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## Vijay's TVK Ahead In Over 100 Seats, MK Stalin Loses Stronghold



NEWDELHI: Tamil Nadu, the citadel of Dravidian politics for over 50 years, with a binary politics dominated by the DMK and AIADMK, is in for a change. Actor-politician Vijay, who made his political debut with his Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), is heading towards emerging as the single-largest party. MK Stalin's DMK is trailing, with the Chief Minister losing his stronghold, Kolathur, to TVK. While most exit polls had predicted DMK's

second straight win, Axis My India had suggested a huge wave of the "Vijay effect" in the state this time, speculating TVK could end up as a kingmaker by winning about 100 of the state's 234 seats - where the majority mark is 118. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin on Monday became only the second sitting Chief Minister in the state's history, after J. Jayalalithaa, to lose an Assembly election, following his defeat in the Kolathur constituency.

## Lotus has bloomed in Bengal state assembly elections will be remembered forever: PM Modi

New Delhi [India], Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday lauded the BJP's spectacular performance in the West Bengal assembly polls, saying people's power has prevailed and the BJP's politics of good governance has triumphed. He said the 2026 West Bengal assembly elections will be remembered forever. In a post on X, he said the BJP's record win in West Bengal would not be possible without the efforts of party workers over generations. He said the BJP will provide a Government that ensures opportunity and dignity to all sections of society. "The Lotus blooms in West Bengal! The 2026 West Bengal Assembly Elections will be remembered forever.



People's power has prevailed and the BJP's politics of good governance has triumphed. I bow to each and every person of West Bengal. The people have given a spectacular mandate to BJP and I assure them that our Party will do everything possible to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of the people of West Bengal. We will

provide a Government that ensures opportunity and dignity to all sections of society," PM Modi said. "BJP's record win in West Bengal would not be possible without the efforts and struggles of countless Karyakartas over generations. I salute them all. For years, they have worked hard on the ground, overcome all sorts of adversities

and spoken about our development agenda. They are the strength of our Party," he added. Later addressing BJP workers at the party headquarters here after the results and trends showed BJP heading for a sweeping victory in West Bengal and NDA's win in Assam and Puducherry, PM Modi said the result marks trust in the politics

## Mamata Banerjee Loses Her Stronghold

Kolkata: The BJP will form its first ever government in West Bengal, scripting history in a state that had long remained an impenetrable fortress of the Trinamool. In a double shock for Mamata Banerjee, she has also lost her Bhabanipur stronghold to her former lieutenant Suwendu Adhikari, now a BJP leader serving as the Leader of Opposition in the state assembly. Bengal has been freed from fear and will now progress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in an evening speech. Banerjee, chief minister since 2011 - whose Trinamool is struggling with double digits, has alleged "loot of seats". This was the first election after a record deletion of 90 lakh voters in Bengal under the Special Intensive Revision



of performance. "Today is a historic day. It is unprecedented. When years of efforts turn into success, the happiness that is seen on the faces of people is the same happiness that I see on the faces of BJP workers across the country today," he said.



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# BOYANIKA- WEAR YOUR HERITAGE

**BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)** The Odisha State Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society Ltd. (Boyanka), established in 1956 under the aegis of the Government of Odisha, stands today as a defining institution in India's handloom landscape—an enduring embodiment of heritage, trust, and collective progress. As Boyanka completes seventy years of its remarkable journey on 5th May 2026, this milestone is not merely a commemoration of time, but a celebration of a vision that has steadfastly connected the looms of rural Odisha to markets across the nation and beyond, while preserving the dignity and livelihood of its weavers.

Born in a time when traditional weavers struggled against declining patronage and fragmented market access, Boyanka emerged as a structured and credible platform to ensure fair trade, transparency, and



sustainable opportunity. From its modest beginnings with limited turnover and manpower, it has evolved into a robust, multi-dimensional organization with a turnover of Rs.233 Crores, today operating a network of 40 retail outlets across Odisha and in key metropolitan cities such as New Delhi and Kolkata. These outlets are not merely points of commerce; they are living expressions of Odisha's cultural identity, where each weave narrates a story of tradition, skill,

and belonging.

Over the decades, Boyanka has continuously adapted to changing times while remaining rooted in its core values. Its expansion into e-commerce has enabled Odisha's handloom products to transcend geographical boundaries, reaching customers across India and the global diaspora, while the implementation of modern Enterprise Resource Planning systems has strengthened efficiency, transparency, and

accountability in its operations. In parallel, the organization has taken measured yet significant steps towards export promotion, exploring global markets for Odisha's distinctive textiles. The journey of Boyanka has also been marked by a strategic strengthening of institutional and business-to-business engagements, catering to bulk requirements of Government bodies, corporate institutions, and other organizations, thereby ensuring consistent demand and

enhanced scale for the weaver ecosystem. Its active participation in national and state-level exhibitions, handloom expos, and buyer-seller meets has further reinforced its presence, enabling direct engagement with customers, expanding market reach, and elevating the brand value of Odisha handlooms.

Yet, beyond its growth in scale and reach, what truly defines Boyanka is the trust it commands. As a Government-backed institution, it has become synonymous with authenticity and integrity, assuring customers that every product they purchase is a genuine handwoven creation-crafted with care, rooted in tradition, and directly contributing to the livelihood of weavers. In an era increasingly dominated by mechanized production and imitation, Boyanka continues to stand as a beacon of originality, preserving the intricate weaves of Sambalpuri, Bomkai, Berhampuri, Kotpad,

Khandua and many more, each reflecting the soul of Odisha. Today, Boyanka represents far more than a retail enterprise; it is a movement that has empowered thousands of weavers, strengthened rural economies, and safeguarded an invaluable cultural heritage. Its journey is one of resilience and renewal—of balancing tradition with innovation, and scale with sensitivity. As it steps into its eighth decade, Boyanka carries forward not only the legacy of the past seventy years but also the responsibility of shaping the future of handloom in a rapidly evolving world. In celebrating seventy years of Boyanka, we celebrate the spirit of Odisha itself—woven in threads of tradition, sustained by the dedication of its artisans, and carried forward with pride, authenticity, and an enduring commitment to excellence.

# Prudent Launches edge+

**Bhubaneswar (Correspondent):** Prudent Corporate Advisory Services Limited, a leading fintech platform for mutual fund distributors (MFDs), today announced the launch of its AI-powered business management tool build to help partners plan smarter, service clients better, market faster and grow their business with precision. No software will ever know a client the way our mutual fund distributor does. That is the Emotional Quotient (EQ), and it stays with the partner. Edge+ is the Intelligence Quotient (IQ), the support system which will make every partner faster, sharper, and ready for what comes next. Edge+ is built around two outcomes that matter most to a partner: growing business and saving time. Distributors can now deliver goal-based solutions to clients in minutes. By inputting a client's risk profile and investment horizon, the AI

instantly generates an optimal asset allocation across equity, debt, and hybrid instruments along with curated scheme recommendations. Partners can send a ready-made email communication and initiate transactions all from the same AI-powered screen. Distributors can now spot and act on every growth opportunity sitting within their existing book. Age-wise and AUM-wise segmentation can help distributors pitch appropriate products to clients. Reach out to clients with large MF AUM but no broking account, no or low SIPs, ₹50 lakh+ stock portfolios yet to explore PMS, lapsed SIPs or a declining net sales trend. External AUM data adds a complete view for sharper, more informed conversations. Ready-made client communications are built in, making it effortless to reach the right client with the right message at the right time.

## Aditya Aluminium organized a Seven Day Jewelry Making Training Program at Bomaloi Gram Panchayat

**Sambalpur: (Correspondent):** Aditya Aluminium, Lapanga, a Unit of Hindalco Industries Limited organized a seven-day Customized Jewelry Making Training Programme at Bomaloi Gram Panchayat with the objective of enhancing livelihood opportunities and skill development among community members. The programme was conducted in collaboration with SBIRSETI.

The training programme was formally inaugurated by Mr. Subash Chandra Tripathy, Director, SBIRSETI, in the presence of Mr. Bijay Kumar Sahoo from RSETI, Sambalpur. Other dignitaries present at the inauguration included



Mr. Ranjan Jena, Cluster Head – Environment, Mr. Lalit Charan, Head – Environment, Mr. Hema Ranjan, Head – Land Department, Mr. Madhusudan from the Land Department, Mr. Ravi Niwas, Head – CSR, Mr. Manoranjan Behera, Deputy Manager – CSR, and Ms. Sangita Kisan, MBK, Bomaloi.

The seven-day customized jewelry making training focused on building practical

skills, promoting self-employment, and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for participants. The initiative reflects Hindalco's continued commitment to community development, women empowerment, and inclusive growth through structured skill-building and CSR interventions. Around 35 SHG members participated in the training program and gained knowledge on entrepreneurship Development sessions.

## BM KCC Bank arrested by Vigilance for embezzlement of fund Rs 1.08 cr

**Malkangiri correspondent:** Today, Sri Sudhansu Khora, Branch Manager, KCC (Koraput Central Co-Operative) Bank, Malkangiri was arrested by Odisha Vigilance for embezzling Govt. funds Rs.1,08,75,000/- related to recovery of crop loan amount deposited by loanee farmers under 5 LAMPCS under Malkangiri District. In this connection, Odisha Vigilance has registered two cases vide Koraput Vigilance PS Case No 4 & 5 dated 04.05.2026 U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) PC Amendment Act, 2018/316(5)/344 BNS, 2024 and Sri Khora forwarded to the Court.

## Ganjam District Level Public Hearing Camp

**Goplapur: (correspondent)** A district level public hearing camp was held from 7 am to 10 am at the Jaugardh Conference Hall at Chatrapur I. In this district level camp, District Collector V. Kirti Vhasan, District Chief Development Officer and Executive Officer Sameer Kumar Jena, Additional District Collector Sachidananda Nayak, Chhatrapur Deputy Collector Shivashish Baral were present and conducted a joint public hearing. A total of 87 complaint letters were received in this grievance hearing camp, out of which 7 were collective and the remaining 80 were individual complaints. Rs. 1,00,000 (one lakh) was provided to 12 beneficiaries from the Red Cross Fund.

