blood Donation Case

Kolkata: Police on Thursday said they had arrested Kingshuk Mukherjee, identified as the main culprit in the case of luring minor students to donate blood. He was arrested in Odisha. Earlier this month, some minor students of a private school in Sapat Nagari were taken to a private hospital in Bidhannagar of Durgapur in West Burdwan district, where their blood was taken. After the matter came to light, a written complaint was filed with Durgapur police station. Based on that

complaint, police began an investigation. Investigators said the name of Debapriya Chakraborty, a former student of the school, first emerged. It is alleged that Debapriya took minor students to the hospital by offering financial inducements. During interrogation, he claimed he was recruited for this work through others. The investigation then brought to light the name of Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP) member Amit Prasad Yadav. The connection of Mohammad

Habibullah, a resident of Malda who worked in a hotel in Bidhannagar, also surfaced. However, the probe turned when the name of Kingshuk Mukherjee was revealed. Police sources claimed Kingshuk played a key role in the scheme. Investigators are probing how minors were persuaded to donate blood by offering money, who took them to the hospital and whether a larger gang was involved in Odisha since the incident.

Bihar Police Bans AK-47, INSAS And SLRs Use For Law And Order, Crowd Control Duties

Patna: The Bihar Police Headquarters has issued fresh instructions restricting the use of highly lethal assault weapons during law and order and crowd control duties, police officials said on Thursday. The move is aimed at reducing the use of excessive force during protests and demonstrations and strengthening public safety measures. Under the directive, weapons such as AK-47s, INSAS

rifles and SLRs will not be carried or used by police personnel deployed for routine crowd-control operations. According to Sunil Kumar, ADG (Police Headquarters), the Director General of Police Vinay Kumar has reiterated the instructions to all Superintendents of Police. Automatic and assault weapons are to be used only during operations involving organised crime, insurgency, terrorism and other serious criminal

threats. ADG Sunil Kumar said that a standing order regarding the matter was already in place and that the state DGP had again directed district police chiefs to ensure strict compliance. He also said the department has previously taken disciplinary action against police personnel who used such weapons without authorisation. The directive means that police personnel assigned to ordinary demonstrations,

protests and other routine law-and-order situations will not be permitted to carry these highly lethal weapons. The objective is to ensure that crowd-control measures remain proportionate and that unnecessary use of force is avoided. The new instructions come amid the controversy surrounding the July 25 student protest incident in Siwan, during which a Police Constable allegedly opened fire.

severe flooding in Koida: Over 50 families in Kerketa Sahi are marooned; clogged drains leave no outlet for the water

Rourkela / Tensa (correspondent): The situation in Koida Block has turned critical following a 'Red Warning' for extremely heavy rainfall issued by the Meteorological Department for Sundargarh district. Runoff from the hills has caused flooding in several areas of Koida. The Kerketa Sahi locality is completely inundated due to heavy rain since morning; the lack of a proper drainage system has created an artificial flood-like situation,

leaving more than 50 families stranded amidst the water. The administration is deploying JCB machines to create a channel and drain the water out. Meanwhile, several areas within the Malda, Patmunda, Jamudihi, Kalta, Dengula, Balang, and Chordhara Gram Panchayats of Koida Block have been cut off from the outside world. According to local residents, a natural canal used to facilitate the easy drainage of rainwater from the area,



but it has since been buried under red soil from mining pits. No alternative drainage arrangement was made after the canal was blocked; consequently,

with no other outlet, rainwater has accumulated in settlements, villages, and markets, precipitating this crisis. Heavy rains since

yesterday caused water levels to rise rapidly; before residents could fully grasp the situation, knee-deep water had entered their homes. Essential food items like

rice, flour, and lentils were ruined by the water, while utensils, clothes, and electrical appliances were washed away. For many poor families, the loss of their entire year's grain supply has made it difficult to even light their cooking stoves. Residents are also grappling with the fear of venomous creatures appearing in the floodwaters. Meanwhile, snakes, scorpions, and other creatures are making their way into people's homes, beds, and paddy fields.

Terrified villagers—including small children, pregnant women, and the elderly—are standing on poles, beds, and elevated spots, urgently calling for assistance. When contacted regarding the situation, Koida Tehsildar Chinmay Das and BDO Rashmirekha Patra explained that heavy rains had blocked natural drainage paths, preventing the water from receding; consequently, JCB machines have been deployed and a drain has been dug to facilitate drainage.

Fire Breaks Out Due to Electrical Short Circuit, House and Livestock Destroyed

N a y a g a r h (correspondent):. August 13: A devastating fire broke out reportedly due to an electrical short circuit at Hanumantaprasad village under Kendupalli Gram Panchayat in Bhapur Block late Wednesday night. The fire gutted the thatched residential house and adjoining cowshed belonging to Sanatan Jena, a local cattle rearer. Several domestic animals were trapped inside the cowshed when the fire broke out. A cow, a calf and three goats sustained serious burn



injuries in the incident. The condition of the cow was reported to be critical. On being informed, personnel from the Bhapur Fire Services reached the spot and brought the blaze under control. However, by the time the fire was extinguished, the house and cowshed, along with household belongings, had been c o m p l e t e l y

g u t t e d . B h a p u r Veterinary Officer Bibhupasad Satapathy, Mobile Veterinary Officer Dr Jyotirmayee Patra and Livestock Inspector Laxmikanta Sahu visited the spot and provided primary treatment to the injured animals. The total property loss is estimated to be worth lakhs of rupees. Locals have urged the Bhapur Tahasil administration and the Nayagarh district administration to assess the damage and provide necessary government assistance to the affected cattle rearer.

Odisha's Mining Revenue Will Go to Delhi: BJD

B h u b a n e s w a r , (correspondent): After the Double Engine Government came to power, there has been widespread illegal smuggling of the State's mineral resources. While the people of Odisha are the owners of the mines and mineral resources in the State, Odisha will suffer immense losses if the MMDR Act is amended, said former Minister Shri Priti Ranjan Ghadai and Senior General Secretary of the party Shri Bhru Gu Baxipatra while strongly condemning the State Government at a press conference held at S a n k h a B h a w a n t o d a y . S h r i Priti Ranjan Ghadai said



that after the BJP came to power, Odisha's mineral resources are being extensively smuggled, while the mining revenue is not being utilised for the development of the people of Odisha. While the Central Government is taking away the revenue generated from mineral resources, the State

Government is sitting silently. The royalty revenue from mineral resources is spent through the DMF for the development of the people of the State, but instead of doing so, the State Government is planning to hand it over to the Central Government. By sacrificing the interests

of the people of Odisha, a systematic plan has been initiated to deprive the people of the State of their rightful share of all revenue to be collected from the mines. It is extremely unfortunate that the 20 BJP MPs elected from Odisha supported this Bill, which was passed in Parliament without any discussion. The people of Odisha deserve an answer as to how the State BJP Government and the MPs accepted this Bill, which strikes at the federal structure. It is unacceptable that Odisha's mining revenue will not be invested in the development of the State but will instead be used for the development of other States.

Har Ghar Tiriranga Yatra in Khaprakhol

P a t n a g a r h =(Correspondent) The block level Har Ghar Tiriranga procession organized by the block administration on Thursday in Khaprakhol under Balangir district. On this occasion, everyone gathered in the local Gram Panchayat office premises, held the tricolor flag, and marched around the village in a grand procession, chanting slogans of "Deshat Bodhak" (self-awareness of the country). They reached the block office premises and paid homage to the freedom fighters. On this occasion, BDO Bibekananda Sarangi, Tehsildar Satya Sundar Rautray, Deputy Chief Minister's Block Representative Padma Kumar Singh Bariha, Lok Sabha MP's Block Representative Santosh Kumar Bhainsal, Police Station Officer Narendra Chhatra, CDPO Amita Panda, GPDO Parameswar Naik, OLEM BPIM Pankajini Tarasiya, Mission Shakti BPC Bibhuti Bhushan Mishra, Medical Officer Dr. Ansupa Bhoi, Fire Officer Jai Gopal Panda, forester Sudhir Kumar Jena, APO Prashant Kumar Sahu, BJP Mandal President Umakant Padhan, Bikas Behera, students, self-help group members, intellectuals, and media representatives were present.

