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Killed 14 Pakistani Soldiers In 10 Operations Across Balochistan

Quetta: A Baloch armed group has claimed responsibility for launching 10 operations against Pakistani forces and killing 10 military personnel and four alleged "state agents" during attacks across several districts of Balochistan, including Kharan, Washuk, Awaran, Kech and Mastung, local media reported. In a statement, Balochistan Liberation Front (BLF) spokesperson Major Gwahram Baloch said the group's fighters attacked Pakistan's Frontier Corps (FC) checkpoints, military camps, a convoy, personnel guarding a road construction company and individuals described as "death squad agents" and "state agents". He added that during the operation, weapons



were seized and surveillance cameras were destroyed. The BLF said its fighters targeted the FC checkpoint on Gazi Road in Kharan on May 3 using rockets and grenade launchers, claiming that the munitions struck within the post and resulted in casualties and material damage. The spokesperson accused Pakistani forces of opening "indiscriminate fire" on nearby civilians following the attack while

attempting to pursue the fighters with quadcopters. The Balochistan Post reported. According to the statement, the group conducted an intelligence-based operation on May 2 in the Naag-Grari area of Washuk, killing two "armed death squad agents". The BLF claimed that its fighters attacked the main Pakistani military camp in the Tirteer area of Awaran on April 29, beginning with a sniper strike that killed a soldier on guard.

Odisha CM Pitches State As Emerging Industrial Hub At Ahmedabad Investors' Meet

Ahmedabad (Gujarat): Making a strong pitch under the 'Purvodaya' vision to position Odisha as a key driver of India's next phase of industrial growth, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Tuesday invited investors to explore opportunities in the state, highlighting its strategic location, robust infrastructure, and industry-friendly policies. Addressing the Odisha Investors' Meet roadshow here, Majhi said the state is ready to play a pivotal role in powering growth in eastern India. "Gujarat has powered India's west. Odisha is now ready to power India's east, offering scale, speed, and strategic access to the next frontier of growth," he said. The first day of the Chief Minister's visit to



Gujarat witnessed participation from over 500 industry representatives, business associations, and institutional stakeholders, reflecting rising investor interest in Odisha's evolving industrial ecosystem. The Chief Minister emphasised that India's next phase of economic expansion will be stronger and

more balanced with the rise of eastern India, placing Odisha at the centre of this transformation. "We are here with a clear message: Odisha is ready for the next chapter of India's industrial growth. We invite industry to explore, invest, and grow with us as we build a future-ready industrial ecosystem,"

he stated. The delegation included Minister for Industries Sampad Chandra Swain, Chief Secretary Anu Garg, ACS Industries, Home and I&PR Hemant Sharma, and senior officials of the Government of Odisha. The roadshow was marked by focused engagements and two sectoral

roundtables, including a textile roundtable, along with direct interactions with industry leaders, enabling meaningful dialogue on investment opportunities, policy support, and facilitation mechanisms. The Chief Minister also chaired 26 one-on-one meetings, reflecting Odisha's commitment to responsive governance and investor-centric engagement. Discussions spanned a wide range of sectors, highlighting the state's growing capabilities across both established and emerging industries. During sectoral interactions, particularly in textiles, the Chief Minister highlighted the deep cultural and economic connection between Odisha and Gujarat.

No Question Of Resigning, Says Mamata Banerjee

Kolkata: A day after Trinamool Congress witnessed a major defeat in West Bengal Assembly elections after 15 years of uninterrupted rule in the state, the outgoing Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, on Tuesday, stressed on the necessity of strengthening the INDIA Bloc to organise a movement nationally against the BJP and the NDA-ruled Centre. She also ruled out the possibility of voluntarily tendering her resignation to the Governor as the outgoing Chief Minister. According to her, the "defeat" of Trinamool Congress this time, was not a "defeat" in the real sense as the results did not reflect the true public mandate. "Why shall I



resign now? We are not defeated in the true sense. The results are reflections of massive misappropriation and vote-looting. So, where from the question of resignation comes," Mamata Banerjee told media persons on Tuesday afternoon at a press conference accompanied by her nephew and Trinamool Congress General Secretary, Abhishek Banerjee and a host of members of the

outgoing state Cabinet led by her. Speaking on the occasion, she also claimed that after the results were declared on Monday night, she received solidarity calls from all top leaders of the constituents of the INDIA bloc. According to her, top leaders from the INDIA Bloc like Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Arvind Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav and Hemant Soren called her up and assured of support. "The

INDIA Bloc will become stronger in the coming days. Akhilesh wanted to come and meet today. I have asked him to come tomorrow. Everyone will come one by one. We will strengthen the Opposition alliance," the Chief Minister said. Speaking on the occasion, she also said that the contest of Trinamool Congress in this election was more against the Election Commission of India (ECI) rather than against the BJP. "Our real battle was not against the BJP. The ECI was the main villain this time and it created a black history. First, they snatched the democratic right of many people to cast their votes through the Special Intensive Revision exercise.

Trump Says Iran Fired At South Korean Vessel, Urges Seoul To Join Strait Of Hormuz Mission

Seoul/Washington: US President Donald Trump has claimed that Iran has taken shots at a South Korean cargo ship and other targets, noting that it is time for Seoul to participate in a mission to reopen the crucial Strait of Hormuz. Trump made the remarks in a social media post as the United States launched an operation, called Project Freedom, on Monday (local time), to guide commercial vessels stranded by the US-Israeli war against Iran, out of the waterway, a key shipping route for oil, fertiliser and other commodities. "Iran has taken some shots at unrelated Nations with respect to the Ship Movement, PROJECT FREEDOM, including a South Korean Cargo Ship. Perhaps it's time for South Korea to come and join the mission!" Trump

wrote on Truth Social. "We've shot down seven small Boats or, as they like to call them, 'fast' Boats. It's all they have left. Other than the South Korean Ship, there has been, at this moment, no damage going through the Strait," he added. Trump's comment came after Seoul's foreign ministry said that an explosion occurred on a Panama-flagged ship operated by HMM Co., a major South Korean shipping firm, in the Strait of Hormuz, and that the cause of the explosion is under investigation, reports Yonhap news agency. The ship was anchored in waters near the United Arab Emirates within the strait. It was carrying 24 crew members on board — six South Koreans and 18 foreign nationals. No casualties were reported. Amid Iran's pushback

in the waterway, Trump warned in a phone interview with Fox News that Iranian forces would be "blown off the face of the Earth" should they attempt to target US vessels in the strait. But he still struck a positive note for peace talks with Iran, claiming Iranian negotiators were "far more malleable." Trump's renewed call for South Korea to join the mission in the strait added pressure on the Asian country that relies heavily on the waterway for its energy imports. The strait is responsible for about a fifth of the world's oil supply. Last month, the US president pointed out that South Korea was "not helpful" to the US despite America having stationed its troops "in harm's way" in the Asian country, which he stressed is located "right next to" North Korea's nuclear forces.

Indian Journalists Win Prestigious US Award For Cybercrime Expose

New York: Two Indian journalists have won the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for an art reporting project exposing cybercrime in India. Anand RK and Suparna Sharma, along with Natalie Obiko Pearson, were announced as the winners on Monday in the Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category for the report they produced for Bloomberg. Another Indian

journalist, Devjyot Ghoshal, was a finalist in the same category for an exposé of cybercrime and trafficking in Southeast Asia, in which criminals use people from several countries, including India, who are held as prisoners in camps and forced to scam victims in other countries. He is based in Bangkok. Aniruddha Ghosal, a Hanoi-based reporter, was a winner in the International Reporting category for

an investigation into the US Border Patrol's secret use of mass-surveillance tools originally created in Silicon Valley and further developed in China. The series also exposed its use by China and other countries. The highest journalism awards in the US, the Pulitzer Prizes, are administered by Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism here.

PM Modi To Offer Prayers At Somnath Temple, Inaugurate Sardar Dham Complex In Vadodara On May 11

Vadodara/Gir Somnath: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on May 11 to attend a series of religious, administrative and community events across Gir Somnath and Vadodara, with preparations underway at multiple levels to facilitate the visit. The Prime Minister is scheduled to begin his visit at the Somnath Temple, where he will perform darshan. Ahead



of the visit, District Collector N.V. Upadhyay chaired a high-level review

meeting, directing officials to complete all necessary arrangements within set timelines, including uninterrupted power supply, traffic regulation, parking management and sanitation along designated routes. Barricading and other logistical measures are being put in place, and security deployment is being strengthened, with the administration placed on alert. Separate coordination meetings have also been held in

Gandhinagar, under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi, to oversee administrative and security planning for the Prime Minister's engagements across the state. The Prime Minister will then travel to Vadodara to inaugurate the Sardar Dham Bhavan-3, also known as the Shri Dushyant and Daksha Patel Complex, constructed near Vaghodia Crossing on NH-8A adjacent to L&T Knowledge City.