## 1 KILLED, 6 INJURED IN HEAD-ON TWO BIKE COLLISION

**Paralakhemundi: (Correspondent):** In a tragic road accident near Ramgiri under R. Udayagiri block, one person lost his life and six others were seriously injured after two motorcycles collided head-on on Monday. The mishap occurred in front of the Horticulture Office when one group was returning from a wedding feast and another was heading to the same event. The deceased has been identified as Junesh Sabara of Patrabasa village. Among the injured are three women and a 5-year-old girl from Patrabasa, along with three youths



from Kharipada village. All were initially taken to Ramgiri Primary Health Centre. One critically injured person was later shifted to MKCG Medical College, Berhampur by ambulance, while others were taken in a

private vehicle due to delays in emergency services. Police have seized both motorcycles and initiated an investigation. A case has been registered, and the body has been sent for post-mortem.

## Centre of Excellence in Frontier Technologies Inaugurated at GIET University

**Gunupur: (Correspondent):** A Centre of Excellence in Frontier Technologies, established in collaboration with IDS Private Limited, was inaugurated today at GIET University. The program was organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and witnessed the presence of Mr. Sunil Subramanyam, Vice President of IDS Private Limited, as the chief guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of adaptability in today's rapidly evolving technological landscape.



He highlighted that professionals must continuously update themselves with emerging technologies and certifications to remain relevant. Dr. Chandra Dhwaj Panda, Vice President of the University, noted that the

Centre of Excellence would significantly benefit faculty members by enhancing both their teaching effectiveness and research capabilities. Vice-Chancellor Dr. A. V. N. L. Sharma, in his address, stressed the growing importance of data in

driving innovation, decision-making, and advancements in research and technology. On this occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between Mr. Sunil Subramanyam of IDS

Private Limited and Dr. N. V. J. Rao, Registrar of the University. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. K. Murali Gopal, Deputy Dean of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. D. Anil Kumar. As part of the initiative, a three-day training program has also been scheduled for faculty members, focusing on emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, and Cybersecurity, aimed at enhancing their professional competencies.

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## SUM Hospital at Berhampur Achieves Landmark Surgical Success

Berhampur, (Correspondent): In a remarkable display of advanced surgical expertise and multidisciplinary coordination, SUM Hospital at Berhampur has achieved a significant milestone by successfully managing two rare and highly complex surgical cases who had been turned back by multiple hospitals in the state as well as outside leaving the patients with minimal hope of recovery.

The first case involved a complete airway obstruction due to severe tracheal stenosis, a life-threatening condition. The patient was successfully treated through a highly specialized Single Stage



Laryngotracheal Reconstruction (SSLTR)-an advanced windpipe reconstruction procedure requiring exceptional surgical precision and coordination. This complex surgery was carried out by a dedicated team comprising Dr. Priyajeet Panigrahi (ENT), Dr. Sameer Panigrahi (Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery) and

Dr. Subhajeet Sahoo, whose combined expertise ensured a successful outcome in this critical case. The procedure stands as one of the rare successful interventions of its kind in the region. In another equally challenging case, a rare nerve sheath tumor of the neck was successfully managed through a multidisciplinary surgical approach. The team

included Dr. Sudhakar Jena, Mr. Pravat Jagdev, Dr. Sairudra Puhan and Dr. Pratyushkanti Mishra. Their coordinated effort highlights the institution's capability in handling complex oncological and reconstructive challenges. These achievements underline the hospital's growing strength in managing high-risk, previously declined and complex surgical conditions, supported by strong interdisciplinary collaboration and advanced clinical infrastructure. Congratulating the teams, Hospital Director Mr. Deba Prasad Dash said 'precision, teamwork and success' were the keys to such success. "These three

principles define the hospital's clinical philosophy where precision in diagnosis and surgical execution, seamless teamwork across specialties and a relentless focus on successful patient outcomes come together to deliver excellence in care," he said. He further said that the hospital was steadily emerging as a center capable of performing first-of-its-kind surgeries across multiple specialties in this part of the state. The availability of robust ICU infrastructure with adequate bed capacity, he emphasized, had significantly strengthened the institution's ability to manage high-risk and complex surgical cases with confidence.

## A Symphony of Learning and Laughter: Summer Camp 2026" - DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL PARADEEP PORT, PARADEEP

PARADEEP (Correspondent): A vibrant and exhilarating Summer Camp was organized at DAV Public School Paradeep Port from 28th April to 2nd May 2026, transforming the campus into a lively hub of creativity and joy. Under the inspiring leadership of Principal Mrs. Geetanjali Hota, Academic Coordinator Mr. Hrushikesh Pradhan and the dedicated efforts of esteemed teachers including Mrs. Sandhyarani Panda, Mrs. Soubhagini Padhi, the camp blossomed into a grand

celebration of youthful energy and talent. The event unfolded like a radiant mosaic of activities—Abacus, Robotics & AI, Dance, Art & Craft, and Athletics—each adding its own sparkle to the week-long extravaganza. The air resonated with laughter, enthusiasm, and the boundless curiosity of young minds. Guided with care and commitment, the camp aimed at holistic development, nurturing not only intellectual growth but also creativity, confidence,

and teamwork. Every moment became a stepping stone towards discovery and self-expression. The concluding day shimmered with pride and happiness as students carried home cherished memories and invaluable experiences. The camp stood as a glowing testament to the school's unwavering dedication to excellence in education. Indeed, it was not just a camp, but a beautiful journey where learning met joy, and every child found a reason to shine.

## One dead in unknown car collision

Gopalpur (correspondent) A person died in an unknown car collision on the national highway 16 under Gopalpur police station at around 8 pm on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Amarendra Mohanty of Ankuli area, Berhampur. According to information, Amarendra Mohanty of Ankuli area, Berhampur, along with his relative, was returning home from Pokadibandh Chack on Sunday night at around 8 pm on the back of a bike (ODI 05A 3097) when an unknown car hit him near a dhaba near Dura Overbridge. As a result, the bike rider and Amarendra fell down and were seriously injured. While being taken to Berhampur Medical College in an ambulance for treatment, Amarendra died while the bike rider's son Shiv Shankar Mohanty, who was undergoing treatment at the medical college, filed a complaint. The complaint has been filed under police case number 245/26. The police said that they have registered a case, handed over the body to the family after conducting an autopsy, and have also visited the scene and examined the CCTV footage.

## BJP Withdraws Suspension Order Against Senior Leader Kharabela Swain

Bhubaneswar: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has revoked the suspension order issued against its senior leader Mahameghabahan Aira Kharabela Swain. BJP Odisha State Disciplinary Committee Convener Sudarshan Nayak announced the withdrawal of the suspension on Sunday.

## Broke the lock and ransacked the house. looted Rs 5 lakh in cash, five gold bars and three silver ornaments

Gopalpur (correspondent): After a gap of a few days, it is known that a group of thieves has become active again in the Golanthara police station area. A complaint has been registered at the Golanthara police station that some miscreants broke the lock of a locked house and looted Rs 5 lakh in cash and five gold ornaments. According to information, Anand Raulo of Raulo Sahi of Randha village under this police station went to the house of a



relative in Kirtipur with his family on Sunday and stayed there as the night was getting late. Today at 9 am, Anand returned to his house and found the lock of the house had been broken and the

inner door had been broken. When he went inside, the cupboards of the house had been broken and The residence permit has been stolen. After Anand filed a complaint at the Golanthara police station, Second Officer Silu Dhal reached the spot with a police team and started an investigation. They have recovered the stolen property with the help of a scientific team and a sniffer dog. It is known that Anand had reported that Rs 5 lakh in cash, 5 gold ornaments, 3 silver

ornaments, house documents and bank accounts etc. were stolen from Anand's house. A case has been registered at Golangthara police station as Case No. 167/26 and is being investigated. Based on the complaint, the police have started an investigation from various angles. Efforts are on to identify the culprit by collecting CCTV footage from the area around the house. SI of police station Shri Dhal informed that the culprit involved in the incident will be arrested soon.

## Cop Arrested While Taking Bribe In Kendrapara

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of police posted at Rajkanika Police Station in Kendrapara district was apprehended by Odisha Vigilance on Monday while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹2,000 from a complainant in connection with a land dispute case. The accused, identified as Prasanta Pradhan, was caught red-handed near the old Rajkanika police station building shortly after he received the bribe amount for allegedly furnishing a favourable enquiry report in a case pending before a competent court. According to Vigilance officials, the complainant had a joint

ownership over a parcel of land with another party. However, the latter had reportedly begun construction on the disputed property without the complainant's consent. Following this, the complainant approached the court seeking intervention to halt the construction. Acting on the court's directive, the Inspector-in-Charge (IIC) of Rajkanika Police Station was instructed to submit an enquiry report within three days. The responsibility of conducting the enquiry was assigned to ASI Pradhan. When the complainant approached Pradhan for submission of the report, the ASI allegedly demanded a bribe of ₹2,000 to

submit a favourable report. Aggrieved by the demand, the complainant reported the matter to Vigilance authorities. Based on the complaint, a trap was laid, and the accused was apprehended while accepting the bribe. The entire tainted amount was recovered from his possession and seized. Following the arrest, simultaneous searches are being conducted at two locations linked to the accused to ascertain any disproportionate assets. In this connection, a case has been registered at the Vigilance Police Station in Cuttack under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018. Further investigation is underway.

## Heroin Worth Rs 14.3 Lakh Seized In Khordha, One Arrested

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): In a major crackdown on narcotics trafficking, officials of the Excise Department seized heroin worth approximately ₹14.3 lakh and arrested one person in Khordha district on Monday. Acting on the direction of Samarjit Dash, Superintendent of Excise (S.E.), and under the direct supervision of Rosan Isu Hansda, Deputy Superintendent of Excise (D.S.E.), a Flying Squad of Excise



Intelligence & Enforcement Bureau (IE & EB), Unit-I, Cuttack, detected an NDPS case during a raid. The accused, identified as Sujit Kumar Behera alias Dipu (43) of Balabhadrapur under

Balapatna police station limits, was apprehended near Gare dipanchan Chhak. Officials seized 143 grams of heroin from his possession along with a Vivo Y400 5G mobile phone. The estimated market value of the seized contraband is around ₹14.3 lakh, officials said. Following the arrest, Behera was booked under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, and later forwarded to judicial custody.