Ganja is being smuggled into and out of the state through Subarnapur district

S U B A R N A P U R (correspondent): --- Subarnapur has become a green corridor for the smuggling ganja mafia. Ganja is cultivated in the neighboring Boudh district. After harvesting, ganja is smuggled to different states of the country through various roads in Subarnapur district. Although ganja is not cultivated in Subarnapur district, opium cultivation was found to be taking place in the forests a few months ago. Even in the villages located in the forests of Subarnapur district, neighboring ganja is being brought and stored. Later, it is being safely

transported to other districts and states. Therefore, it would not be an exaggeration to call Subarnapur district a green corridor for the ganja mafia. The involvement of some dishonest police and excise officer and employees of both the districts in this illegal ganja trade has come to the notice of the people. A few days ago, the IIC of Manamunda police station in Boudh district was suspended after it was found to be linked to the ganja mafia. Therefore, the police Despite all the efforts, the cultivation of ganja in the neighboring districts and smuggling through Subarnapur district are not

stopped. Every day, mafias in neighboring Boudh and Phulbani districts are packing ganja and smuggling it into and out of the state through various expensive vehicles, trucks, containers, ambulances, water tanks, milk tanks, gas cylinders, vegetable carts and other means through various roads of Subarnapur district. Subarnapur district police have zero tolerance towards ganja smuggling. Therefore, from January this year to now, in about 8 months, Subarnapur district police have registered 104 NDPS cases in various police stations. In addition, 79 quintals of 96 kg 668 grams

of ganja, 20 thousand 640 bottles of illegal cough syrup have been seized. Similarly, 15 thousand 318 opium plants were found in the forests of Ulunda police station area. 15 thousand 318 opium plants have been destroyed. In these cases, the police have arrested 152 accused and tried them in court. In addition, 48 four-wheelers, 42 bikes and 5 trucks used in illegal marijuana smuggling have been seized. Subarnapur Superintendent of Police Narayan Nayak informed that the crackdown will continue in the coming days to prevent drug trafficking.

Ganjam District Administration organized 'Tricolor Marathon' in Gopalpur

G o p a l p u r , (correspondent) Ganjam District Administration organized 'Tricolor Marathon' in Gopalpur today on the occasion of 'Har Ghar Tringa' campaign. More than a thousand youth participated enthusiastically in this marathon. Marathon organized with the message of patriotism, national unity and integrity. The marathon, which started at 6 am from Vijay Marg, ended at Gopalpur main beach. Chhatrapur MLA Krishna Chandra



Nayak, Ganjam District Collector V. Kirti Vashan, Chief Development Officer of the District Council Sameer Kumar Jena, Additional District Magistrate Sunil Kumar Kerketa, Gopalpur NAC Chairman A Janki Ram, Additional Deputy Magistrate, Chhatrapur

people on both sides of the marathon route, holding tricolour flags in their hands, encouraged the runners. The entire region was abuzz with feelings of patriotism. Along with the youth, the Chhatrapur MLA and Ganjam District Magistrate also completed the marathon by running the entire 5.5 km. Their enthusiastic participation further motivated the youth participating in the marathon. In the men's category, Netramani Shabar stood first,

Duryodhan Nayak second and Saroj Behera third, while in the women's category, Goodly Malik stood first, Saniya Malik second and Asima Malik third. The winners were awarded with certificates and cash prizes of Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 2,000 respectively. The Tricolour Marathon, organized with the message of 'Tricolour in hand, patriotism in mind', has further strengthened the spirit of national unity, integrity and patriotism in Ganjam, the District Collector said.

In the End, Even God Was Not Spared

B a r i p a d a (correspondent):. The office of the Patalaleswar Mahadev religious service institution and the accommodation facility for devotees at Takatpur in Baripada, which had been functioning for more than 40 years, were demolished by the administration today. According to devotees, certain vested-interest individuals had allegedly been attempting to derive personal benefits from the institution. When their attempts were opposed, they allegedly lodged various complaints against the institution, which eventually resulted in the demolition. The action has deeply hurt hundreds of devotees of Lord Shiva. The religious service



institution had been serving devotees for over four decades. Thousands of devotees from different parts of the region and beyond reportedly visit the place to offer prayers and perform religious rituals. Despite its long-standing presence, devotees say the institution had not faced such administrative action for many years. The latest development has raised several questions

among devotees and members of the public. They are questioning why the administration took such a step at this juncture and whether any external pressure played a role in the decision. The demolition has been condemned by people from various sections. Devotees have appealed to the district administration to make suitable arrangements for a shelter where devotees can stay. They

have also demanded designated space for conducting Sankirtan and Homa jagyo, as well as arrangements for devotees to light lamps during Maha Shivaratri at this traditional Shaiva shrine. The devotees further alleged that some of the individuals who have been opposing the institution have themselves constructed buildings on government land without obtaining the necessary

permission from the authorities. They alleged that these structures are being used for hostels and various commercial activities, generating substantial income. Various sections of society have reportedly demanded appropriate action against such alleged illegal constructions and commercial activities. It remains to be seen whether and when the district administration will take action against the alleged encroachments and illegal structures. This version is more suitable for a newspaper report or online news portal because it separates verified events from allegations and uses terms such as "alleged," "according to devotees," and "reportedly" where appropriate.

Two officials held by vigilance for embezzling Rs 3 Crore Govt funds

Jagatsinghpur, (correspondent). The vigilance sleuths on Thursday arrested two government officials in connection with misappropriation of government funds to the tune of Rs 3 crore and above. The accused persons were identified as Bhanja Kishor Behera, a former SRA of Tirtol block now working at Naugaon Tahasil, and another accused man was Pradipta Kumar Mallick, Ex-PEO of Tirtol block who has recently retired from service. Both the accused persons were arrested from their native villages and forwarded to the court of special judge vigilance in Kataka.

Minor college girl 'raped' at hotel in Kataja, Police arrests two juveniles

K a t a k a (correspondent): A disturbing incident has come to light in Kataka district of Odisha, where a minor female college student was allegedly sexually assaulted at a hotel in the city. Following the incident, a complaint was lodged at the Badambadi Police Station. According to the complaint filed at Badambadi police station, two minor boys allegedly committed the crime. The accused reportedly called the victim to a hotel under the pretext of having a conversation and then carried out the assault. Acting on the complaint, police arrested both the minor accused and launched an investigation into the case. During the investigation, it was revealed that one of the accused is a college classmate of the victim. This connection was allegedly used to gain the victim's trust before committing the crime. The cops are currently conducting a detailed investigation into the matter. Authorities are examining the circumstances of the incident and gathering evidence. Police are following standard procedures in handling the case involving the minors, both as accused and victim, an official said. Further details are expected as the investigation progresses. The police have not released any official information at this stage.

Har Ghar Tiriranga-2026' campaign held in Rayagada



R a y a g a d a , (correspondent): A massive procession and motorcycle rally were organised in Rayagada on Thursday as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiriranga-2026' campaign ahead of Independence Day. Rayagada Collector Ashutosh Kulkarni flagged off the event, which witnessed the participation of over 1,500 people, including students, youth, residents and members of various organisations. Cultural troupes from Konark, Kalahandi, Balangir, Sambalpur, Jagdalpur and other districts performed traditional dances and music, adding colour to the procession. CRPF personnel also joined the motorcycle rally, with hundreds of bikers carrying the Tricolour through the town. The procession began at the Collectorate and culminated near Gandhi Park after passing through major roads. Participants urged people to hoist the Tricolour at their homes and promote respect for the national flag and the spirit of patriotism.

Minor Boy Killed By Lightning

Bhubaneswar: A 16-year-old boy died after being struck by lightning in Darengaba village under Nandapur block in Koraput district on Wednesday evening. The deceased has been identified as Bhagirathi Shisha, son of Jagannath Shisha of Darengaba village.

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Every Student Has Different Abilities—So Why Should Preparation Be the Same?

Every student is unique. Children differ in their interests, learning speeds, strengths, weaknesses, thinking styles, and ways of understanding concepts. Yet, our education system often expects all students to learn the same content, follow the same timetable, use the same methods, and prepare for examinations in almost the same way. This raises an important question: If every student is different, why should preparation be the same?

Traditional education has largely followed a uniform approach. The same textbook is prescribed for everyone, the same lessons are taught at the same pace, and the same examination measures the learning of all students. While a common academic framework is necessary, preparation within that framework should not necessarily be identical.

Some students understand concepts quickly but need more practice in writing. Others may take longer to understand a topic but remember it deeply once they do. Some are strong in mathematics and science, while others excel in languages, arts, sports, creativity, or communication. A student who struggles in one subject may demonstrate exceptional ability in another.

Therefore, preparation should become more personalized and flexible. Students need different amounts of practice, different learning resources, different revision strategies, and sometimes different explanations of the same concept. Technology and artificial intelligence can support this shift by identifying learning gaps and suggesting suitable practice, while teachers remain essential for guidance, encouragement, and understanding the individual child.

Parents also have an important role. Comparing one child with another can create unnecessary pressure. Instead of asking, "Why can't you score like someone else?" parents should ask, "What can help you learn better?" Progress should be measured against a student's own previous performance rather than merely against the performance of classmates. Examinations, too, need to recognize diverse abilities. Assessment should not focus only on memorization and speed. Problem-solving, creativity, communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and application of knowledge are equally important in preparing students for the future.

The goal of education is not to make every student identical. It is to help every student discover and develop their potential. A common destination may be shared, but the path to reach it can be different.

The Effect of Prayer in Daily Life



Dr. Satyanarayan Mishra

When life becomes difficult and the ground beneath us seems to disappear, we often close our eyes, fold our hands, or simply whisper, "Please help me." That simple act is prayer.

Prayer is not a bargain in which we ask for something and expect a miracle in return. Its deeper purpose is often to change the way we face life. When we pray honestly, we acknowledge our fear, confusion, pain, and helplessness. For a few moments, we stop pretending that everything is under our control.

