

PM Modi To Address 'Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan' In Delhi ToDAY

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend and address a national-level 'Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan' at the Vigyan Bhawan in the national capital on Monday at 11 a.m., according to an official statement issued on Sunday. The Sammelan is expected to witness the participation of eminent personalities and women achievers from diverse fields, including government, academia, science, sports, entrepreneurship, media, social work, and culture. The event aims to bring together a wide spectrum of stakeholders to deliberate on the role of women in India's development journey. The programme is being organised as

part of the Union government's broader push towards women-led development and seeks to underline the importance of greater participation of women in decision-making processes. It will also highlight the growing presence of women in leadership roles across sectors, from grassroots governance institutions such as Panchayats to the national Parliament. The event comes in the backdrop of the landmark passage of the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' in September 2023, which marked a significant step towards enhancing women's representation in legislative bodies. The legislation provides for one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative

Assemblies, a move widely seen as transformative for India's political landscape. With a focus now shifting towards the implementation of women's reservation across the country, a session of Parliament has been convened on April 16 to 18 to deliberate further on the issue. The Sammelan is expected to build momentum around this initiative and reaffirm the Union government's commitment to ensuring greater inclusivity in governance. According to the statement, the Sammelan will also emphasise the importance of women's participation in shaping India's future as the country moves towards its long-term vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047, often referred to as 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

CM Majhi Attends Platinum Jubilee Of Keonjhar School, Stresses Value-Based Education

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Emphasising that education should go beyond textbooks and jobs, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Sunday said schools play a crucial role in shaping character and instilling values, while addressing the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of PM Shri Kushaleswar Government High School in Keonjhar district. Calling schools "sacred spaces for life-building," Majhi said that along with academic knowledge, institutions must focus on discipline, ethics and value-based learning. "Education is not just for employment, but for building a meaningful life," he said, urging students to remain goal-oriented and make the best use of their time. The Chief Minister noted that the school,



established in 1950 under modest circumstances, has grown into a reputed institution over the decades. He credited its progress to the dedication of teachers, educationists and the local community. Praising the school's legacy, inspired by the ideals of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, Majhi said several of its alumni have excelled at state and national levels, bringing recognition to the institution. Highlighting the changing demands of education, he stressed the need for

skills, creativity and innovation alongside academic learning. He also proposed the construction of a new auditorium in the school to support academic and extracurricular activities. Majhi said the inclusion of the school under the PM SHRI (Prime Minister Schools for Rising India) scheme would enable the development of modern infrastructure, smart classrooms and digital learning facilities. Around 800 schools in Odisha have been covered under the scheme and will be developed as model

institutions, he added. The Chief Minister further said the state government has prioritised education, with over Rs 31,997 crore allocated to the School and Mass Education Department in the 2026-27 budget. He added that around 20,000 teachers have been recruited in the last one-and-a-half years, while steps are underway to appoint another 45,000 teachers. On the development front, Majhi announced that the Sarai-Hatisila road project, costing Rs 6.34 crore, is underway, while Rs 3.7 crore will be spent on the development of the Baba Kushaleswar Temple area. Among those present were Ghasipura MLA Badri Narayan Patra, Telkoi MLA Dr Fakir Mohan Naik, Keonjhar district collector Vishal Singh, organising committee chairman Hadibandhu Pattanayak, and other dignitaries, along with teachers, students, alumni and guardians.

3 Electrocuted, 2 Critical During Dandayatra Tent Setup In Dhenkanal

Dhenkanal: Three persons were electrocuted and two others critically injured while erecting a tent for 'Dandayatra' celebrations at Patala village under Balimi police station limits in Dhenkanal district on Sunday. According to Hindol Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) S.K. Nanda, three persons died on the spot after coming in contact with an 11 kV overhead electric wire. One injured person is undergoing treatment at Angul District Headquarters Hospital (DHH), while another critically injured person has been referred to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack. The identity of the deceased is yet to be ascertained.

Asha Bhosle Passes Away At 93, Last Rites To Be Held On Monday At Shivaji Park

M u m b a i : Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle passed away at the age of 93 in Mumbai on Sunday. The singer was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital on Saturday. Ashish Shelar, the Culture Minister of Maharashtra made the announcement outside the hospital. Her last rites will be held at Shivaji Park on Monday at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, her granddaughter, Zanaï Bhosle had revealed that her grandmother was admitted to the hospital due to extreme exhaustion and a chest infection. She requested privacy during such times. Dropping a photo with Asha Bhosle on her official Instagram



handle, Zanaï wrote, "My grandmother, Asha Bhosle due to extreme exhaustion and suffering a chest infection has been admitted to hospital and we request you to value our privacy. Treatment is ongoing and hopefully everything will be well and we shall update you positively (sic). (Folded hands emoji)." One of the most influential singers

of her time, Asha Bhosle, sang her first song as a playback for the 1943 Marathi drama 'Majha Bal'. She is known for lending her voice to some noteworthy numbers such as 'Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko', 'Do Lafzon Ki Hai Dil Ki Kahani', 'Kya Ghazab Karte Ho Ji', 'O Haseena Zulfonwale Jane Jahan', and 'Ye Ladka Hai Allah Kaisa Hai Diwana', to name just a few. Along with Hindi, she has sung in around 20 Indian and foreign languages.



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MESSAGE OF HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF ODISHA ON THE OCCASION OF CAPITAL FOUNDATION DAY

On the momentous occasion of 78th Capital Foundation Day of Odisha, I extend my heartiest greetings and good wishes to the people of Bhubaneswar & the State. The City envisioned as a modern city steeped in ancient values, stands today as a shining example where tradition harmoniously blends with modernity.

I appeal to the citizens of Bhubaneswar, to take pride in our capital and contribute wholeheartedly towards making Bhubaneswar cleaner, greener and more vibrant that reflects the true spirit of a Viksit Odisha.

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(Hari Babu Kambhampati)



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ପ୍ରାଚୀନ ଏକାମ୍ର କ୍ଷେତ୍ରର ଶୈବ ସଂସ୍କୃତି ସହିତ ଆଧୁନିକତାର ସମନ୍ୱୟ ହେଉଛି ଆମ ରାଜଧାନୀ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର । ଶିକ୍ଷା, ସ୍ୱଚ୍ଛତା, କ୍ରୀଡ଼ା, ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ, ପ୍ରଯୁକ୍ତିବିଦ୍ୟା ଓ ପ୍ରଯୁକ୍ତିଭିତ୍ତିକ ଶିଳ୍ପ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଆଜି ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର ଦେଶରେ ଏକ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ସହରର ମାନ୍ୟତା ପାଇଛି । ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଅନେକ ଭବିଷ୍ୟମୁଖୀ ଯୋଜନା ସହିତ ଆମ ରାଜଧାନୀ ଏକ କାୟାକଳ୍ପ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଦିଗରେ ଅଗ୍ରସର ହେଉଛି ।

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Telangana To Make Kaleshwaram Barrages Fully Operational

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has decided to make all three critical barrages of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project fully operational at the earliest. Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday made it clear that the state government is determined to bring Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla back into operation. He wanted the rehabilitation works to be fast-tracked to restore the project to full operational status under a time-bound programme. The minister held a high-level review on the rehabilitation of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) barrages with key officials of the Department, representatives of the



CWPRS, agencies tasked with rehabilitation designs and implementation agencies, including L&T. The minister said that statutory agencies, including the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and the Vigilance Commission, have already flagged serious defects in the

foundations, design, planning and execution of all three barrages. He added that the fundamental problems are identical across the three structures. He directed officials that the next two working seasons (2027 and 2028) should be treated as crucial in the process of completing the KLIS

repairs. He expressed hope that Annaram and Sundilla could be fully completed well within the timeline set for the purpose, while Medigadda can be made at least partially operational simultaneously. The government has already finalised a design consultant, AFRY India,

to work in a joint venture with IIT Mumbai. The minister instructed the design team to work round-the-clock, all seven days a week. We need the design as early as possible because the designs will have to be sent to the Central Water Commission (CWC) for approval immediately after submission," he said. The minister asked the consultants to stay in constant touch with Secretary Parikshit Mehra and bring directly to his notice in case of any issues. The design process will be backed by comprehensive geophysical, geotechnical, soil, hydraulic modelling and other studies. The minister directed that all required tests and data must be completed as a top priority. The Central

Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune — a Government of India organisation tasked with the tests and studies, has been asked to treat the Kaleshwaram barrage rehabilitation as its topmost priority. He asked the government advisor, Adityanath Das, to coordinate with the CWC to get the approvals needed from the Government of India. CWPRS personnel must be stationed at the sites continuously until the 45-day testing window is completed. The minister announced the constitution of a high-powered Steering Committee with immediate effect, with Col Parikshit Mehra as the convener to spearhead the implementation of rehabilitation works.

Assam CM Backs Women's Reservation Bill, Calls It A Milestone For Gender Equality

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday hailed the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam as a transformative step towards achieving gender equality in India, asserting that enhanced representation of women in legislative bodies would make governance more inclusive and balanced. In a post on X, Sarma said the law marks a decisive shift in India's democratic journey by ensuring that women have a stronger voice in shaping policies and the country's future. "For decades, women's voices have been underrepresented in

shaping policy. This reform changes that, giving them a rightful place at the table where the nation's future is decided," he said. The Chief Minister noted that women leaders bring perspectives rooted in lived experiences, which significantly influence policymaking in areas such as health, education, safety and empowerment. He added that greater representation would also inspire women and young girls to aspire for leadership roles. "This is not just a reform, but a step towards a more representative and equitable India," Sarma said.