## CM Majhi Announces Rs 4 Lakh Ex-gratia For Kin Of Jajpur Accident Victims

Bhubaneswar: (Correspondent) Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has expressed deep grief over a tragic road accident in Jajpur district that claimed five lives and left several others injured. In a post on X, the Chief Minister conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families of the deceased, identified as Kanda Purti, Namita Nayak, Gita Purti, Balma Munda, and Malati Munda. Majhi announced an ex gratia assistance of ₹4 lakh each from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for the next of kin of the victims. He also assured that all necessary arrangements are being made to ensure proper medical treatment of those injured in the mishap. The Chief Minister further wished for the speedy recovery of the injured. The accident has cast a pall of gloom over the region, with local authorities engaged in relief and support measures for the affected families.

## Four Arrested For Attempt To Kill Man In Puri's Kanas; Victim Run Over With Motorcycle

Puri: Police in Puri district have apprehended four persons in connection with a brutal assault and attempted murder case reported from Kanas area, officials said on Monday. According to a press note issued by the District Headquarters,

Puri, the case has been registered at Kanas Police Station under multiple provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including charges related to unlawful restraint, grievous assault, criminal intimidation, and attempt to murder. The accused have been

identified as Dharna Niranjan Badjena (21), Chandrakanta Jena alias Bapi (39), Chinmaya Gajendra alias Pintu (20), and Ajay Baliarsingh, all residents of villages under Kanas police limits. The investigation is being led by Sub-Inspector Sushil Kujur.

## EDITORIAL

### The Children's Newspaper: Nurturing Young Minds Through Words

In an era dominated by fast-moving digital content, the idea of a newspaper designed especially for children may seem old-fashioned. Yet, the concept of The Children's Newspaper holds immense relevance even today. More than just a source of information, it is a powerful educational tool that nurtures curiosity, builds awareness, and shapes young minds into informed, responsible citizens.

A children's newspaper is not simply a simplified version of an adult newspaper. It is thoughtfully crafted to match the cognitive level, interests, and emotional maturity of young readers. Its language is clear, engaging, and age-appropriate. Complex global issues are explained in simple terms, allowing children to understand the world without feeling overwhelmed. From science and environment to culture and current events, it opens a window to knowledge in a friendly and accessible manner.

One of the greatest strengths of a children's newspaper is its ability to cultivate the habit of reading. At a time when screens often dominate a child's attention, a newspaper offers a refreshing alternative. The tactile experience of holding a newspaper, turning its pages, and discovering new stories fosters concentration and imagination. Unlike digital scrolling, reading a newspaper encourages deeper engagement with content, helping children develop comprehension and critical thinking skills.

Moreover, a children's newspaper plays a crucial role in building awareness about the world. It introduces young readers to current events in a balanced and non-threatening way. For instance, topics like climate change, technological advancements, or cultural diversity are presented with sensitivity and clarity. This early exposure helps children become more aware of global issues and inspires them to think about their role in society.

Creativity is another area where children's newspapers excel. Many such publications include sections for stories, poems, drawings, puzzles, and quizzes contributed by children themselves. This not only boosts their confidence but also gives them a sense of ownership and participation. When a child sees their name or work published, it can be a deeply motivating experience, encouraging them to express themselves more freely. In addition, children's newspapers often highlight inspiring stories of young achievers, scientists, artists, and social workers. These stories serve as role models, showing children what is possible with dedication and effort. They also help break stereotypes by presenting diverse examples of success, encouraging children to pursue their own passions.

# CHANDANOSTAV IN SHRIKHETRA



SHYAM SUNDAR SAHOO

After the retreat of MADHUMASA (the pleasant spring), commonly known as

Chaitra, the MADHAVAMASA (Baisakha) approaches bearing the harsh summer season when the sun is at its zenith. People experience the unbearable heat and scorching sunshine without venturing to go outdoors.

During the tapestry of such a scenario "Chandan Yatra", popularly known as "Chandanostav", is observed in Shrikhetra (Puri) dedicated to Lord Jagannath. This festival is the longest festival spanning over forty-two days with twenty-one days of Bahara chandan (outer chandan) and twenty-one days of Bhitara Chandan (inner Chandan) commencing from Akshyatrutiya day. It marks the beginning of the annual cycle of festivals at Jagannath temple. It is undoubtedly one of the most significant and spiritually rich festivals that draws thousands of devotees including sacred Sadhus and Sanyasis who participate to witness the sacred water sports of the deities held at Narendra Puskrini (pond). As observed, there is no dearth of festivals and rituals in Shri Mandir during the twelve months of a year. However, "Chandanostav" - the summer festival, is specifically designed and dedicated to serve as a cooling ritual for the deities to provide relief from the blistering summer heat.

The deities are anointed with sandal wood paste (Chandan paste) to keep their body cool and calm. The sandalwood paste is prepared with the mixture of camphor, musk, saffron and other fragrant substances meant for the deities. Representative deities Madan Mohan, Lakshmi, Saraswathi, Ramakrishna are smeared with

sandalwood paste, popularly known as "Chandana Lagi", to reduce the impact of summer heat and provide relaxation. Starting from the auspicious Akshyatrutiya day (the third day of bright fortnight of odia month Baisakha), on every evening, the representative idols - Madan Mohan, Bhudevi, Sridevi, Ramakrishna and five Pancha Pandavas i.e. five Shivas from different temples, are taken in a grand procession in vimana and palanquin to Narendra tirtha. The procession is accompanied with ghant, ghanta, mardal, mrudanga, kahali, sankha, chhatra, chamara and traditional odiasankirtan and bhajan.

Overthen, the "Jalakei" or the boating ceremony called "Chapa" begins taking the idols onto the boats that are beautifully decorated with exquisite colours. These boats are primarily made by joining two large canoes to be strong enough to form a stable platform. These two boats are shaped like a swan (Hans) or peacock featuring a miniature temple like structure (mandap) where the deities are installed. These two canoes are named as Nanda and Bhadra. While Nanda is painted in white and onboards Madanmohan, Bhudevi and Sridevi, Bhadra is painted in red and carries Rama Krishna and Pancha Mahadev. The boating cruise is performed twice a day and are named as Dina chapa and Ratri chapa. While Dina chapa occurs in the late afternoon, it is followed by Ratri chapa which is illuminated with resplendent lights reflecting on the transparent water of Narendra pond. Thousands of devotees assemble around the pond with the chant of "Haribol" and "Huluhuli" to witness this unique and grand spectacle. "Dolaya Dolagovindam, chapechama Madhusudanam Rathetu Bamanamdrushwamumarjanmanabityate" Referring to the above verses mentioned in the Utkal khanda of Skandha purana, including Padma purana and Brahma purana -

Seeing Dolagovinda in Dola yatra and Madhusudhan during Chapa yatra or Chandan yatra and as Bamana during Rath yatra relieves one from the cycle of rebirth.

Narendra Puskarini holds a small temple at its center known as "Chandan mandap", which is exquisitely decorated with colourful lights and multicoloured flowers where the deities take rest after cruise and are offered "Shitalabhog" (cooling food) in between the boating sessions. Deities start their return journey to the temple at night.

Bhitara Chandan is conducted inside the temple premises with the rituals like "Chandan lagi" and special seva for twenty-one days concluding around the period of "Snana Purnima". Special bhog offerings are made such as Pana, fruits, sweet drinks and light summer bhog to the deities. "Chandanostav" is the precursor to Snana Purnima and marks the spiritual beginning of annual cycle of festivals in Sri Mandir. The significance of "Chandanostav" is vast and vivacious steeped in religious, spiritual and cultural essence. It represents the cooling of the deities to combat the hot summer days like humans. The deities observe, experience and exhibit the human like activities (Manaviyalila). It is a sweet blend of tradition with mythology. Shrikhetra, popularly known as "Martya Baikuntha", being the divine abode of the Lord of the Universe, is agog with ritualistic activities throughout the year. "Chandanostav" signifies the innate spiritual love between Lord and devotees who anxiously await to have a darshan of the Lord on the "Bhaunri yatra" in Chapa khela to gain salvation and spiritual satisfaction. It is a devotion with overwhelming joy and jubilation to witness the divine water play of Gods keeping pace with the harmony of nature. The observance is deeply rooted in our Odia tradition combined with devotion, music, procession juxtaposed with "Goti Pua" and "Odissi dance" showcasing the cultural heritage of Utkala.

## How many times do we think of Him



Dr. Umesh Chandra Patra

A long time ago, there was a huge apple tree. A little boy loved to come and play around it every day. He climbed to the

treetop, ate the apples, and took a nap in its shadow. He loved the tree and the tree loved to play with him. Time went by and the little boy had grown up and no longer played around the tree every day. One day, the boy came back to the tree and he looked sad. "Come and play with me", the tree asked the boy. "I am no longer a kid and I don't play around trees any more," the boy replied. "I want toys.

I need money to buy them." "Sorry, but I do not have money, but you can pick all my apples and sell them. Then, you will have money." The boy was so excited. He grabbed all the apples on the tree and left happily. The boy never came back after he picked the apples and the tree felt sad. One day, many years

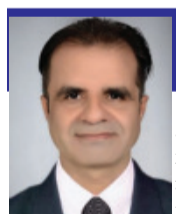
later, the boy who had now turned into a man returned. The tree was excited and said, "Come and play with me." The boy replied, "I do not have time to play. I have to work for my family and we need a house for shelter. Can you help me?" "Sorry, I do not have any house. But you can chop off my branches to build your house". So the man cut all the branches of the tree and left happily. The tree was glad to see him happy but the man never came back since then. The tree was again lonely and sad.

One hot summer day, the man returned and the tree was delighted. "Come and play with me!" the tree said. "I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself. Can you give me a boat?" said the man. "Use my trunk to build your boat. You can sail far away and be happy." So the man cut the tree trunk to make a boat. He went sailing and never showed up for a long time. Finally, the man returned after many years. "Sorry, my boy. But I do not have anything for you anymore. No more apples for you", the tree said. "No problem, I do not have any teeth to bite," the man replied. "No more trunk for you to

climb on". "I am too old for that now," the man said. "I really cannot give you anything, the only thing left is my dying roots," the tree said with tears. "I do not need much now, just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years," the man replied. "Good! Old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest, come sit down with me and rest." The man sat down and the tree was glad and smiled with tears.

