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Trump Warns Iran: Whole Civilization Will Die Tonight

Washington: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned that "a whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again" as he signalled a "complete and total regime change" in Iran, framing the unfolding crisis as one of the most consequential moments in modern global history. In a post on his social media platform, Trump struck a stark and urgent tone, suggesting both imminent destruction and the possibility of political transformation. "A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again. I don't want that to happen, but it probably will," he wrote. He then pointed to what he described as a decisive shift in Iran's leadership. "However,



now that we have complete and total regime change, where different, smarter, and less radicalized minds prevail, maybe something revolutionarily wonderful can happen, who knows?" Trump said. The remarks come amid an escalating US-Iran confrontation that has intensified over the past several days, with

military operations expanding and diplomatic signals narrowing. Trump framed the moment as historic in scale. "We will find out tonight, one of the most important moments in the long and complex history of the World," he said. He also delivered a sweeping critique of Iran's leadership since the Islamic Revolution. "47

years of extortion, corruption, and death, will finally end," Trump added. He closed his message with a direct appeal: "God Bless the Great People of Iran!" The statement follows a series of developments in recent days, including US military strikes on Iranian-linked targets and mounting pressure on Tehran over its control of key regional waterways and infrastructure. Washington has signalled that it is prepared to escalate further if its demands are not met, particularly on ensuring the free flow of global energy supplies through critical maritime routes. Iran, however, has shown no indication of backing down, maintaining a defiant posture and warning of retaliation against US interests and regional assets.

CM Majhi Describes State Budget As A Roadmap For Viksit Odisha

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Tuesday described the state budget not merely as a statement of income and expenditure, but as a comprehensive roadmap for the all-round development of Odisha and the realization of every citizen's aspirations. He made these remarks while addressing the state-level budget awareness workshop titled 'Ame Janiba, Ama Budget' at Lok Seva Bhawan. The workshop aimed to explain the key features of the 2026-27 Budget in simple language and gather public feedback. The government has planned similar programmes across the state from April 1 to 14. Majhi highlighted the government's long-term



vision aligned with the national goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. The state has set ambitious targets, including raising per capita income from the current Rs 1.8 lakh to Rs 32 lakh by 2047, reducing multidimensional poverty to 5 percent, increasing women's participation in the workforce to 70 percent, raising average life expectancy above 80 years, and

completely eradicating anemia and malnutrition. The Chief Minister stated that the ₹3.10 lakh crore budget for 2026-27 is 7 percent higher than the previous year's estimate, with strong emphasis on capital expenditure. It includes 31 new initiatives, schemes, and programmes. He reiterated the government's goal of transforming Odisha into

a \$500 billion economy by 2036 and a \$1.5 trillion economy by 2047. "Though it may appear challenging, Odisha has the potential to achieve the impossible. With the blessings of Lord Jagannath, we will definitely succeed," Majhi asserted. The budget prioritizes infrastructure, industry, tourism, agriculture, women's empowerment, education, and health.

Manipur Suspends Internet In 5 Districts After Bomb Attack, CM Reviews Security Situation

Imphal: To prevent further escalation of violence, the Manipur government on Tuesday suspended internet and mobile data services, including broadband, for three days across five Imphal valley districts. The government move came hours after a deadly bomb attack in Bishnupur district, reportedly carried out by suspected Kuki militants, claimed the lives of two children, officials said. According to a notification issued by Commissioner-

cum-Secretary (Home) N. Ashok Kumar, the decision was taken in view of the prevailing law and order situation in the districts of Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Kakching, and Bishnupur. Authorities fear that anti-social elements may misuse social media platforms to spread inflammatory content, including images, hate speech, and videos that could incite unrest and further destabilise the situation. The notification stated that "to

thwart the design and activities of anti-national and anti-social elements and to maintain peace and communal harmony and to prevent any loss of life or danger to public/private property, it has become necessary to take adequate preventive measures" and emphasised that curbing the spread of disinformation and false rumours is essential in the current circumstances. Officials highlighted that misleading content could be circulated through platforms

such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter via devices including mobile phones, tablets, and computers. There are also concerns that bulk SMS services could be used to mobilise crowds, potentially leading to arson, vandalism, and other violent activities. In light of these risks, the government ordered a temporary suspension of internet services, including broadband, VSATs, and VPN services, across the affected districts.

Delhi Assembly Security Breach: Accused Sarabjit Singh Sent To 8-Day Police Custody

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Tuesday sent Sarabjit Singh, the accused who rammed his car into the boundary gates of the Delhi Legislative Assembly, to eight days of police custody after he was presented before the Judicial Magistrate. Singh, who was wearing a mask, rammed through the high-security boundary gates of the complex on

Monday and also managed to flee without being challenged. However, within hours of the search operation, the Delhi Police tracked down the accused and took him into custody from North Delhi. The car he used to enter the Assembly premises by breaking through Gate No 2 was also seized. The police had moved to seek the

remand of the accused to uncover an alleged conspiracy, including why and how Singh entered the Assembly, who else might be involved, and also to investigate a possible terror angle, officials said. The police also told the Tiz Hazari court, where the accused was presented, that they have yet to recover his phone, which Singh had allegedly thrown away.

Centre Doubles Daily Supply Of 5 Kg LPG Cylinders For Migrant Workers

New Delhi: The Centre announced on Tuesday that it has doubled the daily quantity of 5 kg LPG cylinders being provided to each state for disbursement to migrant labourers. "The supply of 5 kg LPG cylinders is being doubled based on the average daily supply to migrant labourers during March 2-3, 2026, beyond the limit of 20 per cent mentioned in the letter dated March 21. These 5 kg cylinders will be at the disposal of the state government for supplying only to migrant labourers in their state with assistance of the public sector oil marketing companies," the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said in a statement.

PM Modi Congratulates To Lam On His Election As Vietnam's President

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated To Lam on his election as Vietnam's President and expressed readiness to work with him to further deepen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two nations. He expressed confidence that the time-tested friendship between the two nations will continue to grow under To Lam's leadership. "Heartiest congratulations to Mr To Lam on his election as President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. I am confident that under his leadership, the time-tested friendship



between our two countries will continue to grow from strength to strength. I look forward to working closely together to further deepen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership for the progress and prosperity of our people and the region," PM Modi posted on X. PM Modi's congratulatory message

came after Vietnam's National Assembly on Tuesday confirmed Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee (CPVCC) General Secretary To Lam as the country's president for the 2026-2031 tenure. All 495 deputies present voted in support of the draft resolution of the election of Lam. Lam has previously served as

Vietnam's President from May 2024 to October 2024. He was elected general secretary of the 13th CPVCC in 2024 and was re-elected to the post for the 2026-2031 tenure at the first meeting of the 14th CPVCC on January 23, 2026, reports Xinhua news agency. India and Vietnam share close and warm bilateral relations that are denominated as a comprehensive strategic partnership. India-Vietnam relations were elevated to 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' during PM Modi's visit to Vietnam in 2016, according to the Indian Embassy in Vietnam statement.

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Indian Steel Association Delegation Meets Odisha Chief Minister, Seeks Priority Iron Ore Allocation to Odisha Steel Industries

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): A high-level delegation from the Indian Steel Association (ISA), led by Hon'ble Member of Parliament and President of ISA, Sri Naveen Jindal today met Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Mohan Charan Majhi to discuss key challenges and opportunities concerning the steel industry in the state. The meeting witnessed the presence of senior government officials including the Chief Secretary Ms. Anu Garg, Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief



Secretary (Steel & Mines) Mr. Deoranjana Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) Mr. Hemant Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Mr. Saswata Mishra, and OMC's Chairman Mr. Girish S.N. and OMC's Managing Director Mr. Sudhansu Mohan Samal. The delegation emphasized Odisha's pivotal role as a leading steel-producing state in India and expressed its appreciation to the State Government for its continued support to the steel sector. The ISA delegation suggested a set of measures to the State Government and

the Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) to boost iron ore availability for state-based industries. The delegation also requested fiscal incentives for the steel industries to attract the investments necessary to meet Odisha's ambitious target of 100 MTPA steel production capacity by 2030. Furthermore, the ISA urged the government to constitute a dedicated Task Force to design a comprehensive logistics and infrastructure roadmap capable of supporting this massive 100 MTPA capacity.

JSW Steel, Odisha Celebrates World Health Day with "Fit, Fun, Fest" Initiative

Barbil: (Correspondent): JSW Steel's Odisha Mining Division marked World Health Day by organizing a unique wellness initiative called "Fit, Fun, Fest" across four key locations—Ganua Mines, Narayanposhi Mines, Nuagoan Mines, and the Barbil Office. The initiative, which ran from February 1, 2026 to April 7, 2026, focused on measuring the BMI of employees and providing tailored diet and exercise recommendations to those who surpassed healthy levels. With

structured guidance and a defined time frame, employees were encouraged to adopt healthier lifestyles. To make the initiative more inclusive and effective, employees were categorized into four age groups: 20–30 years, 31–40 years, 41–50 years, and 51 years & above. This age-based segmentation allowed for tailored diet and fitness recommendations, recognizing that health needs vary across different life stages. Remarkably, within just two months,

several employees successfully managed their BMI, demonstrating discipline and dedication. Their achievements were recognized with awards and certifications, underscoring the company's belief that a healthy workforce is the foundation of sustainable growth. Speaking about the initiative, Dr. GP Panda from JSW Steel, Odisha Mining division, said, "Maintaining a healthy BMI is not merely about appearance—it is about reducing the

risk of chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases. Programs like Fit, Fun, Fest empower individuals to take charge of their health in a structured and motivating way." JSW Steel's Odisha Mining Division continues to set benchmarks in corporate wellness by aligning organizational goals with employee health. The initiative reflects the company's vision of fostering a culture of care, resilience, and productivity.

