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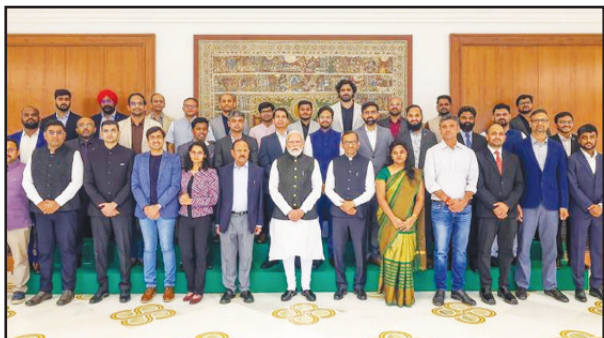


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India's Space Sector Has Become Magnet For Global Investors: PM Modi

New Delhi: As India marked National Space Day on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings and said that the country's global rise in the space sector, especially in the private space sector, has made it a "magnet" for investors. He also praised Gen Z for building new technologies. Sharing a video of his speeches, PM Modi said, "I said in Ayodhya that this is the beginning of a new cycle of change. In this new cycle, India is steadily expanding its space presence in the global order, and this is clearly reflected in our space



program." "Together, we have resolved to make India a developed nation by 2047, and the space sector plays a vital role in achieving this goal," he said in the video. He also hailed the private space sector of the country and said, "India's private space talent is making its own identity in the world. Today, India's space sector has become a magnet for global

investors." Praising the youth of the nation, the Prime Minister said, "Today, these Gen Z engineers, designers, coders and scientists are building new technologies. Be it propulsion systems, composite materials, rocket stages or satellite platforms, India's youth is working in areas that were not even imagined some time ago."

Odia Diaspora Meet In Varanasi Bats For Stronger Odisha Connect

Varanasi / Bhubaneswar: (correspondent) The second day of Odisha Parab 2026 in Varanasi on Sunday witnessed an Odia Diaspora Meet that brought together members of the Odia community, cultural personalities, professionals, academics and entrepreneurs to strengthen their cultural, social and economic ties with Odisha. The meet was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida as the Chief Guest, along with Anil Rajbhar, Minister for Labour and Employment and Coordination, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Dr Bijay Ketan Upadhyaya, Secretary, Department of Odia Language,



Literature & Culture, Government of Odisha; Padma Shri Sribhas Chandra Supakar; Prof Gopabandhu Mishra, President, Varanasi Odia Samaj; and Prateek Hira, Chairperson, FICCI UP Tourism Committee, as Guests of Honour. Odia Diaspora Meet In Varanasi Bats For Stronger Odisha Connect The programme highlighted

the important role of the Odia diaspora in strengthening Odisha's cultural identity and contributing to the state's social and economic development. The day also featured Tourism Investor and Business-to-Government (B2G) interactions, providing a platform for government representatives,

investors and industry stakeholders to discuss opportunities for collaboration and investment in Odisha's tourism sector. A dedicated Tourism Roadshow showcased Odisha's rich and diverse tourism potential, with a focus on 15 master destinations, including Puri, Konark, Ratnagiri, Udayagiri, Lalitgiri, Hirakud,

Chilika, Bhitarkanika and Similipal. The roadshow also highlighted investment opportunities in ecotourism, wildlife, adventure and experiential tourism. Odisha's potential in the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) sector was also showcased, along with the incentives available to investors in the tourism sector. The event underlined the state's broader development goals under Odisha Vision 2036 and Odisha Vision 2047, with tourism being positioned as a key driver of a prosperous, inclusive, sustainable and globally recognised Odisha.

Iran Warns Countries Against Joining US 'Economic Pressure Campaign'

Tehran: A senior Iranian security official on Saturday warned neighbouring countries and other states against joining the United States in its "economic pressure campaign" against his nation, saying Tehran would regard such countries as "enemies".

Mohsen Rezaei, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, said in an interview with state-run IRIB TV that Iran would first seek dialogue with countries involved and urge them not to participate in what he called the US "economic war" against Iran. However, if those countries choose to continue, Iran would target their interests, he



said, adding that Tehran would not allow oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf if regional countries support the US "pressure campaign." Rezaei also said the Strait of Hormuz would remain closed until the United States fulfils its commitments under a

peace memorandum of understanding signed between Tehran and Washington in June, Xinhua News Agency reported. His remarks came after US President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday "the most crushing economic operation ever taken"

against any country providing a lifeline to Iran. "This will be Economic Warfare and Isolation on an unprecedented scale," Trump posted on Truth Social. Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said that the US anti-Iran economic operation is

doomed to fail like its other coercive measures against the country. "14 years ago: 'Most crippling sanctions in history.' Failed. 8 years ago: 'Maximum pressure.' Failed. 5 months ago: 'Unconditional surrender.' Failed. Today: 'Most crushing economic operation ever.' Bound to fail," Araghchi posted on social media platform X. Earlier, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi said that the United States is now further pressuring Iran under the label of an "economic war," which he views as an attempt to cover up Washington's previous failure.

NSA Ajit Doval to Visit Beijing for India-China Boundary Talks

NEW DELHI: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will travel to Beijing on Monday to attend the 25th round of Special Representatives (SR) talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, focusing on the long-standing 3,488 km boundary dispute between India and China. The structured SR mechanism, established in 2003, has yet to resolve the dispute but is seen as a crucial platform for managing tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The talks gain added significance as they precede the expected visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India for the BRICS summit on September 12-13, potentially



opening the door for bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently reiterated that peace and tranquillity along the border remain a prerequisite for healthy ties, amid reports of Chinese troop activity in Arunachal Pradesh. India has firmly rejected Beijing's claims over the state, calling Arunachal Pradesh an inalienable

and integral part of India. Both sides have agreed to maintain communication through diplomatic and military channels, with the CID and Detective Branch also engaged in reviewing the situation. The upcoming Doval-Wang dialogue is expected to focus on stabilising the frontier and ensuring that border tensions do not derail broader bilateral relations.

India's BRICS Chairship Set To Advance Global South Cooperation: Report

Cape Town: While advancing the Global South agenda, India has played a key role in shaping the vision and ethos of BRICS, with political and security cooperation, economic development and cultural exchanges emerging as its core pillars, a report has stated. It noted that the Indian approach has also strengthened the principle of consensus in agenda-setting and decision-making, while an emphasis on tangible projects has advanced practical cooperation across sectors. The report noted that India's

chairship of the BRICS will reflect a "shift in geopolitics, an imbalance in geo-economics and challenges to the rule-based multilateral system". "While major powers push for global hegemony, developing economies are looking for greater autonomy and space for their economic and diplomatic decisions. India's leadership of the movement will seek to advance the core objectives of BRICS for coherence and address misperceptions," a report in South African news website 'The



National' detailed. "India will outline a positive agenda for BRICS that promotes growth and development, advances reforms in global governance, and responds effectively to the opportunities and

challenges of our times," it added. According to the report, India's initial vision for hosting the 18th BRICS summit points to a "humanity first" and "people-centred" approach. The theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation,

Cooperation and Sustainability' reflects a commitment to addressing shared challenges through balanced and inclusive cooperation. It also highlights the need to strengthen capacities, foster innovation and

ensure sustainable development for the benefit of all. The report highlighted that one such initiative led by India and first unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015 is the vision for the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), encapsulated in the SAGAR doctrine—'Security and Growth for All in the Region'. "The Indian Ocean, PM Modi highlighted, was critical to the future of the world, bearing two-thirds of the world's oil shipments, one-third of its bulk cargo, and half of its container traffic," it

stated. According to the report, SAGAR vision has since evolved into MAHA SAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement), extending its focus across the Global South, while including economic diplomacy, technology-sharing and digital connectivity. "This has allowed the Indian Navy to emerge as a central instrument of India's expanding maritime outreach with increased naval deployments, exercises and humanitarian missions, increasingly shaping how India engages partners across the Indian Ocean and the

wider Global South," it stressed. Emphasising that the shift reflects the growing role of maritime routes in global trade, the report said nearly two-thirds of global commerce moves through the Indo-Pacific maritime corridor, with about 90 per cent of India's trade carried by sea. "The MAHASAGAR vision is poised to further enhance India's role in fostering cooperation in the region and demonstrates India's willingness to continue cooperating with the Global South on issues of mutual interest," it mentioned.

NTPC Talcher Thermal Organises Safety Leadership Bootcamp to Strengthen Safety Culture

and achieve the shared goal of Zero Harm while ensuring successful project completion. It also highlighted the crucial role of EICs and leaders in shaping the safety mindset and behaviour of the workforce, as the actions, attitudes and commitment demonstrated by leaders have a direct influence on the safety behaviour of employees.

currently breathing without support, is clinically stable, tolerating full oral feeds and gaining weight adequately. Describing it as an extremely challenging case, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dey, Senior Consultant, Pediatrics and Neonatology, SUM Ultimate Medicare, said the baby initially appeared well but, within two weeks of birth, developed severe heart dysfunction followed by shock, liver injury and a very severe inflammatory response. Early recognition, aggressive supportive care and a coordinated multidisciplinary approach were crucial in turning the situation around. "Seeing the baby stable, feeding well and gaining weight now is extremely encouraging," he added.

In the first incident on 13 August, a team was carrying out a scheduled de-hooking drive against illegal electricity connections at Nayan Sahi, Baridua village, under Kabisuryanagar jurisdiction. According to the complaint, a group of individuals obstructed the team's official duties and the situation subsequently turned violent, resulting in injuries to a frontline employee. bisuryanagar

today many workers like raju naik, bulu bhatra, saras k a n d p a n , a m i k a n d p a n , s u s h a n t k a n d p a n and durya khara said that they left the congress and joined the BJP after being inspired by the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the development work of the state government.



