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After India, US Allows Other Nations To Buy Russian Oil At Sea



Washington: The United States has temporarily allowed countries to purchase Russian oil stranded at sea, a move that comes days after Washington granted a similar waiver to India as it seeks to stabilise global energy markets amid rising geopolitical tensions.Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the measure is designed to increase the reach of existing oil supplies while limiting financial gains for Russia, since the crude involved is already in transit."@POTUS is taking decisive steps to promote stability in global energy markets and working to keep prices low as we address the threat and instability posed by the terrorist Iranian regime," Bessent said.The US Treasury issued a temporary authorisation permitting transactions necessary for the sale, delivery, or offloading of Russian-origin crude oil and petroleum products that were already loaded on vessels before March 12. The measure allows countries to purchase oil that is already in transit and currently stranded at sea because of sanctions-related restrictions."To increase the global reach of existing supply, @USTreasury is providing a temporary authorization to permit countries to purchase Russian oil currently stranded at sea," Bessent said.US officials stressed that the measure is limited and applies only to cargoes already loaded onto ships."

PM-Kisan 22nd Installment Disbursed; Rs 684 Cr Released To 34.24 Lakh Farmers In Odisha



BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent): Farmers are the backbone of society and the true drivers of the economy, said Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi while addressing farmers at a state-level programme organised at the Krushi Siksha Sadan on the occasion of PM Kisan Utsav Divas and the disbursement of the 22nd installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi on Friday.The programme was organised following the nationwide launch of the 22nd installment by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Guwahati. Under the latest installment, around ?19,000 crore has been released to nearly 9.32 crore farmers across the country.Addressing the gathering, Majhi said the slogan "Jai Kisan" becomes meaningful only when farmers progress, emphasising that the development of both the state and the nation is impossible without the growth of the farming community.He said the PM-Kisan scheme is helping farmers purchase seeds, fertilisers and other agricultural inputs. Though the ?2,000 installment—?6,000 annually in three installments—may appear small to some, it is significant support and recognition for small farmers, he added.In Odisha, more than 34.24 lakh eligible farmers received the ?2,000 installment, with a total financial assistance of ?684 crore released under the 22nd installment. The Chief Minister urged farmers to complete mandatory requirements such as e-KYC, Aadhaar-bank account linkage, land record verification and name correction as per Aadhaar to ensure they receive the benefits of the scheme without interruption.Majhi also highlighted the state government's CM-Kisan Yojana, under which eligible farmers receive ?4,000 annually in two installments. Over 6 lakh new beneficiaries have been included in the scheme. So far, more than ?2,991 crore has been provided to 51.54 lakh beneficiaries, including 3,236 farmers from Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) and 31,695 farmers from urban areas.

He further spoke about the Krishi Vidya Nidhi scholarship programme, which supports children of CM-Kisan beneficiaries pursuing professional and vocational courses such as medical, engineering, agriculture, nursing, diploma and ITI programmes in institutions within and outside the state.



TPWODL Strengthens Power Network Ahead of Summer, Assures Reliable Electricity Supply Across Western Odisha

Sambalpur, (Correspondent):TP Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), the electricity distribution company in Western Odisha, has undertaken extensive preparedness measures to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the ongoing summer season. The company has completed comprehensive summer preparedness activities across all five electrical circles and nine districts under its distribution area.Addressing a



press conference held today at the company's office in Ainthapali, Sambalpur, TPWODL's Chief Executive Officer Mr. Parveen Verma stated that the company is fully geared up to meet the increased electricity demand during the summer months and to ensure reliable power supply for consumers across the region.To ensure swift response during any emergency or disaster situation, TPWODL has also formed dedicated coordination teams to work closely with the State Disaster Management Authority, District Control Rooms, Fire Services, Forest Department, Roads & Buildings Department, National Highways Authority, Odisha State Road Construction Corporation, and the Health Department.

Reiterating the company's commitment, CEO Mr. Praveen Verma said that TPWODL remains fully prepared to manage the summer power demand and ensure reliable electricity supply to consumers across Western Odisha.