Aditya Aluminium Renovates Rengali Block Resource Centre for Children with Special Needs under PRERANA Project

Sambalpur: (Correspondent): As part of the PRERANA Project, Aditya Aluminium, Lapanga has taken the initiative to renovate the Rengali Block Resource Centre for Children with Special Needs. The renovated multi-purpose training and resource centre for differently-abled (Divyang) students at Rengali was inaugurated in the presence of several distinguished dignitaries. The programme was graced by the District Education Officer, Mr. Laxman Bhoi, in the presence of BEO and ABEO Rengali, Mr. Krishna Padhi, Cluster HR Head, Hindalco,



Aditya Aluminium Lapanga Unit Head Mr. J. P. Nayak, HR Head Mr. Vinoda Nand Thakur, Hindalco Group CSR Head Mr. Arijit, Cluster CSR Head Mr. Siba Mahapatra, Former

MLA Mr. Duryodhan Gadatia, Mr. Antaryami Pani, President, District Senior Citizens Association, Sambalpur, and Mr. Shashi Bhusan Sahu, Adviser, Senior Citizens Association. The initiative

aims to strengthen support systems and provide improved training and learning facilities for children with special needs, enabling them to access better educational and developmental opportunities.

RTI Row in ITDA Gunupur: Allegations of Tender Irregularities and "Non-Payment" Rejection Spark Controversy

Rayagada, (Correspondent): A major controversy has surfaced in ITDA Gunupur over alleged irregularities in the tender process and denial of information under the Right to Information (RTI) Act. Two Assistant Executive Engineers—Shambhu Charan Mundari and Hare Krishna Panda—have come under suspicion following serious allegations raised by an applicant.

According to reports, the applicant had filed an RTI application on January 27, 2026, seeking detailed information regarding alleged misuse of reservation quotas (SC and physically challenged categories) in a government tender process. The complaint also pointed to manipulation of tender outcomes to benefit specific parties, proxy bidding practices, and discrepancies

between actual beneficiaries and registered bidders. It has further been alleged that the licensed bidder involved did not personally sign the bidding documents, and their identity may have been misused to avail reservation benefits. Questions were also raised about submission of false information and financial inconsistencies in the tender process. Additionally, concerns were expressed over the bidder's financial capability, as the family was reportedly availing benefits under the Right to Education (RTE) scheme meant for economically weaker sections.

To verify these allegations, the applicant sought information through RTI and was instructed via official letters (No. 597 and 598 dated March 27, 2026) to deposit ₹2,280 as the required

fee. Accordingly, the applicant remitted ₹2,415 through an Indian Postal Order (IPO) on March 10, 2026, addressed to the ITDA authorities. However, despite receiving the fee, the department allegedly returned the acknowledgment letter on March 23 citing "insufficient address." Subsequently, on March 25, 2026 (Letter No. 769), the RTI application was rejected via email on the grounds of "non-payment," triggering serious questions over the conduct of the officials.

The sequence of events has raised suspicion of deliberate suppression of information and misuse of official authority. While Shambhu Charan Mundari has reportedly been transferred, attempts to contact Hare Krishna Panda yielded no response.

PM Modi Calls for Building a Healthy Society on World Health Day

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended heartfelt greetings to the nation on World Health Day, reaffirming his commitment to constructing a healthy society. He expressed profound gratitude to all those who tirelessly serve others and work towards a healthier planet. The Prime Minister emphasized that healthy citizens are essential for a strong and robust nation. Urging collective efforts in this direction, he stressed prioritizing the well-being of every individual and the need for sustained action at every level to make India healthier. In a message on X, PM Modi inspired citizens to stay physically active. Wishing everyone optimal health, he stated that every person must make every possible effort to maintain their well-being. On this occasion, he shared a Sanskrit subhashita highlighting the importance of physical exercise: Through this shloka, PM Modi explained that regular exercise enhances work capacity, improves digestion, reduces fat, and builds a strong, well-proportioned body.

Chhattisgarh CM presents Bastar 2.0 development blueprint to PM Modi

Delhi: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday and presented a development blueprint for the Bastar region focusing on tourism, start-ups, infrastructure and innovation. During the meeting, the Chief Minister highlighted the improvement in the security situation in Bastar and outlined a roadmap aimed at accelerating economic growth, improving connectivity and strengthening basic infrastructure in the region. He also invited the Prime Minister to visit Bastar after the monsoon for the foundation laying and inauguration of key development projects. The development plan includes



completion of pending works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana by 2027, construction of 228 new roads and 267 bridges and proposals for additional projects seeking central assistance. The Chief Minister also highlighted

initiatives to strengthen education and healthcare infrastructure, including upgrading residential schools, expansion of primary health centres and development of advanced medical facilities in the region. In the irrigation sector, projects on the

Indravati River are expected to expand irrigation coverage and strengthen agricultural productivity. A three-year livelihood plan has also been outlined with the objective of increasing household incomes and improving economic stability in the region. The Chief Minister said the Niyad Nellanar 2.0 initiative is being expanded to additional districts to ensure wider delivery of development benefits and government welfare schemes. To promote entrepreneurship, a startup policy has been introduced with a target of supporting 5,000 startups by 2030 to encourage innovation and employment generation. Tourism

development plans include infrastructure improvement at major waterfalls and national parks in Bastar along with promotion of adventure tourism to attract more visitors. The Bastar Munne initiative will organise camps in gram panchayats to improve access to government services, facilitate delivery of welfare schemes and ensure grievance redressal at the local level. Among the major projects proposed during the Prime Minister's expected visit are railway connectivity expansion, airport development, a super speciality hospital, a medical college and education infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening regional growth.

Prime Minister Pays Tribute to Guru Tegh Bahadur on Prakash Parv

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid heartfelt tribute to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur on the occasion of his Prakash Parv on Tuesday. Describing this great spiritual luminary as an inspiration to India's civilization, he recalled the Guru's timeless ideals. A message on X, PM Modi stated that Guru Tegh Bahadur's life exemplifies unparalleled courage, sacrifice, and profound sensitivity towards humanity. Even in adverse circumstances, he steadfastly protected truth, dignity, and faith, guiding society on the righteous path. The Prime Minister emphasized that Guru Tegh Bahadur's eternal message remains profoundly relevant today. It inspires us to build a just, compassionate, and harmonious society.

India's Healthcare Exemplifies Integration of Traditional Knowledge and Modern Medicine: JP Nadda

New Delhi: On World Health Day, Union Health Minister JP Nadda urged people across India to stay vigilant about their health and adopt balanced lifestyles. In a message shared on X today, he described

India's healthcare system as a prime example of harmonizing traditional wisdom with modern medicine, contributing to better lives both domestically and globally. Nadda highlighted



transformative changes in the health sector under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Initiatives like Ayushman Bharat and the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana have made

treatment more accessible and affordable for the poor and needy, benefiting millions nationwide. He commended the contributions of doctors, nurses, and frontline health workers, crediting their

dedication for strengthening the country's health infrastructure. Nadda called for collaborative efforts from government and society to build a healthier, more robust India. Notably, World

Health Day is observed annually on April 7 to commemorate the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948. The day aims to raise global awareness about health issues and promote improved healthcare services worldwide.

15th Foundation Day Celebrated at Adani DAV Public School

D h a m r a , (Correspondent): The 15th Foundation Day of Adani DAV Public School was celebrated with immense joy, pride, and enthusiasm on 5th April 2026. The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Mrs. Utkalika Priyadarshani Sahoo, setting a graceful tone for the occasion. Mr. Krushna Chandra Jena, CRCC, Gananath Government High School, Madhupur, Chandbali, Life Member of Swami Vivekananda Loka Sansad, Odisha graced the event as the Chief Guest Cum Chief Speaker of the day and remained the focal point of the celebration. Mr Mrunmaya Kumar Manna, the Project Officer, Adani Foundation and Mr Deba Narayan Mishra, the Former Educationist, DAV Institution were



invited as the Guests of Honour in the celebration. Following tradition, a sacred havan was performed and Prasad (Porridge) was distributed among all stakeholders to invoke divine blessings and create a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. Adding to the serene ambiance, a beautiful welcome song was performed in chorus by the students, orchestrated under the expert guidance of Mrs.

Saswati Samanta. Taking a walk down memory lane, senior teachers of the institution—Mr. Suvendu Keshari Bidhar and Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathy shared their valuable experiences and reflected on the humble beginnings and remarkable growth of the school. Abhilipsa Biswal, a student of Class X shared her views about the caring of the school towards its students. The Guest of

Honour, Mr Mrunmaya Kumar Manna, the Project Officer, Adani Foundation shared his inspiring stories and encouraged students to be good citizens in their future endeavour. The Guest of Honour, Mr Deba Narayan Mishra, the Former Educationist, DAV Institution explained some exemplary extracts and encouraged students to bring name and fame to their school. In her address, the Principal

of Adani DAV Public School, Mrs. Krishnapriya Sarangi motivated students to carry forward the rich legacy of the school and to remain steadfast in their service to humanity in this locality. The celebration was further enriched by vibrant cultural performances by the students, beautifully reflecting themes of devotion and loyalty towards the school. Moreover; a plantation programme was done as a day to remember. The entire programme was efficiently coordinated by Mr. Soumya Ranjan Dash and Ms. Priyadarshani Prusty, while Ms. Gitanjali Kumari proposed the vote of thanks. With seamless coordination and enthusiastic participation from all, the celebration concluded resounding success.

Doctors protest in front of OPSC, not getting appointment despite qualification

C u t t a c k (Correspondent): A large-scale protest by degree-holding doctors in front of the Cuttack OPSC office. Hundreds of MBBS doctors who were not appointed have staged a protest and protested. In May last year, 5284 appointments were called by OPSC. Out of them, more than 3000 candidates also appeared for the exam. Out of these, 1840 candidates succeeded in the exam. After checking the certificates of all the MBBS degree-holding doctors who passed, a total of 822 people got appointments, but another 1018 could not get appointment letters, the protesting doctors alleged. More than 5000 doctor posts are lying vacant in the state. Out



of about 1840 candidates who qualified in the exam conducted by OPSC in May last year, only 822 names have appeared in the merit list. The eligible candidates have also successfully passed the document verification process by OPSC. But it is alleged that their names are not in the list. In this regard, the candidates staged a peaceful protest in front of the OPSC office today (Monday). Om Rautara, a doctor seeking employment,

informed the media about this. In this regard, OPSC Secretary Vijay Khandayaray said, "Everything has been done as per the rules. There is also a High Court order in this regard. There is a court order to recruit 822 people. And that is being done as per the rules. There was a court order in this regard last year. OPSC is taking all steps as per this order. Today, the protesting doctors asked the same question.