'Monumental Loss': EU Ambassador Delphin, Australian Envoy Green Pay Tribute To Asha Bhosle

New Delhi: Foreign diplomats in India have also joined those paying tributes to legendary singer Asha Bhosle, who passed away in Mumbai on Sunday at the age of 92. Australian High Commissioner to India, Philip Green, said that he is among the non-Indians who cherish the music of the "evergreen" Asha Bhosle. "I am among the many foreigners who have cherished the music of the evergreen #AshaBhosle. She will live on in our hearts — especially every time I hear 'Yeh Mera Dil Yaar Ka



Deewana," he posted on X. European Union's Ambassador to India, Herve Delphin, termed Asha Bhosle's death a "monumental loss", saying that "the melody may have paused, but her legacy remains eternal." "A monumental loss. Asha Bhosle Ji's voice transcended every

generation and border — a true ambassador of India's rich lyrical culture. The melody may have paused, but her legacy remains eternal. Om Shanti", he said in a post on X. Asha Bhosle was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai on Saturday, and on Sunday, she breathed her last. Making her playback debut in 1943 with the Marathi drama "Majha Bal", she became one of the most sought-after singers of her time with classics such as "Chura Liya Hai Tumhe Jo Dil Ko", "Do Lafzon Ki Hai Dil Ki Kahani", "Kya Ghazab Karte

Ho Ji", and "Ye Ladka Hay Allah Kaisa Hai Diwana". During her career spanning over eight decades, she has recorded songs for films and albums in several Indian languages. Asha Bhosle also went on to receive many awards. She bagged the prestigious National Film Award not once, but twice — for "Dil Cheez Kya Hai" from "Umrao Jaan" and "Mera Kuch Saamaan" from "Ijaazat". Additionally, the singer was also honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2000 and Padma Vibhushan, the second-highest civilian honour in the country, in 2008.

SC To Hear Plea Seeking Immediate Implementation Of Women Reservation Bill ToDAY

New Delhi: Ahead of the upcoming special session of Parliament, the Supreme Court is slated to hear, on Monday, a plea seeking immediate implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Legislative Assemblies. As per the cauelist uploaded on the website of the apex court, a bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan is scheduled to hear the petition filed by Congress leader Jaya Thakur on April 13. Contending that the benefit of one-third quota for women should not be deferred, the plea has sought immediate enforcement of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, which provides for one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies. In November 2023, the top court had observed that

it would be "very difficult" to strike down the provision in the law which stipulates that the quota for women will come into force only after the completion of the next decennial Census and the subsequent delimitation exercise. The plea had argued that such preconditions are not necessary as the number of seats is already determined, and that women, who constitute nearly half of the country's population, remain underrepresented in elected bodies. The hearing assumes significance as the Parliament is expected to take up the Women's Reservation (Amendment) Bill during a special session beginning April 16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written to floor leaders of all political parties in both Houses of Parliament seeking support for the unanimous passage of the

legislation to facilitate the implementation of women's reservation before the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. In his letter, the Prime Minister said that greater participation of women in legislative bodies is essential for India's goal of becoming a developed nation and asserted that the time has come to implement the law "in its true spirit" across the country. However, the proposed special session has drawn objections from the Congress, which has termed the move a breach of the Model Code of Conduct in view of the ongoing Assembly election campaigns in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Congress has also demanded that an all-party meeting on delimitation be convened before any legislative exercise on the implementation of women's reservation is undertaken.

PM Modi Captures Bustling Excitement At Siliguri Rally, Says 'BJP In Hearts And Minds Of People'



Siliguri: Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared a video on Sunday from his rally in West Bengal's Siliguri, showcasing the large and enthusiastic crowd chanting "Modi Modi," cheering loudly, and waving BJP flags. In the video, the Prime Minister can be seen capturing the lively atmosphere with his phone, smiling as he waves back to the massive gathering. Sharing the video on Instagram, PM Modi wrote, "To see the mood in West Bengal, come to Siliguri. There's only one party in the hearts and minds of the people — BJP!" A large crowd gathered at the rally venue in Siliguri to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister and listen to his address. The attendees expressed their happiness and enthusiasm about meeting him. Chants of "Modi, Modi" and "BJP Zindabad" echoed throughout the crowd, which was holding the Tricolour, BJP flags, and portraits of PM Modi. During his address in Siliguri, the Prime Minister launched a scathing attack on the Trinamool Congress, stating that the party's emphasis on appeasement politics is clearly reflected in the annual budgetary allocations of the state government.

'Khela' Will End In Bengal And Development Will Begin: Yogi Adityanath In Sonamukhi Rally

Sonamukhi (West Bengal): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, stepping into the electoral battleground of West Bengal on Sunday, launched sharp attacks at All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Left parties and thundered that "khela will come to an end in Bengal while development will begin under the BJP rule." Addressing a mega public rally in Sonamukhi, he slammed widespread violence under TMC rule,



claiming that the BJP workers were being deliberately targeted with a motive. "With Narendra Modi in Delhi, bringing a BJP government to West Bengal would ensure a 'double-engine government' capable of

tackling rioters," he roared before the crowd while asserting that the BJP has the solution to the "goondaism" of TMC and Left groups. Switching to the local language, he said that the era of "khela"

would end and development would begin with a BJP victory in the elections. He urged voters to elect BJP candidates Dibakar Gharami from Sonamukhi, Nirmal Dhara from Indas, and Bileshwar Singha from Barjora. The UP Chief Minister also trained guns on the Mamata administration over alleged silence on the brutal killing of a Dalit Hindu in Bangladesh and claimed that this silence stemmed from fear of losing Muslim votes. He accused

"vote-bank traders" of attempting to alter Bengal's demography and urged people not to allow Congress, Left parties, and TMC to jeopardise future generations. He claimed that religious events like Navratri in the state were facing disruptions and called for collective efforts to restore Bengal's past glory. The CM further stated, "It is painful to witness Bengal's current state, given its legacy in spirituality, culture, art, and education."

12 Indian Fishermen Detained By Sri Lankan Navy

Chennai: Twelve Indian fishermen, including five from Tamil Nadu, were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy late on April 11 for allegedly crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), in yet another incident underscoring the recurring tensions in the Palk Strait region. According to official sources, the fishermen had ventured into the sea in a mechanised boat from the Karaikal fishing harbour at around 10 a.m. on April 10.

Over 52.3 Lakh Domestic LPG Cylinders Delivered In A Day, No Dry-Outs: Govt

New Delhi: The distribution of domestic LPG in the country remains normal with more than 52.3 lakh domestic LPG cylinders delivered on Saturday and no dry-outs reported at any

distributorship, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said on Sunday. Online LPG bookings have increased to about 98 per cent, and deliveries based on the Delivery Authentication Code

(DAC) have increased to around 93 per cent to prevent diversion at the distributor level, according to an update issued by the ministry. More than 4.24 lakh PNG connections have been gasified, and

about 4.66 lakh additional customers have also registered for new connections. Consumers are encouraged to use alternative fuels such as PNG and electric cooktops. All citizens are

urged to conserve energy during the current situation, it reiterated. More than 30,000 PNG consumers have surrendered their LPG connections via MYPNGD. in website. Citizens are

advised to avoid panic purchase of petrol, diesel and LPG and rely only on official sources for information. LPG consumers are requested to use digital booking platforms and avoid visiting distributors.

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Guarantee of 33% Reservation for Women in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies



Permanent Commission for women in the Armed Forces

At least 1 Woman Director in 48% of the total recognised startups in India

Women Empowerment National Imperative: Odisha Governor

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): Women empowerment is a national imperative and essential for inclusive development, said Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati on Sunday. He stated that a society which respects and nurtures women progresses with strength and dignity. The Governor made these remarks while attending as the chief guest at the 'Nari Shakti: Odia Asmita' programme, a celebration of women empowerment and excellence, organised by The Times of India here. Describing the event as timely and meaningful, the Governor said it honoured the contribution of women in shaping Odisha's cultural, social, and economic identity. He added that women are the first educators of family values and the silent architects of a compassionate and progressive society. Highlighting the changing role of women, the Governor said they are excelling across sectors including governance, education, health, science and technology, entrepreneurship, sports, arts, and the armed forces. He noted that modern Indian women are confident, capable, and increasingly taking leadership roles. The Governor attributed this transformation to progressive policies and visionary leadership at both the state and central levels. He also emphasised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on women empowerment, stating that inclusive development is possible only when women actively participate in economic, social, and decision-making processes. Referring to the Women's Reservation Act as a historic milestone, the Governor said it would enhance women's representation in governance and strengthen democracy. He further observed that Odia Asmita is deeply rooted in the state's history, with women playing a significant role in preserving and promoting it. Women-led development, he said, will be crucial in building a developed Odisha.

Odisha Battles Intense Heatwave; Titlagarh Tops At 41.5°C

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): Odisha continued to reel under intense heatwave conditions on Sunday, with Titlagarh emerging as the hottest place in the state at 41.5°C, according to the evening weather bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Several interior districts recorded sweltering temperatures above 40°C, worsening daytime conditions and affecting normal life across multiple regions. Bhawanipatna and Bolangir both registered 41.0°C, followed by Jharsuguda at 40.7°C, Sambalpur at 40.1°C, Hirakud at 40.0°C, and Sonapur at 39.9°C. The heatwave also impacted other parts of the state, with Sundargarh recording 38.6°C, Nayagarh 38.5°C, Rourkela 38.7°C, Chandbali 38.2°C, Talcher 38.2°C, and Malkangiri 38.2°C. Bhadrak recorded 38.0°C, Jajpur 37.8°C, Bhubaneswar 37.7°C, and Cuttack 37.4°C. Dhenkanal also registered 37.4°C. Coastal regions, however, remained relatively cooler compared to interior Odisha. Balasore recorded 36.0°C, Puri 34.6°C, Gopalpur 33.4°C, and Paradip 32.2°C. The IMD has advised residents to take necessary precautions amid the rising temperatures, including staying hydrated, avoiding direct exposure to sunlight during peak hours, and limiting outdoor activities in the afternoon.