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Shakti Centre for women was also inaugurated near Kharada village. According to the local Sarpanch, the projects were completed with funds sanctioned by the previous government. District Council Chairman G. Tirupati Rao, Block Chairperson Bala Saiyama, Sitapur Sarpanch Tejeswar Rao, Kharada Sarpanch Akhila Patra and others were present on the occasion

Hon'ble Housing and Urban Development Minister Visit to Angul

Angul: (Correspondent) :- Hon'ble Housing and Urban Development Minister Dr. Krishna Chandra Mohapatra visited Angul today and reviewed the development work of the city and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated many new projects. In the morning, he visited the local Saaleshree area and had darshan of Lord Jagannath. Later, he visited the food center and inspected the quality of food and sanitation there. He attended the 29th Authority Meeting organized by TAMDA at the Circuit House Conference Hall and discussed the revenue of Tamda, its functioning, various problems and the improvement and restoration of the market complex and welfare pavilions under it. The Hon'ble Minister



emphasized on including the vacant lands in the city improvement plan. The meeting was attended by the Honorable Pallahada MLA and Chairman of the District Planning Committee, Shri Ashok Mohanty, Honorable Angul MLA Shri Pratap Chandra Pradhan, Honorable Chendipada MLA Shri Agasti Behera, Honorable Talcher MLA Shri Braj Kishore Pradhan, Honorable Hindoka MLA Smt. Seemarani Nayak, Honorable

Dhenkanal MP Representative Shri Parvatava Kumar Pradhan, Angul Municipality Chairman Shri Akshay Kumar Samanta, Talcher Municipality Chairman Shri Prithvi Bhutia, Additional District Collector Shri Uday Kumar Mahapatra, Additional District Collector Shri Pratap Pritimay, Angul Deputy District Collector Shri Mayadhar Behera, Talcher Deputy District Collector Shri Ashish Ranjan Sahu and

various departmental officers. Similarly, in the afternoon, the Hon'ble Minister attended the meeting of the District Urban Development Authority (DUDA) and discussed the issues related to waste management in the city, provision of houses to beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), provision of Mission Shakti houses for women under Mission Shakti under CM Urban Development Yojana (MSBY), PM Swanidhi Yojana, provision of clean drinking water in urban areas, smart LED street lights. Along with this, he laid the foundation stone and inaugurated 17 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crore 4 lakh 22 thousand 185 crore. Keeping in view the infrastructure and

public amenities of the city, the Hon'ble Minister laid the foundation stone of a new vending zone, new crematorium, park, open gym along with installation of street lights, provision of Municipal Garbage Collection Vehicles (LCVs) and inaugurated the beautification work of the city near the Girls' High School. The Hon'ble Minister said that the State Government is committed to increasing the amenities and improving the lifestyle of the people in urban areas. District Collector Shri Abdal Muhammad Akhtar was present in all these programs and extended his full cooperation and discussed the successful implementation of various projects.

Fire Breaks Out At RBI Building In New Delhi

New Delhi: A fire broke out at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) building here on Tuesday afternoon, but was controlled soon in a swift response from firefighting teams. No injuries or casualties were reported in the incident, officials said. According to officials, the blaze originated from a box containing solar panels within the premises. Firefighters were alerted to the situation at around 1.05 pm, following which five fire tenders were rushed to the spot. The fire was brought under control within 15 minutes, preventing any major damage or escalation. Authorities confirmed that the situation was handled quickly and safely, with no harm to personnel present at the building. The incident comes close on the heels of another fire reported in the city. A blaze had broken out earlier in the Chawri Bazar area of Delhi, for which a call was received by the Connaught Place Fire Station at around 7:21 pm on Sunday. Firefighting teams were immediately dispatched to manage the situation.

Raghav Chadha's Sharp Attack On AAP After BJP Merger; Alleges Vendetta, Intimidation

New Delhi: Launching a scathing attack on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), MP Raghav Chadha on Tuesday accused his former party of resorting to "vindictive politics" and misusing state machinery to target leaders who recently merged with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Drawing a contrast between AAP's past and present conduct, Chadha said, "As long as we were obedient, we were called virtuous. The moment we parted ways, we were branded corrupt. Those who describe loot and plunder as 'staunch honesty' — how can anyone maintain friendship with them?" He went on to liken AAP's behaviour to that of "an obsessed, jilted ex", alleging that the party has been unable to accept their exit and has instead turned bitter and retaliatory. Detailing alleged instances of harassment, Chadha claimed that since April 24, 2026 — the day seven MPs formally joined the BJP — multiple leaders have faced intimidation.

Hi-tech's Allied students will become the best paramedical staff in the country - Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi

Bhubaneswar: (Correspondent) :- The two-day program of Hi-tech Allied Medical Sciences Institute, Mediverse-2026, has been inaugurated. Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi, founder chairman of Hi-tech Group, formally inaugurated the program and said that there is a need for more than 60 lakh paramedical staff in the country. Hi-tech Allied Sciences is preparing 800 students every year to serve the patients with the best training. He expressed confidence that in the coming days, the best paramedical staff working in any corner of the world will be from Hi-tech. At the program, Hi-tech Group CEO



and Managing Trustee Suresh Panigrahi advised the students to first be good human beings and devote themselves to serving the patients. Similarly, Madhusmita Tripathi, executive chairman of Hi-tech Allied Sciences, said that the work you do is completely

different from others. He said that if every task is done properly, one gets real satisfaction. The program was attended by the Executive director Dr. Rakesh Panigrahi, Anil Panigrahi, Medical College Professor Director Dr. Debananda Mohapatra, Dean and

Director Professor Dr. Radhamadhav Tripathi, Dr. Lisa Sarangi, Professor Kumarbar Dash, CEO and Jyotirmayee Panda. Dr. Chittaranjan Sahani advised the students to do good deeds in the coming days and keep the name of their parents high. RJKP conducted the program.

Rayagada Railway Division to Become Operational from June 1, 2026

Rayagada, (Correspondent) : In a significant administrative reform aimed at strengthening railway operations in eastern India, the Ministry of Railways has issued a formal notification announcing that the Rayagada Railway Division will become fully operational from June 1, 2026. The newly formed division will function under the East Coast Railway, marking a major step in decentralising railway administration and improving service delivery in southern Odisha. The development follows the long-awaited reorganisation of the Waltair Division, which has now been

bifurcated. While a significant portion will form the Rayagada Division under ECoR, the remaining sections will be brought under the Visakhapatnam Division of the South Coast Railway (SCoR), headquartered in Visakhapatnam. The Rayagada Division is expected to oversee a railway network of approximately 695-700 kilometres, covering key routes such as Koraput-Singapur Road, Kothavalasa-Kirandul (KK Line), and Gunupur-Paralakhemundi. The division will primarily serve the tribal-dominated districts of southern Odisha, including Rayagada and

Koraput, making it strategically important for improving connectivity and regional development. Officials believe the new division will enhance operational efficiency, enable faster decision-making, improve passenger and freight services, generate employment opportunities, and accelerate economic growth in underdeveloped areas. The operationalisation aligns with the broader rollout of the South Coast Railway zone, a major restructuring initiative by Indian Railways to optimise administrative control and infrastructure management in the region.

Cong The New Muslim League? Assembly Poll Results Reflect Party's Success In Polarising Political Battlefield

New Delhi: Politics of polarisation has been a part of the larger battle on the ground in several constituencies where Assembly elections were held recently, with Muslim candidates put up by the Congress and its allies having triumphed in minority-influenced areas. In Assam, where polls were held across 126 seats in the state, Monday's results show that 18 out of 19 Assembly seats that the Congress won are by Muslims. Only one among the 79 non-Muslim candidates fielded by the party has managed to succeed. Going by the available results till now, a political debate has been set off where a national party like the Congress has apparently lost its acceptance pan-Assam and

has decided to focus on a selective vote bank. In comparison, overall, the 'grand old party' had cornered 29 seats in 2021, with its then-alliance partners having won 21 more. Meanwhile, its new-found ally, the Akhil Gogoi-led Rajgor Dal, has won two seats, of which one is a Muslim and the other the founder himself, who is under investigation by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The probe agency has termed him "a kingpin of Maoist activities in the state". The activist has, however, denied the charge, claiming that cases against him were a result of "political vendetta". Meanwhile, the BJP broke out of the two consecutive election results limited to 60 seats in 2016 and 2021 in the 126-strong Assam Assembly. It has managed to score wins in 82 constituencies, achieving a majority on its own for the first time.

Bansidhar & Ila Panda Foundation and IMFA Inaugurate Community Learning Centres (CLC) to Empower Women Through Literacy

Rayagada: (Correspondent)- The Community Learning Centres (CLCs) were inaugurated on 5th May 2026 by Bansidhar & Ila Panda Foundation (BIPF) & IMFA, marking the launch of a structured 11-month learning programme aimed at mainstreaming educationally underserved adolescent girls and women through functional literacy and life skills education. The programme will benefit communities across the villages of Paikapada (Keliguda), Therubali, Geraput

(Kartikaguda), Pindapadar (Bada Khilapadra), and Angul (Kartikaguda). A total of 180 beneficiaries have been enrolled under this initiative, covering 6 villages across 4 Gram Panchayats. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Ms. Reena Pradhan, BDO; Sri G.V. Rakesh, Unit Head, IMFA; and Sri Kshitish Chandra Mahapatra, DGM (HR & Admin). Addressing the gathering, Ms. Reena Pradhan stated that age



is no barrier to learning and emphasized that education is essential for day-to-day life. She also appreciated and praised IMFA and Bansidhar & Ila Panda Foundation for taking up such a noble

initiative. Sri G.V. Rakesh, Unit Head, IMFA, delivered a deeply moving message, stating that education is not merely a basic need but a transformative force that has the power to change destinies and

unlock every path in life. When a mother is educated, she becomes the light of her family, nurturing dreams, shaping futures, and breaking the cycle of ignorance. "An educated mother builds an empowered family, and empowered families together lay the foundation of a progressive, enlightened, and stronger society". On the occasion, learning material kits were distributed to all enrolled beneficiaries by Sri G.V. Rakesh, Unit Head, and Sri

Kshitish Chandra Mahapatra, DGM (HR & Admin). Each kit contained three books, one slate, a pencil box, and chalk to support their learning journey. The initiative aims to equip participants with essential reading, writing, and life skills, enabling them to become self-reliant and actively participate in socio-economic activities, and the programme concluded with a collective commitment from all stakeholders to ensure regular participation and

the successful completion by all enrolled beneficiaries. The programme was nicely organized under the leadership of Mr. Prabhakar Panda, Programme Officer, BIPF, along with the BIPF team, and was effectively coordinated by the PR team. The vote of thanks was delivered by BIPF and IMFA, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and stakeholders for their support and presence.