Now, replace the tree in the story with parents. When we are young, we love to play with our Mother and Father; but when we grow up, we leave them, only to come to them whenever we need support - material or emotional, or when we are in trouble. And no matter what, our parents always are there by our side and give us everything they can just to make us happy. Always, we take them for granted and don't appreciate all they do for us, until it's too late. It's the same with our divine parent too. Whenever we are beset with problems, we cry out to Him for help, how many times do we think of Him when everything is going pleasant and beautiful in our lives?

## In a vast and diverse country like India, religious, nature, and adventure tourism has grown rapidly



Kishan Bhawnani

The global spotlight turned to the Indian tourist destination when the horrific cruise ship accident at Bargi Dam (Narmada backwaters) on the

evening of April 30, 2026, which, according to preliminary reports, resulted in the deaths of 13 people, was not merely an accidental accident but a stark example of the lack of a safety culture and administrative negligence deeply ingrained in our tourism system. When it emerges from the scene that many tourists were not wearing life jackets, that they were not systematically forced to do so, and that weather department alerts were also ignored, the question naturally arises: was this simply an oversight or a deliberate disregard of rules? The pain of this tragedy is further exacerbated when viewed in the context of a similar accident in Mathura, where 26 people lost their lives, and where the lack of or non-use of life jackets was also a major factor. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the time between these two incidents is so short that it is natural to conclude that we have not learned our lessons. This situation is not just a failure of a single state or administrative unit; it exposes systemic flaws in the tourism management system across the country. In a vast and diverse country like India, where religious, nature, and adventure tourism are growing rapidly, compliance with safety standards is not just a formality but a matter of life and death. Yet, the ground reality is that at many tourist destinations, rules are limited to books and their implementation is ignored under the pressure of profit. This is also reflected in the Bargi Dam incident—where, instead of ensuring the safety of tourists, cruise operations continued even when conditions were not favorable.

Friends, if we consider the lack of life jackets or their non-use, this is the most serious and obvious

point of negligence in this entire episode. Internationally, this is considered a basic and mandatory safety measure in water tourism. Before any boat or cruise takes to the water, it is the operator's responsibility to ensure that every passenger is properly wearing a life jacket. This is not just a tool but the last bulwark between life and death in a time of crisis. If it is found that jackets were not available, or passengers were not forced to wear them even when they were available, it constitutes a clear case of criminal negligence.

Friends, another important aspect is the disregard of weather warnings. If a weather agency, such as the India Meteorological Department, had already issued a warning for strong winds or inclement weather, and yet cruise operations continued, this is not just a case of risk-taking but also a deliberate invitation to danger. Strong winds of 40-50 km/h pose a serious challenge to any vessel, especially one carrying ordinary tourists. Therefore, it is the responsibility of both the administration and the operator to immediately halt operations, rather than continue them due to profit or pressure.

Friends Others, overloading and violation of safety standards are also major causes of such accidents. It has often been observed that boats are overloaded beyond their designated capacity to accommodate more passengers. This not only disrupts balance but also complicates rescue operations in an emergency. If such factors are found in the Bargi Dam accident, it demands even more serious investigation and action. It is also worth noting that the lack of safety equipment, such as lifeboats, signaling devices, and trained staff, makes the situation even more dangerous.

Friends, administrative accountability is central to this entire discussion. It is the primary responsibility of the Tourism Department and local administration to assess the safety preparedness of all operators before granting them licenses and to conduct regular inspections. If it is found that violations have been occurring for a long time and yet no action has been taken, this indicates not just oversight but collusion or systemic failure. In such cases, blaming only lower-

level employees is insufficient; a thorough investigation into the role of higher-level officials is also necessary.

Friends From a legal perspective, the Indian Penal Code (IPC) or the earlier sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) are clearly applicable in such incidents. Section 304A (causing death by negligence) is generally invoked in cases where a person's carelessness or negligence results in death. However, if it is proven that a risk was known and yet was deliberately ignored, a case may be made out under Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) or even Section 302 (murder). This depends on the severity of the mens rea (mental state of the person committing the crime) found in the investigation. In the context of incidents like Bargi and Mathura, the debate is relevant as to whether mere negligence is sufficient, or whether it should be classified as a more stringent criminal category.

Friends, on April 26, 2026, I and my entire family were at the Ram Jhula and the banks of the Ganges in Rishikesh, a tourist destination in the state of Uttarakhand. During the boat ride on the Ram Jhula in Rishikesh, I saw the extent of this problem more clearly: two large bulls and two cows were standing in the middle of the Ram Jhula. I asked the guide, and he said, "Sir, this is a daily occurrence." I replied, "If these two bulls fight, there will be significant loss of life and property." The guide replied, "Sir, there's no one here to listen." Then, when I and my family boarded the boat, paying 40 rupees per person to cross to the other bank, I noticed that no one was wearing a life jacket. However, upon my insistence, everyone wore life jackets. When a tourist has to encourage others to wear life jackets, and the boat operator or captain ignores this basic responsibility, this isn't just a local problem, but evidence of a lack of safety prevalent throughout the system. This situation demonstrates that rules exist only on paper, while there is no effective mechanism to ensure their implementation on the ground. Friends, multi-layered and strict measures are needed to prevent such incidents in the future. First, mandatory use of life jackets should not be

merely a rule but a non-negotiable condition. No passenger without a jacket should be allowed to board a boat or cruise ship. Technical measures such as sensors or digital checks at boarding gates can also be implemented. Second, operators' licensing systems should be made transparent and stringent, including regular and surprise inspections. Third, weather guidelines should be made legally binding—if a warning is issued, operations should be automatically suspended. Additionally, training of crews on cruise ships and boats is crucial. They must be proficient in handling emergencies, providing first aid, and conducting rescue operations. Strict adherence to capacity requirements is also essential—any laxity in this regard directly invites danger. Finally, regular safety audits should be conducted at tourist destinations, preferably by third-party agencies, to ensure fair assessment and timely rectification of deficiencies.

Tragedies like the Bargi Dam and Mathura incidents teach us that if safety is compromised in the name of development and tourism, the price is paid in human lives. This is not just a game of numbers, but the suffering of the families who lost their loved ones. Therefore, it is time to bring accountability to the forefront instead of hiding behind the word "accident." Unless strict and exemplary action is taken against those responsible, whether operators, officials, or policymakers, this cycle will not be broken.

So, if we study and analyze the above description, we will find that this is not just the responsibility of the government or the administration, but also the role of every citizen of society. Awareness, vigilance, and respect for rules can together create a safe tourism culture. But the responsibility of leadership rests with the government and administration, and they must ensure that no tourist loses their life in the future due to a single act of negligence. This Bargi Dam tragedy is a warning. If we don't wake up now, the next news could come from another city, another river.

# Grand Felicitation to A1 Achievers by Binjharpur BJP at Singhpur

**J A J P U R** (Correspondent) : A wave of joy swept across Binjharpur block after the announcement of this year's Matric examination results conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha. On this occasion, four meritorious students who secured A1 grades were accorded a grand felicitation by the Binjharpur BJP at its Singhpur office. Among the achievers, Jeebanjyoti Kandi of Singhpur Saraswati Shishu Bidyamandir secured 554 marks and passed with an A1 grade. Biswabhusan Jena scored 544 marks, while Soumya Ranjan



Pati secured 540 marks—both achieving A1 distinction. Similarly, Sonali Sahu, a student of Kalyanpur Sribanta Government High School, also secured 540 marks and passed with an A1 grade. To honour these outstanding students, a felicitation ceremony was organised at the BJP office premises in Singhpur. The event was attended by BJP State

Executive Member Babita Mallick, Binjharpur Block Convenor Niranjana Beuria, MP's representative Purushottam Behera, Mandal President Chinmayee Panda, along with party leaders Jyotiprakash Nayak, Sanjay Pati, Manoranjan Sahu and Sailendra Samal. The dignitaries presented bouquets to the

students and congratulated them for their remarkable success, wishing them a bright future. Inspirational messages were also shared to encourage the students to continue striving for excellence. The programme highlighted the importance of academic achievement and inspired other students in the region to aim high.

# Joint Grievance Hearing Held at District Headquarter

**R a y a g a d a**, (Correspondent) : A joint grievance hearing camp was organized by the district administration at the Zilla Parishad Sadbhavana Hall located at the district headquarter of Rayagada. The hearing was conducted under the chairmanship of District Collector Shri Ashutosh Kulkarni. Among those present were Superintendent of Police Ms. Swati S. Kumar, Divisional Forest Officer Shri Sachin Annasaheb Ohal, Chief Development Officer-cum-Executive Officer Shri Akshay Kumar Khemundu, Chief District Medical & Public Health Officer Dr. Prashant Mishra, Sub-Collector Shri Ramesh Kumar Jena,



Project Administrator-cum-Integrated Tribal Development Officer Shri Chandrakanta Majhi, along with other district-level officials. They collectively heard grievances from the public. A total of 41 complaints (grievances) were received during the session. Out of these, 31 were individual complaints, while 6 were registered as collective grievances from groups of villagers. The District Collector provided financial

assistance of ₹40,000 from the Red Cross Fund to 4 beneficiaries. Additionally, 6 grievances were resolved on the spot during the hearing. The remaining complaints have been taken up for further investigation, and the concerned departmental officials have been directed to take prompt action. The initiative reflects the administration's commitment to addressing public issues efficiently and ensuring timely redressal.

# Malkangiri Police Bust Mobile Hashish Oil Unit, Seize Materials Worth Rs 100 Crore

**M a l k a n g i r i** correspondent : In a major breakthrough, Malkangiri police dismantled a mobile hashish oil manufacturing unit in the Chittrakonda area and seized precursor materials and equipment estimated to be worth around Rs 100 crore. Acting on specific intelligence inputs, police had been tracking the operations of a suspected smuggling syndicate for the past few days. The group was reportedly shifting its mobile setup frequently to evade detection amid continuous raids and heightened surveillance in the region. The raid was conducted early Sunday morning when a police team led by SDPO Chittrakonda Pradosh Pradhan intercepted a suspicious vehicle near Essar Chawk under Chittrakonda police limits, on the road leading towards Sileru. The operation was supervised by Superintendent of Police, Malkangiri. During the search, authorities recovered approximately 800 litres of chemical precursors and solvents capable of producing an equivalent quantity of highly potent hashish oil. Officials estimated the market value of the potential output at nearly Rs 100 crore. In addition, police seized 50 kg of ganja and 2 litres of finished hashish oil from the vehicle.