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TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Officer on behalf of Phulbani Municipality, Phulbani, Kandhamal invites percentage Rate bids in conformity with detailed Tender call Notice consisting of **137 nos. (One Hundred Thirty-Seven)** of civil road, drain works, buildings with estimated cost (work value), cost of tender paper& EMD, time of completion, class of contractors and the set of terms and conditions applicable for the contract. Tender documents can be purchased by paying requisite tender fees at Cashier, Phulbani Municipality.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the Works	Road, Drain & Building Works as mentioned in the NIT
2	Number of Works	137 nos. (One Hundred Thirty Seven)
3	Tender Amount	Rs. 1.50 Lakhs to Rs. 4.99 Lakhs
4	Availability of Bid Documents	From 24.08.2026, 11.00 Hrs to 09.09.2026, 17.00 Hrs
5	Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid Documents	09.09.2026, 17.00 Hrs
6	Bid Opening Date & Time	10.09.2026, 11.00 Hrs
7	Name & Address of Bid Inviting Officer	Executive Officer, Phulbani Municipality

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Study Circle Held at Anchal College

Padampur,(Correspondent): A study circle on the topic “The Role of Gangadhar Literature in Personality Development and Character Building” was organised at Anchal College, Padampur, under the joint auspices of the Postgraduate Departments of Odia and English and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).The programme was presided over by the college principal, Dr Digambar Chand. Professor Umesh Chandra Mahapatra, Controller of Examinations, Sambalpur University, attended as the chief speaker and said that the humility, dedication and ideals reflected in the poetry and literary works of Swabhaba Kabi Gangadhar Meher would continue to guide the younger generation in character building. Former principal Khageswar Dash, the guest of honour, observed that literature plays a vital role in shaping individuals into cultured and responsible human beings. The guests were felicitated with shawls and citations on the occasion. Lecturer Reena Dharmabinayak conducted the stage proceedings, while Dr Saroj Kumar Naik introduced the guests. Lecturer Shadanana Bhoi was also present on the dais.

During the technical session, Dr Pradeep Kumar Panda and students Sagariika Joshi and Kumkum Dharua presented scholarly papers on the theme. The programme was successfully conducted with the cooperation of Professor Purnima Dora, Toshabanta Barik, Captain Jayakumar Bhue, Lecturer Nirmal Kumbhar and Sureshwari Pandey. Professor Srikanta Sahu proposed the vote of thanks.

Two Minor Girls Rescued, Reunited with Families

Nayagarh, (Correspondent):: Acting under the direction of Nayagarh SP Subendu Patra, police teams from Itamati and Fategarh Police Stations successfully rescued two minor girls in separate cases and reunited them with their respective family members after following due procedures. The police teams took prompt action after receiving information regarding the missing minor girls. Their successful recovery highlights the district police's continued efforts to prevent kidnapping and ensure the safety and security of children. The Fategarh Police team acted under the supervision of IIC Ajaya Kumar Sahoo. The SP has directed police personnel to take strict and timely action in cases involving children and to maintain law and order across the district. Police have appealed to the public to immediately report any case of a missing or abused child by contacting Emergency Helpline 112 or Child Helpline 1098. Nayagarh Police reiterated its commitment to protecting children and taking prompt action against those involved in crimes against minors.

Two Arrested in Illegal Arms Cases in Khandapada

Nayagarh(Correspondent):, : Acting under the leadership of Khandapada SDPO Saroj Kumar Sahu and IIC Krutibash Harichandan, Khandapada Police have taken action against illegal arms possession and arrested two persons in separate cases. The accused have been identified as Rabindra Nahak, son of Late Banamali Nahak of Barapalli, Tanlasahi under Khandapada Police Station, and Rabindra Pradhan, son of Late Jaya Pradhan of Sanahamara under Sadar Police Station in Nayagarh district. In connection with the incident, two cases have been registered at Khandapada Police Station, vide Khandapada PS Case Nos. 249 and 250, dated August 23, 2026, under Section 25(1-A) of the Arms Act. Khandapada SDPO Saroj Kumar Sahu has been maintaining strict vigil against criminal activities, including illegal arms, kidnapping and illicit liquor trade. Under his supervision, police teams have intensified action to prevent criminal activities and maintain law and order in the area. Further investigation into the cases is underway.

Two houses collapsed in heavy rain

Ixmipur (Correspondent): Rain has not stopped in Laxmipur block. Even as it has become difficult for people to leave their homes, the walls of two houses of Benu Muduli and Chitta Muduli have collapsed in Madam Dora village of Panchada Panchayat on Saturday night due to torrential rain. As a result, two tribal families were found to be in a miserable condition throughout the night and



woken up in the morning to fix the house. A lot of food grains in the house along with many furniture containers have been destroyed. Tahsildar naibedya bhoi has informed that he has sent the revenue inspector and instructed to provide polithin. After assessing the damage, the government help will be provided, Tahsildar said.

Space Lab Inaugurated at Krishna Vikash Residential School in Baragada

Padampur, (Correspondent): A new Space Lab was inaugurated at Krishna Vikash Residential School, Baragada, with the aim of promoting experiential learning among students and nurturing their interest in space science and aerospace technology. Former ISRO scientist, aerospace expert and former colleague of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Professor Elangovan Rajagopalan, inaugurated the facility. The new laboratory is expected to provide students with opportunities for practical learning, scientific experimentation, research and

innovation. Chairman of the Krishna Vikash Group D. Murali Krishna, Group Director Dr. Samarendra Nath Panda, Academic Principal of Vikash Residential School Shishir Prasad Roula, Higher Secondary Principal Chitraranjan Pati, CHGSA Principal Narayan Rath, Head of People and Culture of the Vikash educational institutions Ashwini Nayak and Vice-Principal Dr. Manoj Kumar Tripathy were among those present. Teachers and students of the institution also attended the programme. Addressing the gathering after the inauguration, D. Murali Krishna spoke about

the significance of providing students with opportunities for experiential and scientific learning. Professor Rajagopalan later shared his experiences from ISRO and encouraged students to pursue science, research and innovation with curiosity and determination. An interactive question-and-answer session was also organised as part of the programme. Students enthusiastically raised questions on space science, rockets, satellites and aerospace technology. Professor Rajagopalan responded to their queries and encouraged the students to remain curious and explore new areas of scientific



knowledge. The newly inaugurated Space Lab is expected to serve as a valuable platform for students to gain practical knowledge, conduct experiments and develop innovative ideas in the fields of science and space technology.

Head of the Science Department of Vikash Residential School, Vineet Kumar Dora, coordinated the programme.

District Magistrate's Joint Public Grievance Hearing Camp to be held

Katakata Correspondent): On Monday, August 24, a District Magistrate's Joint Public Grievance Hearing Camp will be held at the new conference hall at the Athgarh Sub-District Magistrate's Office. This grievance hearing camp will start at 10 am and will continue till 1 pm. The district administration has requested the complainants to register their grievances and wait till their turn comes and participate in the grievance hearing in an orderly manner. The District Magistrate and other district-level departmental officers will be present at this camp and hear the grievances of the people. In addition, public grievance hearings held at various panchayat levels in the district will also be held from 10 am to 1 pm.

Gopalpur Industrial Park (GIP) by Tata Steel Special Economic Zone emerges as Eastern India's Green Industrial Hub

Bhubaneswar/ Gopalpur, Correspondent):: Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited (TSSEZL) has strengthened its position as one of India's leading green industrial developers with the recently proposed Green Ammonia Project at its Gopalpur Industrial Park (GIP), located in Ganjam district of Odisha, reinforcing the Park's emergence as a major hub for green energy equipment and advanced manufacturing in eastern India. The latest initiative to advance green energy in the state is the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the Government of Odisha, Japan-based IHI Corporation, ACME Group, and TSSEZL.



The agreement concerns a proposal to set up a 0.4 MTPA Green Ammonia Plant and a jetty-less floating terminal at Gopalpur Industrial Park, strengthening Odisha's clean energy ecosystem. Manikanta Naik, Managing Director, Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited (TSSEZL), said, "Our vision of transcending Gopalpur Industrial Park as a globally competitive industrial destination is coming true. Major

infrastructure projects for the supply of power and water to the Industrial Park by the Government of Odisha has aided this cause. We remain committed to creating world-class infrastructure and an investor-friendly ecosystem that enables sustainable industrial growth. The confidence shown by leading national and international companies reinforces TSSEZL's role in driving investments, creating employment and

supporting Odisha's vision of becoming a leading hub for green industries in the country."

Further strengthening the Park's renewable energy equipment manufacturing ecosystem, Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited and Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) have executed a binding land transfer agreement for TPREL's proposed investment of ₹10,000 Crores at Gopalpur Industrial Park. The proposed project will focus on the manufacture of solar ingots and wafers, supporting India's clean energy ambitions while enhancing Gopalpur's position as a key hub for green energy equipment manufacturing.

Recently, GIP has been honoured with the 'Smart Industrial Park' award by Maritime Gateway in recognition of its excellence in industrial infrastructure and innovation. The award was presented as part of the Smart Logistics Summit & Awards 2026 held at Bhubaneswar. With its strategic east coast location, robust port, rail and highway connectivity, availability of land in both Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and Domestic Tariff Area (DTA), and expanding clean energy and manufacturing ecosystem, Gopalpur Industrial Park continues to attract marquee investments, reinforcing TSSEZL's role in driving industrialisation, sustainable manufacturing and Odisha's emergence as a globally competitive green industrial hub.

Fisheries and Animal recerch Development Minister visited Harishankar Temple

Patnagarh (Correspondent) State Fisheries and reserch Development Minister Gokulanand Mallick visited Harishankar, a major holy area and tourist destination of Khaprakhol block in Balangir district, on Saturday. On this occasion, he first discussed various issues with the departmental officers at Subhadra Shakti Panth nivas



residence. Later, along with visiting Harishankar Temple, he had a warship of god Harishankar. Later, he visited the fountain and natural beauty. On this occasion,

CDVO Dr. Sarada Prasanna Singh Bariha, District Fisheries Officer Reshma Rani Singh, Khaprakhol BDO Bibekananda Sarangi, Khaprakhol Tehsildar

Satya Sundar Rautraya, Patnagarh Additional Tehsildar Arjun Majhi, Khaprakhol Police Station Officer Narendra Chhatar, Harishankar police SI Narayan Sahu, B.V.O Dr. Swapneshwar Naik, various departmental officers, BJP Mandal President Umakant Padhan, Padma Kumar Singh Bariha, Abhay Tripathi, Kalia Sahu were prominently present.