BIRBHASKAR HEADS GAJAPATI ST MORCHA

Paralakhemundi, (Correspondent): Birbhaskar Paik has been appointed as the President of the Gajapati District ST Morcha. A former Sarpanch of Mahendragada Panchayat under R. Udayagiri block, he is known for his dedicated service and disciplined role in the BJP. Paik expressed his gratitude to State ST Morcha President Kandra Soren and State BJP President Manmohan Samal, along with district party leaders, for the responsibility. He said he will continue to work for the welfare and development of the local tribal community.

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Khalikot University Vice Chancellor given charge as Brahmapur University Vice Chancellor

Gopalpur (correspondent): As the four-year term of Brahmapur University Vice Chancellor Professor Gitanjali Dash ends on Wednesday, Khalikot University Vice Chancellor Professor Asima Sahu has been given charge. In this regard, the Higher Education Department has today issued a letter No. 5359/5/5/26 to the Chancellor and Secretary to the Chancellor, R.R. Sahu, and the Vice Chancellor of Khalikot University, Professor Asima Sahu, has been given charge as the acting Vice Chancellor for the next six months or until the new Vice Chancellor assumes charge.

Shantanu and Sangeeta felicitated

Balipatna (Correspondent): Shantanu Kumar Tripathi of Narisho Panchayat Government High School under Balipatna block in Khordha district has secured A-1 in the matriculation examination this year, while Sangeeta Sahu has passed with A-2. In the presence of teachers, Zone No. 21 jilla parishad member Pabitra Mohan Patel, Kailash Chandra Swain and Jagannath Padhi attended the function as guests and felicitated the students with medals and bouquets. The students said that Shantanu will become a good engineer in the future and work for the country, and Sangeeta, who comes from a poor family, will become a



good teacher in the future and teach children free of cost. The function was organized by the in-charge headmistress of the school, Niharika Rath, and art teacher Jamil Akhtar, while former headmistress Mahendra Kumar Mohanty and other teachers and the teacher joined in and congratulated the students. Former headmaster Biswanath Sahu congratulated the students. Two guardians joined in and expressed their gratitude while other school staff members were present. The teachers and guests said that these two have brought pride and glory to our school and panchayat and expressed their hope that it will be even better in the future.

Odisha CEO To Meet BJD Delegation On May 11 Over RS Poll Irregularities

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The Odisha Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) has scheduled a meeting with a delegation of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on May 11 to discuss allegations of irregularities during the Rajya Sabha elections held on March 16, an official communication said on Tuesday. According to a letter issued by Joint CEO Gopinath Kuan to Sasmit Patra, the BJD delegation has been invited to meet the CEO at 11:00 am on the scheduled date to deliberate on concerns raised earlier by the party. The issues pertain to an email submitted by the BJD on March 18 alleging



procedural violations during the polling process. The controversy centres on claims that two legislators of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were issued a second ballot paper during voting. The MLAs named in the complaint are Upasana Mohapatra and Purna Chandra Sethi. Earlier, on April 28,

Patra had written to Gyanesh Kumar, seeking intervention and alleging that the conduct of the polls was compromised due to the issuance of duplicate ballot papers. Following this, Rajendra Kumar Singh, in a communication dated April 29, requested the Odisha CEO to arrange an urgent meeting

with the BJD delegation to examine the matter. In response, the CEO's office scheduled the May 11 meeting. Meanwhile, the BJD has constituted a five-member team to present its case. The delegation will be led by Prasanna Acharya, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Odisha Assembly. Other members include Pramila Mallik, Pratap Keshari Deb, Arun Kumar Sahoo, and Patra. In a statement, the party reiterated its demand for immediate statutory action over the alleged irregularities and called for a fair and transparent inquiry to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process.

Mobile Theft Gang Busted In Bhubaneswar; Six Arrested, 24 Mobiles Seized

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): A mobile theft gang involved in multiple break-ins at mobile shops in Bhubaneswar has been busted by police, with six persons, including five minors, arrested in connection with the case, police said on Tuesday. The arrested accused has been identified as Aditya Sahoo (19), a resident of the Jajpur area, while the remaining five are minors and children in conflict with the law (CCL). Bhubaneswar Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Jagmohan Meena said the gang was active across different police station jurisdictions and targeted mobile shops in a planned manner. According to Meena, the first theft



took place in the Mancheswar police station area on April 30, followed by another incident in the Laxmisagar police station area on May 3. "The incidents were reported from different areas, but CCTV analysis and the modus operandi indicated the involvement of the same gang. Both police stations coordinated and successfully identified and apprehended the accused," DCP Meena said while briefing the media. During the investigation, police seized 24 mobile phones, six earphones, one drone, and several mobile accessories from their possession. Items allegedly used for housebreaking were also seized. Meena further said that

interrogation revealed the accused were also involved in motorcycle thefts. Two stolen motorcycles have been recovered, and the related case has been registered at the Badagada police station. The vehicles will be returned to their rightful owners after due verification. Preliminary records showed that one of the juveniles has multiple past cases registered against him, including theft, housebreaking, and anti-social activities, Meena added. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the wider network and possible involvement of other members in similar crimes.

IMD Sounds Yellow Alert For Bhubaneswar, Predicts Rain, Lightning, Gusty Winds In 3 Hrs

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): The India Meteorological Department on Tuesday evening issued a nowcast "yellow warning" for thunderstorm activity in parts of Odisha, cautioning residents of imminent weather changes over the next few hours. According to the Meteorological Centre in Bhubaneswar, thunderstorms accompanied by lightning, light to moderate rainfall, and gusty surface winds reaching speeds of 30-40 kmph are very likely to affect one or two places in Khurda district — including the state capital — as well as Nayagarh district and Puri district within the next three hours. The advisory, issued at 2000



hours IST, urged people to remain alert and closely monitor weather conditions for any sudden deterioration. Residents have been advised to move to safer locations, particularly to reduce the risk of lightning strikes. The IMD categorised the alert as a "yellow message," indicating the need for

heightened awareness and precaution, especially for those in open areas or engaged in outdoor activities. Authorities have reiterated standard safety measures, including avoiding shelter under trees during lightning, staying indoors where possible, and securing loose objects that may be affected by gusty winds.

Lover's Brother Hacks Woman To Death Amid Sit-in Protest In Ganjam

Berhampur: In a shocking incident in Ganjam district, a woman was allegedly hacked to death by her partner's brother while staging a protest to claim her rights, leaving behind a three-year-old child and raising serious questions about her safety.

The incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon at K. Kharida village under Hinjili police limits. The deceased has been identified as Puja Swain, a resident of the Rambha area, while the accused, Litu Gouda, has been detained for questioning. According to preliminary reports, Puja had been in a relationship with Chintu Gouda of the same village for the past four years after they connected on Instagram. The couple had eloped and lived as migrant labourers in another state, during which they had a daughter. Sources said Puja was also four months pregnant. A few months ago, Chintu brought Puja and their child back to his ancestral home in K. Kharida. However, around 15 days ago, he allegedly abandoned them at Berhampur railway station on the pretext of stepping away briefly, and never returned. After waiting through the night, Puja reportedly approached Hinjili police station three days ago and lodged a complaint. Police are said to have advised reconciliation, suggesting the couple should live together.

Dy CM Singh Deo Reviews Power Preparedness For Summer, Kalbaisakhi Season

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo on Tuesday reviewed the preparedness of the Energy Department and directed DISCOMs to ensure uninterrupted and reliable power supply across Odisha during the upcoming summer and Kalbaisakhi (north-western) season. Chairing a high-level review meeting at Lok Seva Bhawan, Singh Deo assessed the state's readiness to meet peak summer demand and manage disruptions caused by Kalbaisakhi. The



meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Vishal Kumar Dev, CMD of OPTCL Bhaskar Jyoti Sarma, and the CEOs of all DISCOMs in the state. The Deputy

Chief Minister directed DISCOMs to ensure round-the-clock quality power supply and instructed that all consumer complaints be treated as a priority and resolved within

stipulated timelines. He emphasised the need to strengthen response systems and called for the deployment of additional dedicated teams to ensure faster grievance

redressal. Stressing system reliability, Singh Deo directed DISCOMs to use only quality materials and accessories in maintenance and restoration works to avoid recurring faults. He also emphasised consumer-centric service delivery and instructed officials at all levels to maintain polite and proactive behaviour while dealing with consumers. The review meeting also focused on electrical safety measures. Singh Deo issued strict directions regarding the installation of hoardings and billboards near power lines and installations.