Prayer also gives the mind a chance to become quiet. In a world filled with constant noise, worries, messages, and responsibilities, even a few minutes of prayer can bring calm. Our breathing slows, our thoughts settle, and the problem that seemed overwhelming may begin to look more manageable.

Prayer can also make us more compassionate. When we pray for a sick friend, a struggling family member, or even someone who has hurt us, we move beyond our own problems. We begin to remember that everyone carries some kind of burden.

But prayer does not replace action. Praying for rain does not mean we stop preparing the fields.

Praying for peace does not mean we stop working for it. Prayer can give us the clarity, patience, and strength to do what needs to be done.

In our noisy modern lives, prayer can become a quiet refuge—a few moments when we step away from everything and listen to ourselves. We do not need complicated words or elaborate rituals. Sometimes "Help me," "Give me strength," or simply "Thank you" is enough.

Prayer may not change every situation, but it can change the person facing that situation. It can bring calm when there is confusion, courage when there is fear, and hope when life feels heavy.

Sometimes, that is enough to help us rise the next morning and try again.

Spiritual freedom is the true freedom



Nibedita Priyadarshini Sukla

We must certainly safeguard our freedom. But essentially that freedom is spiritual freedom. Any other kind of freedom is not freedom at all. Youth today have no sense of patriotism. In the pre-independence days, many young men made great sacrifices for the sake of freedom. This was because the leaders of those days also made great sacrifices for freedom and inspired the youth to do likewise. However, leaders today talk in one way and act in another way. They deliver lectures on Bharatiya nationalism. The moment they get down from the stage, they talk about caste and creed and promote divisions among the people. How, then, can youth develop a genuine feeling of nationalism? The result is there is hardly any sense of national love and pride among the young people.

Whatever anyone may say, regard this country as the land of your birth. It is our Motherland. It is our own native land. Love of the country must get firmly rooted in our young persons. We have to take a firm resolve to protect our Motherland.

Be prepared to sacrifice ourselves for our Motherland. Once, Aurobindo asked a group of students in Calcutta: "For what purpose are you studying? If you are going to make use of your education for the benefit of



the nation pursue your studies. Otherwise, you better burn your books. If you are studying only out of selfish motives, the education is of no value at all. If you are intent only on earning a living, you may as well beg from door to door. You must be prepared to sacrifice yourselves for your Motherland."

Breathes there the man with soul so dead who never to himself has said 'This is my Motherland; this is my mother-tongue. To love my country is my religion. A youth who is not prepared to sacrifice his life for his country is as good as dead. Service to the nation is the greatest thing one can think of. All religious practices are worthless without service to one's fellowmen. Without the spirit of service, holding any Udyoga is meaningless. Udyoga

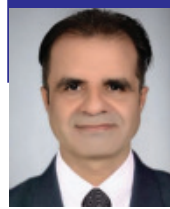
(official position) must stem from Yoga (realisation of the Divine).

The independence we celebrate today was finally achieved and proclaimed at midnight on August 14, 1947. What exactly does the word 'independence' mean?

It means we are not dependent on anyone, any longer. We are dependent on ourselves alone. The Indian word for independence is Swatantra. It means 'our Tantra'.

The word Tantra means 'the Atma'... So Swatantra means independence from everything except the Atma. One should always follow only one's heart; that is our only Guru and God. There should be no dependence on the others. This is the stage of Swarajya, becoming the sole monarch of oneself. The word Swaraj, commonly used for an independent state, connotes only absence of worldly dependence. Independence can be enjoyed by man only if he gets rid of bondage to the senses which drag him into tantalising ventures. The attainment of Yoga, involving sense-control, expansion of love, and cleansing the consciousness, is the true goal. Only when this happens can God's glory be reflected in the heart of every individual.

Trump's secret plane operation amid the Iranian threat



Kishan Bhawnani

The proverb, Vada Dukh Paavan, has been prevalent for centuries in India at the global level. The higher the position, the greater the responsibility, and the greater the worry, doesn't just apply to social life; it also holds true for international politics and the security of heads of state. When presidents and prime ministers of the world's most powerful nations travel to another country, they are accompanied not only by diplomatic protocol, but also by a whole network of intelligence agencies, security experts, military officials, alternate routes, alternate aircraft, and emergency plans. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra, would like to point out that the reason for this is perhaps clear: a security breach for an ordinary person may be a personal tragedy, but a breach in the security of a head of state can impact the entire nation's politics, military strategy, and international relations. Against this backdrop, in a

statement released on August 12, 2026, President Donald Trump, regarding the secret flight change in Turkey, stated that the decision was not his personal decision but was made on the advice of Secret Service and military officials. According to Trump, security officials advised him to change the flight, and he accepted their advice without question. He also indicated that the alternate flight he was taken on could pose a greater risk under certain circumstances than the original aircraft. This statement makes it clear that the US security system's assessment was not only about which aircraft was technically more secure, but also about which aircraft a potential attacker might mistake for the President's actual aircraft. The news of US President Donald Trump's secret flight change from Ankara, Turkey, on July 8, 2026, has attracted global attention. Most interestingly, an airport catering vehicle was used to transport the President from his plane to another military aircraft amid the alleged Iranian threat. But the

real thrill of this story isn't the catering truck, but the deception strategy used to keep a potential attacker from knowing which plane the US President is actually on. And when this incident is compared to Bill Clinton's visit to India and Pakistan in 2000, it becomes clear how important secrecy, alternate routes, alternate aircraft, and decoy tactics play in protecting heads of state. The incident occurred on July 8, 2026. News of this secret plane change became public around August 10, 2026, international media reported it in detail on August 11, and Trump himself confirmed it on August 12, 2026.

Friends Come on, what exactly happened in Ankara? According to reports, Trump was scheduled to depart Turkey after the NATO summit. Under normal circumstances, the entire movement of the President's plane is highly secure and controlled. However, US intelligence and security officials reportedly faced a threat that threatened to target Trump or his plane. Therefore, the security team made an extraordinary decision. Trump was publicly

shown approaching Air Force One, but he was not actually going to continue his journey on that plane. He was then separated from the plane and transported via a catering container/vehicle to another location at the airport, where his actual journey began on a small military aircraft—a C-32A. The AP also confirmed that Trump was allegedly transported to the second plane via a catering van, and the plane resembling Air Force One proceeded on the other side.

Friends, why the catering van was the most extraordinary part of this operation? Keeping the actual location of the head of state uncertain becomes a security tool in itself. If a potential attacker has information about which plane the president is on, they could attempt to target that plane. However, if the publicly visible plane is not actually carrying the president and the president switches to another plane via an unexpected route, it becomes difficult for a potential attacker to identify the true target. This was essentially a security strategy of deception.

Friends, this Trump incident is not entirely unprecedented. The

most significant historical example of this is the March 2000 visit of then-US President Bill Clinton to Pakistan. At that time, the security situation in Pakistan was extremely sensitive. Clinton arrived in Pakistan after a trip to India, and the US administration devised an extraordinary security plan. An aircraft was used to resemble the actual presidential aircraft, while Clinton himself arrived in Pakistan in a different, unidentified aircraft. According to a Washington Post report dated August 11, 2026, the Clinton administration briefed select journalists about this security plan in advance. This comparison is significant because the basic strategic idea behind the 2026 Trump operation and the 2000 Clinton operation was the same: to prevent the enemy from knowing which plane the actual president was on. The difference was that during Clinton's time, journalists were briefed on the operation, whereas in Trump's case, even some of the journalists and staff traveling with him were unaware of the actual plan. This is why the Trump case has become even more

controversial, both from a security perspective and from a press and transparency perspective.

Friends, if we consider whether such an incident has occurred in India, factual caution is even more crucial in the Indian context. While there are certainly examples of PMs changing their mode of travel or route due to security concerns, there are no publicly documented instances of a covert plane swap or decoy aircraft like Trump's. The most notable example in India is the Punjab Prime Minister's security incident of January 5, 2022. On that day, due to bad weather, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had to travel to Ferozepur by road instead of helicopter. En route, his convoy was stranded on a flyover for approximately 15-20 minutes. The Home Ministry described this as a serious lapse in the Prime Minister's security, canceling his program and taking him back to Bathinda Airport. However, a clear distinction must be made between the two incidents. In the Punjab incident, the immediate reason for the transport change

was bad weather; in the Trump incident, the transport change was a response to an alleged security/assassination threat. Therefore, it would be inaccurate to call the Indian example a Trump-like incident. Rather, it can be used to illustrate that even in India, the Prime Minister's security can alter travel plans, and in the event of a security breach, the entire program can be canceled. In India, Air India One also provides alternate aircraft and security arrangements for the Prime Minister. Special Boeing 777-300ER aircraft for international travel by the Prime Minister/President are equipped with state-of-the-art communications, missile warning, and electronic countermeasures systems. The purpose is to ensure maximum security for the head of state in the event of a potential air threat. However, there is no publicly documented example of a decoy aircraft and secret transfer like Trump's in India. Friends, how serious has the security issue been in India's history? To understand this, the position of Prime Minister in India has itself witnessed extremely serious security challenges. The

assassinations of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi proved that threats to heads of state and top political leaders don't just come from war or foreign missiles; they can also come from internal network terrorism, close security cordons, and surprise attacks. Against this historical backdrop, India developed a highly specialized security system, the Special Protection Group (SPG), to protect the Prime Minister. Therefore, pre-arranging routes, vehicles, aircraft, helicopters, alternate routes, and emergency evacuation for a Prime Minister's travel is an essential part of national security. Friends, if we consider whether this has happened in other countries, many countries around the world have adopted discreet routes, alternate aircraft, and emergency evacuation arrangements for the travels of heads of state. However, it would be unfair to label every incident as similar to the Trump incident. The most obvious and documented analogy in the case of a US president is Clinton's 2000 Pakistan operation. This incident demonstrates that decoy aircraft are not a new technology of 2026, but a decades-old presidential security strategy.