Inventory Of Bhitara Ratna Bhandar ToDAY; Preparatory Meeting Held

Puri(Correspondent): The much-anticipated inventory and assessment of ornaments inside the Bhitara Ratna Bhandar of Shree Jagannath Temple is set to begin from tomorrow morning, amid tight security. The inner treasury, whose contents remain largely unknown, is expected to pose significant challenges during the counting process as neither the exact inventory nor the nature of ornaments has been fully documented in recent times.

Mother Kills Two Children With Axe, Attempts Suicide In Jharsuguda

Bhubaneswar,(Correspondent): : In a shocking and tragic incident, a woman allegedly murdered her son and daughter with an axe before attempting to end her own life in Tangarpali village under the Airport police station limits of Jharsuguda district late on Saturday night. According to police sources, the family

had gone to bed after dinner. Around midnight, Ranjita Oram woke up her husband and asked him to go outside. As soon as the husband stepped out to urinate, Ranjita locked the door from inside. She then brutally attacked her two children — daughter Jijnyasha Oram and son Vibhanshu Oram — with an axe.



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EDITORIAL

Choosing the Right Career Course After Class XII: A Pathway to Success

The completion of Class XII marks a crucial turning point in a student's life. It is the stage where one must decide the direction of their future career. With a wide range of options available today, choosing the right course can feel overwhelming. However, with proper guidance, self-awareness, and understanding of opportunities, students can make informed decisions that lead to fulfilling careers.

Understanding Your Interests and Strengths

The first and most important step is self-assessment. Students should identify their interests, skills, and aptitude before selecting a course. Choosing a career based on passion rather than peer pressure or societal expectations often leads to long-term satisfaction and success.

Career Options for Science Students

Students from the science stream have diverse opportunities. Traditional paths include engineering (B.Tech), medicine (MBBS), and pharmacy (B.Pharm). Apart from these, emerging fields such as biotechnology, data science, environmental science, and artificial intelligence are gaining popularity. Allied health sciences, nursing, and paramedical courses are also promising options.

Career Options for Commerce Students

Commerce students can explore courses like Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com), Chartered Accountancy (CA), Company Secretary (CS), and Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA). Careers in finance, banking, management, and entrepreneurship offer excellent growth prospects. With the rise of digital markets, fields like e-commerce and financial technology (FinTech) are also expanding.

Career Options for Arts/Humanities Students

Arts students have a wide array of career choices, including Bachelor of Arts (BA), journalism, law (LLB), psychology, sociology, and political science. Creative fields such as mass communication, fashion designing, and fine arts also provide exciting opportunities. Civil services remain a popular goal for many humanities students.

Room No. 13: Beyond the Taboo



Dr Simant Kumar Nanda

The title is chosen deliberately to explore the meaning and perception of the number 13 in the natural number system of

mathematics. Across cultures, this number has long been considered inauspicious, shaped by folklore, observation, and deep rooted superstition. What is striking is that even in today's scientific age, this belief has not completely faded. In many hotels, Room No. 13 is often skipped. After Room No. 12, one may directly find Room No. 14. A similar pattern is seen in table numbering or even in some buildings where the thirteenth floor is renamed as the fourteenth. Airlines sometimes avoid Row 13. In some hospitals, wards or operation theatres are not given this number. These practices quietly reflect how strongly the idea of 13 as an unlucky number continues to influence human behaviour.

But why 13? Why has this simple number acquired such a fearful reputation?

Part of the answer lies in history and folklore. In several Western traditions, 12 was seen as a complete and perfect number. There are 12 months in a year, 12 zodiac signs, 12 hours on a clock, and 12 disciples at the Last Supper. When 13 came after 12, it seemed to break an established order. Part of this belief also comes from well known historical and mythological references. In Christian tradition, the Last Supper was the final meal shared by Jesus Christ with his twelve disciples, making a total of thirteen at the table. The betrayal by Judas, often considered the thirteenth guest, gave the number an unfortunate association. In Norse mythology, the ancient belief system of Scandinavian people, a story tells of an uninvited thirteenth guest, the trickster Loki, whose arrival brought tragedy to a gathering of gods. The arrest of the Knights Templar on Friday, October 13, 1307, further strengthened this association. Over time, such stories blended with popular culture to create the widespread fear of Friday the 13th, a day many still consider unlucky, despite the absence of scientific evidence.

Slowly, these stories travelled across generations and became accepted almost as truth.

The fear of the number 13 is so widespread that psychologists have even given it a name: triskaidekaphobia. The word comes from Greek

and simply means fear of the number 13. For some people this fear is mild. For others, it can influence decisions about travel, business, marriage, house numbers, or even the day on which they begin an important task.

Yet there is an interesting question. Does 13 truly bring bad luck, or do people merely notice unlucky events more when they happen on the 13th? Psychology offers an explanation. Human beings tend to remember events that confirm their beliefs and ignore those that do not.

At this point, it is fair to acknowledge why such beliefs continue to attract attention. People often cite real life events linked with the number 13 to strengthen their doubts. For example, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's first government lasted 13 days, while another tenure lasted around 13 months. Gulzarilal Nanda served two 13 day terms as interim Prime Minister. Globally, the Cuban Missile Crisis unfolded over 13 tense days. These events are remembered with curiosity, though they are shaped by circumstances, not by numbers.

Another widely cited example comes from popular culture. Many people refer to Friday the 13th as an unlucky day. Films and media have reinforced this idea. Yet careful observation shows no consistent rise in adverse events on such days. The fear persists more in imagination than in reality.

Science and mathematics, however, offer a different view. Here, science means a rational and evidence based understanding of numbers, nature, and human behaviour, rather than belief shaped by superstition. In mathematics, 13 is simply a prime number, divisible only by 1 and itself. Prime numbers are fundamental building blocks of arithmetic, much like atoms are the building blocks of matter.

The number 13 also appears in the Fibonacci sequence, where each number is the sum of the previous two. This pattern is reflected in nature, in the arrangement of leaves, spirals of sunflowers, and patterns in pine cones. These designs are not accidental. They allow plants to receive maximum sunlight and grow efficiently without overcrowding. Thus, 13 represents balance and efficiency in nature rather than misfortune.

In geometry, a regular polygon with 13 sides is called a triskaidecagon, showing that even this so called unlucky number has structural elegance.

Modern science also uses prime numbers in securing digital communication. Systems such as RSA encryption depend on very large prime numbers. The basic idea is simple. Two prime numbers are multiplied to form a large number.

This number is shared openly, but the original prime numbers are kept secret. While multiplication is easy, breaking that large number back into its original primes is extremely difficult. Even if a small prime like 13 is used to explain the idea, in real systems the primes are extremely large. Because of this, a hacker cannot reach the original numbers or decode the hidden message. This is how prime numbers help protect our digital world.

The number 13 also carries positive meaning in many cultures. In India, the thirteenth day after a person's death is observed as a time of remembrance and transition. In Sikhism, the number is associated with the word "tera," meaning "yours," symbolising surrender to the Divine as reflected in the teachings of Guru Nanak.

Even in modern life, 13 has often been associated with achievement rather than failure. The American flag originally had 13 stars and stripes. The Apollo 13 mission, though marked by crisis, became a remarkable example of human courage and scientific success. In India, Pranab Mukherjee, the 13th President, led a distinguished public life, reflecting stability and wisdom rather than uncertainty. Globally, several eminent personalities are linked with the number 13. The great poet W. B. Yeats was born on June 13, filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock on August 13, playwright Samuel Beckett on April 13, and political leader Fidel Castro on August 13. These examples remind us that the number 13 has accompanied creativity, leadership, and achievement across the world.

Why then does superstition survive despite science?

Perhaps because human beings do not live by logic alone. We carry memories, fears, traditions, and stories. Superstitions often arise as attempts to explain uncertainty. When something goes wrong, it is easier to blame a number than to accept the unpredictability of life.

Yet progress depends on questioning such beliefs. Mathematics does not divide numbers into lucky or unlucky. Every number has its own identity and significance. The meaning of 13 lies not in the number itself, but in the mind that interprets it.

So the next time we enter a hotel and notice that Room No. 13 is missing, we may pause and smile. A number has not disappeared because it is dangerous, but because people have given it a fear it never possessed.

The real lesson of 13 is not about misfortune, but about the power of belief and the importance of seeing the world through reason, mathematics, and an open mind.

Census 2027-A turning point for social structure, political discourse, and economic policies



Kishan Bhawnani

In a vast and diverse country like India, the census is not just a population count, but a fundamental pillar of governance

development, and social justice. With a population of approximately 1.462 billion, the last census was conducted in 2011, while constitutional and administrative conventions require a census to be conducted every 10 years. The census was scheduled for 2021, but the process has been postponed for various reasons. The proposed 2027 census will not only complete this pending process but is also considered the beginning of a new era in India's administrative history. This will be the first time the country will conduct a fully digital census, and for the first time since 1931, caste data will be collected on a comprehensive scale. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that this census will not only be merely an administrative exercise but will also prove to be a turning point in social structure, political discourse, and economic policies. The Supreme Court of India's stance on petitions filed regarding the caste census has also been extremely important. On April 10, 2026, a bench of the Supreme Court of India dismissed a public interest litigation, clarifying that no solid grounds had been presented to stop the process. The bench headed by the Chief Justice also strongly objected to the language used by the petitioner, calling it against judicial decorum. This decision not only demonstrates the judiciary's seriousness but also indicates that it refrains from unnecessary interference in government policy processes unless there is a clear constitutional violation. Previously, in February 2026, the court had refused to hear another petition challenging the caste data collection process. These decisions make it clear that the judiciary is considering this issue to be within the policy domain and allowing the government to proceed.