Cleanliness Drive Held at Prem Pahad on Occasion of "Odia Pakhya"

R a y a g a d a , (Correspondent): On the occasion of "Odia Pakhya," a large-scale cleanliness drive was successfully conducted at the Prem Pahad tourist site by the Rayagada Municipality. As per the letter issued by the District Culture Department (Letter No. 949 dated March 30, 2026), "Odia Pakhya" is being celebrated across the district from April 1 to April 14 with great enthusiasm. In line with this, today's cleanliness campaign was organized to promote environmental awareness and preserve local heritage sites. The programme was led by Municipal



Chairman Shri P. Mahesh Pattnaik and Executive Officer Shri Kuldeep Kumar, who actively participated and encouraged citizens to uphold environmental protection and Odia pride. The event witnessed participation from ward councillors, district-level officials, municipal staff, Swachh Sathis, supervisors, and sanitation workers. Senior citizens, members of the Walkers' Club, representatives from various social

organizations, and media personnel also joined the voluntary effort. Addressing the gathering, the Chairman appreciated the active involvement of citizens and sanitation workers from different sections of society. The Executive Officer urged the public to keep natural sites like Prem Pahad clean and free from plastic. The cleanliness drive, carried out with collective effort and public participation, was considered a major success.

PRCI Celebrated 22nd Foundation Day

B h u b a n e s w a r : (Correspondent): The Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) celebrated its 22nd Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and professional fervour at the Press Club Kolkata. The Foundation Day celebration showcased PRCI East's two-decade journey of promoting professional excellence, fostering industry collaboration, and advancing ethical standards in public relations practice. The chapter has been instrumental in building a robust network of communication professionals and facilitating knowledge sharing through various initiatives and platforms. The Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) is the apex professional body for public relations practitioners in India, dedicated to promoting excellence,



ethics, and professionalism in the field. PRCI serves as a unifying platform for communication professionals across sectors, advancing professional education and establishing industry standards. The Chief Guest, Mr. Suresh Kumar, Chairman of Damodar Valley Corporation, applauded the role of

PR professionals in shaping public perception and strengthening communication across sectors. The milestone event featured the prestigious N D Rajpal Memorial Guest Lecture on "Crisis & Strategic PR," addressing contemporary challenges in reputation management and

strategic communication. The expert panel discussion explored critical aspects of crisis preparedness, ethical communication practices, and the evolving role of public relations in today's digital landscape. Senior PR practitioners, corporate communication heads, and media professionals engaged in insightful dialogue on emerging trends, technological disruption, and the increasing strategic importance of communication in organizational success. The speakers emphasized transparency, preparedness, and ethical standards as cornerstones of effective crisis management. Among others, Director of PRCI Mr. R.N. Mohapatra, Chairman of PRCI & Mentor Mr. M.B. Jayram,

National President Geetha Shankar, Chairman governing council Dr. T. Vinaya Kumar, Mr. D.P. Tarenia, Mrs. Rita Bhimani, Mr. Subir Ghosh, Dr. Ashok Panda and Mr. Snehasish Sur were present on the occasion. The event concluded with recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of public relations. Several distinguished professionals were honored for their exemplary work and impact on the PR landscape. Among the recipients was Sri Nihar Ranjan Mohanty, Sr.PRO/ East Coast Railway, who was felicitated for his significant contributions to strategic communication and Excellence in Public Relations.

Ganjam 360 Orientation Program

G o p l a p u r (correspondent) Ganjam 360 Orientation Program and Training Workshop was held at the Chatrapur Rusikulya Conference Hall under the chairmanship of District Collector V Keerthi Vasan. Through this, the aim is to ensure the successful and speedy implementation of the public welfare programs being implemented in Ganjam district.

GAJAPATI POLICE FOIL SMUGGLING PLOT, SEIZE RS 3 CR WORTH CANNABIS FROM FOREST VAULT

P a r a l a k h e m u n d i , (Correspondent): In a striking display of vigilance and precision, the Gajapati district police have once again etched a tale of triumph in their ongoing battle against narcotics smuggling. Unearthing a clandestine cache deep within the forested stretches near Karigiju village under Adava police limits, the

police seized a staggering 28 quintals of cannabis, valued at an estimated Rs 3 crore. Acting swiftly on credible intelligence, a coordinated raid was launched under the astute leadership of R. Udayagiri SDPO Rakesh Sahu. The dense forest, often a silent witness to covert operations, revealed its hidden secret as police

teams from Adava and R. Udayagiri combed through its depths. What emerged was a meticulously concealed stockpile—112 plastic bags brimming with contraband, allegedly destined for illegal trafficking beyond state borders. The sheer volume of the seizure underscores the scale of the smuggling network that was quietly

operating beneath the forest canopy. Following the operation, the seized cannabis was weighed and confirmed to exceed 28 quintals. A case (No. 70) has been registered at Adava police station under the stringent provisions of the NDPS Act, and a detailed investigation is now underway to trace the roots and routes of this illicit trade.

NEW SDC LEADERSHIP TAKES CHARGE, KAMADEV AND PANKAJINI AT THE HELM

P a r a l a k h e m u n d i , (Correspondent): In a moment that carries the promise of progress and the echo of transformation, the government has unveiled the leadership of the Gajapati District Special Development Council (SDC), ushering in a fresh

chapter for one of the state's tribal heartlands. Adorning the mantle of responsibility, seasoned BJP stalwart Kamadev Badanayak has been entrusted as the Chairman, while dynamic woman leader Pankajini Dalai steps in as the Vice-Chairperson. Their

appointment comes as part of a broader announcement covering 23 tribal-dominated districts, reflecting a renewed commitment to inclusive governance. No sooner had the news broken than waves of joy and congratulatory fervour rippled across the

district. At Raipur village under Mohana block, Kamadev's residence turned into a confluence of well-wishers, as senior party leaders and supporters gathered to extend their heartfelt greetings. A man rooted in ideology and service, Kamadev's journey is deeply

intertwined with years of dedication as a senior functionary of the RSS. Having served twice as the district general secretary and currently holding the position of BJP district vice-president, his elevation is seen as both recognition and responsibility.

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“The Road to 2030: How Skill-Based Learning Can Transform India’s Workforce

India stands at a defining moment in its economic journey. With one of the world’s youngest populations, the country has the potential to transform its demographic advantage into a powerful engine of growth. Yet, this promise hinges on a critical factor—skills. Bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world employment through vocational education may well determine whether India becomes a global talent powerhouse by 2030.

The Skill Gap Challenge

Despite progress in higher education, India continues to face a significant mismatch between education and employability. A large share of the workforce lacks formal training, with nearly 65% of people never receiving vocational or technical education. At the same time, industries report difficulty finding job-ready talent, highlighting a deep disconnect between academic knowledge and practical skills.

The scale of the challenge is immense. India is projected to need millions of skilled workers every year until 2030, while also facing a potential shortage of around 29 million skilled professionals. Without urgent action, this gap could slow economic growth and limit opportunities for millions of young people.

Vocational Education: The Missing Link

Vocational education offers a direct solution by focusing on hands-on, industry-relevant skills. Unlike traditional academic pathways, it prepares students for specific careers—from manufacturing and healthcare to digital technologies and green energy.

India has already taken steps in this direction through initiatives like the Skill India Mission and a vast network of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), which number nearly 15,000 across the country. These institutions play a crucial role in equipping youth with practical skills and improving employability.

Encouragingly, employability levels are rising, reaching over 56% in recent years. However, this progress must accelerate to meet future demands.

The Changing Nature of Work

The future workforce will require more than basic skills. Rapid technological change is reshaping job roles across industries. By 2030, a majority of workers will need retraining or upskilling, while nearly 40% of current skills may become outdated.

Emerging sectors such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and data analytics are already driving demand for new capabilities. Recent insights highlight that these digital skills are becoming essential for employability in India’s evolving job market. Vocational education must therefore move beyond traditional trades and embrace modern, technology-driven training.

Bridging the Classroom–Industry Divide

One of the biggest challenges in India’s education system is the lack of alignment with industry needs. Vocational education can bridge this gap by fostering closer collaboration between schools, training institutes, and employers.



Dr Simant Kumar Nanda

Decades ago, wars were fought over borders and pieces of I rarely start writing at a desk. Ideas often come while I am watching a cricket match, when my mind feels relaxed but alert. Sometimes they wake me up in the night, half asleep. In the darkness, I scribble a word or two, not full sentences. These small fragments help me return to the thought by morning.

Why do thoughts come like this? And why do I feel driven to write them down?

Science offers me a clear way to understand this. The human brain shifts between two main ways of working. One is focused thinking, such as solving a problem or completing a task. The other is a more relaxed mode, where the mind quietly connects ideas in the background. Psychologists call this the “default mode network.” Research by Nancy C. Andreasen shows that this network becomes active when we are not concentrating on a specific task, and that is often when creative ideas appear. Studies



Dr. Jyotiranjana Champatiray

Sri Aurobindo calls yog, “...the art of conscious self-finding.” Before finding meaning

and truth in our lives, we must know ourselves. This is destiny in itself. Everything unfolds from that. Destiny is more a matter of who we are than what we do. Yog is an end in itself: it provides the point of joining. To join with the divine is our destiny and as it is conscious, the process is accelerated. Integral Yoga goes a step further, targeting conscious union of Spirit and Matter. This is the yog of transformation and has to be lived through every particle of our being.