Mayurbhanj Talent Achieves a Milestone: Young Scientist Joins NPCIL

Baripada, Charchita Kabi Satapathy, a talented young man from Baripada who was pursuing his M.Tech at IIT Kharagpur, has secured a prestigious position in the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) under the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, after successfully clearing a highly competitive nationwide selection process. He has joined the organisation as a Group-A Young Scientist. According to reports, he is among only 48 young scientists selected from across the country for this prestigious opportunity. Charchita completed his Class X and XII with distinction from Kendriya Vidyalaya. He later earned a B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla. After qualifying the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE), he joined IIT Kharagpur to pursue his M.Tech

Arupa "organizes first trade fair in Malkangiri-2026

Malkangiri, correspondent : A huge trade fair has been organized in Malkangiri for the first time by the Odisha Rural and Urban Producers Association 'Arupa'. 'Arupa' is a prominent organization in Bhubaneswar, which has been working continuously for the development of rural and urban artisans, weavers, farmers and MSME sectors since 1990. The main objective of 'Arupa' is to make artisans self-reliant and create opportunities for the



sale of their products by organizing handicraft fairs in various districts of Odisha. This organization has been continuing its programs for 36 years. Providing various types of training to artisans.

Health insurance and health service facilities. Issuing artisan identification cards and supplying raw materials. Informing artisans of all districts about various schemes of the Central and State Governments.

Jajpur Flood Situation Additional District Collector Conducts Spot Inquiry in Bari, Red Cross Assistance Provided to Bereaved Family

Jajpur (Correspondent): A severe flood situation has emerged in Jajpur district due to breaches in the Baitarani, Kani and Brahmani rivers. Two separate breaches occurred near Patana village under Tarapada Gram Panchayat in Dasarathpur block and near Naubanka village under Jari Gram Panchayat in Binjharpur block, inundating large areas. According to the government report, a total of 4,34,632 people in 123 Gram Panchayats and 405 villages across 10 blocks of the district



have been affected. Of them, 99,757 people remain waterlogged and stranded. The flood has affected 19,112 hectares of agricultural land and 1,58,777 livestock. The district administration has intensified rescue, relief and healthcare operations in the affected

areas. Today, Jajpur Collector Ambar Kumar Kar reviewed the relief and rescue operations at the Dasarathpur Block office. Senior officials are remaining in the affected areas and continuously monitoring relief and rescue activities.

EDITORIAL

Cinema, Culture and Festivals Moving to the Margins

Cinema is not merely a source of entertainment. It is also a mirror of society, a storyteller of culture and, in many ways, a record of changing social values. For generations, Indian cinema has played an important role in bringing festivals, traditions, family relationships and cultural practices to the screen. Songs, celebrations, rituals, traditional clothing, food and community gatherings often became an integral part of films and helped audiences connect with their cultural roots.

However, the changing landscape of cinema tells a different story today. As storytelling styles, audience preferences and social realities evolve, traditional festivals are increasingly finding less space in mainstream films. The colorful world of Diwali, Holi, Dussehra, Baisakhi, Lohri, Pongal, Onam, Eid and other regional celebrations that once added emotional and cultural depth to cinema sometimes appears to be moving towards the margins.

This does not mean that festivals have disappeared from Indian cinema. They continue to appear in films, television, music videos and digital content. But their role has changed. Earlier, a festival scene was often more than decoration. It could become a powerful setting for family reunions, emotional encounters, reconciliation, celebration and social interaction. Today, festivals are sometimes reduced to background visuals, brief sequences or commercial elements.

One reason for this change is the transformation of the Indian family. Traditional cinema frequently portrayed large families living together, where festivals brought grandparents, parents, children, relatives and neighbours into the same space. The festival became an occasion for collective happiness. With the growth of nuclear families, urban lifestyles and migration, the social experience of festivals has also changed. Cinema naturally reflects these changes.

The rise of digital entertainment has further transformed storytelling. Audiences now consume films and series on multiple platforms, often choosing shorter and faster narratives. Filmmakers compete for attention in an environment where stories are expected to move quickly. Long cultural sequences involving rituals, preparations and family gatherings may therefore receive less screen time.

From Digital Intelligence to Human Wisdom



Jayadeba Sahoo

This ancient Vedic (Rigveda 1.89.1) invocation captures the spirit of educational openness that underlies the AI age. Never before has humanity possessed such unprecedented access to global knowledge systems. Yet the central question remains: Can technological intelligence contribute to human wisdom?

The twenty-first century is witnessing an unprecedented explosion of information, artificial intelligence and digital connectivity. Yet, beneath this dazzling technological efflorescence lies a paradox: humanity possesses more information than ever before, but not necessarily more wisdom, inner tranquillity or emotional equilibrium. Attention is increasingly fragmented, learning is frequently examination-centred, and young minds confront unprecedented psychological, social and technological pressures.

In such an epochal landscape, Neuroeducation emerges as a promising interdisciplinary paradigm at the confluence of neuroscience, psychology and education. UNESCO describes educational neuroscience as an interdisciplinary field exploring the relationship between brain function and learning processes, while its broader “science of learning” initiative integrates neuroscience with psychology, linguistics and education to improve curricula, pedagogy and learning environments.

Neuroeducation therefore asks a profound question: How can education become more compatible with the architecture and dynamics of the human brain?

The Brain: The Living Canvas of Education

The human brain is not a static receptacle into which information is poured; it is a dynamic, adaptive and experience-sensitive system. Learning can alter neural networks, strengthen pathways and reshape patterns of cognition and behaviour. This phenomenon of neuroplasticity carries an extraordinary educational message: present limitations need not become permanent destinies.

A child who initially struggles with mathematics may develop competence through appropriate practice, encouragement and meaningful learning experiences. A student with poor concentration may gradually cultivate sustained attention. A hesitant learner may blossom when the educational environment replaces humiliation with psychological safety.

Recent scholarship identifies neuroplasticity, attention, executive functions, motivation and emotional engagement as important themes in contemporary neuroeducation, while simultaneously cautioning against simplistic “brain-based” claims.

The educational philosophy implicit here beautifully resonates with the Indian civilizational dictum: “– “Udyamena Hi Siddhyanti Karya?i Na Manorathai?” - “Accomplishments are achieved through endeavour, not merely through wishful thinking.”

Thus, neuroplasticity provides a scientific metaphor of possibility, while the Indian Knowledge System provides a cultural philosophy of persistent self-transformation.

Attention: The New Educational Currency

In the digital civilisation, attention has become perhaps the most precious cognitive resource. Notifications, short-form videos, social-media algorithms and continuous multitasking compete relentlessly for the learner's consciousness. Consequently, twenty-first-century education must teach not merely what to learn, but how to govern attention.

The Bhagavad Gita declares: Uddhared atmanatmana? natmanam avasadayet. “Let a person uplift oneself by oneself; let one not degrade oneself.”

This principle can be interpreted educationally as a call for self-regulation and cognitive sovereignty. Learners need to become masters rather than captives of their attention.

A neuroeducational classroom may therefore incorporate reflective pauses, focused learning periods, meaningful questioning, retrieval practice, experiential learning and metacognitive reflection.

Emotion Is Not the Enemy of Intelligence

Traditional education often separated cognition from emotion. Contemporary learning sciences increasingly reveal the inadequacy of such compartmentalisation. Motivation, emotional states, social relationships and psychological safety profoundly influence engagement with learning.

A frightened learner may avoid intellectual risk; an encouraged learner may experiment, question and persevere. The teacher, therefore, is not merely a transmitter of information but a cultivator of cognitive and emotional ecosystems.

A teacher's sentence—“You can improve”—may become a psychological seed of perseverance. A classroom characterised by dignity, empathy and belonging can become an invisible laboratory of human flourishing. This aligns with the Indian educational ideal: - “Sa vidya ya Vimuktaye”- “That is true knowledge which liberates.” Education must liberate the learner not merely from ignorance, but progressively from fear, prejudice, impulsivity and intellectual dependence.

From Marks to Mastery

Neuroeducation challenges an exclusively examination-oriented conception of educational success. True learning is deeper than memorising information for an examination and subsequently forgetting it. It involves:

attention ? understanding ? practice ? reflection ? application ? mastery.

For example, rather than merely teaching environmental science through textbook definitions, students might investigate a local river, document pollution, interview communities, analyse ecological consequences and design solutions. Such experiential learning connects cognition with emotion, memory, social interaction and purpose.

The classroom thus becomes a living laboratory, transforming knowledge into experience and experience into wisdom.

Neuroeducation and the Indian Knowledge System

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) offers a rich philosophical reservoir for expanding the meaning of education. Indian traditions have historically regarded education as a process of self-cultivation, ethical refinement and harmonious living, rather than merely vocational preparation.

The celebrated Taittiriya Upanishad injunction – “- Satya? vada. Dharma? cara. Svadhyayan ma pramada?”- “Speak truth. Practise righteousness. Do not neglect self-study” contains a remarkable educational triad:

Truthfulness Ethical action Self-reflection.

This is highly relevant to twenty-first-century education, particularly when artificial intelligence can generate information at unprecedented speed. The future learner needs not merely information-processing capacity but discernment, ethical intelligence and reflective consciousness.

Scorching cities, burning future



Dr Satywan Saurabh

The intense heatwaves plaguing Indian cities are no longer merely a meteorological phenomenon but an issue of climate justice. Heatwaves are often considered transient climate events, but their unequal impacts are deeply intertwined with inequalities in housing, income, employment, access to water and electricity, and the ability to escape the intense heat. The wealthy can take refuge in air-conditioned buildings, while millions of urban poor must endure the intense heat of the day to get to work, school, and home. The recent heatwave in Delhi, with surface temperatures in the beautiful city reaching over 54 degrees Celsius, reflects this unequal reality.