Friends If we consider why the 2021 Census was postponed: from the pandemic to administrative complexities, the primary reason

behind the postponement of the 2021 Census was the global pandemic COVID-19, which impacted administrative activities not only in India but across the world. The lockdown imposed in India since March 2020, social distancing rules, and health risks made door-to-door data collection virtually impossible. Furthermore, during the pandemic, a significant portion of government resources and manpower were engaged in healthcare and relief work, making it difficult to prioritize a massive exercise like the census.

Friends Furthermore, technical preparation and the development of digital infrastructure also took significant time. Since the government wanted to make the census completely digital this time, special attention had to be paid to aspects such as mobile applications, data security, server capacity, and training. Thus, the pandemic, along with administrative and technical considerations, led to the postponement of the 2021 census, which is now being conducted in 2027.

Friends Fellows, if we consider Digital Census 2027: The New Revolution in Data Collection, the 2027 census is being envisioned as India's first fully digital census. This process will be conducted through mobile applications, online portals, and real-time data collection technologies. Features such as geo-tagging, self-enumeration, and instant verification of data will be included. The biggest benefit of this digital transformation will be that data collection will be more accurate, faster, and transparent. While it previously took years to compile and publish data, this process will now be significantly accelerated. Furthermore, data analytics and artificial intelligence will enable the government to make policies more effective and targeted. However, this also brings with it issues of data security and privacy. Digitally storing sensitive data from such a large population will be challenging from a cybersecurity perspective. Therefore, the government must ensure robust security measures.

Friends, if we consider the Caste Census: A Historic Initiative After 1931, India hasn't conducted a comprehensive caste census since 1931. After independence, data on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was collected only. However, the 2027 census plans to collect data on all castes,

making it historic. The caste census aims to ensure social justice and equitable distribution of resources. Through this, the government will be able to understand the socio-economic status of different castes and which groups need more assistance. This data will provide a crucial basis for reservation policies, welfare schemes, and economic development programs. However, this initiative is also fraught with controversies. Critics believe that caste data can exacerbate divisions in society and encourage identity politics. Supporters argue that without accurate data, it is impossible to formulate policies for social justice. Thus, this issue remains a subject of intense debate at both social and political levels.

Friends, if we consider the structure of the census: a detailed process in two phases, then Census 2027 will be conducted in two main phases. The first phase will be house listing and housing enumeration between April and September 2026, in which details of the condition of houses, available amenities, and assets will be collected. The location of each dwelling will also be recorded through geo-tagging. The second phase will be the population enumeration in February 2027, in which personal information about each individual, such as age, gender, education, employment, and caste, will be collected. The reference date for this census is March 1, 2027, meaning all individuals born by this time will be included in the census. In areas with special circumstances, such as Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, and Himalayan states, a different reference date has been set to account for climatic and geographical difficulties.

Friends, if we consider the meaning of the 33-question list: A comprehensive assessment of lifestyle and development, then this year the 33 questions asked in the census will not only be limited to population, but will also assess people's lifestyle, economic status, and technological access. This will include questions related to amenities such as drinking water, electricity, toilets, fuel, internet, mobile phones, computers, and vehicles. For the first time, it will also ask whether a family owns a four-wheel drive vehicle and which major cereals they consume. Through these questions, the government will be able to understand the

country's changing consumer trends and standards of living. This data will become a crucial basis for agricultural policy, Digital India, urban development, and social welfare schemes. Thus, the census is no longer just a data collection tool, but a tool for determining the direction of development.

Friends, if we consider the economic and policy implications: understanding the direction of development through data, census data is the most important basis for government policymaking. Plans related to education, health, employment, housing, and infrastructure are developed based on this data. Data from the 2027 census will guide development plans for the next 10 years. For example, if internet access is found to be low in an area, attention will be paid to expanding digital infrastructure there. Similarly, if the economic situation of a particular community is found to be weak, targeted plans can be developed for them. This census will thus provide a roadmap for India's economic strategy and social policy. Friends, if we consider the social and political implications: understanding from the perspective of identity, representation, and balance, the greatest impact of the caste census will be seen in the social and political sphere. This will provide a clear picture of the actual population of different communities and their socio-economic status, which can influence political representation and reservation policies. However, there are also concerns that this will lead to the rise of identity politics. Different castes may become more vocal about their rights and share, which may also increase social tension. Therefore, it will be necessary for both the government and the society to use this data in a balanced and responsible manner, so that it can promote development while maintaining social harmony. Friends, if we consider the Indian Population Census 2027 from an international perspective: India's global example, then the census process is conducted regularly in many countries around the world, but successfully conducting it in a vast and diverse country like India is a major achievement. Through a digital census and comprehensive social data collection, India can set a new global standard.

Femina Miss India 2026 Participants Arrive at KIIT Campus to Rousing Reception

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The 30 state winners from across the country who have qualified for the 61st Femina Miss India event being held at KIIT on April 18, arrived in the campus today to a rousing reception. Hosting such a prestigious event at the KIIT campus is a matter of pride for Odisha. This is the first time that such an event is being organised in a university in eastern India. With the support of the Tourism



Department of the Odisha Government, the event is being organised with the active support of Dr Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS. Upon their arrival at the campus, Dr Samanta welcomed

and congratulated all the contestants. The Femina Miss India competition is one of the most renowned pageants held in India. Various states compete to host this event. The event also seeks to promote the art, culture, and

heritage of Odisha. Until the grand finale, the contestants will spend seven days at KIIT and KISS. During this period, they will visit the campuses and interact with the students. In addition, they will visit Puri, Konark Sun Temple, and Chandrabhaga Beach to experience Odisha's rich cultural heritage. They will also take part in a heritage walk at Puri Beach and Chandrabhaga Beach, and participate in another heritage walk at

the Mukteswar Temple. Since Pana Sankranti and the Odia New Year fall on the 14th, the contestants will observe traditional Odia customs on that day. They will enjoy Odia cuisine and celebrate a special "Chhena Poda Festival" by tasting Odisha's famous delicacy, chhena poda. Femina Miss India 2024 Nikita Porwal, KIIT Vice Chancellor Prof Saranjit Singh were present at the felicitation function.

Forest Range Officer Intercepted by Vigilance, 2.33 Lakh Seized

Rayagada, (Correspondent): In a major anti-corruption action, Odisha Vigilance on Sunday intercepted Sukumar Dukhu, Forest Range Officer of Gudari Range in Rayagada district, and recovered ₹2.33 lakh in suspected ill-gotten cash from his possession. Acting on reliable inputs, a Vigilance team intercepted Dukhu near Indrabati Bridge in



Nabarangpur while he was travelling from Gudari to his residence at Senapati Street in an official Bolero vehicle. As Dukhu failed to satisfactorily

explain the source of the cash, the entire amount of 2.33 lakh was seized along with the vehicle (Registration No. O D 1 8 K - 7041). Following the interception, Vigilance officials have launched simultaneous searches at three locations linked to Dukhu to investigate disproportionate assets (DA) angle. Search operations are currently underway.

Empowering women is essential for India's development: Aparajita Sarangi

Cuttack Correspondent): Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi, in a press conference in Cuttack on Sunday, strongly supported the timely implementation of the Nari Shakti Bandhan Act. She said that empowering women is essential for India's overall development. At a press conference held at Cuttack Circuit House, she said that the aim of this historic law, passed by Parliament in September 2023, is to reserve one-third or 33% of the seats for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. She said that women constitute about 50% of the country's population and India's progress will be incomplete without their participation in policy formulation. She gave the credit for passing this law to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She called it a historic step towards inclusive governance. She urged for a positive political environment for the implementation of this law by the 2029 general elections. She said that women cannot wait any longer.

Barputra Conference held in Subarnapur

Subarnapur (Correspondent): -- On Sunday, on the 12th day of the Odia festival, the Barputra Conference and Poetry Lecture was organized by the District Culture Department at 10 am at the Subarnapur District Library. The Chief Guest was Subarnapur Collector Dr. Nruparaj Sahu, while Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Rajendra Majhi and Additional District Magistrate (General) Smt. Anjalina Pradhan were present as the guests of honor. The guest speakers were Sudam Naik, Sudam Deep and



Debdas Mohapatra, who discussed the cultural figures, revolutionaries and women activists of Odisha. Renowned writer Goreknath Sahu reviewed the symposium. On this occasion, 50 writers, intellectuals and

students of various schools of Subarnapur participated in the poetry lecture. The welcome speech was given by District Cultural Officer Yamuna Pradhan while Laxminarayan Sahu coordinated the program

Samir raises his voice again against Pravati

Nimapada (Correspondent): After being accepted as a permanent member in the state organization, expressing confidence in former Nimapada (MLA) and BJP leader Samir Dash, today former Ex- minister Samir Ranjan Dash once again raised his voice against Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida. At an organizational meeting held at Konark Ramachandi Peeth with his supporters from 14 panchayats of Gop block, Samir strongly criticized her. Since the elections, he has repeatedly alleged that the Deputy Chief Minister has been ignoring him and his supporters. He praised the leadership of the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, State President



Manmohan Samal, and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and called upon his supporters to capture the Gop and Nimapada Panchayat Samitis. In this context, Samir stated publicly that public opinion has already turned against the Deputy Chief Minister, which will be reflected in the upcoming Panchayat elections. On the other hand, he alleged that after the elections, his supporters are being deliberately harassed.

He also claimed that his nephew has been transferred from Puri to another place. Before the upcoming Panchayat elections, he said that he would further strengthen his organization and undertake padyatras in all panchayats. Hundreds of his supporters from various panchayats of Gop block attended the meeting, expressed support for his leadership, and resolved not to support Pravati's candidates in the Panchayat elections.