# Joint Public Grievance Hearing Camp Held at Jajpur Zilla Parishad Conference Hall



**J A J P U R** (Correspondent) : A Joint Public Grievance Hearing Camp was organized today by the district administration at the Zilla Parishad Conference Hall in Jajpur. The camp was attended by Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Shri Yudhisthir Naik, who heard various grievances and complaints from the public. The ADM stated that concerned departmental officials will examine the complaints, and appropriate steps will be taken to resolve the issues of eligible applicants at the earliest. A total of 196 grievances were registered during the camp. Out of these, 150 were related to individual issues, 5 pertained to group or rural problems, and 41 applications were submitted seeking financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. As many as 50 cases were resolved on the spot. The camp was also attended by Chief Development Officer-cum-Executive Officer Shri Debi Prasad Mohanty, Sub-Collector Shri Tapas Ranjan Dehuri, Deputy Superintendent of Police Shri Prashant Kumar Majhi, Block Development Officer of Jajpur Shri Brahmananda Behera, Tahasildar Shri Ravi Narayan Padhi, Chief District Medical & Public Health Officer Dr. Bijaya Kumar Mishra, along with other district-level, sectoral, and block-level officials, who actively participated in addressing public grievances.

# Block Level Collector & S. P. Joint Grievance Hearing Camp Held at Mallikmunda

**S U B A R N A P U R** (Correspondent) : Sonepur Block Level Joint Grievance and Redressal Camp was held at Mallikmunda Gram Panchayat Office. Additional District Magistrate (General) Anjalina Pradhan and Additional Supdt. Of Police K. K. Hariprasad attended the camp and listened to various grievances and problems of the public. A total of 50 grievances were received, out of which 44 were individual and 06 were collective. During the hearing, 06 grievances were resolved quickly. All other applications have been sent to the



concerned departmental officers for resolution within the stipulated time frame. On this occasion, Additional Chief Development Officer and Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Subarnapur Kalia

# Government buildings are becoming a haven for drunkards

**N a b a r a n g p u r** (Correspondent) : Government houses are being built for government officials at a cost of lakhs of rupees. While the officials are not present, they have become ghost buildings. While the work built at a cost of lakhs of rupees has become a matter of regret, the contractors and engineers are getting dirty. Such is the scene in two buildings near the cashew fence on Gadba Katara Road in Moidalpur Panchayat, Papadahandi Block, Nabarangpur District. While the ghost buildings are currently under construction, they have become a haven for drunkards. These

two buildings are spread over an area of about 2 acres and have walls, drinking water and electricity, but no government employee lives there, which is why it has become a building for alcoholics. There is no information board indicating which department it is, how much it costs. The color changes after the change of government, but the fate does not change. Although houses were built for government officials, no one lives there and it is a matter of public discussion that the administration is neglecting this. There is a public demand for the administration to look into this.

related to drinking water, old age allowance, disabled allowance, health, education, agriculture, livestock, etc. in the camp. In addition, complaints were also heard in various panchayat offices of the district today. It is worth noting that the joint public grievance hearing of the District Magistrate has been scheduled to be held at the Salepur block office on the 11th, while grievance hearings will also be held in various panchayat offices. In view of the summer heat, these grievance hearings are being held from 7 am to 10 am.

# District Administration conducts swimming training for self-defense



**C u t t a c k** (Correspondent) : Cuttack District Disaster Management Committee inaugurated a training camp on swimming and drowning prevention skills today. The training camp is being organized at the NDRF campus in Mundali. Students of various schools and colleges above the age of 14 are being trained in this training camp. Students and hostels are being divided into different groups and training is being provided. About 40 students are undergoing training in each group. Each group will be provided swimming training for 6 days. Arrangements have been made for free food and accommodation for the participants during the training. NDRF trained trainers are imparting this training. The students are also being trained on how to protect themselves while swimming and how to help others during disasters. District Emergency Officer Pushpashri Sandil, Deputy Commandant Shri Praveen Chauhan, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Naveen Kumar, Sub Inspector Bahadur Singh were prominently present on today's inaugural day. The training camp will continue till June 12th.

# District Magistrate's Joint Public Grievance Hearing Held in Banki

**C u t t a c k** (Correspondent) : A joint public grievance hearing program of the District Magistrate was held today in Banki block of Cuttack district. In this public grievance hearing camp held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Shri Dattatray Bhausaheb Shinde, people from different places presented their problems and demands before the administration. A total of 39 grievances were received today. Out of which, 29 were individual grievances and 10 were collective grievances. In the grievance hearing camp,



appropriate steps were taken for the speedy resolution of 4 grievances, while the departmental officers have been directed to take immediate action for the other grievances. Rural SP Shri Vinit Agarwal, Additional District Magistrate Shri Kamaljit Dash, Chief Development Officer

and Executive Officer Shri Prashant Kumar Nayak, Deputy District Magistrate Smt. Manaswini Das and other departmental officers were present in this grievance hearing. Various officers present have been instructed to take immediate action after hearing various registered complaints

related to drinking water, old age allowance, disabled allowance, health, education, agriculture, livestock, etc. in the camp. In addition, complaints were also heard in various panchayat offices of the district today. It is worth noting that the joint public grievance hearing of the District Magistrate has been scheduled to be held at the Salepur block office on the 11th, while grievance hearings will also be held in various panchayat offices. In view of the summer heat, these grievance hearings are being held from 7 am to 10 am.

# Public Grievance Camp Held

**N a b a r a n g p u r** (Correspondent) : A public grievance camp was held at the Nabarangpur Municipal Council Hall under the joint chairmanship of District Magistrate Maheshwar Swain and Additional Security Officer Aditya Sen. The camp was attended by Chief Development Officer Zilla Parishad Biranchi Narayan Darwan, Deputy District Magistrate Prakash Kumar Mishra and all district level divisional officers. A total of 31 complainants submitted their grievances in this public grievance camp.

# Family living in distress

**D h a r a m g a r h** (Correspondent) : A landless family from village Khamarhaldi, under the jurisdiction of Golamunda police station, is living in distress. An electrical transformer was installed many years ago, reportedly around 1980, at the edge of the village on private land. Overtime, the village has expanded and become densely populated. Late Bati Gopal, who had been

working as a wage labourer since childhood under the village Gauntia, sold a piece of land located near the transformer from his master. His son, Jadaba Majhi, later constructed a house on the land with assistance from a government scheme. At present, the transformer has become a major source of concern in their daily life, as the only open space available to them is the area surrounding it. The



family is constantly exposed to the risk of

electrical short circuits and the fear of accidents, especially during adverse weather conditions. Despite being aware of the potential danger, the electricity department has not taken any action. The villagers and neighbours have demanded immediate intervention to resolve the issue and have appealed to the authorities to act with humanity towards the landless resident, Jadaba Majhi.

EAST COAST RAILWAY	
File No. DRM/Engg/KUR/26-27/	E-Tender/12, Dt. 29.04.2026
(1) Tender No. : eTender-hq-kur-37-2026, dtd. 24.04.2026	
Description: NEW WORKS, ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURES, ALL ORDINARY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORKS OF MISCELLANEOUS NATURE AND SUPPLIES EACH COSTING RS. 5,00,000/- OR LESS IN SECTION KHURDA ROAD (KUR) (EX) TO DASPALLA (DSPA) UNDER SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (SSE)(W)/NAYAGARH (NYGT) IN SR. DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (DEN)(HQ)/KHURDA ROAD'S (KUR) SECTION FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 30.06.2027.	Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 79.02 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 1,18,000.00.
(2) Tender No. : eTender-SouthKur-40-2026, dtd. 24.04.2026	
Description: PROPOSED SAFETY FENCING ON DN MAIN LINE TO STOP ELEPHANT CROSSING IN THE SECTION OF ARGUL (ARGL)-KAIPADAR ROAD (KPR) OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.	Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 321.13 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 6,42,300.00.
(3) Tender No. : eTender-hq-kur-32-2026, dtd. 24.04.2026	
Description: NEW WORKS, ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURES, ALL ORDINARY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WORKS OF MISCELLANEOUS NATURE AND SUPPLIES EACH COSTING RS. 5,00,000/- OR LESS IN TRAFFIC COLONY INCLUDING RAILWAY STADIUM, HOSPITAL etc. AT KHURDA ROAD UNDER SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (SSE)(W)/KHURDA ROAD (KUR) FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 30.06.2027.	Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 115.97 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 2,32,000.00.
(4) Tender No. : eTender-hq-kur-34-2026, dtd. 24.04.2026	
Description: ZONAL CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE, ADDITION & ALTERATION OF EXISTING HORTICULTURAL WORKS etc. AT KHURDA ROAD SETTLEMENT EACH COSTING RS. 5,00,000/- OR LESS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SR. DIVISIONAL ENGINEER (DEN)(HQ)/KHURDA ROAD FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 30.06.2027.	Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 93.96 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 1,87,900.00.
(5) Tender No. : eTender-hq-kur-33-2026, dtd. 24.04.2026	
Description: NEW WORKS, ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURES, ALL ORDINARY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WORKS OF MISCELLANEOUS NATURE AND SUPPLIES EACH COSTING RS. 5,00,000/- OR LESS IN ACCOUNTS COLONY INCLUDING DRM OFFICE AT KHURDA ROAD UNDER SENIOR SECTION ENGINEER (SSE)(W)/KHURDA ROAD (KUR) FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 30.06.2027.	Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 103.50 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 2,07,000.00.
Completion period : 12 (Twelve) Months (for sl. no. 1, 3, 4 & 5) and 04 (Four) Months (for sl. no. 2)	
Tender closing Date & Time: At 1500 hrs. of 15.05.2026 (for all sl. nos.)	
No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders.	
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Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website ten days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender.	
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## "More power to you for next chapter!": Tiger Shroff congratulates Vijay as Tamil Nadu trends show strong gains

As TVK chief Vijay continues to emerge as a strong force in Tamil Nadu during the ongoing vote counting on Monday, actor Tiger Shroff has congratulated the party with a warm message. Taking to social media, Tiger Shroff congratulated Vijay as trends showed his party gaining strong ground in the state. Sharing his thoughts, the actor praised the trust people have shown in Vijay and wished him well for his political journey. He wrote, "Congratulations to @actorvijay The faith people have in you is amazing to see.