Unlike other parts of the world, climate change is impacting urban design and development, causing Indian cities to become hotter. Global warming is increasing the frequency, duration,

and intensity of extreme heatwaves. However, at the local level, urbanization can further exacerbate temperatures through the urban heat island (UHI) effect. During the day, concrete, asphalt, and other built surfaces absorb heat from the sun and release it slowly, leading to warmer neighborhoods after nightfall. Unplanned and rapid urban growth has replaced natural cooling zones with heat-trapping infrastructure.

The lack of vegetation further worsens the situation. Trees and green spaces regulate temperatures and provide shade through transpiration. They are one of the most effective natural barriers to heat, but they are gradually disappearing, especially in high-rise buildings and poorer areas. Dense building populations can also restrict airflow, causing hot air to accumulate between buildings.

The injustice of urban heat affects people unequally, and their ability to adapt is

also unequal. Poor people often live in informal settlements or poorly constructed homes with poor ventilation, limited insulation, and tin roofs. During the hottest hours of the day, these homes can be much hotter than the outside temperature. Experiencing heat in crowded rooms, where electricity is erratic and there is no ability to use air conditioners or fans for long periods of time, is particularly dangerous. For many families, home becomes their only refuge.

Another aspect of insecurity is occupation. Many workers in the informal sector, such as street vendors, construction workers, sanitation workers, delivery personnel, traffic police, domestic workers, etc., cannot avoid working during the hottest hours of the day. Unlike formal employees, many of these workers are paid based on attendance, productivity, and/or sales. Taking leave for health reasons can result in lost income. Heat also leads to

reduced productivity, reduced customer footfall, wastage of perishable goods, and physical fatigue. As a result, this heat can lead to a vicious cycle of reduced income and increased expenses for water, electricity, and healthcare.

Its health effects are also not uniform. Symptoms of prolonged high temperatures include dehydration, headaches, dizziness, weakness, and insomnia. The elderly, the already frail, and young children are more vulnerable. However, poor people living in urban areas are less likely to have access to quality medical care, clean water, and cooling. Poor sleep at night can also have long-term effects, as it can lead to deterioration in physical and mental health, especially in hot climates where homes lack adequate cooling, are crowded, and cannot be closed at night. Heat-related vulnerability is not just a matter of the highest temperature recorded at a weather station; it can also include the duration of heat

exposure and the availability of resources to mitigate the effects of heat.

Indian cities need to move beyond typical heatwave strategies and adopt a heatwave-resilient and socially inclusive approach to urban planning. While this is an important first step, disaster management plans must incorporate the results of neighborhood-level risk mapping, rather than simply city-wide average values. Ward-level maps should highlight informal settlements, areas with low tree density, heat-storage surfaces, and locations where outdoor workers or populations have limited access to water and health services. The risk assessment approach by the National Disaster Management Authority provides a valuable foundation, but its implementation must be closely integrated with the urban planning process.

The construction of affordable housing projects should be the foundation of urban heat-resistance. Reflective roofs, cool roofs, improved

building insulation, shaded windows, improved building ventilation, and the use of energy-efficient building materials are all passive cooling options that can regulate internal temperatures and reduce air conditioning energy consumption. For example, under the right conditions, cool roofs can reduce internal temperatures by approximately 2-5 degrees Celsius. Therefore, governments should prioritize installing them in slums, underprivileged areas, and public institutions such as schools, hospitals, Anganwadi centers, and other public institutions.

Green and blue infrastructure should also be viewed as integral city services, not just additional amenities. Increasing tree density, greening streets, protecting parks, and restoring lakes and water bodies can cool the local climate, improve air quality, and enhance public health. But these measures must be fairly distributed. If affluent areas are given parks where they are not needed, it would be unfair to give concrete

and asphalt to low-income areas.

Cities should also provide accessible cooling centers, ventilated public spaces, and drinking water points in vulnerable areas. Special attention should be paid to bus stops, markets, labor centers, and construction areas. Such facilities should be available during heatwave warnings and made readily available, free of charge. Early warning systems should also be disseminated in local languages ??and through the informal sector and marginalized communities.

Heat resilience must be incorporated into urban master plans, building codes, and infrastructure investments. Climate-sensitive buildings should be encouraged to incorporate orientation, shading, ventilation, and the use of heat-reducing materials based on ECBC principles. Heat impact assessments should be used in addition to regular environmental assessments for new roads, housing projects, and commercial

developments.

Outdoor workers need protection too! Occupational heat standards in India need to be strengthened, along with mandatory rest breaks, shaded workspaces, drinking water, and flexible working hours during extreme heat.

In conclusion, extreme heat exposes inequalities in urban structure and access to resources. A 45-degree Celsius day may be the same for a wealthy person and a street vendor, but their experiences are completely different. To make cities resilient to climate change, it is essential to address issues such as housing, livelihoods, public health, labor rights, and social security, in addition to reducing temperatures. Heat-risk mapping for each ward, climate-resilient housing, cool roofs, green infrastructure, cooling shelters, and occupational safety measures should be at the center of urban governance. Instead of focusing on the urban poor, we must focus on making India's cities cooler, safer, fairer, and more just.

MP reviews Baunsuni bridge work, Lays foundation stone for Shishu Mandir

BOUDH:(Correspondent) :- A Member of Parliament visited the under-construction Mahanadi bridge at Baunsuni in Boudh Sadar Block and reviewed the progress of the project.Around 75 per cent of the bridge construction work has been completed, while land acquisition for the approach road is still pending. The MP directed the concerned officials to expedite the land acquisition process and complete it at the earliest to ensure the timely completion of the project.During the inspection, Boudh Collector Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak, Sub-Collector Binay Kumar Bhoi, Additional Collector Aniruddha Pradhan and engineers from the concerned department were present.During the visit, the MP also laid the foundation stone for a Shishu Mandir at Baunsuni.Shishu Mandir president Prabhash Kumar Rath and other guests welcomed the MP and expressed their gratitude for his visit to Baunsuni.



After the death of her husband, the struggle of a woman with two children

laxmipur (correspondent):After the death of her husband, a woman came to the father's house and is struggling to raise her two children. It has been eight months since the father stayed in the house, and a woman did not hesitate to go to bed to feed the stomach of the two children.A sad incident like this has been seen in Champi Panchayat Sadar of Laxmipur block. Less than three years ago, Shanti Lata Kolika married Amin Sanota of Bada Amb



village in Raigarh block of Nabarangpur district in a tribal manner. Two and a half years after the marriage, a fight between the two brothers took place over land. Amin died. Her father came home

holding her son while she was pregnant. After staying here for two months, she gave birth to a daughter. Now the son is two years old and the daughter is six months old. In spite of everything, she is

forced to come to her father's house and take care of him. His father Gobri Koleka said that he is afraid to go to the police station because of the danger to his life When Shanti is unable to gather courage to fight for her rights, the media has sought help. Therefore, it is imperative that the district administration take the lead to help these innocent women. It remains to be seen whether Bartman Shanti will get justice or spend her life in mourning

Class VI Student Rituraj Bags First Prize at District Science Exhibition

Dhenkanal:(Correspondent):- Rituraj Patnaik, a Class VI student of Saraswati Shishu Mandir at Mangalpur village under Odapada block in Dhenkanal district, has secured the first prize at the district-level Science Exhibition (Jnyana Bigyana Mela) held at Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Motanga, on Thursday.Rituraj, son of Manoj Patnaik, presented an impressive working model based on the Swachh Bharat initiative, which was highly appreciated by the judges and visitors. His model demonstrated the importance of cleanliness and proper waste management.School teacher Sumanta Behera guided Rituraj in designing and preparing the model. The young student has also been performing well in academics and has shown a keen interest in science and innovative activities.Rituraj's achievement has brought pride to his parents, teachers and the school. His father, Manoj Patnaik, is employed with GMR Kamalanga Energy Ltd.



Migrant Worker's Body Returns to Village from Telangana 'Bindumina Seva Foundation' Extends a Helping Hand

Kalahandi : (Correspondent) :-An Odia migrant worker, who had gone to earn a livelihood, has died in a tragic accident. The 28-year-old youth lost his life in distant Telangana. However, due to the noble gesture of the 'Bindumina Seva Foundation', his body could reach his native land.According to the information received, Bikash Chandra Jal (28), a resident of Ghotia village under Golamunda police station in Kalahandi district, had gone to Ramagundam city in Telangana state to work as a migrant laborer to support his family. After



meeting with a tragic bike accident there, local residents rushed him to the hospital immediately. However, the doctors there declared him dead. The body kept lying in the hospital overnight, and the post-mortem was completed the following day. However, due to financial distress, the family members were completely unable to

bring the body back to their village in Odisha. Under such circumstances, the villagers appealed for help through social media.Upon receiving this tragic news, the "Bindumina Seva Foundation" immediately extended a helping hand. The foundation's chairman, Bindu Mahanand, discussed the financial condition of the deceased's family with villagers Dharmendra Jal, Bhaktaram, and Dambharudhar Jal. Following this, the foundation arranged a freezer ambulance completely free of cost. Today, after Bikash's

body reached his birthplace, Ghotia village, the last rites were performed in a mournful atmosphere.A shadow of grief has enveloped the entire village due to Bikash's untimely demise. As he leaves behind his wife and a young son, this poor family has now been left completely helpless.The villagers and locals have highly praised and expressed their deep gratitude to the "Bindumina Seva Foundation" for acting as an angel for poor people during such difficult times and arranging to bring the body back to the village.

MLA INSPECTS COOP SOCIETIES, STRESSES TRANSPARENCY

Paralakhemundi:(Correspondent):- Paralakhemundi MLA Er. Rupesh Kumar Panigrahi conducted surprise inspections of Patikota Service Cooperative Society Limited under Uplada panchayat in Gosani block and several other cooperative societies in Gajapati district, reviewing their functioning and services to farmers.