Sand smuggling in the mid-day. Sand mafia stealing sand in a high-tech way

Malkangiri correspondent: Sand smuggling is happening in the middle of the day. Sand mafia is stealing sand in a high-tech way. Every day, sand is being stolen at Putumpally river ghat with the help of hydraulic pipes, motor pipes and tractors. 4 tractors seized, further investigation underway. Despite the strict action taken by the state government, sand mining and sand smuggling are not being controlled every day on the banks of Putumpally river in Malkangiri district. Sand smugglers are now using high-tech methods to lift sand from the river using motor pipes and hydraulic machines and load it into tractors. Such incidents can be seen at Putumpally river ghat. Such a scene can be seen under the bridge of Poteru river near Putumpally village under Motutehsil and MV 79 police station of the district. The local sand mafia is smuggling sand using high-tech methods and the administration has come to a standstill. When news is being spread about him and some miscreants are trying to defame him, the truth should be investigated and action should be taken against the officials concerned or the sand mafia. Is it impossible for the administration to stop the sand mafia from smuggling sand from the Bali river ghats? After a complaint was filed at M.V-79 police station, a case was registered on 5/26 and four tractors were impounded and further investigation is underway.

Grand Joining Programme of BJP Held at Kaspali Kali Ground in Jajpur

Jajpur (Correspondent): A grand joining programme was organized by the Jajpur Assembly BJP unit on Sunday at the Kali Ground in Kaspali Panchayat under Dasarathpur block. The meeting was presided over by BJP leader and former Sarpanch of Dasarathpur Panchayat, Indrajit Das. Jajpur District BJP President Debjani Pradhan attended the event as the Chief Guest, while former district BJP President Goutam Ray joined as the Guest of Honour. Among others present as distinguished guests were Binod Bihari Jena, former Block Chairman Ramesh Samal, Subash Mohanty, former BJP

District Secretary Sudipta Kumar Panda, Zone No. 5 Mandal President Sunil Raut, Bamadev Rath, Manmath Baral, and Gagan Sutar. Addressing the gathering, speakers highlighted that BJP is the largest political party in the world with over 180 million members. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has established a distinct global identity. They emphasized that in the party, everyone—from grassroots workers to top leaders, including the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers—is treated equally. They also remarked that a tea seller has become the country's watchman, and a woman from a humble tribal family

has risen to become the President, bringing pride to the nation. Goutam Ray stated that due to the good governance of BJP, leaders and workers from other parties are increasingly joining the party. Chief Guest Debjani Pradhan, in her speech, mentioned that the government is taking steps for the Dhamra railway project and permanent solutions to the flood problems of the Kani River. Criticizing opposition leaders without naming them, speakers alleged corruption in development works, including commissions being taken in projects ranging from toilets to large-scale infrastructure.

They also claimed that people have not forgotten the alleged misappropriation of Rs. 500 crore in the name of the Kani River project over the past five years. On this occasion, Kaspali Panchayat Sarpanch Diptibala Nayak, youth organizer Bapi Mohanty, former Sarpanch Prabhat Nayak, former Samiti Member Tushar Kanta Nayak, Golekh Samal, Saubhagya Jena, and Parameswar Raut, along with hundreds of leaders and workers from other parties, expressed their interest in joining BJP, inspired by its ideology, the clean image, and organizational skills of Gautam Ray.

Koya community held a grand convention and elected new leaders

Malkangiri correspondent: A grand convention of the Koya community was held today at Pulimetla village under Kalimela headquarters. Pulimetla was a festive place with traditional costumes, music and dance, and a new leadership was elected for the betterment of the community. A glimpse of the culture of the Koya community was seen in this program organized at Pulimetla. The brothers and sisters of the community dressed in their traditional costumes and performed traditional dances to the tune of Koya music, making the atmosphere very lively. On this occasion, former MLAs Manas Madkani, Mukund Sodhi, former District Council Chairman Dasarath Podiami, Special Development Council Chairman Gangadhar Sodhi, Tribal Association President Bandhu Muduli, Adama Rawa, Mala and Ghanashyam Madkani were among the prominent attendees, with more than 4,000 people present. Bhima Barse was elected as the President of the Koya Society and Adama Rawa as the Secretary. A total of 30 people were elected to various positions, while 6 women have been given important responsibilities.

Numerologist Ankita Raj from Brahmapur honored in New Delhi

Gopalpur, (Correspondent): A talented numerologist from Hilpatna, Brahmapur, Ankita Raj was honored as the 'VIP Chief Guest' on the occasion of the grand "Astro Seminar and Star Achiever Award (Season-18)" organized in New Delhi. Ankita was the only Odia representative at the event. At the event, Ankita was honored in the presence of famous Bollywood villain Gulshan Grover, actress Sudha Chandran, popular singer Shivani Kashyap and eminent astrologer G.D. Vasishtha. In the event organized by famous tarot expert Minu Sharma, Ankita shared her views on how to bring positive changes in human life through numerology and clock analysis. Ankita, who is an employee of the Agriculture Department by profession, has become a renowned numerologist, social worker, name correction expert and business numerology consultant due to her talent, hard work and interest. She is currently pursuing a PhD in numerology and has also gained fame as a Vastu energy expert and clock analyst. With her advice and knowledge, she has brought positive changes in the lives of many people.

Brutal murder in Panchma.: Bramhapur police superintendent visit the spot

Gopalpur (Correspondent): An old man was brutally stabbed to death with a sword at Panchma, the constituency of State Mines, Steel and Transport Minister Bibhuti Bhusan Jena. The deceased has been identified as Ekadashi Nahak (65) of Panchma village. His Panbara (Betel Farm) is located behind the Kamilia Tota, about half a kilometer from the village of the deceased Ekadashi. As usual, Ekadashi had left his house at 2 pm today to supervise the work going on in the Panbaraj. But he did not reach there. Around 2:30 pm,

his son Shankar Nahak, after learning that Ekadashi's bloody body was lying in a Tota area, reached the spot with some people from the village. While Ekadashi was lying at the spot, he saw that the miscreants had cut off both of his hands and neck from behind. The Golanthara police were immediately informed about the incident. After the incident was known, hundreds of men and women of the village reached the spot and demanded the immediate arrest of the murderer. Bramhapur SP came to the scene and started an



investigation. After receiving the news, Golanthara police station IIC Tuna Samal and Berhampur Sadar SDPO Subhransu Shekhar Parida reached the spot and started an investigation. After some time, Bramhapur Superintendent of

Police Dr. Shruvan Vivek M also reached the spot and conducted an investigation and also spoke to two workers named Musha and Masla, who worked in the Panbaraj of the deceased Ekadashi. The body was lying at the spot till the report was filed, and it was

revealed that a scientific team will reach the spot and start an investigation. The deceased Ekadashi has a panvaraj and also worked as a sorcerer by profession. Every day, people from the village and surrounding areas used to come to his house to get healing, including small children, to help others who were in bad health. On the other hand, his son Shankar says that Ekadashi has no enemies in the village, and the motive for killing Ekadashi in such a brutal manner will be revealed after the police investigation. On the

other hand, according to the villagers, how no one knew about such a brutal murder that took place within a distance of about 500 meters of Ekadashi's Panbaraj, very close to the village, has raised a big question mark. During such a brutal murder, the dead Ekadashi must have screamed and run to escape from the attackers, but how no one in the surrounding area knew about it has also raised many questions. Therefore, the police are discussing how to investigate such an incident and arrest the miscreants quickly, which is like a challenge for the Golanthara police.

The voice of a billion hearts: Remembering Asha Bhosle

With the passing of Asha Bhosle at the age of 92, the world of music has lost not merely a singer but an era, a soundscape, and a living archive of emotion. Her voice, at once playful and profound, sensuous and spiritual, echoed across generations, languages, and continents. She passed away on Sunday at Breach Candy Hospital due to multi-organ failure, bringing to a close a life that had, for over eight decades, defined the very soul of Indian music. To attempt to summarize Asha Bhosle's legacy is to attempt the impossible. She was not just prolific, though her over thousands of recorded songs in multiple languages earned her a Guinness World Record as the most recorded artist in history, but also transformative. She did not simply sing songs; she reshaped how songs could be sung, how emotions could be conveyed, and how a voice could transcend boundaries of genre, age, and expectation. Born Asha Mangeshkar on September 8, 1933, in Sangli, she entered a household steeped in classical music. The daughter of the revered Pt Deenanath Mangeshkar and the younger sister of Lata Mangeshkar, her destiny seemed intertwined with melody from the very beginning. Yet her journey was far from easy. The sudden death of her father when she was just nine years old made her and her sister step into the world of playback singing. Asha Bhosle's breakthrough came in 1957 with 'Naya Daur', in collaboration with composer OP Nayyar. It was a turning point that revealed her unique tonal quality which was playful, expressive, and daring. Soon, she became the unmistakable voice behind some of Hindi cinema's most vivacious characters, especially for the iconic dancer Helen. Songs like 'Piya Tu Ab To Aaja' and 'Yeh Mera Dil Yaar Ka Diwana' didn't just entertain; they redefined sensuality in Indian film music. Yet, to reduce Asha Bhosle to cabaret numbers would be to miss the essence of her genius. She was, above all, an artist of astonishing versatility. When she lent her voice to the ghazals of 'Umrao Jaan' in 1981, she showed the world her classical depth. 'Dil Cheez Kya Hai' and 'In Aankhon Ki Masti' were not just songs; they were masterclasses in restraint and nuance. For this, she earned her first National Film Award, affirming her place among the greats of Indian classical and semi-classical music. Her ability to evolve with time was perhaps her most remarkable trait. Decades into her career, she embraced change with the curiosity of a newcomer. Her collaboration with AR Rahman in 'Rangeela' (1995), particularly in songs like 'Tanha Tanha,' stunned audiences, here was a voice in its sixties sounding fresher and contemporary just like the singers half her age. She even ventured beyond Indian music, collaborating with international artists and genres, proving that her artistry knew no borders. Recognition followed her at every stage. She was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honor, in 2008. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Indian cinema's most prestigious recognition, came in 2000. She won multiple Filmfare Awards and received international acclaim, including a historic Grammy nomination in 1997 for her album 'Legacy.' Beyond the recording studio, Asha Bhosle was also a passionate cook, often saying in her interviews that had she not been a singer, she would have been a chef. This was no idle claim. She transformed her love for food into a thriving global restaurant chain, 'Asha's,' which brought her personal recipes to diners across Dubai, the UK, and the Middle East. Speaking about her personal journey, she was married first to Ganpatrao Bhosle and later to the