More power to you for this next chapter!" Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), led by Vijay, is currently contesting the elections on its own and has made a strong mark. Earlier in the day, TVK workers were seen celebrating across Tamil Nadu, dancing to Vijay's popular 'whistle podu' song and cheering for their leader. Enthusiastic party workers and supporters gathered in large numbers outside the party office in Chennai, waving flags and distributing sweets to celebrate the party's performance. Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay is leading in the Tiruchirappalli East Assembly constituency at the end of the first round of counting by a margin of 6499 votes, following the counting of votes for the Tamil Nadu



assembly elections began on Monday. His main rival, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) candidate Inigo Irudayaraj, is trailing behind in the initial round, according to early counting trends. Vijay's entry into politics has changed the political scene in the state, making the contest more competitive. Tamil Nadu politics has mostly been led by two major alliances, the DMK-led alliance, which is trying to stay in power, and the AIADMK-led NDA alliance, which includes the BJP. The counting of votes is still underway, and the final results are yet to be officially announced by the Election Commission.

## Shakira makes history at Copacabana: 2 million fans gather for free Rio Concert

The world-famous Copacabana Beach transformed into a musical spectacle on Saturday night as global superstar Shakira performed a free concert that drew nearly 2 million fans. The performance, part of her Las Mujeres Ya No Lloran world tour, turned one of the planet's most iconic beaches into a sea of cheering spectators. Fans began arriving early in the day, staking out prime spots along the sprawling coastline. By nightfall, every inch of the beach buzzed with excitement, as people waved flags, sang along, and awaited the Colombian singer's arrival. Shakira took the stage around 11 p.m., slightly behind schedule, to a thunderous welcome. Drones lit up the sky with a giant message: "I love you Brazil." The singer, reflecting on her deep connection with the country, told the crowd, "I arrived here when I was 18 years old, dreaming about singing for you. And now look at this. Life is magical." The concert featured many of her global hits, including "Hips Don't Lie," "La Tortura," and "La Bicicleta." The show closed with "BZRP Music Sessions #53/66," a song that has resonated widely in recent months following personal life changes. Rio's mayor, Eduardo Cavaliere, took to X (formerly Twitter) to call the event historic, stating that "The She-Wolf made history in Rio", referencing Shakira's 2009 hit. Fans shared emotional stories of growing up listening to her music, describing the concert as a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The event also had a significant impact on the city's economy. Local vendors sold food, drinks, and merchandise, while hotels and restaurants reported a surge in visitors.



## 6 Okra Water Benefits

- Okra water for hydration:** Okra is rich in minerals like magnesium and potassium, which are essential for balancing electrolytes in the body. Adding okra water to your morning routine can provide a refreshing hydration boost, setting a healthy tone for the day.
- Okra water for weight loss:** The fibre in okra helps curb appetite, while vitamin C works to flush out toxins. Together, these factors boost metabolism, accelerating the fat-burning process. Additionally, okra is incredibly low in calories, with less than 33 calories per 100 grams, according to USDA data.
- Okra water for women's health:** Okra is an excellent source of folate, which plays a crucial role in hormonal regulation, particularly for women. For those who may not know, folate is vital in preventing neural tube defects during the early stages of pregnancy.
- Okra for blood sugar regulation:** One of the remarkable qualities of okra is its very low glycaemic index (GI). This helps maintain stable blood sugar levels by releasing sugar gradually into the bloodstream. The American Diabetes Association also recognises non-starchy vegetables like okra as safe and beneficial for individuals with diabetes.
- Okra water for reducing inflammation:** Okra is packed with flavonoids and antioxidants, which are great for reducing inflammation and oxidative stress in the body. This powerful combination not only strengthens your immune system but also improves blood and oxygen flow to skin cells, resulting in healthier, more radiant skin.
- Okra water for heart health:** Okra is a nutritional powerhouse, boasting soluble fibre, antioxidants like polyphenols, and vitamins A and C. These components work together to lower cholesterol, prevent blood clots, and shield against oxidative damage, all of which contribute to better heart health.

## Hyderabadi Lukhmi Recipe

### Ingredients

300 gms minced meat  
2 cups maida  
1 tsp ginger-garlic paste  
150 gram butter  
1/4 tsp haldi  
1 tsp red chilli powder  
1 onion, chopped  
1 tsp garam masala  
1/2 tsp coriander powder  
2-3 tsp lemon juice  
Oil, as required  
2-3 green chillies  
Salt, to taste



### How to Make Hyderabadi Lukhmi

- Start by preparing the dough for the lukhmi. For this, add maida, lemon juice, butter, salt, and water to a bowl and combine well to form a smooth dough. Cover and set aside for a few minutes.
- For the stuffing, heat oil in a pan and add onions, ginger-garlic paste, and salt. Saute for a minute or two.
- Next, add all the dry masalas, including haldi, garam masala, red chilli powder, and coriander powder, along with green chillies and chopped coriander. Mix well.
- Add the keema and cook until done. Transfer this mixture to a bowl and let it cool.
- Take a small portion of the dough and roll it out into a rectangular shape.

## Can Cheese Help You Lose Weight?

**Weight Loss:** We see cheese as a guilty pleasure, but it might actually be a surprising ally in your weight loss journey. A growing body of research, including a compelling Irish study published in Nutrition and Diabetes, suggests that consuming high-fat dairy products like cheese may not only be harmless in moderate quantities but potentially beneficial for weight management and heart health. Let's break down what the science says, explore the healthiest cheese options for slimming down, and discover smart ways to enjoy cheese without derailing your diet.

**The Surprising Link Between Cheese and Weight Loss** The University College Dublin study, which examined around 1,500 adults aged 18 to 90, revealed a surprising connection: those who consumed higher levels of dairy, including cheese, were found to have lower body mass index (BMI), reduced body fat percentages, and smaller waistlines. Even more strikingly, these individuals also had lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Dr. Emma Feeney, one of the lead researchers, highlighted an important point: "We have to consider not just the nutrients themselves but also the matrix in which we are eating them... and what the overall dietary pattern is." In other words, it's not just about the cheese- it's about how you include it in your diet. Interestingly, the study also noted that people who chose low-fat dairy products like skimmed milk or low-fat yoghurt tended to consume more carbohydrates, potentially leading to higher LDL (bad) cholesterol levels. This finding turns the conventional wisdom about "low-fat equals healthy" on its head.

So, cheese might not be the diet demon it's often made out to be, especially when eaten in moderation and as part of a balanced diet. **Which Cheeses Are Best for Weight Loss?** Not all cheeses are created equal. Some are better suited for weight-conscious diets thanks to their lower calorie, sodium, or fat content, as well as their protein density. Here are a few varieties to



consider: **Feta:** Tangy and crumbly, feta is lower in calories than most cheeses and rich in flavour. It pairs well with salads and grilled vegetables. **Fresh Ricotta:** Made from whey, ricotta is high in protein and lighter in fat, especially if you choose part-skim versions. It's a great choice for both sweet and savoury dishes. **Parmesan:** A hard cheese with an intense flavour, parmesan is perfect for sprinkling. A little goes a long way, making it easy to control portions. **Cottage Cheese:** Low in fat and high in protein, cottage cheese is an excellent snack for dieters. Add fruit or herbs for extra taste. **Goat Cheese:** Naturally lower in lactose and often easier to digest, goat cheese can be a creamy, tangy addition to salads or whole grain toast. **How to Eat Cheese and Still Lose Weight** Moderation is key when incorporating cheese into a weight-loss plan. Here are a few practical tips: **Mind the portions:** Stick to small servings- about 30g (roughly the size

of your thumb) is enough to reap the benefits without overdoing the calories. Use cheese to replace less healthy toppings: Instead of creamy dressings or fatty sauces, sprinkle feta or parmesan on salads and pasta. **Pair with whole foods:** Combine cheese with fibre-rich vegetables or whole grains to stay fuller longer and avoid blood sugar spikes. **Watch the sodium:** Some cheeses are high in salt, which can cause water retention. Check labels and opt for lower-sodium varieties when possible. **Choose quality over quantity:** A small amount of a flavourful, high-quality cheese will be more satisfying than a large amount of bland processed cheese. Cheese doesn't need to be banished from your diet if you're trying to lose weight. We now know that cheese- especially the right kinds and in sensible amounts- can be part of a balanced, healthy diet. Just remember: portion control, quality choices, and overall dietary balance are what truly matter.

## 7 Foods To Eat First Thing In The Morning For Healthy Skin

**7 Morning Foods For Healthy Skin:**

- Warm Water with Lemon** Before anything else, start your day with a glass of warm water infused with fresh lemon juice. This simple detox drink hydrates the body, aids digestion, and boosts vitamin C intake- an essential antioxidant for collagen production and skin repair.
- Soaked Almonds** Overnight-soaked almonds are a skin superfood. Rich in vitamin E, antioxidants, and healthy fats, they help fight oxidative stress and maintain skin elasticity. Just 2-5 almonds in the morning can significantly improve your skin's moisture and smoothness and improve UVB Resistance.

- Papaya** This tropical fruit is not only delicious but also a powerful skin cleanser. Packed with vitamin A, C, and digestive enzymes like papain, papaya helps clear blemishes and reduce pigmentation from sun damage and prevents wrinkles. It's especially effective when eaten on an empty stomach. **Source:** South African Journal Of Botany
- Flaxseeds or Chia Seeds** A tablespoon of flaxseeds or chia seeds soaked overnight in water or almond milk is a powerhouse of omega-3 fatty acids. These healthy fats improve skin elasticity, reduce inflammation and support the skin barrier, keeping your skin soft and supple.