During the visits, Panigrahi examined the societies' day-to-day operations, records, farmer services and arrangements related to paddy procurement and agricultural activities. He stressed that farmers should receive government benefits and cooperative services without facing



unnecessary difficulties. The MLA directed the concerned employees to maintain transparency, accountability and farmer-oriented services, and made it clear that negligence, irregularities or any action detrimental to farmers' interests would not be tolerated.

The surprise inspections have drawn attention among the farming community, particularly as efforts

are being made to strengthen the cooperative system at the grassroots level. The MLA also indicated the importance of addressing farmers' grievances promptly. His field inspections are being viewed locally as an effort to assess the ground reality rather than merely reviewing files in offices, with farmers' interests and transparency in cooperative functioning remaining the key focus.

HEAVY RAIN LEAVES 50 FAMILIES WATERLOGGED

Paralakhemundi:(Correspondent) :- Three days of incessant rain have left around 50 families of Krishnanagar in Ranipentha village, on the outskirts of Paralakhemundi, surrounded by rainwater, disrupting their movement and daily life.With water accumulating around the locality, residents are reportedly unable to venture outside. The lack of a proper drainage system has aggravated the situation, making it difficult for the accumulated water to drain away.Social worker Lingaraj Panigrahi, a resident of the area, has urged the district administration to take immediate steps to drain the stagnant rainwater and provide relief to the affected families.

BJP Reaches Flood-Affected Families in 21 Panchayats of Binjharpur

JAJPUR (Correspondent) : The Binjharpur unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has reached out to families struggling amid the ongoing flood situation and distributed relief materials in several flood-affected areas of Binjharpur and Dasarathpur blocks with special assistance from the Chief Minister.The relief distribution drive was conducted under the leadership of BJP State Executive Committee Member Smt. Babita Mallick. All presidents of the Binjharpur Mandal, along with Mahila Morcha and youth workers, participated in the relief and service activities.Relief materials including flour, semolina, puffed rice, flattened rice, drinking water bottles, cattle feed and other essential items were distributed among flood-affected families.In Binjharpur block, assistance was provided in Singhpur, Jari, Olei Chandanpur, Bangara, Haldidiha, Aunri, Tina, Pritipur, Kapila, Chandramun, Ranpur and Kalyanpur areas. Similarly, flood-affected families in Kaian, Kamadiha, Dattapur, Nijampur, Khannagar, Thalukudi, Palatpur, Jafarpur and Biripata villages of Dasarathpur block were also provided with relief materials.

Two critically injured, 10 hurt as passenger bus veers off road near Odisha toll gate

Kataka (correspondent): A private passenger bus travelling from Jajpur to Bhubaneswar met with an accident near Tangi toll gate in Kataka district after allegedly losing control and veering off the road on Sunday afternoon. Two passengers sustained critical injuries, while 10 others were injured in the mishap. The bus, named 'Lovely', was carrying several passengers when the accident occurred near the toll gate. Following the incident, Tangi Police reached the spot and launched



a rescue operation. The injured passengers were immediately rescued and taken to SCB Medical College and Hospital (SCBMCH) in Kataka in ambulance vehicles for treatment. The two critically injured

passengers are reportedly undergoing treatment, while the condition of the other injured passengers is being monitored.Police personnel also rescued the remaining passengers from the ill-fated vehicle and, with their assistance, arranged

another bus to take them to their respective destinations. The exact circumstances that led to the bus losing control and veering off the road are yet to be ascertained. Police have begun probing the incident. The accident caused concern among passengers and motorists in the area, while the prompt intervention of police and highway ambulance personnel helped ensure that the injured were quickly shifted to the hospital. However, no comments were received from the local police in this regard.

Gold chain stolen from woman's neck at Govinda Nagar Chack

Gopalpur, (correspondent)A woman riding a scooter was robbed of her gold chain and fled at Govinda Nagar Chack on the National Highway under Golanthara police station. W. Duryodhan of Tatdapally has filed a complaint with the police station regarding the incident. According to the complaint, Duryodhan and his wife were returning home from their relative M Shobha's house in Kanishi village at around 8 pm when four youths on two motorcycles suddenly approached them on the Ichchapur road near Govinda Nagar Chack and tried to rob Duryodhan's wife of a gold necklace. At this time, the woman grabbed the gold necklace with her hand and the robbers were able to pull off half of the gold necklace and fled towards Ichchapur. At the time of the incident, Duryodhan shouted at the thieves and the locals gathered there, but the thieves were able to escape taking advantage of the darkness. The incident is taken place just 1 km away from Golanthara police station. It is alleged that such incidents occur only because the national highway is dark. Based on the complaint, the police have started an investigation.

Continuous Heavy Rains Trigger Flash Floods in Nabarangpur

Lifelines Cut Off, Missing Person Reported, and Schools Closed

UMARKOT, (correspondent) Continuous heavy rainfall over the past two days has triggered flash floods and severe waterlogging across South Odisha, with Nabarangpur district suffering the brunt of the destruction. Water levels in major rivers, including the Bhandar, Tel, Borehi, Kukur Jor, and Sukha rivers in Chandahandi block, have reached unprecedented heights for the first time in a decade.In a tragic incident, Balabhadra Gouda, father of Rameswar Gouda from Bhendia village under Malgaon panchayat in Chandahandi block, was swept away by a sudden surge of floodwaters while crossing the Borehi River to transport fertilizers to his farmland. Search and rescue

operations are under way, though he remains missing as of the latest reports. Distressed locals have urged the administration to step up relief and rescue measures.Following heavy rainfall and thunderstorm alerts issued by the Regional Meteorological Centre in Bhubaneswar, Nabarangpur District Collector Maheswar Swain has ordered the closure of all Anganwadi centers as well as public and private schools across the district on Monday, August 24, 2026, to ensure student safety. Similarly, Jharigaon block has been severely impacted by widespread road damage and flooding.A 20-foot section of the approach road and a protective retaining wall along the Chikili River in Kutrichhappar

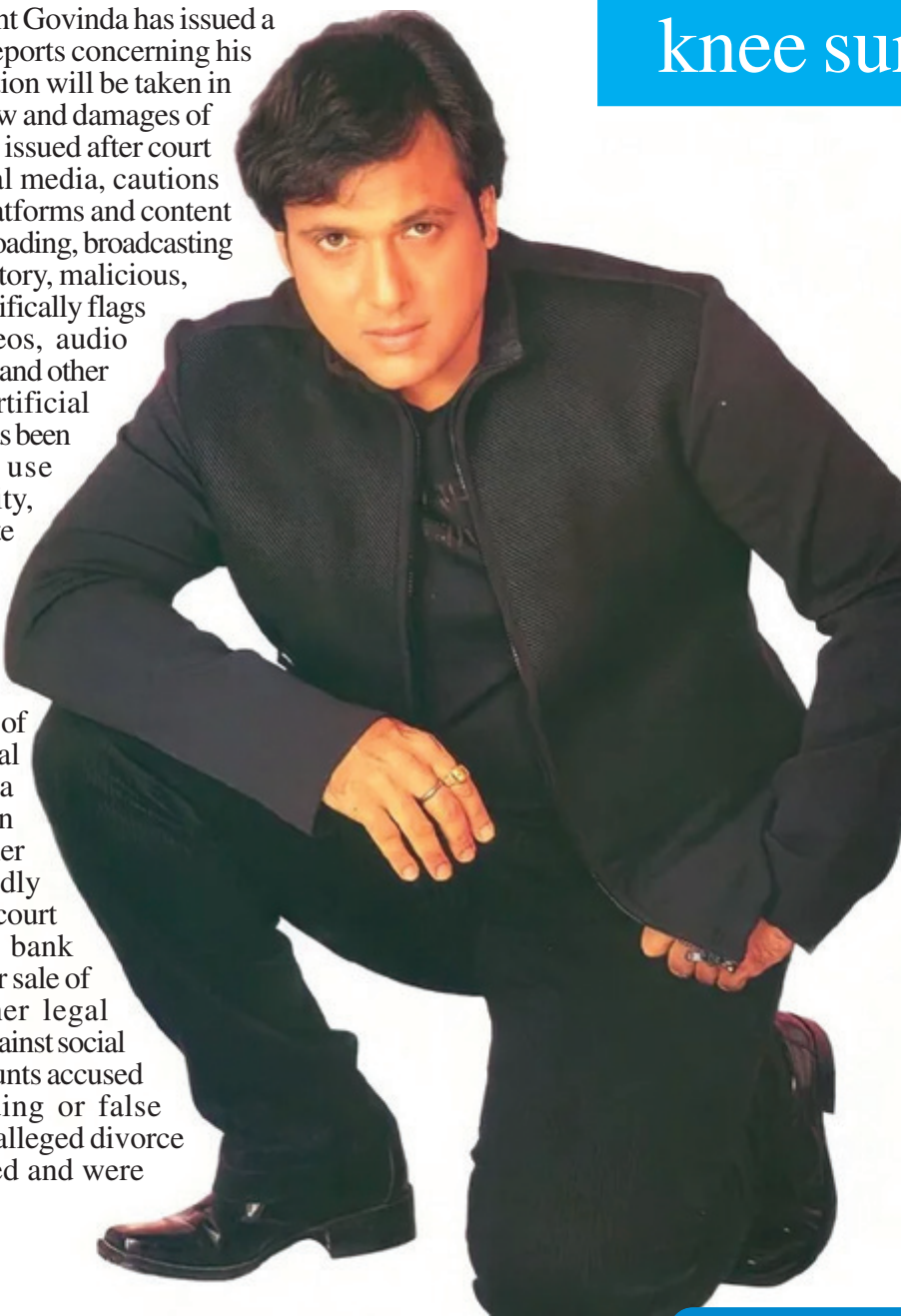
Panchayat were completely washed away, along with several uprooted trees. A 10-foot road stretch and a culvert connecting Karlamal to Kebidi and Barapani were also swept away, severing connectivity to over eight villages including Rekhamal, Dhepguda, and Kalia pani. Traffic on the Jharigaon-Dabugaon route has come to a total standstill after the under-construction approach road near Ramsa village was destroyed and floodwaters overflowed the Phupugaon bridge. Knee-deep floodwaters were reported on key connecting routes, isolating several villages under Chacha panchayat (including Gabaguda, Parliaguda, and Bhejiguda).?Damage to Homes and