Personal effort is mandatory. Before we get a sense of soul presence, we need to summon the noblest parts of our nature to align to any semblance of our Truth. This ‘divine possibility’ steers us uncertainly in the right direction. However, there is always a higher force and, through aspiration and surrender, the grinding effort gradually abates.

Yog keeps us awake. We perceive many layers of conditioning that comprise our ‘personality’. It is all superficial. To access any truth, we have to look within and interiorise our awareness. As the orientation changes, our life begins to expand and grow. We peel away the covering on this yogic path. Simultaneously, we move closer to our life-purpose. Before, we were little more than toys of outside forces, now we find a degree of immunity. As our awareness shifts, we invoke greater guidance within. We discard old props and belief-systems that had sustained us and become aware of something inside which stands back and watches the play of our nature. We experience the witness who observes but does not intervene. We align with it and learn to detach from outside shocks and circumstances. We become more intact but there is still no radical change.

When we identify with this witness, our true consciousness steps forward. In the Mother’s words, it “...is not only aware but knows and effects.” The knowledge possesses an executive action: it is aligned to Shakti.

Gradually, this witness becomes our teacher. This is indispensable to reaching our destiny. This divine person, who has accompanied us through many incarnations, appears when we become attentive to its presence. This is how the connection gets forged. Initially, it speaks in the faintest whisper and we must be attentive and heed its instructions. To find our destiny and our truth, we must change our nature. We had initially witnessed discord, now we are conscious and the nature starts to integrate. As we focus, each part aligns to the Truth. Ultimately, Truth must be installed in all our being. Every inner movement is observed as it rises to the surface. We observe our body, a detailed map of our inner psychology. We give this process considerable time. This inner work must be embraced into our daily life.

Destiny is about finding our true individuality. It is a lifetime’s work. It is cemented through progressive harmony. Harmony is the glue that holds us together. As it perfects, a true identity is formed and our svadharma is reached, expressing the divinity that was once submerged below the surface.

India: Self-Reliance is Necessary in an Unstable World



Prof. Mahesh Chand Gupta

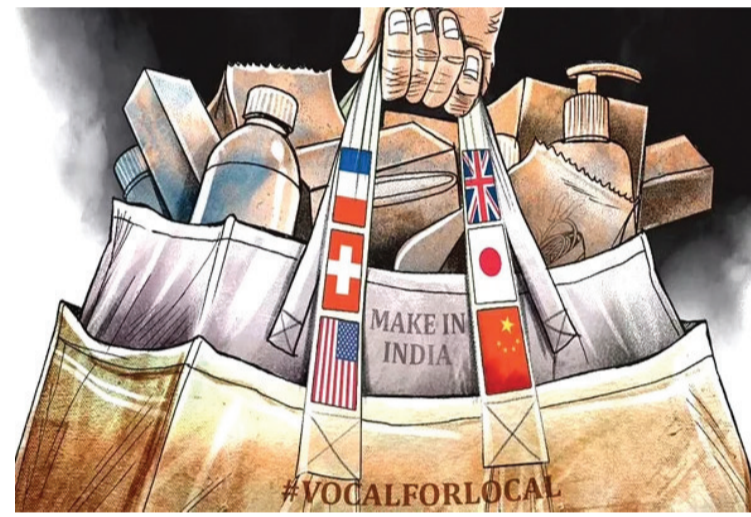
The world is no longer just a map of separate countries. It has become a system where any

disturbance anywhere affects every corner of the world. Recently, the tension between Iran, the USA, and Israel has once again shown this reality. Earlier, the Russia-Ukraine war also taught us that wars do not remain limited to one region. Their effects go beyond borders.

India is not directly involved in the USA-Israel-Iran conflict, but its impact is clearly visible here. Instability in petrol and LPG supply, shutdown of small industries, and impact on exports show that we are also bearing the burden of global instability. The world has become so connected that people often call it a “global village.” If there is fire on one wall of a house, people sitting near another wall will also feel the heat. That is why tensions between Iran, the USA, and Israel are not limited to war zones—they have reached our kitchens, markets, and small businesses.

India follows a policy of peace, but its deep involvement in the global system makes it impossible to avoid such impacts. Whether it is a tea seller or a sweet shop owner, everyone is feeling the effect. Delay in gas cylinder booking is no longer just an inconvenience—it is affecting daily income. The main reason is our dependence on other countries for basic needs. The big question is: have we become so dependent that any global disturbance shakes our own stability?

It is true that a large part of our energy needs is fulfilled through imported oil and gas. When tensions rise in the Gulf region, supply chains get affected, and this directly impacts our homes. This dependence is not only economic but also a strategic weakness. And the issue is not limited to energy. India’s industrial and agricultural systems also depend on global supply in many ways. From



edible oil to fertilizers, electronics to defense equipment, we are not fully self-reliant. This becomes more worrying when global crises last longer. We remember the long queues for petrol and diesel during the Iraq war decades ago. A similar situation is now feared again. Not only imports, but exports are also getting affected. Products like Bikaneri bhujia, bananas from Maharashtra, textiles, and seafood are facing difficulties reaching international markets. Bananas exported daily in large quantities are now stuck at ports. Bhujia exports are also affected. Due to unsafe sea routes and increased costs, traders are suffering losses. This is not just about goods—it is about the livelihood of millions.

In the discussion of self-reliance, the field of information technology is often ignored, though it is very important for both the economy and national security. India has progressed digitally, but its digital infrastructure still depends heavily on foreign technology. Mobile operating systems, cloud services, and server systems are controlled by foreign companies. In case of global tensions or restrictions, this dependence can become risky. Even social media, search engines, and data storage platforms are foreign-owned, raising concerns about data security and digital

independence.

At the same time, the lack of original innovation in India is also a concern. Despite strength in IT services, India is still behind in research and patents. Low investment in research and development is a major reason. Therefore, promoting technological innovation is necessary for self-reliance. Self-reliance does not mean cutting off from the world—it means becoming strong enough to reduce the impact of global shocks.

Today, the question is not whether India should reduce global trade, but whether our internal foundation is strong enough to handle external shocks.

The need of the time is to move towards alternative energy sources. Solar and wind energy are not just environmental issues anymore—they are also the base of economic stability. Similarly, strengthening the manufacturing sector, supporting small industries with technology and finance, and promoting agricultural processing are important steps to make India strong from within.

At the same time, we must ask some questions: Have we weakened our production capacity due to cheap imports? Have our policies focused more on short-term benefits than long-term planning? Do we wake up after every crisis and then return to old habits? Global instability is continuously increasing. One crisis ends, another begins. It is no longer an exception but a permanent condition. Expecting everything to remain normal is unrealistic. The challenge is not to stop wars, but to limit their impact on our country. When the world is burning, we cannot avoid the heat—but we can try to protect our own home. Self-reliance is that protection. It is a shield that can save us in times of crisis. To make our country self-reliant, government, policymakers, citizens, and institutions must work together. This is necessary and unavoidable.

I Write Because the Thought Has Chosen Me

published in journals like Psychological Science also show that many people experience sudden insights while walking, bathing, or just before sleep, when the mind is free to connect distant thoughts.

In such moments, my mind is not forced to produce. It simply reveals. A single word or sentence in a newspaper can stop me suddenly. I pause and let it grow into my own thought. These moments feel urgent. If I ignore them, the idea fades. Writing then becomes my way of capturing that spark before it disappears.

Yet science explains the process, not the deeper pull I feel. For that, I turn to philosophy. Ancient Indian thought has long valued inner reflection, or manan, as a path to understanding the mind. The Bhagavad Gita encourages us to observe our thoughts to gain clarity. When an idea insists on becoming words, it is not just information. It is experience trying to take shape. Writing becomes my way of bringing together what I feel and what I understand.

This is where literature finds its place for me. It is not separate from science or philosophy. Science gives facts, philosophy gives depth, and literature gives them a voice. A thought that

remains in the mind feels incomplete. It becomes fuller when I express it in words that others can read, question, and connect with.

My writing follows this path. A fragment appears in daily life. I note it down. The next day, I expand it and link it with other ideas. Slowly, patterns begin to emerge. Science and philosophy come together, and both find expression through stories and essays.

I write in Odia, English, and Hindi. Each language offers a different shade of the same thought. Odia brings cultural warmth and closeness, while English and Hindi connect me to a wider world. My subjects range from science and mythology to politics, economics, mathematics, Sanskrit, and even cricket. One idea often leads to another. Both global events and local realities feed this continuous flow of thought.

Great thinkers across history have experienced similar moments. Isaac Newton developed many of his ideas during quiet reflection. Rabindranath Tagore wrote from a space where observation and feeling merged naturally. In my own way, I also write devotional poems in Odia, simple expressions where reason

and faith move together.

I also make it a habit to listen to discussions on philosophy, current affairs, and social issues, often even before sleep. This keeps my mind open to ideas beyond my own. When I encounter thoughts that are deeper or richer, they do not discourage me. They inspire me to grow. I see them as gentle guidance toward better understanding. There is also discipline within this process. Not every thought becomes an article. Over time, I learn to recognise which ideas carry depth and which simply pass by. Writing then becomes not only about capturing thoughts, but about shaping them with care.

In this way, writing becomes a quiet conversation within myself. Science helps me understand how thoughts arise. Psychology explains why they feel urgent. Philosophy asks what they mean. Literature gives them a form that can be shared. In the end, writing is not only an act of choice for me. It is a response to life, to curiosity, and sometimes to a sense of responsibility. Thoughts connect the scientific with the human, the personal with the universal. They seek expression, not just for me, but for the reader.