# IPL 2026: Pooran Hits Blazing Fifty As LSG Scamper To 228/5 Against MI

Mumbai: Nicholas Pooran blazed to a 16-ball half-century and shared a 94-run partnership with opener Mitchell Marsh (44) as Lucknow Super Giants managed to score 228/5 against Mumbai Indians in Match 47 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the Wankhede Stadium on Monday. Pooran smashed 63 runs off 21 balls, and Marsh blasted 44 off 25 as LSG survived a middle-order collapse to post a challenging total in what is a must-win match for both sides, who are scraping the bottom of the points table with four points each from two wins. Asked to bat first by Suryakumar

Yadav, who was leading the Mumbai Indians in the absence of Hardik Pandya, who was out with back spasms, LSG made a brisk start but lost debutant Josh Inglis for a five-ball 13 with the score reading 29, offering a catch to Yadav off spinner AM Ghazanfar. But Mitchell Marsh, who handed Inglis his debut cap, along with Nicholas Pooran, restored to the No.3 spot, rescued LSG with a 94-run partnership in double quick time. It all started in the fourth over when Marsh struck Jasprit Bumrah for one six and two fours, including one off a no-ball. Pooran got going in the next



over, smashing back-to-back sixes and a four as they scored 20 runs off him. The sixth over went for 19 runs as Pooran smashed Ghazanfar for two sixes and a four as LSG reached 90/1 in the Power-play. Pooran

and Marsh hammered 94 runs in five overs starting from the fourth, as the West Indian dasher blazed to his half-century off 16 balls, smashing one four and seven sixes. Things turned for the Mumbai Indians in the 9th over

when Corbin Bosch struck two crucial blows in his second over of the spell. He first snapped up the rampaging Pooran for 63 (21 balls, 1x4, 8x6) and then sent back Marsh for a 25-ball 44 (25 balls, 4x4, 3x6). It

was an eventful over as Bosch got Pooran with a short one that climbed a bit more than what the batter expected and took the glove to keeper Ryan Rickelton. Two balls later, Rishabh Pant survived a huge appeal for caught-behind as the TV umpire ruled in his favour, as the ball dropped just short of the keeper. But two balls later, there was no such luck for Marsh as the Aussie hit flat and straight to Naman Dhir at deep midwicket off another short one by Bosch. LSG lost both set batters in that one over, and things became quiet for the next couple of overs.

## IPL 2026: Hardik Pandya Unwell, Rohit Comes In For MI As Surya Elects To Bowl V LSG

Mumbai: With skipper Hardik Pandya sitting out because of back spasm, the Mumbai Indians won the toss and elected to bowl first against Lucknow Super Giants in Match 47 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. India's T20 World Cup-winning captain Suryakumar Yadav is leading the Mumbai Indians in the absence of Pandya and said they have made a couple of changes in the playing XI from the side that lost to CSK in Chennai on Saturday. With Pandya out, the Mumbai Indians brought in Corbin Bosch in place of Trent Boult, while Rohit Sharma is back in the mix after an injury break and made it to the Impact Bench. Lucknow Super Giants also made some changes in their Playing XI, handing a debut to Josh Inglis while Mukul Choudhary made way for Akshat Raghuvanshi. Surya said the pitch looks good for bowling first. (Pitch) looks good. A little humid tonight. Hardik's not well tonight, so I'm going to step into his shoes. Corbin Bosch comes in for Trent Boult. And our very own Rohit Sharma is back," said SKY at the toss. "MI is not known to be in such positions. At the end of the day, it's just a game, put your chin up and play the game for the reason you play it. Can't say it makes us dangerous, but we can put our best foot forward. Show character, enjoy the game," he added.

## Shah Rukh Khan hails Sunil Narine after milestone 200th IPL Wicket

Mumbai, May 4: Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan on Sunday showered praise on Sunil Narine after the Kolkata Knight Riders spinner reached a remarkable milestone in the Indian Premier League



During KKR's match against Sunrisers Hyderabad at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, Narine became the first overseas player to take 200 wickets in the IPL. He also set another record by achieving this feat while representing a single franchise throughout his career. Following the match, SRK took to X to share a heartfelt message for Narine. The actor described him as a "magician" and reflected on their long association, highlighting his significant

contributions over the years. Sharing a picture with Narine, Shah Rukh wrote, "Sunil, my friend... here's to 15 seasons... over 200 wickets... 3 titles and many more with the @KKRiders franchise around the globe! You are a magician and we

love you like our own family. Big hug for today and always... Be healthy and keep smiling! #SunilNarine" Narine achieved the milestone during the match, finishing with figures of 2/31 as Sunrisers Hyderabad were bowled out for 165. This

landmark made him the third bowler in IPL history to join the 200-wicket club. He now has 201 wickets in 197 matches at an average of 25.53, including a five-wicket haul. The spinner is also the third-highest wicket-taker in IPL history, trailing only Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Yuzvendra Chahal. Since his debut in 2012, Narine has been a cornerstone for the Kolkata Knight Riders. Renowned for his precision and knack for picking crucial wickets, he played a pivotal role in KKR's title triumphs in 2012, 2014, and 2024. Throughout his career, Narine has received multiple individual accolades, including the Most Valuable Player award in 2012 and 2018, and the Purple Cap in 2012.

## Indian Chess Prodigy Apaar Saxena Becomes International Master After Remarkable Five-Week Surge

New Delhi: Fourteen-year-old Indian prodigy Apaar Saxena has earned the prestigious International Master (IM) title after a remarkable run of performances across Europe, achieving all three required norms in just five weeks. Born in 2012, the young talent from Bengaluru made his mark on the international circuit with a dominant showing at the IM Renome 2 tournament in Bosnia on March 30, where he scored 7/9 to clinch the title and secure his maiden IM norm. He quickly followed it up with another impressive outing at the San Vicente Open in Spain on April 6, once again scoring 7/9 in a highly competitive field featuring over 500 players from 54 countries. Saxena



sealed his second norm with two rounds to spare, underlining his consistency and composure. His strong run continued at the Menorca Open later in April, where he posted a performance rating of 2404 and earned significant rating points, narrowly missing a third consecutive norm despite remaining in contention. The decisive breakthrough came at the IM Putnik 114 tournament in Serbia on May 3, where Saxena

delivered yet another 7/9 performance, securing his final norm and officially attaining the IM title. During the event, he also surpassed a live rating of 2450, marking a rapid rise from his previous rating of 2185 to an official rating of 2362 as of May 1. Achieving all norms and rating requirements within such a short timeframe highlights an extraordinary surge in form and places Saxena among the most exciting young talents in Indian

chess. "His development has been strongly supported by his school Silicon City Academy of Secondary Education, Bangalore, with encouragement from Principal Sumalini Mam and School Coordinator Shenoy Mam. Apaar did not have any personal coach in the last two years. Prior to that, his coach was Jayaram Ramana. He was taking some courses assistance from different academies like Killer Chess Training and Yuri Vovk courses," Apaar's father, Prashant, told ChessBase India. Saxena's father has played a key role in overseeing his training, preparation and tournament planning, while his mother, Ruchi Saxena, has been a constant source of support throughout his journey.

## Indian Deaf cricket team sweep South Africa 3-0 in T20Is, 2-0 in ODIs

NEW DELHI: Indian Deaf Cricket Team completed a dominant tour of South Africa, winning all three T20Is and both ODIs against the hosts The IDCA, supported by the BCCI and recognised by the Deaf International Cricket Council and Asian Deaf Cricket Association, organised the series. In the T20I series, India chased down 108 in the opening match to win by three wickets, followed by an eight-wicket victory in the second game after chasing 109. In the third T20I, India posted 157/3 and bowled South Africa out for 85 to seal a commanding 72-run win. The ODI series saw India continue their strong run. They comfortably chased 118 in the first ODI to win by seven wickets. In the



second ODI, India edged out South Africa in a close contest, chasing 203 and winning by one wicket to complete the 2-0 sweep. Virender Singh was the standout performer of the series. He was named Player of the Series in both formats and also finished as the best batsman and bowler in the T20Is, while

picking up the best bowler award in ODIs. Sai Akash was named the best batsman in the ODI series. The closing ceremony was attended by IDCA officials, support partners and both teams. In a special moment, team representatives including captain Virender Singh and

IDCA President Sumit Jain presented Acting High Commissioner Banu Prakash with a signed jersey and cap as a symbol of respect and unity. Reflecting on the win, Sumit Jain, President, IDCA said, "Our players were well-prepared and excited for the championship. They were ready to showcase their skills

and compete for the prestigious title. Their dominating performance in the series shows that the team left no stones unturned to make sure the trophy comes to India. While, Roma Balwani, CEO, IDCA said, "Hosting the series in Pretoria further strengthens the relationship between India and South Africa, while also recognizing deaf cricket as a competitive and inspiring sport. Events like this go beyond the sport itself—they build connections through sport and celebrate shared values." The association also expressed gratitude to Jay Shah, Chairman of the ICC and the Board of Control for Cricket in India, for supporting disability cricket initiatives.