College of Fisheries to open in Subarnapur district

SUBARNAPUR (correspondent):-The opening of College of Fisheries under Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) in Subarnapur district has been officially approved. In this regard, the Registrar of Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) has issued a notification vide letter number - 12843/07/08/2026. With the functioning

of this college from the academic year 2026-27, the students of Subarnapur district and other parts of Odisha will get new opportunities for higher education related to fisheries and fisheries. This is not only a great achievement for Subarnapur district, but also for the youth, fishermen and development of the fisheries sector in our region. It is expected that this

will give a new impetus to education, research, employment and modernization of fisheries. The people of the district have expressed their gratitude to the Odisha Government, OUAT and all the concerned departments for this historic initiative. It is expected that the development journey of Subarnapur district will be even more dynamic and strong in the coming days

SUJ KALAHANDI UNIT EMPHASIZED ON WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF JOURNALIST

Bhabanipatna (Correspondent) With the move of Odisha Government's instruction "submission of the ration card details of journalist's family before I & PR Department" feeling, the threats on the persistent of Media Professionals various media organization has been expressing their discontentment across the state. Amid the huge repercussion on that move of state



government the Kalahandi Unit of State Union of Journalist (SUJ) also by calling an emergency meeting, has discussed about journalist's welfare and protection related issues with an anticipation to draw attention of government for effective solution. On the presence of State Organising Secretary

Mahaendra Kumar Darjee as chief guest presiding the meet the district unit President Narayan Prasad Nayak has led the discussion at Bhabanipatna's Kalahandi Zilla Milit Samba Sangha (KZMSS) office. Apart from them, secretary Sarada Mohanty, Balangir Unit senior member Raghunandan Singh, Joint-Secretary Rajanikant Muni, Cashier-Biranchi

Narayan Joshi and senior journalist Sudharam Sarap were part of the discussion. In the meeting, a brief discussion was taken on issues like protection of journalist, to increase insurance money from 5 lakh to 15 lakh under Gopabandhu Sathya Bima Yojana, to implement Pension and concessional price in government vehicle during commutation, the participants laid emphasis.

PHO organised free health & awareness camp on Dengue, Malaria and Diarrhoeal diseases

Paradip (correspondent):- As part of its public health initiatives, the Port Health Organisation (PHO), Paradip, under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, organised a Free Health and Awareness Camp on Dengue, Malaria and Diarrhoeal Diseases on 13 August 2026, at PHO office premises in Paradip. The programme was organised in view of the monsoon season, with the objective of creating awareness among the local community regarding seasonal health risks, prevention and control of Dengue, Malaria and Diarrhoeal Diseases, and promoting healthy



practices, personal hygiene, sanitation and timely medical care. The event was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. B.B. Das, Chief Medical Officer, Paradip Port Authority, Basanta Biswal, Chairman, Paradip Municipality, Dr. Rajendra Narayan Panigrahi, Port Health Officer, Paradip, Dr. Debakanta Nayak, Public Health Specialist, PHS and including Smt. Pravati Nayak, Councillor, Ward No. 12, Ajit Kumar Sarangi, Councillor, Ward No. 8, and Jagannath Rao, Councillor, Ward

No. 17. The programme received active participation and support from the local community and municipal representatives. The health awareness and outreach activities covered the localities of Gopal Jew Colony, Lokanath Colony, Cabin Market, Tarini Market and Madhuban of Paradip. The Free Health and Awareness Camp was conducted at PHO, Paradip, from 9:00 AM onwards. The programme focused on educating the community about

common monsoon-related diseases, their early signs and symptoms, mode of transmission, preventive measures, personal hygiene, safe drinking water, sanitation and the importance of seeking timely medical attention. A team of doctors, paramedical staff and other healthcare personnel was deployed for the programme. Medical consultation, health examination, diagnostic tests and distribution of medicines were provided to the beneficiaries.

Massive Tricolour Yatra Held in Jajpur Under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign

JAJPUR (Correspondent): A massive Tricolour Yatra was organised in Jajpur district today as part of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign being observed from August 9 to 17 in connection with Independence Day and the 150th anniversary of the national song 'Vande Mataram'.

The yatra began in the morning from near the Shriram Temple at Mansapol in Jajpur town. Minister for Cooperation, Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts Pradeep Bal Samant, Korei MLA and District Planning Committee Chairman Akash Dasnayak, Dharmasala MLA Himanshu Sekhar Sahu, Jajpur Collector Ambar Kumar Kar, Additional District Magistrate Yudhishtir Naik, Chief Development Officer-cum-Executive Officer of the Zilla Parishad Debiprasad Mohanty,



Sub-Collector Tapas Ranjan Dehury, social worker Gautam Ray, Debjani Pradhan and several other dignitaries participated in the procession. The Tricolour Yatra proceeded from Mansapol Shriram Temple through Red Cross Square, Medical Square and Gandhi Square before reaching the Sanskriti Bhawan. During the procession, floral tributes were paid to the statues of Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Square and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and other great personalities at the Sanskriti Bhawan premises by the minister,

MLAs, Collector and other dignitaries. More than 3,000 people from across the district enthusiastically participated in the massive yatra. Students from various schools and colleges, NCC and NSS cadets, volunteers, intellectuals, civil society members, women and Title: Massive Tricolour Yatra Held in Jajpur Under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign Jajpur (Correspondent): A massive Tricolour Yatra was organised in Jajpur district today as part of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign being observed from

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Police Arrest Five In Nischintakoili Gang-Rape Case

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent):- Police have arrested five persons in connection with the alleged gang-rape of a woman in Kataka district, while efforts are underway to apprehend another accused, police said on Thursday. The incident took place late Tuesday night under Nischintakoili police station limits when the woman, who works at a mall in Bhubaneswar, was travelling with her boyfriend towards her village in Kendrapada district.

Jagatsinghpur MLA Das organised a Har Ghar Tiranga rally

Jagatsinghpur (Correspondent): As part of the statewide campaign on the Tiranga rally, Jagatsinghpur MLA Amarendra Das organized a rally on Thursday, taking citizens, women, students, youths and members of social groups. The rally began from Gandhi Chhak here and culminated at Subarna Barahi temple on the outskirts of Jagatsinghpur town, covering around four kilometers, and concluded with a roadside meeting. Speaking at the rally, MLA Das



emphasized that the rally aims to honor the spirit of Patriotism, pride in the Tiranga, and love for the motherland. The rally is being held in coordination with various departments of the Odisha government, officials, young people, students, members of civil societies, coinciding with

the efforts we organized today, taking people of Jagatsinghpur assembly constituency. The government has called upon residents to make the campaign a collective celebration by hoisting the National flag at their homes and joining programmes organized at

the local level. The Har Ghar Tiranga initiative is aimed at encouraging people, mainly youths, to take part in public celebrations and strengthening the message of national unity and pride, MLA Das said. Sources said that thousands of people, including women and students, took part in the rally; BJP leaders Upendra Biswal, Prasanna Swain, Jagannath Dash, Laxmikanta Swain, Pradipta Swain, Susanta Swain, Sameer Sahani led the celebrations.

Toxic Smoke from Roadside Rice Mills Raises Health Concerns

Kantabanji, correspondence : Thick and allegedly toxic smoke released from rice mills located along major roads in and around Kantabanji has raised serious concerns among local residents. People living and travelling near the mills have complained of air pollution and expressed fears that prolonged exposure could contribute to respiratory problems. There are reportedly two rice mills on the Kantabanji-Belpada road, two on the Kantabanji-Bongomunda road and another two on the Kantabanji-Gudighat road. Residents allege that some of these mills are not properly complying with pollution-control norms, resulting in

smoke and dust spreading into the surrounding areas. Locals have also alleged that regular inspections by pollution-control authorities are not being carried out effectively. Allegations have been made that some officials are turning a blind eye to the violations in exchange for monthly payments. However, these allegations could not be independently verified. Residents have urged the administration and the Odisha State Pollution Control Board to conduct surprise inspections, check the pollution-control equipment and take appropriate action against mills found violating environmental norms.