Subarnapur District PC&PNDT Advisory Committee Meeting Held

SUBARNAPUR (Correspondent)--- The Subarnapur District Level PC&PNDT Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Collectorate Conference hall under the chairmanship of Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu. First, the newly elected members were welcomed. Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu requested the cooperation of the new members and their active participation to prevent female foeticide. He pointed out that public awareness along with administrative



promptness is required for this. Currently, there are 14 ultrasound clinics in the district, out of which 7 are in government hospitals. In Odisha, the sex ratio at birth is 923 girls for every 1000 boys, while in Subarnapur district it is 914. Since this is a

matter of concern for the district, a program has been scheduled for widespread awareness in the coming days. Along with this, a common person also got involved and provided information that a reward of Rs. 25000/- would be given along

with the arrangement for giving a reward, and his name and information would be kept confidential. In the said meeting, District Chief Medical and Public Health Officer Dr. Usharani Das, Sonepur Sub Collector Dr. Soumyarupa Rath, Additional Public Health Officer (Family Welfare) Dr. Prakash Dandasena, Dr. Daitya Narayan Padhi, former Additional Public Health Officer Dr. Narendra Meher, Gynecologist Dr. D. K. Purohit, Pediatrician Dr. Ramesh Chandra Swain, Additional Public

Fire Safety Awareness Programme at Paradip College on the Occasion of Odia Pakhya Palana

PARADEEP, (Correspondent): A Fire Safety Awareness Programme was organized on 7/04/2026 at 10:00 AM in the premises of Paradip College by CISF Unit, PPA, Paradip in collaboration with the YRC and NSS wings of the college. The Principal of the college, Dr. Sasmita Satapathy, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the importance of organizing such awareness programmes in the present times. Former

ANO, NCC Officer and Head of the Department of History, Shri Akshya Chandra Mishra, introduced the guests. NSS Programme Officer and Lecturer in History, Smt. Sanghamitra Pradhan, spoke on the theme of the programme. Fire Inspector of CISF, Shri Pradeep Mothsara, along with his team, delivered a presentation on fire safety and prevention and conducted a mock drill with the students. An essay competition was also organized among the students to

spread awareness. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Saswati Pattnaik, Lecturer in English and YRC Coordinator of Paradip College. Around 150 students and several staff members including former District Coordinator of YRC and Head of the Department of Philosophy, Shri Bhramananda Biswal; CTO NCC Abhishek Biswal; Miss Kabita Padhan, Subhasmita Lenka, and others participated in the programme and made it a success.

A road accident has taken place

Jajpur road (Correspondent) near Duburi Indira Gandhi play ground in Kilingnagar industrial area of ?? jajpur district. One person died at the scene. Vehicle No. Od09AG1230 hit a gray businessman who died on the spot. A vehicle loaded with chips hit Bijay Swain of Duburi village. As a result, Bijay Swain died on the spot. There was a stir at the scene. Kalinganagar IIC Prakash Sahu reached the scene and explained to the people. And the stalled vehicles on the national highway helped to clear the road.

148th Saheed Dibas celebrated

Jajpur road (Correspondent) 148th Saheed divas celebrated by the Raghunath Mahanath Memorial Committee at Sansailo Tata Colony. On this occasion, former Finance Minister Prafulla chandr Ghadai attended as the chief guest and paid floral tributes. On this day, which was organized on behalf of the displaced colony of Sansailo, Ghadei attended and praised the greats of Sukanda. On this occasion, a public meeting was held to the tune of Jhumar Nach Geet Song. A call was made to remain united in Sukinda.

Subarnapur district ranks first in Odisha in NQAS

SUBARNAPUR (Correspondent)--- Today, a meeting of the District Level Health Institution Quality Selection Committee was held by the Health Department at the Subarnapur Collectorate Conference hall under the chairmanship of Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu. In the meeting, Collector Dr. Sahu assured to provide necessary support for the NQAS certificate of several primary health centers and community health centers. In the meeting, it was informed by the District Health Department that in the year 2025-26, 62 health sub-centers of Subarnapur district - Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have become the first in Odisha to get NQAS. In the meeting, CDM & PHO Dr. Usharani Das, Dr. Prakash Dandasena, Additional Public Health Officer Family Welfare Rupak Kumar Mahapatra, District Program Manager Hitesh Kumar Tripathy, Joint Manager Quality Assurance Anadi Charan Sahu, Assistant Engineer were present. Hitesh Tripathy described the achievements of the district in detail, while District Program Manager Rupak Kumar Mahapatra proposed the vote of thanks.

Randha medicine store theft incident: One accused arrested

Gopalpur, (correspondent): Police have arrested a thief involved in the theft of money and mobile by breaking the lock of KCM medicine store in Randha under Golangthara police station. The arrested accused has been identified as Shaik Sadam of Somnath Nagar 6th Lane under Berhampur Town police station. Police have recovered various tools used in the theft, a mobile phone and Rs 3700 from the accused. According to the complaint, there is a medicine store in Randha under the name of KCM by Shiva Samantray. As usual, on the night of March 31, Shiva closed the store and returned home. On April 1, when he came to the store, he found that the shutter of the store had been broken and Rs 20,000 looted along with a mobile phone. He had registered a complaint at the Golangthara police station regarding the incident. Based on the complaint, the police registered a case and raided Saddam's house based on the CCTV footage of the store. During the raid, various tools used to steal from the premises were seized, along with money and mobile phones. It was found that Saddam had many cases pending in various police stations of Berhampur. Saddam was arrested and produced in court today.

Jajpur District Emerging as the Engine of Odisha's Growth: Akash Das Nayak

◆ First Review Meeting of Newly Appointed District Planning Committee Chairman ◆ "Development Has No Party Affiliation" — Akash Das Nayak

JAJPUR (Correspondent) : Jajpur district is fast emerging as the engine of Odisha's overall development. Emphasizing the need for a clear roadmap, newly appointed District Planning Committee Chairman and Korei MLA, Mr. Akash Das Nayak, stated that focused planning is essential for the next three years to accelerate development initiatives.

Addressing the first review meeting held at the District Collector's conference hall, he highlighted that development is beyond political boundaries. "Public funds collected through taxes must be properly utilized for the welfare and development of the people, and we are accountable for it," he said. The meeting



focused on comprehensive district development, reviewing ongoing projects, welfare schemes, and outlining future strategies. The district administration accorded a warm welcome to the Chairman. Collector Mr. Ambar Kumar Kar, along with senior officials, felicitated him with bouquets. Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Mr. Shibnanda Swain delivered the welcome

address. Mr. Nayak noted that the people of Jajpur have high expectations from the administration. He recalled that Jajpur has historically guided Odisha in multiple sectors. Stressing structured planning, he suggested adopting three approaches—short-term, medium-term, and long-term strategies. He emphasized that pending and incomplete projects

must be prioritized under short-term plans. Projects like the proposed Science Park, which are awaiting state-level approval or support, should be identified and expedited. Highlighting the recurring flood situation in the district, he called for a comprehensive and long-term flood management plan. He also stressed the importance of applying the management

principle of SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis for effective planning. "Jajpur has strong human resources and financial potential. We must identify our weaknesses and challenges while leveraging opportunities available under a progressive government," he added. He further underlined the need for inter-departmental coordination to ensure proper utilization and efficient management of funds. District Collector Mr. Ambar Kumar Kar instructed all departmental officers to prepare detailed action plans for their respective departments in the coming days.

Parking Crisis Chokes Traffic Flow in Kantabanji Town

Kantabanji, correspondence : The absence of a proper parking system in Kantabanji town under the municipal council has led to severe traffic congestion, leaving residents frustrated and struggling with daily commuting challenges. Despite being a notified area council, authorities are accused of focusing primarily on tax collection while failing to provide essential civic amenities such as designated parking spaces. As a result, major squares and busy areas across the town remain overcrowded throughout the day. The situation worsens during school and college hours, when heavy movement of students and vehicles turns traffic

conditions chaotic and unmanageable. With no organized parking in place, residents are forced to park two-wheelers and four-wheelers along roadsides, further narrowing already congested streets. This unregulated parking has not only disrupted smooth vehicular movement but has also increased the risk of accidents, causing inconvenience and safety concerns for pedestrians and commuters alike. Locals have urged the municipal authorities to take immediate steps by coordinating with the district administration, police, and transport department to develop a proper parking system and ease the growing traffic burden in the town.

Ama bus hit a truck from behind; Passengers slightly injured

Cuttack (correspondent): Ama bus caused another accident. Our bus hit a truck from behind near Barang. The bus was coming towards Bhubaneswar from Cuttack. The accident took place near Padmanabh Nagar Chack under Barang police station. The passengers in the bus were slightly injured. This Ama bus number is 37. In the accident, two windows of Ama bus were broken and fell on the passengers inside the bus. The student sitting near the bus window was slightly injured. It is alleged that this accident happened due to the carelessness of the Ama bus driver. After this accident, the police reached the spot.

Affidavit
By the virtue of an affidavit executed before the Executive Magistrate Digapahandi, Ganjam Vide No-A/170 dtd 18.03.2026 I Alugulu Nageswar Dora, S/o-Late Alugulu Gangadhar Dora of At/Po/Ps-Digapahandi, Dist-Ganjam, Odisha declared that my Registered sale deed (Interim) Doct No-10631902368 Of S.R.O Digapahandi was lost on dtd 01.03.2026 about 11.00 Am at Digapahandi Market Area. I have registred complain before Digapahandi Police Station Vide . Service No-24509010260010. Plz contact Mob-no-Jogasish mohanty,79798 12930
Sd/-
A.Nageswar Dora

NSS VOLUNTEERS OF SOA FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE CONDUCT SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY IN MENDHASAL VILLAGE