legendary composer RD Burman. She shared with the latter a partnership that was both creatively explosive and deeply affectionate. Their collaborations produced some of the most iconic songs in Indian cinema including, 'Dum Maro Dum', 'Mera Kuchh Samaan', 'Duniya Mein Logon Ko', 'Jaane Jaan Dhoondata Phir Raha', 'O Mere Sona Re Sona', and 'Do Lafzon Ki Hai Dil Ki Kahani', among many others. Even after his passing in 1994, his influence remained intertwined with her music. To understand Asha Bhosle is to listen, not casually, but attentively. From the seductive allure of 'Piya Tu Ab To Aaja,' to the aching elegance of 'Dil Cheez Kya Hai,' from the breezy romance of 'Chura Liya Hai Tumne,' to the youthful exuberance of 'Tanha Tanha,' her repertoire is a map of human emotion. Each song represents not just a moment in cinema, but a moment in the listener's life. Her passing marks the end of an era, but her voice will never truly fall silent. It will live on, in vinyl records and streaming playlists, in nostalgic recollections and new discoveries, in kitchens and concert halls, in heartbreak and celebration. She is survived by her son Anand Bhosle and several grandchildren. On Sunday, Anand Bhosle confirmed the death of her mother and the details of her last rite. "People can pay their last respects to her at 11 am tomorrow at Casa Grande, Lower Parel, where she lived. Her last rites will be performed at 4 pm tomorrow at Shivaji Park," he told media. Maharashtra Minister Ashish Shelar also mourned the demise of the melody queen and announced that she will be cremated with full state honours. Speaking to the media, Shelar said the entire country and Maharashtra are mourning the end of an era, adding that Bhosle's contribution to music brought joy not only to India but also to audiences across the world. "Today, the entire country and Maharashtra are mourning the end of an era. Her work and her music were a source of joy not only for India but for the entire world," he said. In a heartfelt message on X, Prime Minister Modi expressed deep sorrow, calling Bhosle "one of the most iconic and versatile voices India has ever known." He credited her extraordinary musical journey spanning decades for enriching India's cultural heritage and said her songs would continue to inspire generations. "Her voice carried timeless brilliance," he wrote, adding that he would always cherish his personal interactions with the singer. "Deeply saddened by the passing of Asha Bhosle Ji, one of the most iconic and versatile voices India has ever known. Her extraordinary musical journey, spanning decades, enriched our cultural heritage and touched countless hearts across the world. Be it her soulful melodies or vibrant compositions, her voice carried timeless brilliance."

Deficiency Of These Vitamins Can Cause Diabetes, Osteoporosis, And Alzheimers

Vitamins play a crucial role in maintaining overall health, and their deficiencies can lead to serious health complications. While many people focus on macronutrients like carbohydrates, proteins, and fats, micronutrients, especially vitamins, are often overlooked. Deficiencies in key vitamins have been linked to chronic diseases such as diabetes, osteoporosis, and Alzheimer's.

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1. Vitamin D deficiency

Vitamin D is essential for calcium absorption and bone health. A deficiency in this vitamin has been linked to osteoporosis, a condition that weakens bones, making them fragile and prone to fractures. Low vitamin D levels can also increase the risk of type 2 diabetes by affecting insulin production and sensitivity. Sources include sunlight, fortified dairy products, fatty fish, and egg yolks. Prevention against Vitamin D includes spending 15-20 minutes in the sun daily and consuming vitamin D-rich foods or supplements can help maintain healthy levels.

2. Vitamin B12 deficiency

Vitamin B12 is crucial for brain health and nerve function. A deficiency can lead to cognitive decline, increasing the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders. Studies published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease suggest that low B12 levels contribute to brain shrinkage, memory loss, and impaired thinking skills. Sources include meat, dairy products, eggs, and fortified cereals. Prevention against Alzheimer's includes regular consumption of B12-rich foods or supplements, especially for vegetarians and older adults who are at higher risk of deficiency.

3. Vitamin A deficiency

Vitamin A is essential for vision, immune function, and cell growth. A deficiency has been associated with insulin resistance, increasing the risk of diabetes. It also plays a role in maintaining eye health, and low levels can lead to vision impairment and night blindness. Sources include carrots, sweet potatoes, spinach, and dairy products. Prevention against vitamin A deficiency includes eating a balanced diet rich in vitamin A-containing foods.

4. Vitamin K deficiency

Vitamin K is essential for bone metabolism and blood clotting. Its deficiency weakens bones, leading to osteoporosis

and an increased risk of fractures. A study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that people with low vitamin K levels had a higher incidence of hip fractures. Sources include leafy green vegetables, broccoli, and fermented foods. Prevention against Osteoporosis includes vitamin K-rich foods in daily meals and ensuring adequate intake, especially for postmenopausal women and older adults.

5. Vitamin C deficiency

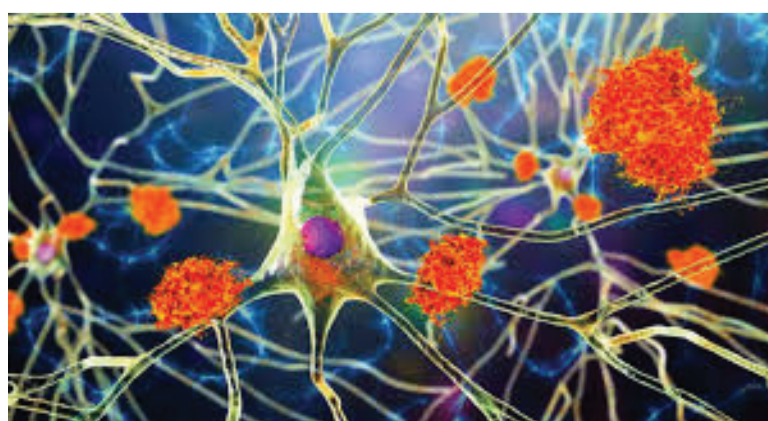
Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant that protects the brain from oxidative stress. Deficiency has been linked to cognitive decline and an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease. Research suggests that low vitamin C levels can impair memory and brain function over time. Sources include citrus fruits, bell peppers, strawberries, and tomatoes. Prevention against Vitamin C deficiency includes consuming fresh fruits and vegetables daily to maintain healthy vitamin C levels.

6. Vitamin E Deficiency

Vitamin E is crucial for protecting brain cells from damage. A deficiency has been linked to an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and heart disease. It also plays a role in maintaining healthy skin and immunity. Sources include nuts, seeds, vegetable oils, and green leafy vegetables. Prevention against Vitamin E includes adding vitamin E-rich foods to the diet and avoiding excessive processed foods that may contribute to deficiency.

7. Vitamin B1 (Thiamine) Deficiency

Vitamin B1 helps convert food into energy and supports nerve function. Its deficiency is commonly seen in diabetes patients, as high blood sugar levels increase its depletion. A lack of B1 can cause nerve damage and complications like diabetic neuropathy. Sources include whole grains, beans, nuts, and meat. Prevention against Vitamin B1 includes ensuring a diet rich in whole grains and taking B1 supplements if recommended by a doctor.



Understanding The Impact Of Stress On Heart Health



Stress is more harmful than you think. Chronic stress can have a negative impact on your mood, digestive health, immunity and overall well-being. Chronic stress can cause a variety of physical, mental and behavioural symptoms. Some of these include aches and pain, racing heartbeat, digestive problems, anxiety, depression, irritability, headaches and insomnia. Uncontrolled stress can also put you at a higher risk of developing heart conditions. Here, let's understand the impact of stress on your cardiovascular health and how to safeguard your heart.

Impact of stress on heart health

Stress can have a significant impact on heart health in various ways. Heart disease is a potential stress-related problem. Stress increases blood pressure which is one of the major risk factors for heart disease. Additionally, stress increases heart rate which can strain the heart muscles over time. Chronic stress also fuels unhealthy behaviour such as poor diet, physical inactivity, smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, all of which can contribute to heart diseases. Long-term stress can cause higher levels of inflammation in the body. Increased inflammation



contributes to plaque build-up in the arteries and increases heart disease risk.

Additionally, stress might lead to conditions like heart arrhythmias.

How to protect your heart

It is crucial to recognize the early signs and symptoms of stress and take steps to address them. Stress management is crucial for a healthy heart and overall well-being.

Regular exercise, meditation and deep-breathing exercises can effectively reduce stress. One must also seek professional help to manage stress effectively.