MLA WALKS THROUGH MUD TO STAND WITH FARMERS

Paralakhemundi: (Correspondent):- A touching display of simplicity and solidarity was witnessed at Gutipadu village under Kharada panchayat of Kashinagar block in Gajapati district, where Paralakhemundi MLA Rupesh Panigrahi walked through a muddy road to meet farmers, labourers and tribal villagers and share their concerns. With no proper all-weather road connecting the village, residents face immense difficulties, particularly during the monsoon. Braving the slush and muddy stretches, the MLA chose to walk to the village rather than let the poor road conditions keep him



away from the people. The MLA's visit went beyond merely hearing grievances. He accompanied farmers to their fields and joined them in agricultural work, including field preparation and paddy transplantation. Working shoulder to shoulder with elderly villagers, tribal farmers and labourers, he immersed

himself in the realities of their everyday lives. The sight of an elected representative working in the mud alongside farmers evoked a strong sense of warmth and affection among the villagers. Panigrahi also provided food and cold drinking water to the tribal farmers and labourers.

Sitting among them, he shared food, spoke with them freely and reportedly extended financial assistance. Amid the scorching heat, muddy fields and physical strain of farm work, the MLA's gesture of sitting beside the farmers and sharing their meal created an emotional bond with the villagers. The villagers raised their longstanding demand for a proper road along with problems concerning agriculture, transportation, livelihood and other basic needs. The MLA patiently heard their concerns and assured them that necessary steps would be taken to address the issues. Gajapati Zilla Parishad Chairman G.

Tirupati Rao, Kashinagar Block Chairperson Bala Saiamma, Sarpanch Akhil Patra and others were present during the visit and interacted with the villagers. For Gutipadu's residents, the visit was more than a routine political tour. A leader who walked through their mud, stepped into their fields, shared their food and listened to their hardships left behind a memory of human warmth. The image of Panigrahi standing alongside farmers in the same soil where they toil turned his Gutipadu visit into an emotional reminder that true public service begins when a leader comes close to the people.

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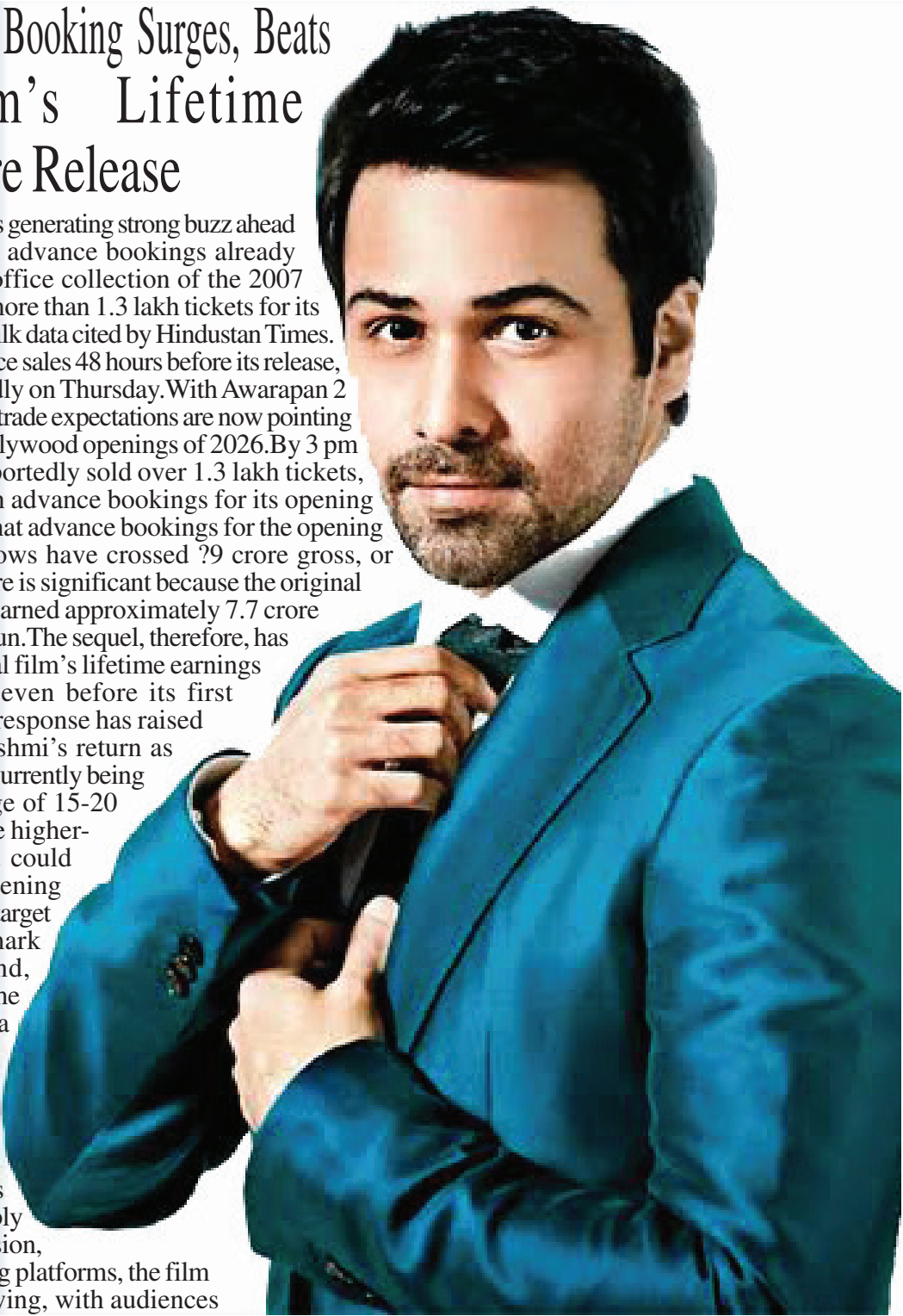
A heated exchange between Rhea Chakraborty and Mallika Sherawat in The Traitors Season 2 has triggered a strong reaction on social media ahead of the show’s premiere. A preview clip shows Mallika referring to Rhea’s past jail experience during an argument, prompting some viewers to call the remark disrespectful while others praised Mallika for her blunt response. In the clip, Rhea appears to defend a contestant after he comments about Mallika’s “comeback”. Rhea says she does not think the remark was particularly bad. Mallika then questions why the discussion is about a comeback. She tells Rhea that if the game is about comebacks, she could also refer to Rhea’s time in jail. The c o m m e n t appears to l e a v e R h e a visibly irritated, turning the exchange into one of the talking p o i n t s from the upcoming season. The clip h a s received mixed reactions online. S o m e viewers criticised Mallika for bringing a deeply personal experience into a reality-show argument. Several comments

The Traitors 2: Mallika Sherawat Slammed For Bringing Up Rhea Chakraborty’s Jail Time

described the remark as disrespectful rather than “savage”.

Awarapan 2 Advance Booking Surges, Beats Original Film’s Lifetime Collection Before Release

Emraan Hashmi’s Awarapan 2 is generating strong buzz ahead of its theatrical release, with advance bookings already surpassing the lifetime box office collection of the 2007 original. The sequel has sold more than 1.3 lakh tickets for its opening day, according to Sacnilk data cited by Hindustan Times. The film had only begun advance sales 48 hours before its release, but bookings accelerated rapidly on Thursday. With Awarapan 2 set to hit theatres on August 14, trade expectations are now pointing towards one of the biggest Bollywood openings of 2026. By 3 pm on Thursday, the film had reportedly sold over 1.3 lakh tickets, generating around ₹4 crore in advance bookings for its opening day. Trade estimates suggest that advance bookings for the opening weekend and subsequent shows have crossed ₹9 crore gross, or around 7-8 crore net. That figure is significant because the original Awarapan, released in 2007, earned approximately 7.7 crore net during its entire theatrical run. The sequel, therefore, has effectively crossed the original film’s lifetime earnings through advance bookings even before its first show. The strong pre-release response has raised expectations for Emraan Hashmi’s return as Shivam Pandit. Awarapan 2 is currently being projected to open in the range of 15-20 crore net on its first day. If the higher-end estimates materialise, it could become Hashmi’s biggest opening yet. The film is also expected to target the 100 crore worldwide mark during its opening weekend, according to trade estimates. The original Awarapan was not a major theatrical success when it released in 2007. The film opened to modest numbers and finished with a reported lifetime net collection of around 7.7 crore. However, its reputation changed considerably over the years. Through television, home video and later streaming platforms, the film developed a dedicated following, with audiences particularly remembering Hashmi’s performance, the emotional storyline and its music. That delayed appreciation appears to have translated into considerable interest in the sequel. Awarapan 2 faces Batwara 1947 clashwarapan 2 will release alongside Sunny Deol’s Batwara 1947 on August 14. Despite the clash, early trade estimates suggest that Awarapan 2 has the advantage in terms of advance bookings and audience buzz.



what to eat to prevent skin dryness in winters: Chia seeds, bananas and more



Your skin has a natural tendency to dry up during the winter. It can feel rough to the touch, tight, and sometimes itchy or flaky. You may notice dullness, uneven texture or areas that feel sensitive and irritated. But the issue here is not just surface-level, so you need more than targeted skincare. You need to treat this issue from within as well. HT Lifestyle reached out to Moksha Mehta, a dietitian and nutritionist at HCG Hospitals, Ahmedabad, who explained that a correct diet also plays a role in maintaining your skin health. She highlighted the gut-skin connection, noting that an imbalanced gut is often related to concerns like dryness, inflammation and other skin issues.