Odisha Govt Reviews Road Safety Measures, Calls For Strict Enforcement

Cuttack (Correspondent): The Odisha government on Tuesday reviewed ongoing road safety measures and called for stricter enforcement of traffic rules to curb the rising number of road accidents across the state. A high-level review

meeting was held under the direction of Commerce & Transport Minister Bibhusan Jena, where Transport Commissioner held discussions with Deputy Transport Commissioners (DTCs), Regional Transport Officers

(RTOs) and Additional Regional Transport Officers (ARTOs) to strengthen road safety programmes. The meeting, conducted at the State Transport Authority (STA) office, saw senior officials participating in person while field officers

joined virtually. Officials were directed to intensify enforcement drives and ensure strict compliance with traffic regulations at the district level. Transport Commissioner Amitabh Thakur expressed concern over the steady rise in road

accidents, describing it as a serious issue requiring immediate and sustained intervention. He said the government has mandated strict enforcement measures and asked RTOs to act decisively at the ground level. He said

reckless driving and repeated violation of traffic norms continue to pose a major risk to public safety. "Enforcement must be planned, consistent and effective to bring down accidents," he said.

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.

Over then, 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 onboard 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 Ratheta Bamanamdrushwa Pumarjanma Nabityate" 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 Bama 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

tree top, 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.

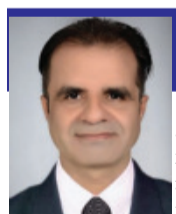
I need money to buy them." "Sorry, but I do not have money, but you can pick all my apples and sell them. Then, you will have money." The boy was so excited. He grabbed all the apples on the tree and left happily. The boy never came back after he picked the apples and the tree felt sad. One day, many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

Police are looking for four accused in the kidnapping murder of plot dealer Sudhir

Goplapur (correspondent): Police are looking for the accused who fired shots in the kidnapping and murder of the much-talked about businessman and plot dealer Sudhir Patro. Four more accused are still absconding in the robbery and murder case of Sudhir. The two accused who fired shots and threatened Sudhir's wife over the phone and demanded money are still absconding. Police

are conducting raids at various places to find them. Nine accused, including Sudhir's niece Nivedita and nephew Tushar, have been arrested in this case. On the day of the incident, three accused were carrying pistols at the scene of the incident, but one of them fired. Police had arrested the accused Surya Pratap, who came from Surat area, and seized the pistol and ammunition

from him. Meanwhile, the pistol held by one of the accused, Narayan Pradhan, was thrown into the Baghua Dam by Ashish Mohapatra and Narayan, during the recreation of the incident. The police are searching for the accused, who is in Ferrara, and his pistol. It is learnt that the police are preparing to go to another state to find the four criminals in Ferrara.

Distribution of +2 Science Textbooks in Odia and Teacher Training Workshop



JAJPUR (Correspondent): A meeting was held in the District School Conference Hall of Jajpur regarding the introduction of science textbooks written in Odia for Class XI and XII. The discussion took place in the presence of principals of all higher secondary schools in the district. As per the directive issued by the Department of School and Mass Education, the discussion was conducted under the chairmanship of District Education Officer Mr. Maheswar Sahu. Members from the Institute of Odia Studies and Research, including Member Secretary Dr. Subrata Kumar Prusti and Project Director Nirad Baran Khuntia,

were present. The session focused on the challenges, solutions, and relevance of teaching and learning science in Odia at the higher secondary level. The main objective of the program was to promote science education in the mother tongue, standardize scientific terminology, simplify Odia translations of technical terms, and review the content of the textbooks, including illustrations, examples, exercises, and teaching methods. Emphasis was also given to how the practical aspects of science can be effectively taught in the Odia medium. Dr. Prusti stated, "Language should never be a barrier to acquiring knowledge. In the past,

Jajpur contributed significantly to the intellectual heritage of India, but today it has fallen behind in the field of science. Therefore, if students of this mineral-rich land study science in their own language, they can fulfill their dreams of becoming doctors, engineers, and scientists." It was also highlighted that 15% seats are reserved in medical and engineering admissions for students from government schools. Professor Nirad Baran Khuntia informed that since question papers for competitive examinations, including civil services, medical, and engineering entrance tests, are available in Odia, studying science in Odia will not create any difficulty in the future.

Minister Ravi Narayan Nayak reviewed various development works

Malkangiri, correspondent: An important review meeting was held at the Malkangiri District Council Conference Hall. State Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Minister Ravi Narayan Nayak attended as the chief guest and reviewed the progress of various development projects. Nabarangpur MP Balabhadra Majhi, Malkangiri MLA Narasinh Madkani, District Collector Prathmesh Arvind Rajeshirke and Chief Development Officer Dasarathi Sarabu were prominently present. In



the meeting, the progress of various rural housing schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin, PM-Janman, Adarsh Gram Yojana, Biju Pukka Ghar Yojana and New Special Pukka Ghar Yojana were discussed in

detail. In addition, the status of the projects of the Developed Village, Developed Odisha Yojana, Rural Construction Department and Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department was reviewed. The Minister emphasized

on the progress of daily work, employment of workers and meeting the targets of creating working days in the MGNREGA scheme. All the district BDOs and departmental officers were present in the meeting

Incident in Kandha Kharida village

Woman was demanding rights; Boyfriend's brother killed with axe

Goplapur (correspondent): This unfortunate incident took place on Tuesday afternoon in Kandha Kharida village under Hinjili police station of Ganjam district. A woman who was struggling to get her rights has finally lost her life. The woman had gone to her boyfriend's house to get her rights. She was killed while she was sitting there insisting on getting her boyfriend. The boyfriend's brother killed the woman in a fit of rage. The woman's bloody body was lying on the floor of the house, and the innocent child was crying "Mother... Mother...". There was no one else to stop the tears from her eyes. How will the child live and grow up



now that her mother is gone, questions have been raised. The accused Litu Gowda is in police custody. According to information, Puja Swain of Rambha police station started a love affair with Chintu Gowda of K Kharida village under Hinjili police station in Ganjam district about 4 years ago on Instagram. Later, both Chintu and Puja talked on mobile

phones. After the relationship became very close, they ran away. They went to another state and worked as laborers. They have a 3-year-old daughter. It is said that Puja was pregnant. A few months ago, Chintu took Puja and the daughter back to his ancestral home in K Kharida. The incident happened about 15 days ago. Chintu had left home

with Puja and the daughter after being asked to work in a other state. He reached Berhampur station with both mother and daughter. But there, he left the mother and daughter in one place and escaped on the pretext of going to the toilet. Puja stayed awake at the railway station all night, but Chintu did not return. Three days ago, Puja was at the gate of the Hinjili police station to file a complaint. She had given a statement at the police station. But the police had advised that the couple should stay together. As per the police's advice, Puja gave her statement in front of her boyfriend's house today. Police and media representatives had

Sunayana College of Medical Science MKG celebrates Nursing Day 2026

Malkangiri, correspondent: International Nursing Day was celebrated at Sunayana College of Medical Sciences (Uttam Mallik group of Institutions), Malkangiri. Mr Ashok Kumar Sahu, Pharmacy Officer, joined as chief guest, Dr. Siba Narayan Patra, Principal cum secretary and P. Kishore Kumar VP was the guest of honour. The program began with the presentation of floral wreaths to the photo of Florence Nightingale. All the guests, in their speeches, shed light on the future and activities of nursing. Every year, May 12th is celebrated as Nursing Day.

Large quantity of ganja and Mahuli Poch seized

SUBARNAPUR (correspondent):-- A large quantity of ganja and mahuli poch seized. According to the information received, on 04.05.2026 at around 02.00 pm, on the basis of intelligence information regarding the smuggling of illegal country-made mahuli poch liquor and ganja from Guja village under Ulunda police station, the IIC Ulunda police station along with the staff of the police went to Guja village on the instructions of the Superintendent of Police, Subarnapur. 01 quintal 58 kg 500 grams of ganja illegally smuggled by the accused was identified and seized. After this,



the above ganja was seized and searched in the presence of witnesses and the Executive Magistrate as per the prevailing provisions of the NDPS Act. A total of 07 big bags were identified during the search. After opening the said 07 big bags, 160 small pockets wrapped in polythene were found. As per the official assessment, the

estimated value of the seized ganja is Rs. 15,85,000. In this regard, a case has been registered under Ulunda PS Case No.80 Dt.05.05.2026 U/s-20(b)(ii)(C) NDPS Act. and investigation is on to find out more information about the source of ganja and the culprits. Similarly, on the basis of information about the preparation of

country made mahuli liquor, IIC Ulunda police station staff along with the Excise Department seized 200 liters of country made mahuli liquor and destroyed about 5000 liters of mahuli poch. An accused Shankar Karna has been detained in this case and a case has been registered under Ulunda PS Case No.81 Dt.05.05.2026 U/s-52(a) Odisha Excise Act and further investigation is underway. This was informed by Subarnapur Supdt. Of Police Narayan Nayak at a press conference held at District Police Head quarters on Tuesday evening

Former Teacher Convicted in Disproportionate Assets Case; Sentenced to 2 Years Rigorous Imprisonment

Rayagada, (Correspondent): In a significant development in the fight against corruption, Sri Unna Rajendra Patro, a retired teacher of SSD (ST & SC Development) High School, Dukum under Bisamcuttack block of Rayagada district, has been convicted in a disproportionate assets (DA) case. The conviction was pronounced today by the Hon'ble Special Judge, Vigilance, Jeypore. The court found him guilty under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, for possessing assets

disproportionate to his known sources of income. Following the verdict, the court sentenced Sri Patro to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of two years. Additionally, a fine of ₹50,000 has been imposed. In case of default in payment of the fine, further legal consequences may follow as per provisions. The case was earlier charge-sheeted by Odisha Vigilance after a detailed investigation revealed accumulation of assets beyond his legitimate earnings during his tenure as a government teacher. In a further

development, Odisha Vigilance has announced that it will move the competent authority to initiate proceedings for the stoppage of pension benefits of the convicted retired teacher, in accordance with existing rules and regulations governing government servants. This conviction underscores the state vigilance department's continued efforts to curb corruption and ensure accountability among public servants. It also sends a strong message that unlawful accumulation of wealth will not go unpunished, irrespective of position or retirement status.