## BCCI May Introduce New Rules in Indian Premier League Over Player Companion Concerns: Report

NEW DELHI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is reportedly considering new regulations in the Indian Premier League (IPL) to address concerns related to players travelling with companions. The move comes amid fears of internal information leaks and maintaining professionalism within teams. Concerns Over Team Environment and Confidentiality According to reports, the BCCI is evaluating the growing trend of players being accompanied by partners during the IPL season. While the board does not object to personal relationships, it is concerned about companions staying with players, travelling between cities, and

potentially accessing sensitive team-related information. The issue has gained attention due to the increasing presence of social media influencers among companions, raising concerns about inadvertent sharing of confidential details online. The development follows a series of controversies during IPL 2026. Incidents involving individuals linked to franchises, as well as player conduct, have prompted the board to act proactively to avoid further complications. Officials believe setting clear guidelines now could help prevent future disputes and maintain discipline within teams. Reports suggest that players such as Hardik Pandya, Arshdeep Singh, Ishan Kishan, and Yashasvi

Jaiswal have been seen travelling with their partners during the tournament. However, it is important to note that the BCCI has not officially confirmed any wrongdoing, and the discussions remain at a preliminary stage. Restricting companions from travelling with players during IPL matches Strengthening Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) guidelines Introducing clearer rules distinguishing family and non-family members Previously, the board had implemented limits on family presence during long international tours, allowing relatives to accompany players for only a limited duration. Balancing Personal Freedom and Professional Standards

## Healthcare to the Last Mile: Vedanta Aluminium's efforts in Rayagada and Kalahandi

**BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):** Across the interior regions of Rayagada and Kalahandi districts in Odisha, access to healthcare has been shaped as much by distance, terrain and low awareness as it has by proximity to infrastructure. Villages here are largely scattered and transport options limited, with medical facilities concentrated in semi-urban areas far from where several sections of the local population live and work. These circumstances have led to significant challenges in combating seasonal diseases such as malaria and led to the proliferation of undiagnosed chronic conditions and delayed



treatments. This dire situation places added pressure on already vulnerable households, particularly tribal and rural communities. In these districts, where healthcare access is frequently disrupted by geographical and livelihood constraints, early diagnosis and continuity of care is critical, yet elusive. It is within this context that

Vedanta Aluminium's Project Aarogya operates, anchoring healthcare delivery in the lived realities of Rayagada and Kalahandi. In FY26 alone, the initiative benefited nearly 1.26 lakh people across the two districts by taking essential healthcare services to people, building preventive awareness, and strengthening emergency and referral support. One

of the most visible interventions under the project has been the deployment of well-equipped Mobile Health Units, which now regularly cover over 100+ villages in the farthest reaches of Rayagada and Kalahandi. Functioning as portable primary care centres, these units offering consultations, diagnostics and medicines, especially crucial in locations where the nearest health facility may be several kilometres away. For many residents, this has been their first consistent point of contact with trained medical professionals. "Earlier we ignored small

symptoms because visiting a hospital meant losing a workday. Now check-ups happen in the village itself. This project has been a true boon for our communities," said Bhumita Majhi, a resident of Rayagada. In addition to regular outreach, 12 mega health camps were organised in FY26 across Kalahandi, benefitting over 5,000 patients by bringing multi-specialty services to numerous underserved regions. These camps addressed concerns ranging from general ailments to more complex issues such as orthopaedic issues and eye care, conditions that often go untreated in the absence of specialist access.

## KIMS Achieves Breakthrough: Doctors Correct Five Cardiac Defects in Single High-Risk Surgery

**Bhubaneswar Correspondent:** Doctors at the Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) have successfully performed a complex heart surgery, correcting five critical cardiac conditions in a single operation. The intricate procedure included a Bentall operation, mitral valve replacement, tricuspid valve repair, and ASD closure, a major achievement in advanced cardiac care in the state. The success of the surgery has been made possible because of state-of-the-art infrastructure, distinguished physicians and the expertise of its medical team. The operation, a first of its



kind in Odisha, was performed at the KIMS super speciality hospital by a team of highly-experienced physicians, marking a major achievement in advanced cardiac care in the state. The patient, a 32-year-old local resident, had been suffering from severe heart disease for a prolonged period but could not undergo

treatment earlier due to lack of facilities and financial constraints. His condition deteriorated sharply last month, leaving him breathless, fatigued, and unable to lie down for days, with persistent chest pain and palpitations. He had approached several government and private hospitals, but his case was deemed too complex and high-risk. Eventually, he

was admitted to KIMS Super Speciality Hospital, where he consulted cardiac surgeon Dr. Nimai Charan Behera. Detailed investigations revealed that he was suffering from Marfan Syndrome, along with multiple life-threatening cardiac complications, including severe leakage in three heart valves and an aortic root aneurysm. Given the complexity, the medical team undertook a meticulously planned high-risk surgery, addressing all five conditions in a single operation. The

procedures included a Bentall operation, mitral valve replacement, tricuspid valve repair, and ASD closure. Anaesthesia and post-operative ICU management were handled by Dr. Anjan Kumar Das. The surgery was completed in about five hours, and the patient was taken off ventilator support the following day. He showed remarkable recovery and was discharged in stable condition within six days. Post-operative reports confirm that his heart, valves, and aorta are functioning normally, and he has resumed routine activities.

## Sensex, Nifty End Higher Amid Election Results Volatility

Mumbai: Indian equity benchmarks ended higher on Monday but pared early gains to close off the day's highs, as weakness in IT and banking stocks weighed on sentiment amid volatility linked to ongoing election results. The Sensex rose 356 points, or 0.46 per cent, to settle at 77,269.40, while the Nifty gained 121.75 points, or 0.51 per cent, to close at 24,119.30. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that from a derivatives perspective, the structure remains clearly defined. "Strong put writing at the 24,000 and 23,800 levels indicates firm near-term support, while heavy call writing at 24,200-24,300 continues to cap the upside," an analyst stated. Adani Ports led the gainer pack on Sensex followed by Hindustan Unilever, Eternal and Maruti Suzuki India. On the other hand, Bharti Airtel, Kotak Mahindra Bank, TCS, IndiGO, ITC and Infosys were among the top losers on the same index. Broader markets outperformed the frontline indices, with the Nifty MidCap and Nifty SmallCap indices rising 0.63 per cent and 0.70 per cent, respectively. On the sectoral front, realty and metal stocks led the gains, while IT and PSU banking stocks lagged behind, capping the upside in benchmark indices. Meanwhile, global cues remained mixed as oil prices saw a sharp decline during the session. Brent crude dropped as much as 2.45 per cent after US President Donald Trump announced 'Operation Freedom', aimed at ensuring safe passage for stranded ships in the Strait of Hormuz. The May contract of Brent crude was last seen trading 0.39 per cent lower at \$107.75 per barrel on the Intercontinental Exchange. Analysts said markets may continue to remain volatile in the near term as investors react to evolving political developments and global macroeconomic cues.

## EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRAVEL DURING SUMMER

**BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent):** To continue providing convenient travel facilities and to cater to the increased passenger demand during the summer season, the operation of the following Special Trains has been extended. These trains will continue to run with their existing timings and stoppages. Extended Special Train Services 1. 07679 Charlapalli-Kharagpur Special has been extended up to 29th July 2026. 2. 07680 Kharagpur-Charlapalli

Special has been extended up to 30th July 2026. 3. 07699 Charlapalli - Santragachi Special has been extended up to 25th July 2026. 4. 07700 Santragachi-Charlapalli Special has been extended up to 26th July 2026. Coach Composition: • AC 2-Tier - 02 Coaches • AC 3-Tier - 08 Coaches • Sleeper Class - 08 Coaches • General Second Class - 04 Coaches • Luggage-cum-

Generator-cum-Brake Van with Divyang-friendly facility - 02 Coaches Passengers are advised to take note of these extensions and plan their journeys accordingly.

## India Real Estate Transaction Volume Touched \$1.7 Billion In Q1 2026

New Delhi, India's real estate investment market sustained exceptional momentum into 2026, with transaction volumes in Q1 CY2026 reaching \$1.7 billion, up 37 per cent year on year, a report said on Monday. The report from JLL said the quarter saw a structural shift toward core asset acquisitions, which surged 178 per cent to \$1.03 billion. The trend has accelerated into Q2, with core asset deals already totalling \$1.48 billion, signalling sustained confidence in stable, income-generating properties.

## Jindal Stainless announces financial results for the quarter and financial yearended March 31, 2026

**Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent):** The Board of Directors of Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL) today announced the financial results for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2026. In FY26, the company recorded finished goods sales volume of 25,65,902 tonnes, registering a year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth of 8.13%. At consolidated level, the net revenue rose to INR 42,955 crore, up by 9.70% Y-o-Y. EBITDA stood at INR 5,560 crore, growing by 19.15% over the previous year, and profit after tax (PAT) increased by 27.43% Y-o-Y to INR 3,185 crore. During Q4 FY26, the company's finished goods standalone sales volume stood at 6,41,743 tonnes. At a consolidated level, the Q4 net revenue was INR 11,367 crore. EBITDA increased by 37.1% Y-o-Y to INR 1,455 crore, reflecting strong operating performance,

while PAT stood at INR 835 crore, up by 41.5% Y-o-Y. The Board of Directors of JSL recommended a final dividend payment of INR 3 for FY26 subject to approval of shareholders, taking the total dividend payment to INR 4 i.e. 200% per equity share with a face value of INR 2 each. The consolidated net debt-to-equity ratio has further improved to 0.15 vs 0.24 last year. On the domestic front, the company delivered resilient operational and financial performance, supported by strong demand across sectors including automotive, pipes and tubes, metros, lifts and elevators, and white goods. Stainless steel adoption also continued to gain momentum in critical sectors such as infrastructure, electric vehicles, trailers, containers, real estate, defense and aerospace, owing to consumers focus and government push on material with long life cycle, corrosion-resistance and

recyclability. Chinese-origin and Vietnamese imports continued to challenge India's stainless-steel industry, with substandard material often rerouted through ASEAN countries, reflecting persistent circumvention practices and raising concerns over the influx of substandard inputs. On the export front, the company continued to operate in a challenging global environment shaped by geopolitical conflicts and tariff uncertainties, resulting in consequential trade disruptions. Despite this, Jindal Stainless delivered sustained export performance, while also maintaining a focus on expanding into markets such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Germany, which continued to gain traction. Jindal Stainless' value-added offerings in these markets, supported by strong product positioning and margin management, continued to hold the company in good stead.

## THREE-DAY STATE-LEVEL AWARENESS PROGRAM ON FIRST AID AND ROAD SAFETY BEGINS AT SOA

**Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent):** A three-day state-level awareness program on First Aid and Road Safety organised by the NSS Bureau of SOA Deemed to be University and supported by the State NSS Cell, Ministry of Higher Education, Government of Odisha, began in the university campus here on Sunday. The program aimed at enhancing awareness, preparedness and life saving skills among students, volunteers and the general public. Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda, Vice-Chancellor of SOA, who addressed the inaugural function, emphasized the importance of acquiring knowledge about first aid



as a critical life saving skill and urged the students to act as responsible citizens during emergency situations. Dr. Kamal Lochan Mahanta, NSS Program Coordinator for SOA, highlighted the significance of first aid awareness in today's society and urged the participants to actively engage in community service emphasizing that every trained

individual could become a potential lifesaver in critical situations. Dr. Sarita Patel, Regional Director of NSS, who attended as guest of honour, elaborated on the role of NSS volunteers in community service and disaster response, stressing that timely administration of first aid could significantly reduce fatalities in road accidents.

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