AgricultureFloodwaters have inundated homes in Tangini (Badatemera GP), Kuhurakot (Banuaguda GP), ITDA Colony in Jharigaon, and Kangra village (due to the overflowing Chikana River), destroying food supplies and household belongings. Several houses collapsed, including those of Bidya Pujari, Mandab Dalapati, and Urmila Majhi in Kangra, and Tulavati Santa and others in Siramaguda.?Additionally, thousands of acres of farmland across the district remain completely submerged, sparking severe distress among local farmers over potential crop losses.Similarly in Dabugaon block Ongoing heavy rainfall has completely disrupted vehicular movement along State Highway-39 in

Nabarangpur district, leaving commuters stranded and forcing traffic diversions.?The disruption occurred at Jatabal under the Dabugam police limits, where construction on a new bridge remains incomplete. Commuters had been relying on a temporary diversion road to travel through the area. However, incessant rainfall throughout yesterday and into this afternoon caused floodwaters to submerge the diversion, halting traffic completely. Similarly, heavy rainfall disrupted lives in Nandahandi, Tentulikhunti and Kosagumuda block.People do not come out from their respective house as knee deep rain water restrict the movement of commuters.

Govinda issues public notice over court marriage rumours, warns of Rs 100 crore damages

Actor and former Member of Parliament Govinda has issued a warning against false and unverified reports concerning his personal and family life stating that action will be taken in such cases under relevant sections of law and damages of Rs 100 crore may be sought. The notice issued after court marriage rumours in sections of social media, cautions people, media organisations, digital platforms and content creators against creating, publishing, uploading, broadcasting or sharing content that is false, defamatory, malicious, fabricated or unverified. The notice specifically flags the circulation of photographs, videos, audio recordings, morphed images, deepfakes and other synthetic content generated using artificial intelligence. It states that no permission has been granted to create, manipulate or use Govinda's voice, photographs, identity, likeness or material relating to his private or family life through AI or other digital technologies. According to the notice details shared by Govinda's team, the actor may pursue civil and criminal action under applicable laws concerning defamation, invasion of privacy, misuse of identity and cybercrime. It refers to legal provisions under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the Information Technology Act, 2000. The notice further states that, against individuals allegedly found responsible, Govinda may seek court orders involving action concerning bank accounts, restrictions on the purchase or sale of property, passport seizure and other legal measures. Action has also been sought against social media platforms and social media accounts accused of deliberately circulating misleading or false content. Earlier reports concerning an alleged divorce involving Govinda had also circulated and were subsequently described as false



Kartik Aaryan undergoes successful knee surgery



Bollywood star Kartik Aaryan has returned home following a successful knee surgery at a Mumbai-based hospital. The 'Chandu Champion' actor recently sustained a knee injury while performing an action sequence on the sets of one of his films, after which he had to undergo surgery. According to his spokesperson, he is currently recovering and is expected to resume shooting soon. "Kartik Aaryan sustained a knee injury while performing an action sequence on the set of his film. His surgery was completed successfully, and he is now back home, resting and recovering. He will be back on set soon," his spokesperson said. Meanwhile, on the professional front, Kartik recently won the Best Actor in a Leading Role award at the 72nd National Film Awards (announced on July 18, 2026) for his portrayal of India's first Paralympic Gold Medalist Murlikant Petkar in the biographical sports drama Chandu Champion, directed by Kabir Khan. Reacting to the achievement on Instagram, Aaryan wrote, "Still processing... Some moments are simply bigger than words, and this is one of them. A dream I've carried for years has finally come true. Forever humbled, forever grateful..Best Actor National Award #ChanduChampion." Kartik and veteran actor Mamootty were jointly honoured with the Best Actor Award at the 72nd National Film Awards. Mamootty's versatile performance in Bramayugam helped him bag his fourth National Award.

Ginger juice on empty stomach can do wonders for your health

"Ginger provides a myriad of health benefits irrespective of its form of consumption. It not only adds on that extra flavour to our dishes but also many extra health benefits for an individual. Gingerol, an active natural compound of ginger root helps to maintain the motility of the gastrointestinal tract allowing the digestion process to happen smoothly and not let food stay in the stomach



for long. Ginger consumption can further reduce the fermentation and constipation and in turn help in reducing bloating/formation of intestinal gases,

BENEFITS OF GINGER JUICE ON EMPTY STOMACH

- 1. Digestive powerhouse:** Ginger has been celebrated for its digestive properties for centuries. Consuming ginger juice on an empty stomach can stimulate the production of digestive enzymes, aiding in better digestion throughout the day. It helps alleviate indigestion, bloating, and other digestive discomforts.
- 2. Immune system support:** Loaded with antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds, ginger juice can play a pivotal role in strengthening the immune system. Starting your day with a shot of ginger juice can provide your body with a potent defence against infections and illnesses.
- 3. Weight management:** For those on a weight loss journey, ginger juice can be a valuable ally. It is known to boost metabolism and enhance fat-burning processes. Additionally, it helps in controlling appetite, preventing overeating, and promoting a

feeling of fullness.

4. Morning sickness relief: Pregnant women experiencing morning sickness can find relief in ginger juice. Its anti-nausea properties can help alleviate the symptoms of morning sickness, providing expectant mothers with a natural and safe remedy.

5. Blood sugar regulation: Preliminary research suggests that ginger may contribute to better blood sugar control. Regular consumption of ginger juice on an empty stomach may aid in managing blood sugar levels, making it beneficial for individuals with diabetes or those at risk.

6. Cognitive boost: Ginger contains antioxidants that may contribute to brain health. By enhancing cognitive function and reducing oxidative stress, ginger juice can support mental clarity and focus throughout the day.



How to rekindle a broken relationship

1. Individual healing first: Both parties likely carry blame, grief and resentment over betrayed trust that needs to be processed before real reconciliation is possible. Processing separately via reflection, therapy or support groups prevents being overwhelmed navigating implications together. Rushing prematurely back together can become toxic.

2. Openly acknowledge harmful past actions: Partners need space to name the wounds suffered before releasing grudges. This may require multiple difficult conversations allowing raw honesty in a spirit of understanding - not judgment or vengeance.

3. Commit to necessary self-improvements: Addictions, neglect, dishonesty or other harmful behaviours that damaged the relationship should demonstrate long-term changes first through verifiable actions like rehab completion, maintenance of transparency, etc. before reuniting feels safe.

4. Slowly rebuild broken trust: No quick fix exists for shattered faith after betrayals. Perpetrators must



humbly earn back credibility through steady proofs of loyalty, follow-through, emotional availability and accountability as victims find readiness to extend fragile reliance once more.

5. Discuss practical changes required: Both people must identify individual and relationship habits that enabled dysfunction, neglect, dishonesty, etc. and then negotiate specific boundaries and proactive initiatives needed going forward. These may involve better communication strategies, increased dedicated couple time, dividing household duties more equitably, financial transparency, etc. Agreeing to mutual guidelines prevents repeating past pitfalls.

6. Mark new chapters with rituals: Significant turning points merit acknowledgment through symbolic gestures declaring commitment to writing a new unified story together. These may involve ceremonies, meaningful travels back to places of happier memories, creating vision boards for the future, compiling soundtracks that capture the renewed vibe of the relationship, or imagined dialogues embracing hard truths in order to obsolete them.

Can heatwave affect your sugar levels? Tips for people with diabetes to beat the heat

Living with diabetes can make you feel the heat more. As intense summer takes hold in many parts of the country, it's important to take measures to safeguard health. High temperatures can change the way our body functions. Extreme heat can especially take a heavy toll on people with diabetes who are not only at an increased risk of dehydration due to frequent urination but also face trouble in cooling their bodies down. Besides, scorching heat can change the way your body uses insulin, and one may need to monitor their blood sugar levels more closely and adjust

their insulin dose or medication. Diabetes can also affect the body's ability to sweat effectively which prevents the heat from escaping, raising risk of heat illnesses. Heat and humidity together can wreak havoc on an individual's health. Some medications used to manage diabetes can affect how the body responds to heat or increase the risk of dehydration. Heatwaves pose unique challenges for individuals with diabetes, as they can lead to

dehydration and exacerbate the risk of complications. As heatwave grips Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru and other parts of the country, people with diabetes need to watch out for symptoms of heatstroke and uncontrolled sugar levels. Dr. Bhama Ponmani - Consultant - Diabetologist - Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Centre shares essential tips to stay hydrated and healthy during hot weather.

Subarnapur Senior Football League inaugurated - Reserve Police team wins 2-0.

SUBARNAPUR --Municipality Zone Subarnapur Senior Football League was inaugurated Sunday at Gandhi Stadium. The inaugural match was held between Sonpur Reserve Police Team and Srujan Nag Football Academy today, while the opposing team Srujan Nag Football Academy lost 2-0 to Subarnapur Reserve Police Team. Kavi Mistry, jersey number 10 of the winning team, was awarded as the Man of the Match by the guests. On this occasion, Subarnapur Supdt. Of Police Narayan Naik was the chief guest, Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Rajendra Majhi was the guest of honor, Sonpur Sub Collector Dr.



Soumyarupa Rath, Municipal Council Ex Chairman Kairu Swain, District Sports Officer Chitta Ranjan Mishra, Social Worker Sribatsa Mallik, District Cricket Association President Ram Shankar Sahu joined and encouraged the players and awarded Man of the Match player Kavi Mistry. Sanjeev Kumar Sahu acted as the Chief Referee, Sushant Bagh, Sudam Jagdala, Anita

Mahanand managed the game. Bhukulu Baxi performed the duties as the Match Commissioner. Sports Association Vice President and Veteran Player Chittaranjan Tarasia, Senior Member and Veteran Player Aditya Kishore Dani, Padmanabha Dharua, Akhuj Baxi Ganeshram Meher, MD Muslim, Dharanidhar Naik, Manoj Bagh, Babula Bebartta were the

prominent veteran players. were present on the stage. Digambara Satapathy gave a live report of the game while senior members of the Sports Association conducted the Manoranjan Tripathy were carried out under the direct supervision of Piyush Panda while Bikash Panda proposed the vote of thanks. All the members of the Sports Association cooperated.