Rayagada Public Urged to Join Swachh Sarvekshan Survey Drive

Rayagada, (Correspondent): The Rayagada Municipal Council has appealed to residents to actively participate in the Swachh Sarvekshan 2025-26 survey in a bid to improve the town's national cleanliness ranking. In a press note, the council stated that continuous efforts are being made to transform Rayagada into a clean, beautiful, and model city, and emphasized that public feedback is crucial to achieving this objective. Citizens have been urged to scan QR codes issued by the council using their mobile phones and share their opinions on sanitation and cleanliness. Municipality Chairman P. Mahesh Pattnaik called for widespread public involvement, noting that the success of the cleanliness drive depends on active citizen participation and cooperation. He expressed confidence that collective efforts would help position Rayagada prominently at the national level.

Villagers desperate for water, water supply not working for 7 days

Nabarangpur (Correspondent):- The heat wave is gradually increasing and public life is hectic. With it, the common people are desperate for drinking water. The government had planned to provide water supply for drinking water, but

water is not available in most villages and some water tanks have deteriorated. People are desperate for drinking water in Turunjiguda village of Papadahandi block, Maidaipur panchayat. There are 80 families living in the village, but there is one

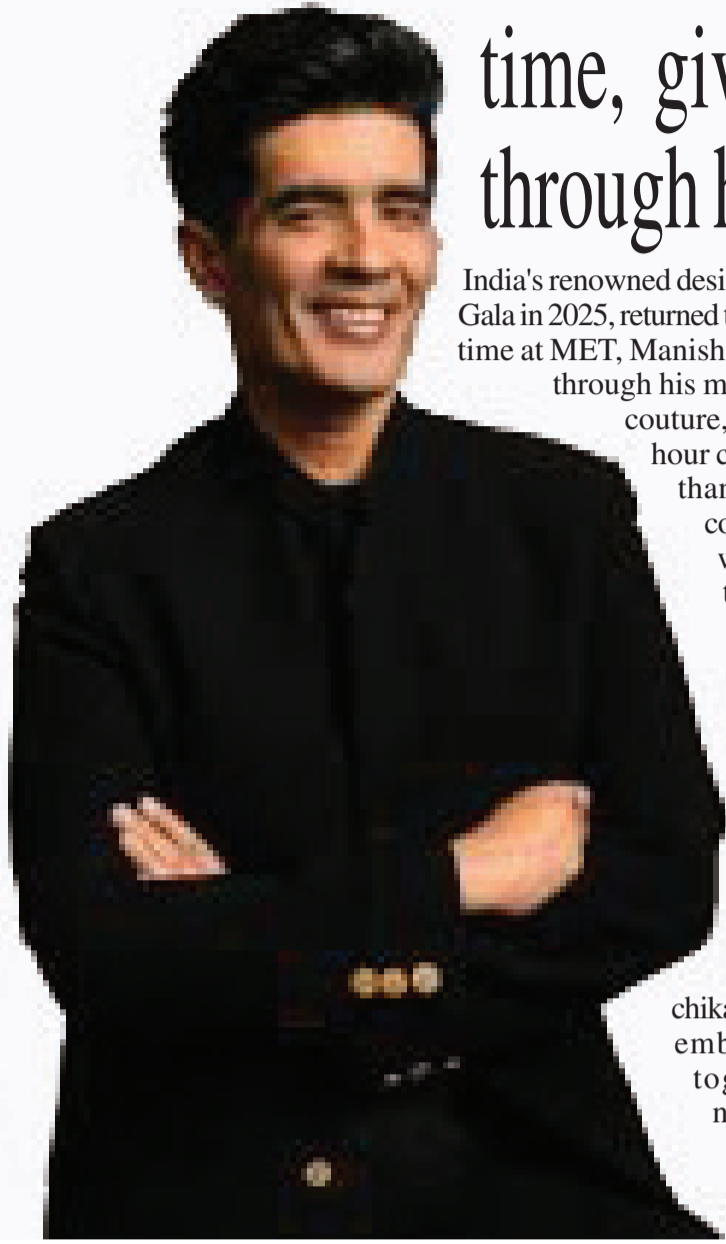
water tank for water. But the villagers who are facing water problems have complained that it has been damaged for 7 days. The administration has not repaired it and is silent. In the summer season, water is coming out of almost all the taps



in a slow stream, as a result of which the villagers are struggling for water. Although the government has promised to be more careful about drinking water these days, it seems to have failed at this stage. While most of the people in

the village are working class, the slow flow of water from the taps is creating obstacles for the villagers. The villagers have demanded that the administration urgently repair the Basudha tank of this village.

Manish Malhotra returns to Met Gala for second time, gives tribute to Mumbai through his ensemble



India's renowned designer Manish Malhotra, who made his debut at the Met Gala in 2025, returned to fashion's biggest night in Hollywood on Monday. This time at MET, Manish paid a tribute to Mumbai and the craftsmen of India through his meaningful ensemble. He donned a Mumbai-inspired couture, consisting of a black bandhgala layered with a 960-hour cape crafted by 50 artisans. For Manish, this is "more than a garment- it is a story of craft, memory, and collaboration." Explaining his look, Manish on Instagram wrote, "For my appearance at the Met Gala, I wanted to create something deeply personal- a reflection of Mumbai, the city that has shaped my journey, my cinema, and my sense of design, along with the atelier that brings my vision to life every day- my work family. There is nothing like a classic Indian bandhgala- here layered with an architectural cape, brought to life over 960 hours by more than 50 artisans across Mumbai and Delhi. For me, this is more than a garment- it is a story of craft, memory, and collaboration." Dori, zardozi, chikankari, and kasab embroidery come together as a narrative. Woven into the piece are the names and signatures of the artisans themselves- a tribute to every hand and



every moment that shaped it. Intricate hand-embroidery serves as references to Mumbai's cinematic landmarks, while three-dimensional sculptural elements celebrate the artisans of his atelier who crafted the piece. This look is both a celebration and a reminder - of where we come from, and how Indian craftsmanship continues to find its place on a global stage," he added. Manish elevated the outfit with his signature MM brooch and collar pins. Notably, Manish is all set to open his first official flagship store in New York City. Isn't this a proud moment for every Indian?

Isha Ambani brings touch of art in sculpted Gaurav Gupta sari, carries mango in hand

Isha Ambani attended the Met Gala 2026 on Monday night in New York, drawing attention with a look that brought together Indian craft and contemporary design. Isha wore a custom couture saree by Gaurav Gupta, created in collaboration with Swadesh artisans. The saree was woven with threads of pure gold and featured hand-painted pichwai-inspired motifs in soft gold and earthy tones. The design presented the saree as an artistic form, with a sculptural drape. Her blouse, detailed with diamonds and metallic zardozi work, came from her mother Nita Ambani's personal collection. The look also included a historic sarpech piece placed at the back, which was once part of the Nizam's collection. Isha completed her look with a jasmine-inspired hair sculpture, designed as a modern take on the traditional mogra gajra. The piece was handcrafted over 150 hours using paper, copper and brass. However, what caught the eye of everyone was her mango-shaped sculpture by artist Subodh Gupta. The accessory served as a nod to Indian heritage and added an artistic element to her overall appearance. Mango, which is also the national fruit of India, lent deeper cultural symbolism to the striking piece. Her jewellery included pieces from Nita Ambani's private collection, along with additions from Lorraine Schwartz and Kantilal Chhotlani. Last year, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh made his debut at Met Gala in Sabyasachi's all-black creation. The Met Gala, held annually on the first Monday in May, is arguably the most coveted and exclusive ticket in the world.