Other harmful effects of stress

Uncontrolled stress can make you gain weight, contribute to insomnia, affect your immunity and increase the risk of several conditions. Stress can also lead to hormonal imbalances in the body

General Manager Inspects Paradeep Yard, Station & ROH Depot

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway conducted a comprehensive inspection of Paradeep Yard, Station, and the ROH (Routine Overhaul) Depot on Saturday. The inspection was carried out during inspection from Mancheswar to Paradeep section and a detailed review of railway infrastructure and operational facilities in and around the Paradeep area. Given Paradeep Port's significance as a vital freight hub, the visit primarily focused on enhancing efficiency,



safety, and capacity of rail operations linked to port logistics. During the inspection, the General Manager reviewed key aspects including: Yard layout, signalling systems, and overall operational efficiency* Passenger amenities

and cleanliness at the station* Functioning of the ROH Depot and maintenance practices* Safety measures and compliance with prescribed railway standards* He emphasized the need to strengthen safety

protocols, adopt improved maintenance practices, and ensure better coordination among departments to meet the growing freight and passenger demands in the region. Senior officials, including Principal Heads of

Departments and the Divisional Railway Manager of Khurda Road, accompanied the General Manager during the inspection. The Khurda Road Division plays a pivotal role in managing railway operations in this region. The General Manager also directed officials to maintain high standards of sanitation, ensure proper upkeep of rolling stock, and undertake continuous monitoring of infrastructure to deliver safe, efficient, and reliable services. This inspection reflects East Coast Railway's continued commitment to strengthening infrastructure and enhancing service reliability across Odisha.

Illegal Brick Kilns Persist in Bargarh, Prompting Environmental and Governance Concerns

Bargarh (Correspondent): The ongoing operations of brick kilns in Bargarh continue to draw attention from environmental and governance perspectives, despite the restrictions imposed by the Government of Odisha. Reports from western Odisha indicate that brick-making activities persist in certain parts of Bargarh district, particularly in the blocks of Barpali, Bijepur, and Gaisilet, as well as in other block areas. Based on observations from residents and field assessments, small-scale brick production seems to remain active in rural localities, where clay is extracted and

fired in makeshift kilns. Clusters of such kilns have been reported in several villages, with some visible along roadside areas. While recognising the vital role of brick-making as a livelihood for many community members, authorities underscore the importance of adhering to environmental regulations. These regulations require brick kilns to obtain necessary clearances for land use, emissions, and soil conservation, which are overseen by agencies such as the Odisha State Pollution Control Board. Environmental experts have highlighted concerns regarding the potential impacts of unregulated kilns on air

quality, soil health, and community well-being. Currently, there is limited publicly available data on the exact number of informal kilns operating within these regions. Residents have expressed interest in ensuring clear and consistent enforcement of existing regulations. As one resident from Bijepur remarked, "Clarity on enforcement would be helpful if restrictions are to be effectively upheld." Official sources have indicated that regular monitoring may be challenging due to the dispersed rural locations and resource constraints, and no formal statements have yet been issued to address these issues.

Construction Workers Flag Hardships at Bolangir District Meet

Bolangir (Correspondent): The 3rd district conference of the Odisha Forest, Wood, Agriculture and Building Construction Workers' Union (AITUC-affiliated) was held at Yadav Bhavan under the convensorship of Prabir Kamp and Jagabandhu Behera. AITUC Odisha General Secretary Bijay Jena attended as chief guest, while Namita Sahu, Tirtha Pradhan, Sangeeta Behera and Kalyani Bhati were among the guests present. Speakers alleged that since the BJP-led "double engine" government came to power, the working class has been facing increased



economic burden due to rising prices of essential commodities. They also claimed that several financial benefits for registered construction workers have been discontinued and labour cards are not being issued on time. Highlighting Bolangir as a migration-prone district, the leaders stressed the

need to identify and register more workers and strengthen the organisation at the grassroots. They called for intensified struggles at all levels to secure workers' rights. Several members from across the district participated and expressed their views. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Prabir Kamp.

ABD Deepens Premium Play in Defence Channels with Expanded CSD Footprint

NEW DELHI: Allied Blenders and Distillers Limited (ABD), the largest domestic spirits company by volume in India, today announced the expanded availability of its key brands-ICONiQ White International Grain Whisky, Jolly Roger Premium Rum, and Kyrone Premium Brandy within the Canteen Stores Department (CSD). This strategic expansion builds upon ABD's existing and successful footprint in the CSD channel, which already features established favourites such as Officer's Choice Blue Pure Grain Whisky and Sterling Reserve B10 Premium Blended Whisky. By adding ICONiQ, Jolly Roger, and Kyrone to the mix, the company is significantly strengthening its portfolio to offer a more diverse range of high-quality spirits to institutional consumers. The company's products are now available across 34 essential depots nationwide, supplying a wide network of Ex-Servicemen (ESM) canteens, Station Canteens, Unit Run Canteens (URCs), Defence Officers' Institutes, and Defence Clubs ensuring deeper reach and improved accessibility across geographies. ICONiQ Whisky: A standout in the prestige category, ICONiQ has seen rapid consumer adoption, recently reaching the 10-million-case milestone due to its high-quality blend and contemporary appeal.

Truck hit by car from behind, two injured

Gopalpur, (correspondent): A speeding car hit a truck moving in the same direction on National Highway No. 16 at Dura National Highway Overbridge under Gopalpur police station, causing an accident. The driver and a female passenger sitting in the car were slightly injured. In the afternoon, a truck was moving on the National Highway from Chatrapur to Brahmapur when a car (OD 02 BG 0676) came from behind and hit it. The accident was so severe that a wheel attached to the rear of



the truck was completely detached from the truck and fell on the road. Eyewitnesses said that both the driver and the female passenger survived as the safety balloon attached to the car had opened during the accident. After the accident, the truck fled the scene and both the injured were sent to the hospital by

ambulance. After the incident was reported to the Gopalpur police station, the police reached the spot and took the crashed car to the police station for investigation. The IIC informed that no written complaint has been filed with the police station regarding the accident till the time of filing this report.

Undertrial Prisoner Dies In Balasore Jail, Probe Ordered

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): An undertrial prisoner (UTP) died under suspicious circumstances at Nilagiri Sub-Jail in Balasore district on Sunday, triggering a police investigation. The deceased has been identified as Srikanth Nayak of Oupada area in Balasore district. He was lodged in jail in connection with a murder case. According to reports, Nayak developed sudden health complications after having lunch in the afternoon. Jail authorities immediately shifted him to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

Hon'ble Home Minister highlighted real pain of Bengal's potato farmers: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Bhubaneswar (correspondent): Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday hit out at the West Bengal government over the plight of potato farmers, citing remarks made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during an election rally in the state. Referring to Shah's statement, Pradhan said the "real pain" of West Bengal's potato farmers has been exposed, alleging that the Mamata Banerjee-led government has hurt

their livelihoods by restricting access to markets in neighbouring states. In a post on X, Pradhan said that due to the "arrogance" of the state government, potato farmers in West Bengal are struggling to get the right price for their produce. He alleged that markets in neighbouring states such as Odisha and Jharkhand have been effectively closed to them, dealing a severe blow to their income. Citing Shah's remarks at the rally,

Pradhan said the situation reflects an anti-farmer approach of the Trinamool Congress government, where middlemen have flourished while potato farmers continue to suffer despite their hard work in the fields. He further said that the focus of the state government has shifted away from farmers' welfare towards sustaining syndicate networks, resulting in poor price realisation for key crops such as potatoes. Pradhan also

reiterated assurances made by Shah that if the Bharatiya Janata Party forms the government in West Bengal, potatoes from the state would gain access to markets across the country, including Odisha and Jharkhand. He added that a BJP government would ensure full value for potato farmers' produce and restore their dignity, asserting that they would receive their rightful dues after a political change in the state.

Negligence in road work, increasing dissatisfaction of people

Malkangiri correspondent: Serious complaints have been raised regarding the newly constructed asphalt road work in rural areas. According to the local people, since the road construction work was not done properly, chips are rising at many places on the road within a few days. The chips are completely rising from

the road and forming a pile. Such an incident has been witnessed in Malkangiri district, from MPV-55 intersection to Malavaram intersection under Pusuguda panchayat under Kalimela block. Serious complaints have been raised regarding the road work. The work on this road connecting the villages of MPV-55, MV-128, and MV-88

and connecting them to Malavaram was completed just 20 days ago, but now questions have been raised about its quality. The villagers have alleged that the situation has worsened due to the use of substandard materials and non-compliance with proper rules. The road is covered in chips due to the excessive amount of asphalt,

which increases the chances of accidents for two-wheelers. Such road conditions are making people miserable before the rains come. According to the villagers of the local area, the residents of MV-128 village had protested many times about the substandard work being done even during the road work, but no one paid

attention. The work was completed in a hurry without any nameplates. Now, evidence of shoddy construction is being seen at various places on the road, which has made traffic dangerous. The people have demanded that the quality of this work be inspected and strict action be taken against the culprits.