Why do you get dry skin? Besides the cold air and low humidity, which are often blamed for winter skin woes, dietitian Moksha pointed out another factor that often goes unnoticed: an imbalance in the gut-skin connection. Elaborating, she shared, “The gut is home to trillions of beneficial bacteria that support digestion, immunity, and inflammation control.”

Moksha emphasised that when the gut balance is disturbed due to poor diet, dehydration or stress, it triggers inflammation, which can appear on the skin as dryness, redness, acne or eczema. She also pointed out that one reason this happens is that winter diets low in fibre and high in processed foods can further worsen this imbalance.

why they deserve a spot in your diet for better digestion and heart health

Flax seeds do not look like much. They are tiny, plain, easy to ignore. But they have been feeding people for centuries, long before they showed up in smoothie bowls and health-store shelves. In parts of the Middle East, these oil-rich seeds were everyday food, relied on for energy and nourishment. That has not changed. What has



Diet....

Maintaining a healthy diet is essential to keep your skin healthy and radiant, protecting it from common winter issues like dryness or redness. The key is to eat foods that support gut health, because when the gut functions optimally, it directs benefits to the skin, helping it stay naturally radiant. The dietitian reminded readers to eat foods rich in probiotics and healthy fats, while also maintaining the recommended hydration intake. Besides moisturisers and lotions, diet also plays an important role in tackling dryness. Here’s her recommendation, as she listed out the sources and the value of each nutrient.

1. Probiotic-rich foods
Sources: Probiotic-rich foods such as curd, buttermilk, fermented vegetables, and kefir help restore healthy gut bacteria.
Value: They contain good bacteria that reduce inflammation and improve nutrient absorption, which directly benefits skin hydration and repair.
2. Prebiotic-rich foods
Sources: Whole grains, garlic, onions, bananas, and seasonal vegetables support a healthy gut environment.
Value: Adding these to daily meals helps strengthen the gut barrier and prevents toxins from triggering skin inflammation.
3. Healthy fats
Sources: Omega-3 fatty acids, found in walnuts, flaxseeds, chia seeds, and fatty fish.
Value: They help maintain the skin’s natural barrier and reduce dryness and itching.
4. Hydration
Hydration is essential in winters! (Adobe)
Drink adequate water, herbal teas, and soups. They help keep the gut lining healthy and the skin well-moisturised.
5. Vitamins
Nutrients like vitamin C, zinc, and antioxidants are found in citrus fruits, nuts, seeds, and leafy greens. They support collagen production and skin repair.

7 daily habits that block weight loss

With 2026 less than two weeks away, it is time to start planning our New Year’s resolutions. And one of the more popular ones every year, since time immemorial, is losing weight and hitting fitness goals. However, as many of us have painstakingly discovered, it is easier said than done. While we often blame a lack of motivation and willpower, American board-certified gastroenterologist Dr Palaniappan Manickam disagrees.

Under-eating to lose weight
While reaching calorie deficit is important for losing weight, not eating enough is the wrong path to follow. “Chronic calorie restriction slows metabolism, raises cortisol, and trains the body to store fat,” stated Dr Manickam.

Snacking all day
Snacking, or eating in between meals, is also detrimental to achieving weight-loss goals. Eating frequently keeps our insulin levels elevated, explained Dr Manickam. This blocks the burning of fat and metabolic flexibility.

Skipping strength training
Strength training, also known as resistance training, is exercising muscles against an external force to help grow and build strength and endurance. “Muscle drives metabolism,” noted the gastroenterologist. Working on cardio alone to hasten weight loss leads to muscle loss and failure to lose fat in the long term.

Ignoring sleep quality
Our body needs to rest well in order to function properly. Lack of quality sleep disrupts the hunger hormones, which increases craving and reduces the oxidation of fat, thereby obstructing weight loss.
Low protein intake
Lack of protein in the diet “reduces satiety, accelerates muscle loss, and slows down metabolic rate,” warned Dr Manickam.

Normalising chronic stress
Chronic stress is harmful to both mental and physical health. In terms of weight loss, it keeps cortisol levels persistently high, which triggers the storage of fat, especially around the abdomen.

Poor hydration
“Low water intake impairs fat metabolism, digestion, and appetite regulation,” shared Dr Manickam. This results in a false sensation of hunger, which is detrimental to weight loss.

changed is how clearly we now understand what they do for the body. People will find flax seeds sold in different forms - whole, ground, roasted, or pressed into oil. The form matters more than most people realise. Whole seeds often pass straight through the digestive system. Grind them, though, and the body can actually access what’s inside, especially the fats locked beneath the tough outer shell. What flax seeds are really made of According to Healthline,

flax seeds are mostly fat, with carbohydrates and protein following behind. In practice, they are surprisingly light. One tablespoon comes in at around 55 calories, which makes them easy to add to meals without feeling heavy or indulgent. Most of their carbohydrates come from fibre, not sugar or starch. That is a big reason flax seeds get linked to digestion so often. Just a couple of tablespoons can make a meaningful dent in daily fibre needs. The fibre itself comes in two types.

India Tops Overall Medal Tally To Lift Wilkinson Sword Trophy At Commonwealth Fencing C'ship

Lagos (Nigeria): The Indian fencing contingent created history by winning the overall championship title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2026. Team India completed a spectacular four-day campaign with an unprecedented total of 35 medals—13 gold, 8 silver and 14 bronze across both U-23 and senior competitions. The historic victory culminated with an overwhelming performance in the senior team competitions. Indian fencers asserted absolute supremacy across all disciplines, capturing five gold medals out of the six contested team events. Team India



secured top honours in men's sabre, women's sabre, men's epee, women's epee, and women's foil, alongside a hard-fought silver medal in men's foil. This remarkable final sweep cemented India's position at the top of the leaderboards and officially earned the country the prestigious Wilkinson Sword Trophy —

awarded since 1982 by the Commonwealth Fencing Federation to the nation with the best overall results. Team success capped off three previous days of exceptional individual performances in Lagos. The campaign kicked off on Day 1 with a massive 17-medal haul in the U-23 individual events (4 gold, 4 silver, 9 bronze), featuring a

complete podium sweep in men's sabre led by gold medallist Nikhil Wagh, alongside individual gold medals from Joys Ashita (women's foil), Prachi Lohan (women's epee), and Jeferlin (women's sabre). On Day 2, Team India transitioned into senior individual action, collecting 7 medals (1 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze), headlined by a

gold-silver finish from Tanishka Khatri and Khushi Dabhade in senior women's epee. On Day 3, Indian fencers added 5 more medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) with dominant gold-medal runs from Kanaglakshmi (Senior Women's Foil), Rajendran Shanthimol Sherjin (Senior Men's Épée), and Singh Karan Singh (Senior Men's Sabre). Behind the athletes' victory was a dedicated support system led by coaches Bharatji Thakor, Shrihari Pise, and Shankar Narayanan, physiotherapist Amruta Balkawade, and team manager Manu Tyagi, whose tactical guidance, physical conditioning, and event management proved essential throughout the four-day competition. Expressing immense pride in the

historic achievement, Rajeev Mehta, secretary general of the Fencing Association of India, stated, "I am incredibly proud of our entire contingent every single athlete, coach, and support staff member whose untiring dedication made this historic victory possible. Lifting the Commonwealth Overall Championship title for the very first time is a testament to the talent, discipline, and hard work within Indian fencing. This monumental achievement will serve as a massive boost of confidence for our fencers and will undoubtedly create strong positive momentum as we prepare for upcoming international tournaments and major global championships."

Odisha's V. Ramesh Rao Clinches Gold in Men's Foil at Commonwealth Fencing Championships

NEWDELHI: Odisha para-fencer V. Ramesh Rao has scripted history by winning the gold medal in Men's Individual Foil at the 2026 Commonwealth Fencing Championships in Lagos, Nigeria.

Rao, hailing from Chhatrapur in Ganjam district, delivered a commanding performance to secure the top podium spot, bringing laurels to both Odisha and India. His triumph sparked celebrations in his hometown, where family members, residents, and sports enthusiasts hailed the achievement.

The victory is being seen as a milestone for Indian para fencing, inspiring young athletes across Odisha to aim for international success. Rao's success underscores the growing potential of athletes from the state to excel on the global stage.