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Cinnamon Spiced Marmalade Hot Chocolate Recipe



Ingredients of Cinnamon Spiced Marmalade Hot Chocolate
2 Cups whole milk (or milk of your choice)
1/4 cup heavy cream (optional for richness)
2 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tbsp sugar (adjust to taste)
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
1/8 tsp ground nutmeg (optional)
2 oz dark chocolate, chopped (or chocolate chips)
2 tbsp orange marmalade (adjust to taste)
1/8 tsp vanilla extract
Whipped cream (for topping, optional)
Cinnamon stick (for garnish, optional)

How to Make Cinnamon Spiced Marmalade Hot Chocolate

1. Melt Marmalade: In a medium saucepan, heat the marmalade over low heat, stirring until softened and slightly melted.
2. Warm the Milk:

Add the milk and heavy cream to the saucepan with the marmalade. Heat gently while whisking to blend the marmalade into the liquid.
3. Add Dry Ingredients: Whisk together the cocoa powder, sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Gradually add the mixture to the saucepan, whisking continuously.
4. Add Chocolate: Stir in the chopped chocolate until fully melted and smooth.
5. Muddle for Texture: Use a muddler or spoon to lightly press and break down the marmalade bits further, distributing the citrus flavor throughout the drink.
6. Flavor Boost: Remove from heat and stir in the vanilla extract.
7. Serve: Pour into mugs, top with whipped cream, and garnish with a sprinkle of cinnamon or a thin slice of candied orange for extra flair.

Healthy Diet Tips

India is celebrating festivals for almost two months now. From Navratri to Dussehra to Diwali - people have enjoyed a string of festivals back-to-back with lights, colours, decorations and new clothes. Another major attraction during any festival is food. No celebration seems complete without indulging in some appetising sweet and savoury items. Kheer, halwa, poori, sabzi, biryani etc., the list of a festive spread goes really long! In fact, we all go on a bingeing spree that involves indulging in more food than we usually eat!

This often leads to the fear of weight gain. As a result, you can find most of us looking for weight loss diet plans post festivities. One such popular diet plan is detox diet. It is basically a meal plan including food items that help flush out toxins accumulated in the body. Detox diet is dubbed to reset your system to work smoothly.

how to detox post festivities, Rujuta said, "Avoid 4S of detox - soup, salad, smoothies and starvation." Instead, we must "Follow 3S for good health - Sit down to eat, focus all your senses and eat slowly," she added.

Further answering to a question on guilt feeling after indulgence, she stated, "If you are feeling guilty for enjoying home-made Diwali delicacies, you are not on a sustainable diet."

Diwekar concluded by saying one must be on a sustainable diet based on local produce and well hydrate themselves for an overall healthy living.

11 Amazing Summer Beverages You Must Drink To Beat The Heat

Summer Beverages: Come summers, temperatures begin to soar high leaving everyone feeling fatigued, sweaty and messed up. Staying hydrated is the most important factor to keep going in this sweltering heat and maintain good health. Your body tends to lose water at a faster pace due to excessive sweating. While water is the utmost important drink to quench thirst, you can try other summery beverages that not only satisfy your thirst but also keep your body cool. As we welcome summers, let us refresh and replenish our body with some of the best summer beverages in order to beat the heat. We suggest a bunch of summer drinks that you must not miss out on.

Here's a list of summer drinks to beat the heat:

- 1. Aam Panna:** An absolute lip-smacking drink that is mostly popular in Maharashtra is made with our favourite king of fruits- mango. This refreshing summer drink is prepared using mango pulp and blended with cumin, jeera and mint leaves. This drink does not only keep you refreshed but also energized through sunny days. Here's an amazing recipe of aam panna that you'd love to savour every day.
- 2. Jaljeera:** Jaljeera is made using jeera and water. The cumin seeds or jeera is roasted and made into coarse powder and mixed in water. This solution is best for people dealing with digestion problems, especially during summers. Gulp down a chilled glass of jaljeera and endure summers like never before. Here's a recipe of iced jaljeera that you'd love to savour every day.
- 3. Sattu Sharbat:** What's better than bringing a desi summer drink to your rescue? Sattu sharbat is one specialty from Bihar that keeps the body cool even during the sunniest day. It is made with sattu flour, sugar and water; that's all it needs. It's not only refreshing but also filling. Here's a refreshing recipe of sattu sharbat that you will definitely fall in love with. <https://food.ndtv.com/recipe-sattu-cooler-951290> Also, if you wish to make savoury sharbat, we have got you covered;
- 4. Buttermilk (Chaas):** Buttermilk or popularly known as chaas is an amazing curd-based drink that is undoubtedly an Indian favourite. Chaas is a brilliant digestive, and the addition of spices like jeera only enhances the benefits it has to offer. Go on and use this masala chaas recipe to make this hot sunny day a refreshing one
- 5. Coconut Water:** A chilled glass of coconut water



can instantly cheer you up. The mild sweetness and fresh taste makes it just the perfect drink to keep summer blues at bay. It also makes for a great electrolyte, so every time you feel dehydrated, load up on some coconut water and you are good to go.

6. Sugarcane Juice: Sugarcane juice is used as a natural remedy to a host of problems. It makes for an energy drink and helps build up plasma and body fluids, helping you counter dehydration and dullness. Adding mint leaves to the juice will only help enhance the taste of your summer drink.

7. Lassi: What's better than the Punjabi lassi? This smooth and creamy yogurt based refreshment is considered to be an amazing summer cooler. The best part is, you can easily add many variations to it, from classic to mint, avocado, mango to banana walnut lassi and more. If you haven't tried any of these yet, fret not. Here are all the recipes you would need.

8. Barley Water: Barley water makes for an ancient remedy for good health. All you need to make this elixir is pearl barley, water, salt, a dash of honey and lemon and you are good to go. Here's how you can make barley water at home.

9. Nimbu Paani Or Lemonade: Why to miss out on the most sought after summer drink, our very own nimbu paani or lemonade? A quick drink to make and amazingly delicious, this drink is prepared using mint leaves, lemons, sugar, salt and water. You can also add spices like cumin, coriander powder, black pepper, et al to make it interestingly tasty. Here's a recipe of nimbu paani you must try.

10. Watermelon juice One of the best summer fruits is watermelon and what's even better is its juice. It is super refreshing and its hydrating properties help keep your body hydrated and fresh.

11. Imli Dhania Ka Sharbat: we bring you the recipe of 'Imli Dhania Ka Sharbat' that can be a perfect add on to your summer drink list. Alongside its culinary usages, this popular natural food of India is also packed with vitamin C and several other nutrients.

Lakshya Awaits Medical Clearance To Play In Thailand Open; Provides A Detailed Account Of Elbow Injury

New Delhi: Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen has provided a detailed account of the elbow injury he sustained during the Thomas Cup Finals, revealing that high adrenaline levels during his quarterfinal clash against Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien-chen initially masked the severity of the damage. The Paris Olympic bronze medallist faces a race against time to be fit for the upcoming Thailand Open, scheduled for May 12-17, after sustaining an elbow injury during the prestigious team championships. The young shuttler, who played a pivotal role in India clinching a historic bronze medal, revealed on Tuesday that his participation in next week's tournament

hinges on the results of recent medical scans. "I just came back last night, and I did some scans in the morning as well. I'll now go to the doctor and then have a word with him and then decide on how to go about the tournament," Lakshya Sen replied to IANS' query during a press conference facilitated by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). The injury was sustained during his hard-fought Thomas Cup quarterfinal match. Despite the physical setback, Lakshya continued to compete, contributing to the team's podium finish. However, the World No. 9 is now taking a cautious approach to his immediate playing schedule. "I'm supposed to play the Thailand Open next



week, but again, I'm still waiting for the confirmation from the doctor, as I've taken the MRI scans now. So just waiting for his opinion on that, and then we'll get a clearer idea of the tournament," he added. Providing a detailed account of the injury, he revealed that high adrenaline levels

during the match initially masked the severity of the damage. "The injury happened in the first set of the match against Chou Tien-chen. I couldn't realise it at that time. It hurt for the next 2-3 points when I dived. But after that, I completely forgot, and the adrenaline was so high that I couldn't focus

on that," he said. The World No. 9 added that while his coach noticed his elbow during the match, he chose not to intervene to keep his focus intact. "Immediately after the match, when I went back, I saw my elbow was swollen. The coach told me that he saw the elbow in the match, but

he didn't tell me that it's looking pretty bad because I was not complaining about it then," he added. Lakshya described a deteriorating situation involving swelling and redness, which prompted immediate consultations with the medical team. "Once I came back, and when the body cooled down a bit, it started hurting a little bit. There was some redness around the swelling as well. It didn't look very good to me and also the physios," he said. Following a consultation, doctors warned Lakshya that playing further could lead to long-term damage. "They said it is looking quite bad, and I don't think you will be able to play your 100 per cent.

China's Wu Yize Becomes Second-Youngest World Snooker Champion

Sheffield: Wu Yize conquered the World Snooker Championship title for the first time and became the second consecutive Chinese winner as he beat Shaun Murphy 18-17 in one of the all-time great finals. Aged 22 and 202 days, he is the second youngest ever world champion, after Stephen Hendry, who was 21 in 1990. He becomes the 25th player to hold the famous silverware at the Crucible, and for the first time there have been four consecutive maiden winners as Wu follows Luca Brecel in 2023 (age 28), Kyren Wilson in 2024 (age 32) and Zhao in 2025 (age 28). This is Wu's second title, and he leapt from tenth to fourth in the world rankings. He had never won a match at the Crucible before this year, losing in the first round in his previous appearances in 2023 and 2025, but given his talent and composure under pressure, he was considered a true contender this year. Victories over Lei Peifan, Mark Selby and Hossein Vafaei put him into the semi-finals where he won a thrilling battle with Mark Allen 17-16 before another classic victory against Murphy. "I am so happy I could play like that," Wu was quoted by World Snooker. "I played for my family, for myself and for China. My parents are the true champions. Since I made the decision to drop out of school, my dad has been by my side. My mum has also been through so much over the years. They are the source of my strength, and I love them so much." "I can't thank the fans enough; no matter who you support, the love for snooker is mutual. I just want to have a good sleep! Since the second session I have been feeling nerves so right now I want to go to bed!"