Bhubaneswar, (correspondence): Fifty NSS volunteers from the Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IAS), faculty of agricultural sciences of SOA Deemed to be University here, spent a week at Mendhasal, located on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar city, recently conducting comprehensive socio-economic surveys focusing on economic status, agricultural practices and water scarcity. The

door survey, conducted between March 20 to 26, captured essential details such as family demographics, primary sources of income, crops grown by the farmers and major challenges they faced in agriculture. The survey also covered other key areas like education, healthcare and awareness of various government welfare schemes and their benefits. The findings showed that most farmers possessed more than one acre of land while some



owned up to five to six acres. An interesting trend observed was that several persons had shifted to farming quitting their private sector employment. It was also

found that around 70 to 80 per cent of the villagers had availed loans either from banks, cooperative societies or self-help groups. The key agricultural challenges the

farmers faced included pest infestations, water shortages at different times and crop damage caused by wild animals including elephants and wild boars. It was found that nearly half of the village population had no knowledge about government welfare schemes for the masses. The villagers also complained about inadequate healthcare facilities in the area which required strengthening of existing measures. The camp's inaugural program

was addressed by Prof. Santosh Kumar Rout, Dean of IAS, Dr. Kamal Lochan Mahanta, Program Coordinator of the SOANSS bureau, Dr. Bibudha Parashar, Department of Agricultural Extension and Dr. Saroj Kumar Mohanty, Head of Department of Plant Physiology. Dr. Nitish Kumar Jena, Program Officer, NSS, outlined the key activities planned for the volunteers during the week while Dr. Sabyasachi Pradhan proposed the vote of thanks.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: SBP-ELECT-2026-T-276
NAME OF WORK : ELECTRICAL WORK IN CONNECTION WITH "CONSTRUCTION OF 20 BEDED RUNNING ROOM AT BOINDA IN SAMBALPUR DIVISION".
Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 22,17,417.06, EMD : ₹ 44,400.00, Completion Period of the Work : 06 Months from the date of issue of LOA.
Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1530 hrs. of 24.04.2026.
No manual offers sent by Post / Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be rejected summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : www.ireps.gov.in
Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website fifteen (15) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers' bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate an e-tendering.
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Virat Kohli, Anushka Sharma praise Ranveer Singh's "Dhurandhar"

Cricket superstar Virat Kohli has hailed the recently released film Dhurandhar: The Revenge, starring Ranveer Singh, as a "cinematic masterpiece" of Indian cinema. Posting on Instagram, Kohli praised director Aditya Dhar's vision and Singh's performance. "Saw the film today and dare I say that I have never ever seen a cinematic experience like this made in India. It brought out every kind of emotion to the surface and I didn't flinch once for almost four hours. Aditya Dhar, your talent and conviction is reflected in what you've created. Hats off to you. You're a genius. And although all actors were great in their roles, Ranveer Singh, you have attained a different level after this movie—your performance was beyond brilliant. Absolutely

WOW," Kohli wrote. Actress Anushka Sharma also lauded the film, applauding both Dhar and Singh. "What a fantastic film you've made @adityadharfilms! It takes so much conviction to make an almost four-hour-long film. Gripping and immersive, meticulously crafted, it holds your attention through and through. @ranveersingh, you seized a once-in-a-lifetime character and delivered a solid, flawless performance," Sharma wrote, also praising the ensemble cast including Arjun Rampal, R. Madhavan, Sanjay Dutt, and cameo Yami Gautam. The sequel to last year's Dhurandhar, the film has achieved remarkable box office success.

'Mysaa' first look: Rashmika Mandanna stuns in intense avatar

On the occasion of Rashmika Mandanna's birthday, the makers of her upcoming film Mysaa released a new poster, offering a glimpse of her intense look in the film. The black-and-white poster showcases the actress in a fierce avatar, with her face smeared with dust and blood, and a sharp, angry gaze. Sharing the poster, the makers described her transformation, stating that she once ruled with charm and grace, and is now set to return with rage. They also extended birthday wishes to the actress, calling it her most explosive performance yet. Mysaa is touted as a pan-India action thriller set against a tribal backdrop, with Rashmika playing the role of a warrior. The film is expected to feature high-octane action sequences and is directed by Ravindra Pulle. Meanwhile, Rashmika also has several other projects in the pipeline. She is set to share screen space with Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon in the upcoming Hindi film Cocktail 2.



Coconut water for weight loss; 6 ways it can help you shed kilos



COCONUT WATER AND WEIGHT LOSS

1. Hydration: Staying hydrated is essential for weight loss as it can help boost metabolism and reduce appetite. Coconut water is a natural and refreshing way to stay hydrated due to its high water content and electrolyte composition.

2. Low in calories: Compared to many other sugary beverages like sodas or fruit juices, coconut water is relatively low in calories. On average, an 8-ounce (240-milliliter) serving of coconut water contains about 45-60 calories, depending on the brand and any added sugars. Choosing coconut water as a replacement for high-calorie drinks can help reduce overall calorie intake, supporting weight loss efforts.

3. Rich in nutrients: Coconut water contains essential nutrients such as potassium, magnesium, calcium, and vitamin C. These nutrients are important for overall health and can support metabolism and energy production, which are key factors in weight management.

4. Natural electrolyte balance: Coconut water is a natural source of electrolytes, which are important for maintaining fluid balance in the body. Proper electrolyte balance can support optimal hydration levels during exercise,

helping to enhance physical performance and potentially aid in weight loss.

5. May reduce appetite: Some studies suggest that coconut water may have appetite-suppressing effects. Drinking coconut water before meals may help you feel fuller and consume fewer calories overall, which can contribute to weight loss over time.

6. Post-exercise recovery: Coconut water is often touted as a natural sports drink due to its electrolyte content. Consuming coconut water after exercise can help replenish electrolytes lost through sweat and promote faster recovery, supporting a



Summer season is upon us and as our body adjusts to warmer temperatures, it's important to consume foods that supports this transition and keeps the body cool. Hydration assumes a greater significance during summers as our body is constantly losing water through sweat and not having enough fluids can lead to heat-related illnesses like heat stroke and dehydration. So, before we start craving for sugary drinks and ice creams to beat the sweltering heat, it is important to work on strategies to maintain hydration for optimum energy levels and well-being.

Summer months are ideal for working on weight loss goals as body's metabolism is higher and one does not crave for high-calorie foods as is the case in winters. With appetite slightly on a lower side and availability of loads of hydrating fruits and vegetables, one can turn summer to their advantage when it comes to shedding pounds. All you have to do is to avoid sugary temptations. Coconut water is among the low-calorie drinks that can hydrate you without causing sugar spike. Besides it also aids in boosting metabolism and keep you full for longer. Let's discuss how this amazing electrolyte-rich drink can support your weight loss journey while giving a huge boost to your overall health. While coconut water alone may not directly cause weight loss, it can be a part of a healthy weight management plan, says Dr Rituja Ugalmugle, Consultant Physician, Wockhardt Hospitals, Mumbai.

consistent exercise routine that is essential for weight management.

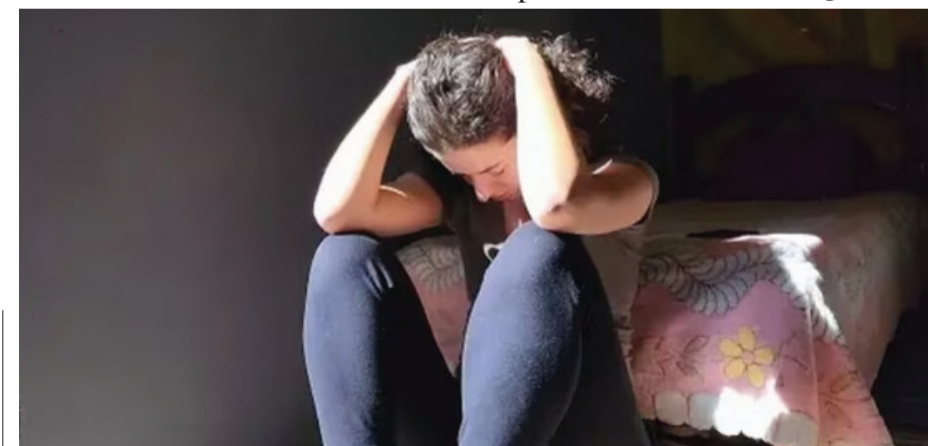
4 blocks to emotional fluency and resilience: Therapist explains

From not being able to be fully present to anticipatory anxiety, here are a few things that block emotional fluency and resilience. In order to have a healthy emotional balance, it is important to be fluent in our emotions. "How fluent are you in your own emotions? Are you able to identify and feel your feelings, or is it a struggle? Do you tend to focus more on what other people are feeling? If so, you're not alone," wrote Psychotherapist Terri Cole. Here are a few things that can block emotional fluency and resilience.



Anticipatory anxiety is the feeling of anxiousness thinking of something that might happen. When we overthink the worst-case scenarios, we always keep thinking of things that may go wrong. We are not able to be fully present at the moment. We are so busy reading the room for predicting conflicts and judgements, that we fail to be present

fully. Anxiety: Deficiency of nutrients such as Magnesium, Omega-3 fatty acids and Vitamin D and Zinc can lead to symptoms of Anxiety. Our poor self-regulation skills can also make it difficult for us to be emotionally fluent. It is often informed by our childhood caregivers.



Small things that improve relationship health

From embracing differences to maintaining privacy, here are a few small things that help in strengthening bonds in a relationship. Communication, trust, loyalty and understanding form the foundation blocks of a safe, happy and healthy relationship. A relationship requires constant efforts from the partners to make things work out. While we should ensure to focus on the big things such as compromise, understanding each other, addressing difficult topics and having uncomfortable conversations, the small things help in binding the relationship more and forming better connections. "It's the little things, when done consistently,

that make a big difference. Healthy relationships aren't based on grand gestures. They are based on small, consistent acts of consideration and care," wrote Therapist Lucille Shackleton.

Being kind and patient: While it is impossible to read the mind of the partner, we should know that everyone has their difficult ties. Instead of pushing our hard emotions on them, we should try to be patient and understanding to make things smooth for them.

Being a good listener: We should not listen to respond or react, but to understand.

IPL 2026: Pandya, Boult Return As MI Opt To Bowl In Rain-Shortened Match Vs RR

Guwahati: Skipper Hardik Pandya returned to the side as the Mumbai Indians elected to bowl first against the Rajasthan Royals in a rain-shortened 11-overs-a-side Match 13 in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the ACA Stadium in Guwahati on Tuesday.