Neeraj Chopra, Gopichand Launch Indian School of Coaching Excellence

NEWDELHI: Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra and badminton legend Pullela Gopichand on Thursday unveiled the Indian School of Coaching Excellence (ISCE), a pioneering initiative designed to strengthen India's coaching landscape and sports ecosystem. The ISCE will run multidisciplinary coach-development programmes integrating physical literacy, sports science, education, technology, and career development. It will serve as a collaborative knowledge-sharing platform, working with government bodies, SAI, federations, high-performance centres, academic institutions, and the private sector. Chopra



stressed the importance of coaches in shaping athletes' journeys, saying the initiative will provide access to world-class education, mentorship, and sports science knowledge. "Every athlete's journey is shaped by the guidance of his/her coach. To create the next generation of sports heroes, our coaches must continue to learn and inspire," he said. Gopichand, a

Dronacharya awardee, highlighted ISCE's role in bringing global best practices to Indian coaching. "The future of Indian sport will be defined by the ecosystem we build. Coaches are at the heart of that ecosystem," he noted, adding that ISCE will help coaches upskill, collaborate, and lead with confidence.

Ball Goes Soft After 25-30 Overs': Morkel Warns India Seamers Ahead Of Sri Lanka Tests

Galle: India's bowling coach Morne Morkel has urged the team's seamers to adapt quickly to Sri Lanka's heat, humidity and the changing nature of the Kookaburra ball, stressing that maintaining intensity and finding creative ways to generate pressure will be crucial in the two-Test series which will commence on Saturday. India's pace department has been dealt a significant blow with Jasprit Bumrah ruled out of the series due to a knee injury. Mohammed Siraj is now the most experienced member of the seam attack, with Prasidh Krishna,



Gurnoor Brar and newly called-up Aaquib Nabi providing the other options. Morkel believes the conditions will test the Indian seamers' ability to adjust their plans once the ball loses its hardness. "Our skill is there, and the planning will be

there, but the biggest challenge coming to Sri Lanka is the heat, the humidity, and the Kookaburra ball going soft a little earlier. It will go soft after 25 or 30 overs, so we have to expect that. In these conditions, it's all about your mindset. If you're a fast bowler, if

you're going to bowl the shortest spells, the energy you put into the ball and putting it into good areas — you'll always have opportunity," Morkel said, as quoted by Cricinfo.

The bowling coach wants India's seamers to make the most of the early stages of their spells before finding alternative methods to create chances as the ball gets older. "As the Test match will go on, hopefully there will be a little bit of uneven bounce. It's about how we can stack up overs together with intensity and create that pressure because we haven't played a lot of

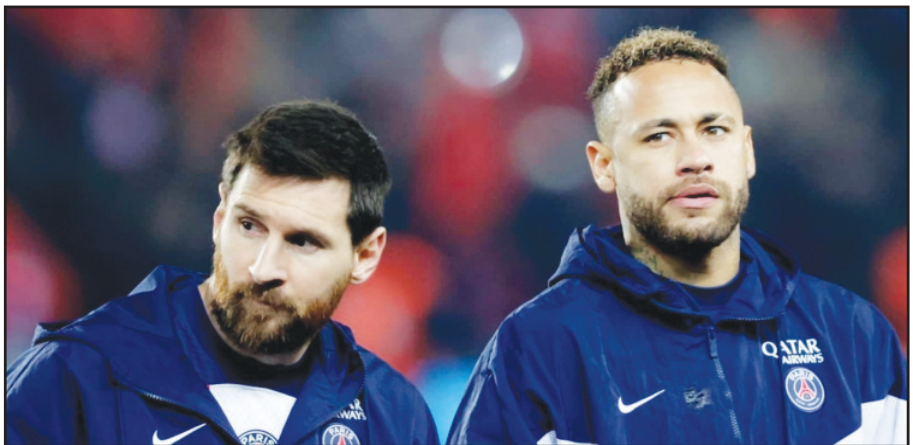
red-ball cricket in the last couple of months; going back into that is going to be a challenge as well," he said.

The former South Africa pacer believes hitting the deck hard and maintaining disciplined lengths can still trouble batters in Sri Lankan conditions. Still, the bowlers will need to become more inventive once the Kookaburra loses its hardness.

"Even in our playing days, I thought if you hit the deck hard here, you are asking lots of questions on a good length, you're always in the chance of picking up results," Morkel said.

Neymar Sends Emotional Message to Lionel Messi After Father Jorge Messi's Death

NEWDELHI: Brazilian football star Neymar has expressed his condolences to Lionel Messi following the death of the Argentina captain's father, Jorge Messi, at the age of 68. Jorge Messi died in Rosario on Saturday. He played a significant role in his son's football journey from an early age and also served as his agent during Messi's rise to global stardom. Messi shared an emotional tribute to his father on social media on Wednesday, reflecting on their relationship, his father's support throughout his career and the difficult period



leading up to his death. Responding to Messi's post, Neymar sent a message of support to his former Barcelona teammate. "Much strength for you and your family big hug," Neymar wrote in the comments. Cristiano Ronaldo also offers

support. Neymar's message came shortly after Cristiano Ronaldo also reached out to Messi following the death of his father. Ronaldo commented on Messi's post with a message of sympathy, writing: "A huge hug to you and yours in these

tough times, Leo. Much strength." The messages from two of football's biggest stars have drawn attention as they offered support to Messi during a deeply personal loss. Messi remembers his father's final wish. In his tribute, Messi recalled how

Jorge encouraged him to play at the 2026 FIFA World Cup despite his worsening health. Messi said his father had hoped to see him play in the tournament's final and had continued to encourage him to participate. The footballer also spoke about how difficult it was to accept that his father was no longer there and reflected on the moments they still hoped to share. Jorge Messi was a key figure throughout his son's career, supporting Messi from his childhood in Argentina through his transformation into one of football's most celebrated players.

Hardik Pandya Demands Captaincy to Rejoin Gujarat Titans — Why the Franchise Said No

NEWDELHI: Indian cricket star Hardik Pandya faces a roadblock in his attempt to rejoin Gujarat Titans. His current stint with Mumbai Indians might wrap up soon as he searches for fresh opportunities. Talks happened between his camp and his former team about a possible return. Gujarat management liked the idea initially. However, they walked away after hearing his main condition. Pandya insisted on taking over the captaincy if he came back. Franchise cricket often sees dramatic shifts, and leadership disputes frequently derail major trades in the Indian Premier League. Gujarat Titans originally secured their debut title under his leadership back in 2022. Because of this shared history, the team explored the trade option. Current captain Shubman Gill



even agreed to welcome him back into the squad. Yet, when the star player demanded the leadership spot, team officials firmly rejected the proposal. Things look shaky for him at Mumbai Indians right now. His team suffered through a difficult 2026 season. They managed to win only four out of their fourteen games. This poor performance left them sitting in ninth place on the points table. Fans also hold mixed feelings about him. Many supporters felt upset when he left after 2021, only to return in 2024 to replace Rohit Sharma

as skipper. Several other big teams are now monitoring the situation closely. Kolkata Knight Riders and Chennai Super Kings have reached out to Mumbai Indians to ask about his availability. Team management in Mumbai reportedly holds doubts about keeping him as their leader. They continue to evaluate his position after the recent disappointing tournament. Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the player stated he has not spoken directly to any rival teams. They clarified that interested parties must direct all trade queries straight to Mumbai Indians management.

"Efforts to bring Messi to Keralam, fairly messy affair": UDF Govt report flags irregularities in previous LDF regime

Thiruvananthapuram (Keralam): Keralam's Congress-led UDF government's Sports Special Secretary N Prashanth has flagged serious procedural, financial and administrative irregularities in the previous Left Democratic Front (LDF) Government's efforts to bring the 2021 FIFA World Cup-winning

Argentina team and its legendary captain Lionel Messi, for a 'friendly exhibition' match at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi in 2025. In a report submitted to the Keralam government, Prashanth recommended a detailed departmental inquiry against those responsible and called for the files to be referred to competent investigating agencies to examine

alleged financial, regulatory and other violations. The report questioned the manner in which an Argentine Football Association (AFA) document was treated as confirmation of the proposed event. According to the report, the document was neither a formal commitment addressed to the Kerala government nor a legally binding assurance, but merely a

brochure or commercial requirements sheet. It further noted that despite the absence of a final commitment from AFA, an agreement guaranteeing the participation of prominent players, including Messi, or official FIFA/AIFF approval, the Union government was informed that Argentina's official World Cup squad would visit Kerala.