India Consolidate No.1 Spot In ICC Men's T20I Rankings

Dubai: Team India further cemented their dominance in the shortest format, retaining the top position in the latest ICC Men's T20I Team Rankings following the annual update released on Tuesday. Led by Suryakumar Yadav, India sit comfortably at the summit with 275 rating points. While their lead has narrowed slightly, they remain well ahead of second-placed England (262), with Australia team closely trailing in third at 258 points. The latest update, which assigns 100 per cent weightage to matches played since May 2025 and 50 per cent to those from the previous two years, reflects India's sustained excellence in T20I cricket. The Asian powerhouse has enjoyed a golden run in the format, highlighted by back-to-back ICC Men's T20 World Cup triumphs in 2024 and 2026, while also remaining



unbeaten in bilateral T20I series during this period. There has been no change in the top seven rankings, underlining the consistency among the leading sides. New Zealand (247) continue to hold fourth place, followed by South Africa (244) in fifth. Pakistan (240) and the West Indies (233) remain sixth and seventh, respectively. Further down the table, Bangladesh have edged up to eighth after gaining a rating point, benefitting from Sri Lanka dropping six points to slip to ninth. Afghanistan are close behind in 10th, just a point adrift of Sri Lanka, highlighting the tightening competition in the mid-table. Among the most

significant movers, the United States have surged two places to 13th after gaining six rating points, overtaking the Netherlands and Scotland, who now occupy 14th and 15th respectively. Namibia remain unchanged at 16th, while Nepal and Oman have each climbed a spot, moving to 17th and 19th. In the lower half, Italy team emerged as one of the biggest gainers, jumping three places to 23rd after earning 11 additional rating points. Spain and Cyprus also registered notable progress, while Mozambique endured one of the steepest declines, dropping 15 positions.

IPL 2026: CSK Restrict DC To 155/7 Despite Late Knocks From Rizvi And Stubbs

New Delhi: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) bowlers made full use of a sticky Arun Jaitley Stadium pitch to restrict Delhi Capitals (DC) to 155/7, despite late resistance from Tristan Stubbs (38) and impact substitute Sameer Rizvi (40 not out) in Match 48 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on Tuesday. Opting to bat first on a two-paced pitch, DC slipped into trouble as CSK's spinners got the ball to turn and grip while the pacers hit hard lengths. Reeling at 69/5, Stubbs held one end to hit a 31-ball 38 while Rizvi counter attacked with sweeps and pulls to hit an unbeaten 40 off 24 balls. The pair added 65 runs off 47 balls for the sixth wicket to lift DC to a fighting total. For CSK, Noor Ahmad claimed two wickets, while Akeal Hosein, Gurjapneet Singh, Jamie Overton, and Mukesh



Choudhary chipped in with a scalp each. Only Anshul Kamboj proved expensive with 0-49 in four overs as Stubbs and Rizvi made good use of the crease to play their shots well. DC's innings began with promise but soon became a familiar tale of collapse and recovery. Pathum Nissanka swept Akeal Hosein's first ball for four, before chopping past backward point for

another boundary. Though Hosein found some turn and even made a loud lbw appeal in the first over, KL Rahul found the fence with a creamy extra cover drive, fetching him four, before cutting Hosein for another boundary. But Mukesh Choudhary's change of pace undid Nissanka, as he pulled to mid-on sans any footwork. The power-play was patchy for DC as a change of

ends did the trick for Hosein — he got one to grip and beat an advancing Rahul in flight, as he sliced to cover, and DC ended power-play at 37/2. Karun Nair briefly counter-attacked, but swept straight to short fine leg off Noor. One brought two for CSK as Rana swept to backward square leg off the wrist-spinner. Axar Patel's lean run continued when he mistimed a back foot drive

to cover. At 69/5 in 11 overs, DC were staring at another sub par total till Stubbs and Rizvi came into the picture. Dropped early on by Noor off Gurjapneet, he seized the reprieve by pulling and lofting the pacer for a brace of sixes. He then hammered a cut off Noor for four, even as impact player Rizvi immediately found rhythm — a premeditated pull off Mukesh went for six, followed by using the pace of Kamboj to unleash inventive sweeps. Just as the partnership brought about DC's revival, Stubbs pulled too high off Jamie Overton and gave a catch to deep backward square leg. With Kamboj not nailing his lengths, Ashutosh Sharma took two sixes off him, including a one-handed swipe, before being run out. Rizvi ensured DC went past 150 with a beautiful lofted drive going over long-off, as 58 runs came off the last five overs.

Bhuvneshwar Showed That Swing Bowling Is Still Very Relevant, Even In White-Ball Formats: Vaas

New Delhi: Former Sri Lanka cricketer Chaminda Vaas credited India bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar for the best illustration of swing bowling in modern cricket and heaped praise on him for his skill with new ball, which continues to test even the most aggressive batters. Reflecting on India's swing specialist, Vaas stated, "Bhuvneshwar showed that swing bowling is still very relevant, even in white-ball formats. With the new ball, he could move it both ways and trouble top-order batsmen. It's about control and knowing

your strengths," Vaas told Olympics.com. He added, "People often say swing bowlers need good conditions, but great bowlers find a way. They adjust their lengths, angles, and how they use the crease." Vaas emphasised that swing bowling is one of cricket's purest arts, focusing less on speed and more on intelligence, discipline, and deception. Few represented that better than Wasim Akram, whom Vaas describes as the complete fast bowler. "He had everything—pace, control, and the ability to swing the ball both ways.

But what really made him special was how late the ball would move. Batsmen had very little time to adjust," Vaas said. He further noted Akram's adaptability: "He could take wickets with the new ball, and then come back later to do the same with reverse swing. Not many bowlers in the history of the game have had that kind of impact in all phases." With Akram, Waqar Younis created a formidable pair that changed fast bowling with reverse swing. "Waqar was different," Vaas explained. "He was quicker through the air and very dangerous with reverse swing. His

Yorkers were deadly. When he got the old ball reversing, it was tough for any batsman in the world." Vaas remarked, "Reverse swing changed how bowlers approached the game. Earlier, once the ball got old, it became easier for batsmen. But with reverse swing, bowlers always had a chance. Among modern greats, Vaas gave special praise to James Anderson, calling him a skilled craftsman. "In English conditions, especially, he is almost unplayable. The way he controls the seam position and gets that late movement is beautiful to watch for any fast

bowler," he said. Longevity also distinguishes Anderson: "To do it year after year, in different situations, and still be effective is not easy. Swing bowling requires rhythm and fitness, and he has maintained both for a very long time." Vaas also mentioned Dale Steyn as a unique threat—someone who combined speed with swing. "Steyn was more of an attacking bowler. He could swing the ball at high pace, which is always dangerous. When you mix speed with movement, the margin for error for the batsman becomes very small."

Zahaan Wins O'pen Skiff U17 National Title For Fourth Consecutive Year

Mumbai: Zahaan Hemrajani claimed his fourth consecutive O'pen Skiff U17 National title, delivering a commanding performance across eight races in conditions ranging from very light air to medium breeze over small and medium chop. He won seven of eight races outright — dropping only his penalised fifth place as a discard — to finish on a nett score of 7.0 points, the cleanest series scoreline in the fleet. The one blemish on an otherwise perfect scorecard came with a story of its own. Having come from behind in a tightly contested race to

cross the finish line first in what had been a photo-finish battle, Zahaan received a penalty for contact with the committee boat mark at the line. He was scored fifth. The discard rule absorbed it. That he fought to the front in that race at all — only to lose the result on contact at the finishing mark — speaks to the competitive instinct that defined his sailing all week. The performance builds on a year of structured development within the 24Seven Sailing programme under coaches Amish, Rigo, and Umesh. Zahaan has been refining his technical

game — particularly upwind boat speed in light winds and chop, while continuing to develop his tactical awareness. His layline judgement and ability to identify and commit to the strongest position on the racecourse have become distinguishing features of his racing at this level. What sets this four-year run of national titles apart is not the results alone, but the consistency of intent behind them. Racing at the Learning to Win stage, Zahaan is building the competitive habits that separate good sailors from high performers:

Mikael Lindberg Wins 2026 Turkish Airlines Open

NEWDELHI: In a thrilling conclusion to the 2026 Turkish Airlines Open, Mikael Lindberg claimed the title with a total of 278 (-10) strokes at the National Golf Club in Belek, Antalya, with Guido Migliozzi and Daniel Rodrigues finishing as runners up. The award was handed to Mikael Lindberg by Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye Dr. Osman A?k'n Bak and Turkish Airlines Chief Commercial Officer Harun Ba?türk. The award ceremony was attended by Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye Dr. Osman A?k'n Bak, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of the Turkish



Parliament Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Governor of Antalya Hulusi ?ahin, Turkish Airlines' Chief Commercial Officer Harun Ba?türk, President of the Turkish Golf Federation Y?ld?r'm Demirören, Owner of Regnum Hotels Fikret Öztürk, and DP World Tour's Director of Tournament Business Mark Casey. Speaking at the ceremony, Turkish

Airlines Chief Commercial Officer Harun Ba?türk stated: "Turkish Airlines Open has once again demonstrated why Antalya holds a special place on the world golf map. Golf, like aviation, knows no borders and that is precisely why this tournament matters to us. Hosting one of the most prestigious tournaments of the DP World Tour here in Türkiye and seeing the sport grow

both nationally and internationally through this platform is deeply rewarding. We hope golf enthusiasts coming from around the world enjoyed the competition and the beauties of Antalya along with the world-renown hospitality of Turkish Airlines." Turkish Golf Federation President Yld?r'm Demirören said: "Turkish Airlines Open continues to be an invaluable platform for our athletes; this year, for the first time in our history, more elite Turkish players than ever had the opportunity to compete alongside the world's leading professionals.