Golden Belief: Lanier, Gicquel-Delrue Lead Historic French Blitz At BWF World Championships

New Delhi: Before the New Delhi World Championships 2026, France had only ever won two bronze medals in the entire history of the tournament. On Sunday, they added two gold medals to their kitty, completely rewriting their future. At just 21 years old, Alex Lanier has made history in New Delhi, defeating Kodai Naraoka 21-11, 21-11 to become the first Frenchman to win the men's singles title in the BWF World Championships. The victory gives France its second gold medal of the 2026 World Championships, following the historic mixed doubles triumph of Thom Gicquel and Delphine Delrue, who became the first French pair to win a World Championships



medal. For Thom and Delphine, it is a remarkable step up from last year's World Championships in France, where the pair took bronze. Twelve months later, they have gone all the way to gold. Their victory also ended a 17-year wait for a European pair to win the mixed doubles World Championships. In just one week, French badminton went from being an underdog to sitting on top of the world. For national singles coach

Kestutis Navickas, this success wasn't magic; it was a change in mindset and the belief that the French shuttlers are no less than others. When asked about the mental changes with the players that led to two gold medals this year, Navickas replied to IANS: "The belief." He continued, "The belief that we belong here and the belief that we can do it... With Alex, we won tournaments already. Thom and Delphine, they won tournaments already.

So why not? Why are we worse? We are not worse." The players already knew how to win on the regular tour, but conquering the World Championships required matching the top Asian powers in confidence. The coaching team focused on building momentum, sharpening their skills, and teaching the players to trust that they truly belonged on the biggest stage. "I believe it's a belief in the whole country, in the whole badminton society now," Navickas said. "There is a belief that we can win." When asked how his team will be welcomed on returning as world champions, Navickas stayed humble: "I don't know. We never became champions. Maybe they will surprise us."

Badminton WC: Take Champagne And Gulp It; That's Gicquel-Delrue's Way To Celebrate Historic Gold

New Delhi: French badminton history was written in pure gold as Thom Gicquel and Delphine Delrue clinched their first-ever BWF World Championships title, and their victory lap is already legendary. The party kicked off the second they stepped into the mixed zone, where their coaching staff blindsided them with a pop of champagne. But that victory splash was just the opening act. When IANS asked the French mixed doubles pair how they plan to truly celebrate the historic gold, Gicquel kept it unapologetically direct: "We are gonna take the bottle and put it in our mouth. That's the goal." Gicquel and Delrue outplayed top seeds Feng Yan Zhe/Huang Dong Ping in a tactical masterclass in the mixed doubles final at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in



New Delhi on Sunday. It was Europe's first gold in a paired event since 2009 — incidentally, also in India — when Denmark's Thomas Laybourn/Kamilla Rytter Juhl won the title. The French completely took Huang out of the equation at the net, and even dared to flick-serve Feng from time to time. In fact, it was a flick serve on match point that finally delivered the historic moment for France. "A lot of emotion, really, really happy and super proud to win the first gold for France," said Delrue after the win. "It was an amazing match; both pairs played really

well, and we had to try a lot for a win. It's amazing to hear the national anthem on the podium for the first time." "We're thinking, it's amazing to be between two Chinese flags," said Gicquel. "When you are 10 years old, you don't really think that can happen, and it's really hard to believe, actually. It's really important for French badminton." Sharing the experience of playing in India, the French duo said, "I think it was very good this week. It was well-organised; also, (there were) a lot of people inside the hall to help.

2nd Test: Rishabh Pant Forced To Retire Hurt After Copping Blow On Wrist In Colombo

Colombo: India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant was forced to retire hurt after copping a painful blow to his left wrist off a sharp bouncer from Sri Lanka fast bowler Lahiru Kumara on day one of the second Test at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) Ground here on Sunday. The incident occurred in the ongoing final session when on the very first ball of the 58th over Kumara was introduced back into the attack. Operating from round the wicket, he banged one in short that angled



into the body. Pant, attempting to step across to the off side and pull behind square, was through his shot early and took a blow on his left wrist. The ball dribbled down the leg side towards wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella, with Pant

immediately down in severe discomfort having taken the hit on the wrist bone, just below his left forearm. Play was halted for a considerable duration as the Indian team physio Kamlesh Jain rushed to the field with an ice pack to prevent

swelling. After an extended assessment and treatment, brief taping was applied to Pant's wrist before it was swiftly removed. But following a discussion with the match umpires and the pain not reducing, Pant was forced to walk off the field after having scored three off 15 balls. Senior left-arm spin bowling all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja came out to bat at number six in place of the injured Pant, and joined half-centurion Devdutt Padikkal in the middle. The extent of Pant's

injury and whether he will come out to bat again is yet to be officially confirmed by the Indian team management. After going off the field, Pant sat in the dugout and got further attention from team doctor Charles Minz, with Jurel also looking towards his injured left wrist. Last year, Pant was forced to retire hurt after suffering a right foot fracture off a delivery from Chris Woakes in the Manchester Test, but later came back to hit a valiant fifty.

Punjab FC Sign Cameroonian Forward Raphaël Messi Bouli Till May 2027

Mohali: Ahead of the upcoming 2026-27 season, Punjab FC have bolstered their attacking firepower, officially signing Cameroonian centre-forward Raphaël Eric Messi Bouli on a contract that runs until May 31, 2027. Standing at 1.86 metres (6 ft 1 in), Messi Bouli brings a dynamic blend of physical

strength, aerial authority, and sharp penalty-box instincts to Punjab FC's frontline. Capable of spearheading the attack as an outright number nine or combining effectively across the final third, his wealth of experience and link-up play will add significant depth and versatility to the offensive unit. A former Cameroonian international

who represented the Indomitable Lions at senior level, Messi Bouli possesses extensive pedigree across Asian and Indian football. He first made a notable mark in Indian football during the 2019-20 Indian Super League campaign with Kerala Blasters, scoring eight goals. Over the course of his

career, the forward enjoyed prolific spells in China—notably scoring over 40 goals across stints with Nanjing City, Yanbian Funde, and Shijiazhuang Gongfu alongside stints in Iran with Foolad, as well as East Bengal FC and Jamshedpur FC in the Indian Super League (ISL).

2nd Test: Padikkal's Second Ton, Gill's Fifty Put India Slightly Ahead Of Sri Lanka

Colombo: Devdutt Padikkal continued his sublime run by hitting a brilliant second Test century before Sri Lanka hit back late with the second new ball to restrict India to 300/5 in 85 overs at stumps on Day One of the second Test at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) Ground in Colombo on Sunday. After electing to bat first on winning the toss, India looked set to dominate after Padikkal (117) and Ravindra Jadeja (43) added a 74-run partnership in the final session. Padikkal, who was dropped twice on zero and one, brought up his second Test hundred in consecutive matches with a series of precise cuts, which was his most productive shot of the day, off Prabath Jayasuriya, before

accelerating after reaching the milestone. The highlight of the day was Padikkal's quiet authority, with his technique and temperament adding immense depth and putting the long-standing debate around India's number three spot comprehensively to rest. Though he endured a few nervous moments and survived a couple of dropped catches early in his innings, Padikkal swiftly locked in to become a deeply calming presence at the crease. The highlight of his mastery was his method against the spinners — judging length exceptionally early and playing late off the back foot. Though Asitha Fernando's three-wicket haul has kept Sri Lanka in the



game, India are well-poised to get a big first-innings total, thanks to Dhruv Jurel and debutant Saransh Jain unbeaten at the crease on seven and four respectively. Apart from Padikkal hitting 12 boundaries in his sublime knock, skipper Shubman Gill hit his first fifty in Sri Lanka off 108 balls, laced with six

boundaries. In the morning, batting first on a pitch giving ample assistance to seamers, Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul made a steady start, as 30 of their opening stand of 37 runs came via boundaries mainly. Against the seamers who got enough seam movement, the modus operandi was to get

boundaries via drives on fuller balls. But Rahul was set up by short-pitched deliveries before nicking behind off a lazy cut off wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella off Lahiru Kumara's bowling to fall for 18. Padikkal joined Jaiswal but endured a nervous initiation. Before opening his account, Padikkal was

dropped at backward point off Kumara as Sonal Dinusha failed to hold on to the catch. Sometime later, Padikkal earned a reprieve when captain Dhananjaya de Silva spilt a regulation chance at slip against off-spinner Keshara Nuwantha. At the other end, Jaiswal stepped up the aggression in the 17th over by dispatching Fernando for three consecutive boundaries — an elegant drive past mid-on was followed by a ramp over slip, and a swivel pull through backward square leg. But Fernando had the last laugh on the final ball of the over by nipping one back off the seam to castle Jaiswal for 45. A fiery send-off from the pacer led to a tense and ugly face-to-face verbal

altercation with Jaiswal, where a bit of shovelling and headbutting via Jaiswal's helmet also happened. It's something that can attract a huge fine for Jaiswal from match referee Andy Pycroft. De Silva then intervened and separated the two before Jaiswal walked off the field. Gill joined Padikkal and safely negotiated the remaining overs to take India to the lunch break without further damage. Resuming after lunch, Gill and Padikkal continued to build steadily against an increasingly frustrated Sri Lankan attack. Padikkal, who survived an early short-pitched bowling test, settled down and brought out the drive, pull and cuts to reach his fifty off 90 balls by crunching a

boundary through the covers off Prabath Jayasuriya. The pair brought up their century stand off 168 deliveries as Sri Lanka resorted to negative tactics, with spinners Jayasuriya and Keshara Nuwantha firing deliveries down the leg stump to test the batters' patience. It meant multiple wides were called and forced the spinners back onto bowling a competitive line. Gill, who managed just 16 and eight in the series opener in Galle, was fluent in his front-foot play to reach his ninth Test half-century off 99 balls by flicking through fine leg for a single. Just as India looked set to complete a wicketless session in the Colombo heat, Fernando produced a breakthrough against the run of play.