The match is set to start around two and a half hours after the scheduled start of 7.30 pm because of rain that lashed the city since early afternoon. It will be an 11-overs-per-side match with the Powerplay reduced to 3.2 overs or 20 balls. In each innings, four bowlers can bowl a maximum of two overs each, with one bowler allowed to bowl a



maximum of three overs. There will be a 10-minute break between innings. Besides Pandya, Mumbai also brought in pacer Trent Boult for Corbin Bosch, while Afghan spinner AM Gazanfar too was recalled. Rajasthan

Royals are unchanged from their previous match.

Pandya said the pitch has been under covers and that in a rain-affected game, it is always worth batting second. He said it is a long tournament and one you cannot win or

lose the IPL in the first couple of weeks. Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag said he would have bowled first, too. He said the pitch was supposed to be dry, but the rain might have changed those dynamics.

From Komalika Bari To Anjali Munda, KITG 2026 Reveals A Strong Pipeline Of Future Talent

Raipur: The inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) 2026 in Chhattisgarh has brought together sportspersons from the tribal community at different stages of their career on one major platform. For some, it was an exposure to what it feels like to compete in multi-discipline events, while for others, it was another step in an already developing career. In all, 30 states and Union Territories took part in the inaugural edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) that saw close to 3800 participants compete in nine sports disciplines. A whopping 106 gold medals were on offer across archery,



athletics, football, hockey, swimming, weightlifting, and wrestling, while traditional sports like mallakhamb and kabaddi were the demonstration sports. As India prepares to host the Commonwealth Games 2030 and positions itself

as a potential host of the 2036 Summer Olympics, the Khelo India Tribal Games offered athletes from diverse tribal backgrounds an opportunity to showcase their potential and strengthen India's bench strength across disciplines. The Games

were held in three cities in Chhattisgarh – Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Ambikapur. Here is a sneak peek at a few athletes who are making an impact on the national and international stage, and some who showed the potential to excel in the near future.

Asian Boxing C'ships 2026: Minakshi, Jaismine Shine As Six Women Reach Final

Ulaanbaatar: India continued their impressive campaign at the Asian Boxing Championships 2026, with a total of eight boxers, six women and two men, storming into the finals. Minakshi and Jaismine led the charge in the women's semifinals on Tuesday, while Vishvanath Suresh and Sachin added to the tally with strong performances in the men's category. In the women's 48kg



semifinal, Minakshi registered a confident 4:1 victory over Thailand's Thipsatcha Yodwaree to seal her spot in the gold medal bout. Joining her in the final, Jaismine edged past Uzbekistan's

Nigina Uktamova in a closely contested 3:2 decision in the women's 57kg category.

In the men's division, Vishvanath Suresh (50kg) delivered a dominant performance, outclassing Jordan's

Huthaifa Eshish with a unanimous 5:0 win to advance to the final. Sachin (60kg) also impressed with a solid 4:1 victory over Thailand's Sakda Ruamtham in his semifinal clash. In other results, Akash lost 1:4 to

Uzbekistan's Javokhir Abdurakhimov. Lokesh went down 0:5 against Jasurbek Yuldoshev of Uzbekistan. Narendar suffered a 1:4 defeat to China's Bayikewuzi Danabieke, with the bout being stopped in the first round due to a cut. Harsh Choudhary also lost 1:4 to Tajikistan's Parviz Karimov. India will now look to convert these strong performances into gold as several boxers gear up for the finals. In the women's 48kg final, Minakshi will face Mongolia's Nomundari Enkh-Amgalan. Jaismine is set to take on Thailand's Punrawee Ruenros in the 57kg title clash. In other key finals featuring Indian boxers, Preeti (54kg) will go up against Chinese Taipei's Huang Hsiao-wen, while Priya (60kg) faces North Korea's Un Gyong Won. Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) is set to meet Kazakhstan's Bakyt Seidish in her gold medal bout.

Tamim Iqbal Replaces Aminul Islam As President Of BCB Ad-Hoc Panel

New Delhi: Former cricketer Tamim Iqbal has been appointed President of the ad-hoc committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) after the National Sports Council dissolved the existing board led by Aminul Islam. The move follows findings of irregularities in last year's BCB elections, as highlighted by a government-appointed investigation panel. The decision comes in the wake of a probe initiated by the sports ministry on March 11, when a five-member committee was tasked with examining allegations of manipulation, misconduct, and abuse

of authority during the October 6 elections. The BCB had earlier objected to the formation of this panel, describing it as undue government interference in cricket administration. At a media briefing, officials presented findings and confirmed that multiple discrepancies were identified in the electoral process. Aminul Ehsan, Director of Sports at the NSC, stated that the report had been shared with the International Cricket Council (ICC), along with details of the newly formed 11-member interim committee. Concerns over the election process had surfaced

even before the polls, with Tamim and several Dhaka-based club representatives alleging undue influence. Questions were also raised about Aminul Islam's role, including claims that he had formally sought changes to councillor lists from certain regions. Additionally, Tamim had pointed out that the nomination deadlines had been extended twice, prompting him to withdraw from the race on October 1. Aminul, however, rejected all accusations on the eve of the election. At 37, Tamim becomes the youngest individual to head the BCB in this capacity.

Asian Cup 2026: India U20 Women In Must-Win Clash With Chinese Taipei In Final Group C Encounter

Pathum Thani (Thailand): The Indian U20 women's team will take on Chinese Taipei in a must-win fixture in their final Group C league match of the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup 2026 in Pathum Thani, Thailand, on Wednesday. After suffering defeats in their opening two matches against Japan and Australia, both India and Chinese Taipei find themselves in an identical situation, chasing a result that could keep their hopes in the tournament alive.

India's goal difference of -11 makes things a bit more complicated than Chinese Taipei's -7. The Young Tigresses' hopes of reaching the knockout stage for the first time since 2004 rest on securing a place among the two best third-placed teams across all groups. Their task will be simplified if either the Group A match between

Vietnam and Bangladesh on Tuesday or the Group B match between Uzbekistan and Jordan on Wednesday ends in a draw. In that case, the winner of the India vs Chinese Taipei match will qualify for the quarterfinals, regardless of goal difference. But if there is a winner in both those games, India would need to beat Chinese Taipei by a handsome margin to avoid being the worst-ranked third-placed side in the three groups. At the moment, the goal differences of the other teams are – Bangladesh (-3), Vietnam (-6), Uzbekistan (-8), and Jordan (-9). Head coach Joakim Alexandersson was clear about what is required from his side. "We need to be a lot stronger and more determined in both 18-yard boxes, in how we defend our own box,

and in how we score goals against them. We need to be more direct in attack, tougher, and more clinical. But we must also remember that we are facing a very good team," he said. Across their first two matches, the Young Tigresses have shown glimpses of their ability, but have also been punished for lapses at key moments. "We need to be strong in duels, communicate a lot, and be even more aggressive than in the first two games. When we win the ball, we need to be sharper and quicker in transition, and look to go for goal-scoring opportunities," the Swede added. "The only thing that matters to us is that we have to go for the win, because that is our only chance to qualify for the quarter-finals. That is the only mindset," Alexandersson affirmed.

The Viral Drawing That Changed Everything: Payal Nag's Tryst With Archery

New Delhi: For Payal Nag, a quadruple amputee, life changed completely when a picture of her drawing, which she drew with her mouth, went viral on social media; that caught the attention of coach Kuldeep Vedwan. What followed was not just the discovery of archery but the discovery of self-belief, discipline and purpose. Payal delivered a sensational performance at the World Archery Para Series in Bangkok on Saturday, defeating reigning world champion Sheetal Devi, the world's first female limbless archer. At just seven years old, she lost all four of her limbs after coming in contact with an 11,000-volt power line passing over a roof in 2015. The daughter of migrant labourers from Balangir district in



India's eastern state of Odisha, she grew up facing doubts and ridicule about how she would live her life. After the Covid-19 pandemic, her family moved to Chhattisgarh, a state in central India. With sustained support from the state administration, Nag was sent to Parbhatigiri Balniketan, a government childcare institute where her needs could be properly met. There

she developed a desire to achieve something significant despite her challenges. Gradually, she discovered a passion for sketching portraits using her feet, going on to win several district-level art competitions.

She used to draw pictures with her mouth, and one day someone posted one of these pictures on 'X', which went viral. Coach Kuldeep Vedwan saw this and then contacted Payal

for the first time. He requested the orphanage management for her transfer. Then, Vedwan visited the orphanage and brought Payal to Jammu. Payal trained alongside Paralympic medallist Sheetal Devi at the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Sports Complex in 2023 and 2024. National Para-Archery Championship in 2025 was her first competition. She

secured the top spot in the presence of many of India's para-archery legends, including Sheetal as well as Paralympian Jyoti Baliyan. Additionally, Payal also defeated Sheetal in the Olympic round to become the national champion.

In December 2025, Payal stepped onto the shooting line at the Dubai 2025 Asian Youth Para Games to shoot her first arrows at an international competition, scripting history as India's and the world's first quadruple amputee archer to compete internationally.

Earlier this year at the Indian Para Archery Championships, Nag finished second in qualification behind world champion and Paralympic medallist Sheetal, before going on to claim bronze in the individual event.

Hyatt and Brigade Group Announce Plans for Grand Hyatt Chennai ECR and Hyatt House Bengaluru Devanahalli

NEWDELHI: Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) today announced the signing of management agreements with Brigade Hotel Ventures Limited (BHVL) and BCV Developers Private Limited, part of the Brigade Group, for two properties with Hyatt in India, Grand Hyatt Chennai ECR and Hyatt House Bengaluru Devanahalli, respectively. Brigade Hotel Ventures Limited signed a management agreement with Hyatt for Grand Hyatt Chennai ECR, a premier beachfront hotel on the scenic southeastern coast of



India. With plans to open in 2029, Grand Hyatt Chennai ECR will debut on an expansive beachfront site, offering an exclusive and immersive stay with approx. 200 guest rooms, five distinct dining venues including a signature restaurant, two specialty restaurants, a pool bar, a lobby lounge, wellness facilities, and multiple sophisticated event spaces. The hotel facilities will cater to premium leisure and business travellers and will be ideal for wedding buy outs, staycations and MICE. BCV Developers Private Limited signed a management agreement with Hyatt for Hyatt House Bengaluru

Devanahalli. This greenfield development, with plans to open in 2027, will feature 135 serviced apartments designed for both extended stays and short getaways. Located just 20 minutes from Kempegowda International Airport, the serviced apartments will serve the rapidly growing Devanahalli tech corridor, which includes upcoming IT Parks, the Aerospace Science Park, and the planned Financial City. Amenities will include an all-day restaurant, a bar, meeting spaces, a swimming pool, and a fitness center.