Govt Rolls Out RRB Viability Plan 2.0 To Strengthen Rural Banking System

New Delhi: The Department of Financial Services (DFS) on Tuesday approved a revised Viability Plan 2.0 for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) for the period 2025-26 to 2027-28, aiming to strengthen financial sustainability, governance, and long-term competitiveness. The move builds on the earlier three-year viability framework implemented between FY22 and FY25, which played a key role in improving financial performance and institutionalising monitoring mechanisms across RRBs. "The framework has been instrumental in improving financial performance and strengthening monitoring mechanisms across RRBs," the Ministry of Finance said. With evolving challenges in



the financial sector, the government has decided to extend and refine the framework to ensure continued oversight and efficiency. The new Viability Plan 2.0 introduces a structured framework based on 30 performance parameters, organised around four key pillars — operational excellence, asset quality, profitability, and growth. These parameters are designed to provide a comprehensive assessment of the

overall health and functioning of RRBs. "In view of emerging financial sector challenges and the need for continued oversight, DFS has now approved a revised Viability Plan 2.0 for a further period of three years from 2025-26 to 2027-28, aimed at enhancing financial sustainability and long-term competitiveness of RRBs," the ministry added. Key metrics under the framework include capital adequacy ratio (CRAR), credit-deposit ratio, digital adoption levels, non-performing

assets (NPAs), recovery performance, and profitability indicators. The plan also factors in the performance of banks in implementing various Government of India schemes, aligning operational goals with national priorities. The government said the revised framework aims to create a balanced and transparent system for monitoring performance while encouraging efficiency improvements across the network of 28 RRBs. The initiative is expected to strengthen financial stability in the rural banking sector and enhance the ability of RRBs to support rural credit expansion, promote digital inclusion, and deepen financial outreach in underserved areas.

New AI Frontiers Open as Global Leaders Enter Indian Enterprise Market

NEWDELHI: Anthropic and OpenAI have officially expanded their enterprise operations within India, signaling a direct challenge to established domestic IT leaders like TCS and Infosys. This strategic entry involves the launch of localised AI services designed to integrate advanced models directly into the core workflows of Indian businesses. By establishing physical offices in Bengaluru and Mumbai, these firms aim to capture a significant share of the

rapidly growing demand for specialized automation and data-driven intelligence. The arrival of these Silicon Valley giants marks a shift from general-purpose chatbots to mission-critical business tools. OpenAI has introduced its "OpenAI for India" initiative, which includes a sovereign AI infrastructure plan in collaboration with the Tata Group. Meanwhile, Anthropic is leveraging its Claude models to provide high-performance coding and workflow solutions, citing India as

its second-largest global market for technical usage. Historically, the Indian IT sector has relied on labor-intensive service models, but the rise of "Agentic AI" - systems capable of executing complex tasks autonomously - is forcing a transition toward AI-native engineering. While domestic firms like TCS are responding by building massive 1GW green-energy data centers through their HyperVault unit, the presence of direct service offerings from AI creators adds a new layer of competition to the outsourcing landscape.

period last year, reflecting the increasing self-reliance in the sector. India has also established itself as a leading exporter of iron and steel alloys. Rising exports of steel and related products contribute to higher foreign exchange earnings. This, in turn, helps improve the trade balance. It supports the broader vision of a self-

India's Steel Exports Surge 29.1 Per Cent Amid Rising Self-Reliance

New Delhi: India's exports of steel rose by 29.1 per cent in March 2026 compared to the same month of the previous year, while imports declined sharply by 9.5 per cent, reflecting the increasing self-reliance in the sector, according to an official statement issued on Tuesday. The positive

shift underscores India's emergence as a reliable global steel supplier. It also demonstrates the country's improved ability to meet rising domestic demand. India's steel production registered a robust 9.1 per cent growth in the financial year 2025-26 compared to the same

period last year, reflecting the increasing self-reliance in the sector. India has also established itself as a leading exporter of iron and steel alloys. Rising exports of steel and related products contribute to higher foreign exchange earnings. This, in turn, helps improve the trade balance. It supports the broader vision of a self-

sustained and resilient industrial ecosystem under Atmanirbhar Bharat, the statement said. The top destinations for India's finished steel exports in March 2026 were Vietnam, Belgium, and Taiwan. Together, they comprise more than 50 per cent of India's total finished

TPCODL Enhances Reliable Power Supply for More Than 8,000 Consumers in Bharatpur, Kalinga Nagar and Khandagiri

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) has commissioned a 25 MVA Power Transformer at Bharatpur PSS under BCDD2 Division, benefiting nearly 8,000 consumers in Bharatpur, Kalinga Nagar and Khandagiri with improved power reliability and better



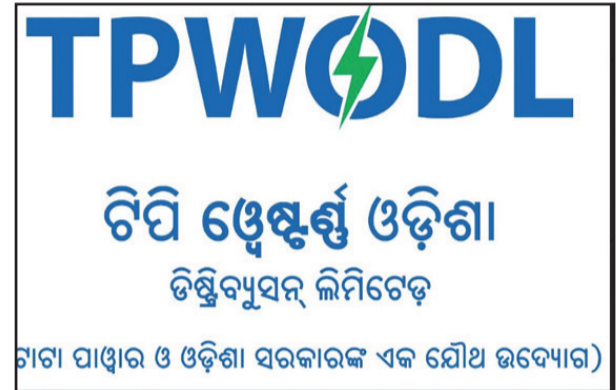
voltage. Additionally, a 250 kVA Distribution Transformer has been installed at Khandual Basti under the same

division, enhancing power supply for around 350 consumers in Khandual Basti and GA Plot area. These

initiatives reaffirm TPCODL's commitment to delivering reliable and quality power to consumers.

Settle Your Electricity Theft Cases Easily on 09th May: TPWODL

Burla, (Correspondent): TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) is pleased to announce its participation in the National Lok Adalat being organized across India by NALSA/OSLSA on 09 May 2026 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM. This initiative provides consumers with a golden opportunity to resolve pending electricity theft and assessment cases in a fast, transparent, and customer-friendly manner. To ensure smooth facilitation, TPWODL has put in place extensive



arrangements across all Sub-Divisional (SDO) and Section Offices, including assistance for documentation, verification and payment support during the Lok Adalat. Consumers with pending cases are advised to visit their nearest SDO or Section

Office at the earliest for registration and completion of required preliminary formalities, enabling them to derive maximum benefit during the Lok Adalat. TPWODL is encouraging consumers with pending electricity theft and assessment cases to take

advantage of this opportunity to settle their cases quickly, easily, and without lengthy legal procedures. The Lok Adalat offers a simple, transparent, and consumer-friendly platform for dispute resolution. This initiative aims to promote long-pending dispute resolution, faster case closure, and an improved overall consumer experience through a fair and conciliatory process. For further details, consumers are requested to contact their nearest SDO or Section Offices of TPWODL.

Sensex, Nifty End Lower As Geopolitical Tensions Drag Markets

Mumbai: Indian equity benchmarks ended lower on Tuesday, as rising geopolitical tensions in West Asia weighed on investor sentiment, pulling down banking, realty, and oil and gas stocks. The Nifty slipped 86.50 points, or 0.36 per cent, to close at 24,032.80, while the Sensex declined 251.61 points, or 0.33 per cent, to settle at 77,017.79. The benchmarks erased gains from the previous session as selling pressure intensified through the day. Sectorally, banking, real estate, and oil and gas stocks emerged as the biggest laggards — reflecting concerns over global



growth and rising uncertainty in energy markets. In contrast, auto and FMCG stocks showed resilience, providing some support to the broader market. The broader indices, however, displayed a mixed trend. The Nifty MidCap index ended 0.17 per cent higher, while the Nifty SmallCap index gained 0.28 per cent. Market

sentiment remained cautious amid escalating tensions in West Asia. Reports suggested that the United States and Iran have exchanged fire near the Strait of Hormuz, despite a ceasefire that had been in place for over a month. The renewed conflict has raised fears of prolonged instability in the region, which is critical for

global oil supplies. "Going ahead, market direction is likely to stay sensitive to geopolitical developments and incremental cues from upcoming earnings," a market expert stated. Meanwhile, Rupee extended its weakness, slipping below 95.25 to trade near 95.30 as elevated crude prices above \$100 kept pressure on the currency. "In the near term, 94.70 is likely to act as resistance, while 95.50 is seen as immediate support, with markets closely tracking US non-farm payrolls and unemployment data this week for further direction," an analyst stated.