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3. Tender Cost	: Rs.10,000/-, Rs. 4000.00/ Rs. 2000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of bidders	: B / D & C Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website	: From 10.00 AM of Dt.13.04.2026 to Dt.22.04.2026 up to 5.00 PM
6. Last Date of receipt of tender	: Dt.22.04.2026 up to 05.00 PM
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1. Tender Reference No	: EO/JMC/090/2026-27
2. Tender I.D No.	: 2026_ORULB_127813_pack1
3. Name of the Work	: Civil Construction works as mentioned in website
4. No. of works	: 3 nos.
5. Estimated Cost	: Rs. 56,66,421.00 to Rs. 1,19,04,254.00
6. Period of Completion	: 180 days
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9. Bids received online shall be opened on	: Dt....04.05.2026 at 11:00 A.M
10. Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid	: Executive Officer, Jatni Municipality

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IFFCO Launches Nationwide Nano Fertilizer Awareness Mega Campaign : Dileep Sanghani

New Delhi, :IFFCO, India's largest fertilizer cooperative, today officially launched the Nano Fertilizer Awareness Mega Campaign. Addressing a press conference, Chairman Mr. Dileep Sanghani said that this is a comprehensive national campaign aimed at promoting the use of nano fertilizers among Indian farmers. The campaign has been initiated with the inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, in alignment with national missions such as "Atmanirbhar Bharat" and "Sahkar Se Samridhi." The inclusion of Nano NPK Liquid (8-8-10) and



Nano NPK Granular (20-10-10) in the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO) is a significant milestone in India's agricultural innovation journey. IFFCO's innovation hub at IFFCO-Nanoventions in Coimbatore and the upcoming nano fertilizer plant in Brazil, expected to be operational by

June 2026, highlight India's growing global strength in nano technology in agriculture. Mr. Sanghani stated that India is at a historic point where tradition and technology are coming together to reshape agriculture. The campaign reflects the vision of "Sahkar Se

Samridhi" and supports the goal of self-reliant agriculture. He described the nano fertilizer revolution as a transformative moment for Indian agriculture. The campaign has four key objectives: "Promotion of Nano Urea Plus, Nano DAP, Nano NPK,

Nano Zinc, and Nano Copper

Training farmers in proper usage through foliar spray

Reducing dependence on conventional fertilizers

Ensuring last-mile reach through cooperative networks

He emphasized that awareness must be driven at the grassroots level through PACS and field demonstrations so that farmers can see results and build trust. In his concluding remarks, Mr. Sanghani called for making the campaign a mass movement. He said nano fertilizers are not just products but tools to protect soil, improve the environment, and increase farmers' income.

SUM NEONATAL TEAM HELP PREMATURE BABY WEIGHING 772 GRAMS TO RECOVER

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The neonatal medical team at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here have successfully turned around the condition of a baby girl born at 26 weeks with a birth weight of only 772 grams.



The baby had faced severe respiratory challenges immediately after birth and was quickly shifted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for immediate attention. Despite the extreme challenges faced requiring mechanical ventilation and advanced life support, the baby gradually showed signs of improvement successfully battling complications arising from multiple comorbidities of prematurity. Though her survival chances were slim, diligent care and support

by the medical team helped her to recover as she spent nearly three months in the NICU.

Prof. (Dr.) Debasish Nanda, Head of the Department of Neonatology, expressed immense joy and praised the team for its relentless effort and the parents for their patience and unwavering support through the ordeal.

The doctors directly involved in the baby's medical care included Dr. Bhabagrahi Mallick, Dr. Ratan Kumar Das, Dr. Vijai Kumar, Dr. Bineet Panigrahi, Dr.

Suresh Kumar Tripathy, Dr. Payal Pradhan, Dr. Shrutiprajna Kar, Dr. Pratyush Dwivedi, Dr. Sitikantha Nayak, Dr. Kalpita Sahoo, Dr. Pujitha and Dr. Sarath Chandrika.

Prof. (Dr.) Sanghamitra Mishra, Dean and Prof. (Dr.) Puspapara Samantasinghar, Medical Superintendent of IMS and SUM Hospital, offered their continuous guidance and support while ensuring that the medical team received all help required for handling this challenging case.

UAIL's Utkal Hospital provides rural medical access in southern Odisha

Rayagada (Correspondent): Reinforcing its commitment to community welfare, Utkal Alumina International Limited (UAIL), a subsidiary of Hindalco Industries under the Aditya Birla Group, continues to strengthen healthcare accessibility in southern Odisha through the successful operation of Utkal Hospital at Tikiri (Osapada) in Rayagada district. The hospital has evolved into a dependable healthcare hub for rural and remote communities who face challenges in accessing timely and quality medical services. Serving as a cornerstone of UAIL's flagship healthcare initiative, Project Aarogyam 01, Utkal Hospital, provides critical medical support across Osapada, Tikiri, Kashipur, Rayagada, and parts of Koraput district. In coordination with Nuapada Health Centres, the hospital treats nearly 7,500



patients every month. Another 2,500 patients receive care at the company operated First Aid Centre. The 22-bedded Utkal hospital offers round-the-clock specialist care, supported by experienced doctors across Obstetrics & Gynaecology (O&G), Medicine, Surgery, Anaesthesia, Paediatrics, Orthopaedics, and General Physician services. Visiting specialists in ENT, Dental, Dermatology, and Orthopaedics enable access to multi-disciplinary medical

expertise. Commenting on the initiatives, Mr. Rabi Mishra, the Unit Head of UAIL said, "Healthcare is one of the most critical pillars of sustainable community development. Through Project Aarogyam 01, Utkal Hospital is ensuring that quality medical services reach people living in remote regions. Our focus is to strengthen last-mile healthcare delivery by providing modern diagnostics, specialist care, and emergency services so that no individual is deprived of timely treatment due to distance

or lack of facilities."

Equipped with modern medical infrastructure and advanced diagnostic facilities including CT scan, Computed X-Ray, Endoscopy, and minimally invasive laparoscopic surgeries, Utkal Hospital is very well regarded. It has a laboratory with hormone, biochemistry, CBC, and electrolyte analysers ensures accurate diagnosis and timely clinical decision-making. Furthermore, a modern physiotherapy unit supports rehabilitation of patients recovering from surgeries, injuries, stroke, and chronic musculoskeletal conditions, significantly improving recovery outcomes and quality of life.

World Bank Releases \$340 Million for Amaravati Development

NEWDELHI: The World Bank has released \$340 million for Amaravati Capital Phase-I development, with an additional \$150 million expected by the end of April. Officials confirmed that the World Bank and Asian Development Bank together committed \$1.6 billion, with each contributing \$800 million. The Centre also pledged Rs 15,000 crore, of which Rs 1,400 crore has already been allocated. The Amaravati Integrated Urban Development Programme (AIUDP) is being implemented under the Program for Results framework, linking disbursements to milestones rather than fixed schedules. The loan carries a six-year grace period and a 29-year maturity,

with repayments beginning in June 2031. During the first 14 months, the focus has been on strengthening institutions, building governance capacity, and preparing Amaravati to serve as an inclusive growth hub. Job-focused skilling programs are underway, targeting women and youth to equip them for emerging opportunities. Infrastructure development has advanced steadily. Contractors are building arterial and neighbourhood roads, housing projects, and city-wide systems for water supply, wastewater, and stormwater drainage.

NALCO-Hosted All India PSU Badminton Tournament Concludes in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): The All India Public Sector Badminton Tournament successfully concluded yesterday on a high note at the Biju Patnaik Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Bhubaneswar. Organized by National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, the prestigious event witnessed enthusiastic participation from about 200 players representing 14 public sector organizations across the



country, highlighting both competitive excellence and sportsmanship. Teams representing the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) won the titles in both the men's and women's team events. CAG team also secured first place in the men's singles and mixed doubles categories. Similarly, teams from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) won the women's singles, men's doubles, and women's doubles events. Shri Brijendra Pratap Singh,

CMD, NALCO, handed over the prizes across various categories at the valedictory ceremony in the presence of Dr. Tapas Kumar Pattanayak, Director (HR), and Shri Anil Kumar Singh, Director (Commercial), NALCO. CMD, NALCO expressed his satisfaction over the success of the tournament and congratulated all participants for their exemplary sporting spirit.

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- ମୁଣ୍ଡ ବୁଲାଇ ଅନ୍ଧାର ଦିଶିବା ଓ ବାନ୍ତି ଲାଗିବା
- ପ୍ରବଳ ଶୋଷ ଲାଗିବା
- ମାଂସପେଶୀ ଚାଣି ହେବା
- ଚର୍ମ ଶୁଷ୍କ, ଲାଲ ଓ ଉଜ୍ଜ୍ୱଳ ହେବା
- ଅଚେତ ହେବା କିମ୍ବା ବାତ ମାରିବା

ସତର୍କତା

- ଦିନ ୧୧ଟା ରୁ ୩ଟା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଖରା ତାତି ଅଧିକ ଥାଏ। ଏହି ସମୟ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ବାହାରକୁ ଯାଆନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ। ଜରୁରୀ କାମ ଥିଲେ ବାହାରକୁ ଯିବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଯଥେଷ୍ଟ ପାଣି ପିଅନ୍ତୁ ଓ ସାଥରେ ଛତା, ଚପଲ ଓ ପିଇବା ପାଣି ନିଅନ୍ତୁ
- ଧଳା ରଙ୍ଗର ଡିଲା ପୋଷାକ, ଛତା ଓ ଜୋଡା ବ୍ୟବହାର କରନ୍ତୁ
- ମଝିରେ ମଝିରେ ଛାଇରେ ବିଶ୍ରାମ ନିଅନ୍ତୁ
- ଖରାରେ କଠିନ ପରିଶ୍ରମ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ/ ଅଧିକ ଦୂର ଚାଲନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ
- କୌଣସି ପ୍ରକାର ମାଦକ ଦ୍ରବ୍ୟ ସେବନ କରନ୍ତୁ ନାହିଁ

ପ୍ରତିକାର

- ଅଶୁଦ୍ଧତା ଆକ୍ରାନ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ଖୋଲା ଓ ଥଣ୍ଡା ଯାଗାକୁ ନେଇଯାଆନ୍ତୁ, ଓ.ଆର୍.ଏସ୍./ ଚିନି ଲୁଣ ସର୍ବତ୍ର ସାଦାପାଣି ପିଆନ୍ତୁ
- ପୋଷାକ ଯଥାସମ୍ଭବ ଖୋଲି ଦିଅନ୍ତୁ
- ମୁଣ୍ଡ ଧୋଇ ଦିଅନ୍ତୁ, ଓଦା କପଡ଼ାରେ ପୋଛନ୍ତୁ
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- ଅବସ୍ଥାରେ ଉନ୍ନତ ନହେଲେ ତୁରନ୍ତ ଡାକ୍ତରଖାନା ନେଇ ଚିକିତ୍ସା କରାନ୍ତୁ

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