GMDC Inaugurates Solar-Powered Drinking Water Project

CHHENDIPADA (ANGUL)(correspondent): In a major boost to rural infrastructure and public health, a new solar-powered community drinking water project was inaugurated on Saturday at PanaSahi village under Chhendipada Gram Panchayat. The initiative was commissioned by Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) under its Baitarani West Coal Project in partnership with Gramya Vikas Trust (GVT) as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme. The project addresses longstanding drinking water shortages



that have severely affected PanaSahi, particularly during the harsh summer months. The newly commissioned infrastructure features an 8-inch borewell paired with a 1.5 HP solar-powered submersible pump. Water is drawn into a 5,000 litre overhead

storage tank and distributed through a piped network connected to four strategic community tap points across the hamlet. The facility directly provides clean, potable drinking water to 80 households, benefiting more than 300 villagers. Addressing the

JSW Foundation Showcases Impact of Apparel Training Programme

BHUBANESWAR,(correspondent) :JSW Foundation, the CSR arm of JSW JFE Steel Limited, organized a dissemination workshop on the Apparel Training & Development Program at Sambalpur on 30 July 2027, marking the successful completion of a three-year initiative implemented in collaboration with the Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC). The program provided apparel skill training to 300 unemployed women from the peripheral areas of JSW JFE Steel Ltd., enabling enhanced employability and sustainable livelihood opportunities. The workshop was graced by Shri Debjit Nandi, MD, Sambalpur Bastralaya, Shri



Srimanta Hota, Joint CEO, ORMAS, Sambalpur; Dr. Neera Singh Parihar, Director, ATDC, NHO, Shri Sanjay Mohapatra, DPM, Odisha Livelihoods Mission, and Shri Vishal Raj, CSR Head – Western Odisha, JSW Foundation. Addressing the gathering, Shri Vishal Raj encouraged the trainees to make the best use of the

Self-Help Groups showcasing products and entrepreneurial achievements. A discussion was held on linking trained women with Government schemes such as DDU-GKY and PM Vishwakarma scheme to enhance their access to advanced skill training and sustainable livelihood opportunities, as highlighted by Shri Srimanta Hota, Jt. CEO, ORMAS, Sambalpur & other Dignitaries. The workshop reaffirmed JSW Foundation's commitment to empowering women & youth through skill development, entrepreneurship and inclusive socio-economic growth.

NTPC Darlipali Inaugurates 5 KVA Off-Grid Solar Systems in 50 Government Schools of Bargarh

Sundargarh, (correspondent):: NTPC Darlipali inaugurated 5 KVA Off-Grid Solar Power Systems in 50 Government Schools across Bargarh district under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, aimed at strengthening educational infrastructure while promoting the use of renewable energy. The programme was graced by Shri Pradip Purohit, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bargarh, along with ADM, Bargarh and District Education Officer. Shri Faiz Taiyab, Head of Project, NTPC Darlipali; Shri Deepak



Kumar Sonkar, GM (Project & Construction); and other senior officials also joined the occasion, along with the headmaster, teachers, students and other representatives of the school. Addressing the

gathering, Shri Faiz Taiyab, Head of Project, NTPC Darlipali, highlighted the importance of reliable electricity in creating better learning environments and enabling uninterrupted educational activities.

He also emphasised the role of the initiative in creating awareness among students about renewable energy and environmental responsibility. During the programme, Shri Pradip Purohit, Hon'ble MP, Bargarh, and other

dignitaries expressed their appreciation for NTPC Darlipali's efforts and the meaningful impact of the initiative. The solar installations are expected to provide the schools with a reliable and sustainable source of electricity, while helping students develop greater awareness of renewable energy and environmental conservation. The initiative reflects NTPC Darlipali's continued commitment towards education, community development and sustainable growth, creating meaningful and lasting impact in the surrounding communities.

Eye Check-up Camps Organised at Schools by Aditya Aluminium, Lapanga.

Sambalpur: (Correspondent):- Aditya Aluminium, Lapanga, under its Community Development initiatives "Project Aarogya," organised eye check-up camps at schools. Two free eye check-up camps were conducted jointly by Aditya Aluminium, the respective schools, and Trilochan Netralay, Rengali.



The camps were organised at Government Upgraded High School, Golamal, and Government High School, Katarbaga, under Katarbaga Gram Panchayat. Over the course of two days,

a total of 188 students underwent eye examinations. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Ravi Niwash, CSR Head, Aditya Aluminium, Lapanga. The primary objective of the initiative was to promote eye health among students and

facilitate the early detection of vision-related problems. Teachers, parents, and local community members appreciated and welcomed this public welfare initiative by Aditya Aluminium, acknowledging its contribution towards the health and well-being of school-going children

13th Art of Giving Ratna Award–2026 Jharkhand Unit Honours 20 Distinguished Personalities

Ranchi, (Correspondent):: The Jharkhand Unit of Art of Giving organised the 13th Art of Giving Ratna Award Ceremony–2026, honouring 20 distinguished individuals and an outstanding district unit for their exemplary contributions in the fields of literature, education, healthcare, journalism, sports, social service and public service. The ceremony was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS, KIMS and Art of Giving, as the Chief Guest. Shri Subodh Kant Sahay, former Union Minister, Government of India and President of Art of Giving Jharkhand Unit, presided over the ceremony. Smt. Mohua Majhi, M.P., Rajya Sabha, attended as the Guest of Honour. Also present on the dais were Shri Sekhar Bose, Secretary, Art of Giving Jharkhand Unit; Shri Sunil Sahay, Working President, Art of Giving Jharkhand Unit; and



Prof. (Dr.) Gaganendu Dash, Director General, Sports & Yoga, KIIT and KISS and National Coordinator, Art of Giving. The programme commenced with the arrival and welcome of distinguished guests, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting and formal inauguration. A video presentation highlighting the spirit and activities of Art of Giving was also screened. The programme structure included the welcome address by Shri Sekhar Bose, the presidential address by Shri Subodh Kant Sahay, the address of Smt. Mohua Majhi and the keynote address by Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta. The official programme document also lists the felicitation

of 20 distinguished awardees as a central part of the ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Subodh Kant Sahay highlighted the significance of Art of Giving as a movement that promotes compassion, service and social responsibility. He appreciated the vision and sustained efforts of Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta in taking the philosophy of giving beyond an individual act and transforming it into a people-oriented social movement. He said that Prof. Samanta's initiatives have inspired people from different walks of life to contribute to society with empathy, dignity and a spirit of service.

Vedanta Aluminium empowers women artisans in Jharsuguda through Project VedKala

Jharsuguda, (Correspondent): As traditional art forms find renewed expression in contemporary markets, creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for artisans has become an increasingly important aspect of preserving cultural heritage. Recognising this need, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest aluminium producer, organised a three-day Medium-Density Fibreboard (MDF) Craft & Skill Development Workshop under Project VedKala, its community livelihood initiative focused on empowering rural women artisans in Jharsuguda.



Conducted at the VedKala Experience Centre in collaboration with the First Sutra Foundation, Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM) and the Department of Handicrafts, Government of Odisha, the workshop trained over 60 women artisans in creating contemporary lifestyle

and souvenir products such as MDF jewellery, decorative fridge magnets and key rings inspired by traditional Saura art. Designed to enhance livelihood opportunities, the programme concluded with the artisans being awarded the certification. The workshop was conceived as an

extension of Project VedKala's larger endeavour to preserve Odisha's artistic traditions while also channelling them into sustainable livelihood opportunities for women. Led by State Awardee Shri Gurakh Chandra Nayak, an accomplished exponent of tribal art, the workshop introduced participants to contemporary applications of traditional Saura art across products such as earrings, pendants, bracelets, fridge magnets and key rings. Through hands-on training in design, product development and market-oriented craftsmanship, artisans

gained useful skills to broaden their product portfolio and tap new livelihood opportunities. Project VedKala currently supports over 100 artisans in Jharsuguda through training in Bamboo, Saura and Sabai Grass crafts, alongside market-access initiatives that promote sustainable livelihoods. Speaking on the initiative, C Chandru, CEO, Vedanta Aluminium - Jharsuguda, said, "Odisha's rich artistic traditions represent both an invaluable cultural legacy and a significant opportunity for community-led economic progress.

Rourkela Steel Plant prioritises direct order fulfilment to strengthen cash flow

Rourkela, (Correspondent): Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) of SAIL has maintained a strong focus on direct order fulfilment to support timely sales realisation, improve working capital efficiency and strengthen cash flow. During July 2026, RSP despatched 364,649 tonnes of saleable steel. Of this,

300,911 tonnes were despatched directly against customer orders, while 63,738 tonnes were despatched through the stockyard route. Direct order fulfilment thus accounted for approximately 82.5% of the total despatches during the month. The plant's focus on direct order fulfilment is aimed at ensuring that finished

products are dispatched against confirmed customer orders, thereby facilitating faster sales realisation and reducing dependence on stockyard movement. This approach is expected to contribute to improved inventory management, stronger cash flows and greater financial flexibility for the organisation. During the

period from April to July 2026, RSP despatched a total of 13,28,999 tonnes of saleable steel. Direct order fulfilment accounted for 11,28,691 tonnes, representing approximately 84.9% of the total despatches during the period. The remaining 2,00,308 tonnes were dispatched through the stockyard route. The plant's niche

products, including CRNO and Pipes, continued to record a higher level of direct order fulfilment, at 90.4%, while the corresponding figure for non-PET products stood at 81.4%. The performance reflects RSP's emphasis on aligning production and despatches with customer requirements and market demand.