Hindalco's Baphlimali becomes India's first bauxite mine to secure ASI certification

Reinforces Hindalco's leadership in responsible aluminium production, with 11 ASI-certified operations spanning mining, smelting and downstream manufacturing

R a y a g a d a , (correspondent): Utkal Alumina International Limited (UAIL), a subsidiary of Hindalco Industries Ltd., the metals flagship of the Aditya Birla Group, has secured Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) Performance Standard V3.1 (2023) Certification for its Baphlimali Bauxite Mine in Rayagada district of Odisha, making it the first bauxite mine in India to achieve this certification. The certification covers the planning, mining, onsite crushing and conveyor transportation of bauxite from the Baphlimali mines, which have an annual production capacity of

8.5 million tonnes. The mines supply bauxite to Utkal Alumina's refinery operations and form a critical part of Hindalco's integrated aluminium value chain. The achievement also takes Hindalco's portfolio of ASI-certified operations to 11 across mining, smelting and downstream manufacturing. The certified operations are located at Mouda, Hirakud FRP, Talaja, Kuppam, Alupuram, Belur, Renukoot, Belagavi, Hirakud and Aditya. UAIL is one of Hindalco's largest alumina-producing operations, contributing approximately 2.67 million tonnes of alumina



annually. As the primary source of bauxite for the refinery, Baphlimali plays a strategic role in supporting the company's alumina production. Commenting on the achievement, Kailash Pandey, CEO – Aluminium Upstream, Hindalco Industries, said: "Baphlimali is a strategically important asset for Hindalco and a critical link in our

integrated aluminium value chain. The ASI certification of Baphlimali underscores our commitment to sustainability, transparency and responsible sourcing across every stage of production. As we extend certification across our upstream operations, we are building an increasingly integrated and globally

recognised responsible aluminium value chain — from mine to metal." Dr. Fiona Solomon, Chief Executive Officer, Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI), said, "The certification of the Baphlimali Bauxite Mines reflects the continued engagement of Utkal Alumina and the wider Hindalco Group with ASI's sustainability standards. The growing

number of Hindalco operations participating in ASI certification across different stages of the aluminium value chain demonstrates a commitment to implementing recognised environmental, social and governance practices and advancing responsible production across the sector. Such efforts play an important role in strengthening transparency, traceability and stakeholder confidence throughout the aluminium value chain." The Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) is a global sustainability standards and certification organisation for the aluminium value chain.

ITC Aashirvaad Salt delivers Iodine nutrition to 6 Lac Children Meals

B h u b a n e s w a r (correspondent): What began as a festival-led awareness initiative at this year's Rath Yatra has now grown into a lasting commitment to children's nutrition. Building on the success of its 'Iodine Ka Tilak' campaign, ITC's Aashirvaad Salt has partnered with 7 Children Foundations - Asha Kiran, Jeevan Jyoti, Sri Sri Maa Ananda, Rama Krushna Balaasharm, Prativa and Madhurmyee Adarsha Siksha Niketan to contribute iodized salt for over 6 lakh children's meals, extending the campaign's Seva pillar well beyond the festival itself. The Iodine Ka Tilak initiative enabled over 3 lakh devotee interactions, driving meaningful conversations around the

role of iodine in everyday nutrition. More than 1.5 lakh glasses of Lembu Sarbat and Tanka Torani, a beloved drink of Lord Jagannath prepared with fermented rice water and the right pinch of Aashirvaad Iodized Salt, were served, celebrating Odisha's rich culinary heritage while reinforcing the role of iodized salt in everyday meals. For Aashirvaad Salt, the festival was never meant to be the endpoint. By channeling that goodwill into a structured nutrition partnership, the brand has turned a moment of collective devotion into an ongoing act of service - ensuring that the conversations sparked on the Rath yatra continue to translate into real support for children's nutrition long after.

JSW committed to serving the people - Anil Singh

P a r a d e e p : (Correspondent) :- JSW is committed to serving the people and always. The company is going to adopt a unique approach to solving the problems of the people. Today, JSW Utkal Steel Limited Chairman Anil Singh made this statement while interacting with the representatives of Dhinkia, Nuagaon and G a d k u j a n g Panchayats. Anil Singh, who came to Paradeep to review the progress of the company, discussed many important issues in detail with the people of these three



Panchayats throughout the day. While the people mainly laid special emphasis on local employment, they expressed their views on the development of infrastructure in the three panchayats, economic upliftment of

the people, sports grounds for the development of youth and sports, advanced hospitals, coaching facilities for poor and backward students, good arrangements for drinking water supply, development of

transportation, permanent facilities for drainage, improvement of Gadkujang Temple and Mausima Temple by special craftsmen. Anil Singh spent a long time with the people on how to take quick steps and solve all these issues easily.

GIET University Organises Patriotic March Under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign

G u n u p u r (Correspondent): As part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign ahead of Independence Day, Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology University (GIET University), Gunupur, organised a patriotic march on Thursday under the aegis of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and the National Cadet Corps (NCC). The march commenced from the New Bus Stand, Gunupur, and concluded at Gunupur College. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from



students, faculty members, university officials, NSS and NCC volunteers. Dr. N. V. Jagannadha Rao, Registrar, GIET University; Dr. A. V. N. L. Sharma, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr. P. Vijay Kumar, Controller of Examinations; Bani Prasad Nayak, NSS Programme Officer; Dr. Premanshu Sekhar

Rath, Convener; and Chinmay Swain, NCC Officer, were among those present during the programme. Carrying the Tricolour and raising patriotic slogans, the participants marched through the town, spreading the message of patriotism, national unity and respect for the nation. The initiative aimed to strengthen the

spirit of national integration and instil a sense of pride and responsibility towards the country among the youth. The march, conducted with the message "Respect for the Tricolour is Respect for the Nation," created a vibrant atmosphere of patriotism across Gunupur. Professors, faculty members, NSS and NCC volunteers, and students participated with great enthusiasm, reaffirming their commitment to the ideals of unity, patriotism and service to the nation.

Jindal Stainless' FY26 Integrated Annual Report outlines strategic roadmap for sustainable growth and future-ready manufacturing

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Jindal Stainless, India's leading stainless steel manufacturer, released its FY26 Integrated Report - The Metal of Progress. The Strength of Tomorrow, outlining the Company's strategic priorities for building a more resilient, sustainable and future-ready stainless steel business aligned with India's evolving infrastructure and manufacturing ambitions. As India progresses towards its vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, infrastructure is being designed to serve generations. This is



placing greater emphasis on material durability, lifecycle value and sustainability, alongside upfront cost. Stainless steel is emerging as a critical material in this transition, given its corrosion resistance, durability and recyclability. With corrosion estimated to

cost the Indian economy nearly ₹14.1 lakh crore annually, according to a recent report by Nomura, Jindal Stainless' Integrated Annual Report highlights the growing importance of corrosion-resistant and fully recyclable materials across transport, water,

energy, defence, urban infrastructure and coastal development. Speaking on the Company's long-term perspective, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, said, "India's next phase of growth will be measured in decades, not years, and that changes what we ask of the materials we build with. In FY26, from how we approached sustainability and technology to where we invested capacity, our strategy was centred on creating long-term value for customers,

communities and the nation while contributing meaningfully to India's growth story." Speaking about the initiative, Mr. Anuj Rustagi, Business Unit Chief Executive, Staples, ITC Ltd., said: "Rath Yatra is a celebration of faith, community and service. Through Aashirvaad Salt, we wanted to participate in that journey in a way that was both culturally meaningful and socially relevant. By extending our Seva beyond the festival, we hope that the conversations that began at Rath Yatra continue as meaningful, lasting support for children's nutrition"

Temporary Augmentation of Coaches in Various Trains to Clear Rush

BHUBANESWAR, (correspondent): To provide more comfortable travel facilities to passengers and to cater to the increased rush of commuters during the upcoming week, Indian Railways to temporarily augment additional coaches in several important express trains as detailed below. • Train No. 12837 Howrah-Puri Express will be augmented with one Sleeper Class coach from 15th to 21st August 2026. • Train No. 18030 Shalimar-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express will



be augmented with one 3rd AC and one Sleeper Class coach from 15th to 21st August 2026. • Train No. 18039 Shalimar-Puri Express will be augmented with two Sleeper Class coaches on 16th August 2026. • Train No. 18045 Shalimar-Charlapalli Express will be augmented with one

3rd AC coach from 15th to 21st August 2026. • Train No. 18063 Santaragachi-Yelahanka Express will be augmented with one 3rd AC coach on 20th August 2026. • Train No. 18107 Rourkela-Jagdalpur Express will be augmented with one Sleeper Class coach on 15th and 16th August 2026.

"lisforum_Orissa" Celebrated Librarian's Day

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent) Librarian's Day was celebrated by the "lisforum_orissa" - a web based national forum for Library & Information Science professionals, on 12th August 2026 in virtual mode. Every year

Librarian's Day is celebrated on occasion of birth anniversary of Padma Shree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the father of library science in India. To mark the occasion a conclave was organized on the topic

"From Collection to Connections: Redefining Library Services in Present - Day Context". Two dignitaries namely, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Head, Dept. of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University; and Dr.

Smita Mohanty, Addl. Secretary, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar were the Chief Speaker and Guest of Honour respectively. They share their rich experiences with the participants while discussing on the topics. On this

occasion a national level Online Quiz Competition was organized among LIS students on 7th of this month and first three competitors were awarded certificates and gifts. Best Librarian award was handed over to Dr.

Suresh Jange, University Librarian, NAAC Coordinator, and Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at Gulbarga University, Karnataka. Which was sponsored by Dr. Sada Bihari Sahu. Dr. Sunil Kumar

Satpathy, Dy. Librarian & Head of NIT, Raipur was the moderator of this programme. The programme was anchored by Dr. Debraj Meher, Librarian, OUAT, Bhubaneswar and Mr. Jayanta Kumar Sahu.

The programme was a sort of great value for the participants and budding librarians as well. The program was ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Manoj Mishra, Librarian, SOA, University, Bhubaneswar.