Jindal Stainless announces Ranveer Singh as its first-ever Brand Ambassador, marking a new chapter in brand outreach

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Jindal Stainless, India's leading stainless steel manufacturer, has announced Ranveer Singh, one of India's most celebrated actors and cultural icons, as its first-ever brand ambassador and nationwide celebrity endorser. The association marks a significant step in the company's efforts to expand brand visibility and strengthen its connect with consumers. Known for his grit, performance, and reliability, Ranveer Singh's persona mirrors the brand's core ethos. Through this



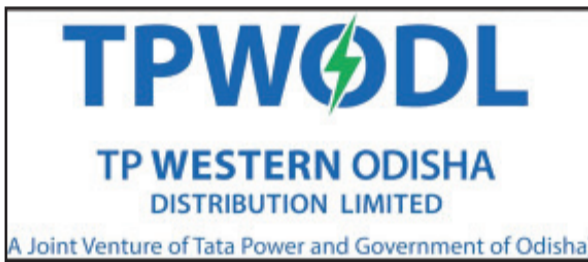
association, Ranveer Singh will lead campaigns across television, digital, and social media, reinforcing stainless steel's position as a trusted material powering India's growth. Ranveer Singh, known as a generational performer and the ultimate showman, enjoys a massive fan

following across the country. His on-screen work, combined with his dynamic off-screen persona, resonates across generations and geographies, giving him a unique ability to capture attention and connect with diverse audiences across the world. Commenting on

the announcement, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, said, "Ranveer Singh represents not only the present but also the future of Indian cinema, deeply committed to the work behind performance. As Jindal Stainless embarks on its next phase of growth, his dynamic personality and strong connect with audiences make him a fitting partner, to helping bring the versatility of stainless steel closer to people across the country. Speaking about the association, Actor, Ranveer Singh, said, "For many of us growing up in India, stainless steel has always been a familiar part of everyday life."

TPWODL to Reward Over 900 Consumers Under 'Pay & Win' Scheme

Burla, (Correspondent): TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), the power distribution utility serving western Odisha, today announced the winners of its flagship consumer incentive initiative, the 'Pay & Win' Scheme, quarterly reward program. A total of 6,23,502 electricity consumers are eligible under the scheme, out of which 912 consumers are selected as winners from 57 sub-divisions through a fully automated, computer-generated lucky draw, ensuring complete transparency.



As per the scheme guidelines, 16 consumers from each sub-division are selected every quarter. The prizes include one smartphone for the first prize winner; two Bluetooth speakers for two second-prize winners; three smartwatches for three third-prize winners; and ten neckbands for ten fourth-prize winners, in recognition of disciplined and timely electricity bill payments.

Circle-wise, 1,01,532 consumers from Bolangir, 39,528 from Bargarh, 1,23,079 from Kalahandi, 2,13,022 from Rourkela, and 1,46,341 from Sambalpur were eligible under the scheme. From these, 176 winners from Bolangir, 144 from Bargarh, 160 from Kalahandi, 208 from Rourkela, and 224 from Sambalpur were

selected through a fully automated, computer-generated lucky draw. The winners will be invited to their nearest TPWODL office shortly to receive their prizes, and the complete list of winners will be published on the company's official website.

TPWODL reiterated that timely payment of electricity bills is a shared responsibility and plays a crucial role in strengthening power infrastructure and improving service delivery in western Odisha. Through the 'Pay & Win' Scheme, the company recognizes and rewards responsible

consumers while motivating others to pay their bills within the stipulated time.

The scheme was launched in August 2024, initially rewarding three winners per sub-division during FY 2024-25. In FY 2025-26, the number was increased to six winners per SDO, and from the last quarter onward, it has been further enhanced to 16 winners per SDO. By extending rewards to more beneficiaries, TPWODL reinforced its commitment to enhancing customer satisfaction and strengthening consumer engagement.

Birla Global University Invites Application for Its First Batch OF MBA in Business Analytics Programme

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Birla Global University (BGU), a premier institution, invites applications for the inaugural 2026-28 batch of its two-year full-time MBA in Business Analytics programme. Co-designed and co-delivered by Birla School of Management and KPMG (Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler), the programme is tailored to meet the growing industry demand for professionals skilled in data, analytics, and technology-driven decision-making across sectors such as consulting, finance, marketing, operations,



and IT. It aims to equip learners with the capabilities required to build successful careers in the rapidly expanding field of business analytics.

A key highlight of the programme is that 30% of the modules will be delivered offline by KPMG professionals, providing students with direct industry

exposure, opportunities for meaningful interaction, and stronger professional networking. The programme is supported by a blend of experienced academic faculty and industry experts, ensuring a balanced learning experience that integrates theoretical foundations with practical insights.

Dhamra Port Observes National Maritime Day

Dhamra, (Correspondent): Dhamra Port observed the 63rd National Maritime Day on April 5 with great enthusiasm, paying tribute to seafarers, stakeholders, and maritime professionals whose dedication contributes significantly to India's growth and security. Celebrating the spirit of India's rich maritime heritage and its forward-looking progress, the occasion highlighted the resilience and commitment of the maritime community. As part of the celebrations, crew members of the



vessel SMV APJ Indrani, including Captain Krishna Mohan Peethala and Chief Engineer Vinjamuri Venkat Lakshmi Papa Rao, marked the day with a ceremonial cake cutting. The event was attended by Dhamra Port HR Head Basuki

Nag, Ship Harbour Head Capt. Ajit Mohapatra, Chief Marine Officer Capt. Abhijit Sinha, along with Rupesh Das, Tapan Tripathy, Subhendu Mohapatra, and members of the Marine Services Department, who joined in commemorating the

occasion. National Maritime Day is observed every year on April 5 to celebrate India's maritime heritage and highlight the sector's role in trade, economy, and security. The date marks the historic 1919 voyage of India's first flagged ship, SS Loyalty, from Bombay to London. The day was officially declared in 1964 after India's fleet reached 1 million gross registered tonnage. Ports like Dhamra also mark the occasion with Maritime Week, honouring seafarers and industry stakeholders.

NALCO Hosts All India Public Sector Badminton Tournament in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The All India Public Sector Badminton Tournament commenced today in Bhubaneswar, with National Aluminium Company Limited, a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, hosting the prestigious national-level event.

The tournament was inaugurated by Shri Brijendra Pratap Singh, CMD, NALCO, in the presence of the company's Directors, Shri Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Director (Production), Dr. Tapas Kumar Pattanayak, Director (HR), Shri



Abhay Kumar Behuria, Director (Finance) and Shri Anil Kumar Singh, Director (Commercial). Senior officials from the All India Public Sector Sports Control Board, along with representatives and leadership from various PSUs, were also present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Shri Singh underscored the significance of sports in

fostering not only physical fitness and mental well-being but also in strengthening team spirit, enhancing leadership qualities, and building a motivated workforce. He stressed that the values imbibed through sports i.e discipline, resilience, and collaboration are integral to achieving organizational excellence. He further reaffirmed NALCO's

enduring commitment to promoting sports as a core element of its corporate ethos.

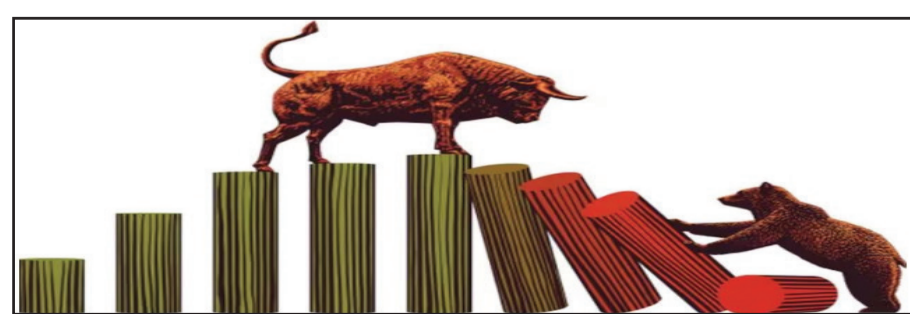
Being hosted for the first time in Bhubaneswar, the tournament marks another milestone in the city's emergence as a vibrant and preferred destination for national sporting events. The four-day tournament, organised in coordination with the All India Public Sector Sports Control Board, New Delhi, is being held from April 7 to 10, 2026, at the KIIT Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium.

Stock Market Recovers from Early Losses Despite Pressure, Sensex and Nifty Show Improvement

New Delhi: India's domestic stock market opened weak today but staged a recovery from early lows during initial trading. Both Sensex and Nifty indices plunged at the opening bell before buyers stepped in,

gradually improving their trajectory. By 10 AM, Sensex traded 0.28% lower while Nifty slipped 0.37%. Among heavyweight stocks, Hindalco Industries, Wipro, ONGC, Bajaj Finance, and Coal

India gained between 0.72% and 3.28%. In contrast, Max Healthcare, InterGlobe Aviation, Eternal, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Eicher Motors declined from 1.86% to 2.65%. Out of 2,649 active stocks, 1,387



traded in the green while 1,262 remained in the red. Within Sensex's 30 stocks, 11 showed gains from buying support, but 19 faced selling pressure. Nifty's 50 stocks saw 14 advances against 36 declines. BSE

Sensex opened 372.49 points down at 75,734.36, sliding further to 73,282.41 — a 824.44-point drop— before recovering to 73,902.58, down 204.27 points by 10 AM.