TPCODL Receives Prestigious CII Odisha Award for Best Practices in Industrial Relations

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) has been honoured with the "Best Practices in Industrial Relations (IR)" award at the 38th State-Level QC Circle Convention 2025, organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Odisha. The award ceremony was held in Bhubaneswar.The award was presented by Sampad Chandra Swain, Hon'ble Minister of Industries, Technical Education & Skill Development, Government of Odisha and Anu Garg, Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha. The event was also graced by Anil Kumar Singh,



Chairman of CII Odisha State Council and Hemant Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha.Speaking on the achievement, Mr Arvind Singh, CEO, TPCODL said: "This recognition from CII is a proud moment for all of us at TPCODL. Strong and progressive industrial relations form the backbone of a resilient organisation. Our HR team and employees have consistently worked together to build a culture of trust, collaboration and continuous improvement. The recognition highlights TPCODL's continued commitment to creating a positive workplace culture, encouraging employee participation and implementing best-in-class industrial relations practices aligned with the company's vision of operational excellence and sustainable growth.

Tata AIA Life Insurance Launches Shubh Flexi Pension Plan: Guaranteed Lifetime Income with Market-Linked Growth

Mumbai:Imagine retiring with the peace of mind that your income will last as long as you do - a retirement where your savings not only provide stability but also grow to keep up with rising costs and help you maintain your lifestyle.Tata AIA Life Insurance has made that dream a reality with the Shubh Flexi Pension Plan, a solution designed to help you retire with confidence, flexibility, and financial security.

Retirement planning is no longer just about saving for the future; it's about adapting to the evolving realities of life. With increasing life expectancy and rising healthcare costs, the financial pressures on retirees today are very real. As more people aim to maintain their lifestyle and financial independence, they are looking for smart solutions that offer both stability and growth.

Many retirees today dream of affording luxury items like cars or foreign vacations. Whether it's the FIRE (Financial Independence Retire Early) generation, aspiring entrepreneurs, or individuals navigating career transitions, traditional retirement plans are no longer enough. What's more, the fear of outliving their savings is a common worry for many.

But what if retirement didn't have to be a constant source of stress? What if you could have guaranteed income and still benefit from market-linked growth opportunities?That's where the Shubh Flexi Pension Plan comes in. With this plan, you can enjoy both security and growth - ensuring that you can retire comfortably and confidently, without compromising on the lifestyle you deserve.Kamal Bhardwaj, Executive Vice President and Chief Bancassurance Officer,Tata AIA Life said, "Retirement planning in India is evolving. With longer life expectancies, rising healthcare costs and fluctuating interest rates, people want solutions that not only provide stability but also grow with them. The Shubh Flexi Pension Plan is our answer - giving customers both guaranteed income and the opportunity to grow their savings."

The Missing Half: Axis Bank study finds that the path to 'Viksit Bharat' goes through getting more women into paid work

BHUBANESWAR,(Correspondent): Plummeting fertility is narrowing the window for India to get rich before it gets old. Many more women need to enter and progress in paid work, according to a new study released by Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India.

Titled "The Missing Half: Women and India's Growth Challenge", the report draws on global evidence, deep analysis of Indian data, and a proprietary survey of nearly 11,000 college-educated women across 42 Indian cities. The report argues that to sustain a growth of around 7% over 25 years, necessary for 'Viksit Bharat' by 2050,overall worker participation in paid work must rise from about 47% to nearly 60%. Women's participation in paid work will be critical to achieving this..

The report finds India is climbing out of the bottom of the 'U' curve formed when countries' participation is plotted against incomes, but the progress is slow given the growth ambitions. Recent improvements in household infrastructure -- electricity, clean cooking fuel, piped water and better housing -- have eased unpaid work burdens, and rising higher education enrolment among women, is softening the "marriage penalty."

Beyond Ranks and Results: MS Dhoni Engages with India's Next Generation in ALLEN Online's Rise to the Top Podcast

Mumbai, :ALLEN Online launches Rise to the Top, a student conversation series that spotlights young achievers from across India through authentic, compelling exchanges with MS Dhoni. The first episode is now live on the ALLEN Online YouTube channel.

At its core,the series centres on students - their ambitions, doubts, family support systems, and defining turning points. Instead ofrevisiting study hours or scorecards, the conversations focus on the human journeys behind their achievements. Dhoni leads the dialogue, contributing perspective shaped by his own experiences with expectation and pressure, while allowing students to lead with their stories.Dhoni guides the conversation, sharing insights from his own journey of pressures and expectations.

The opening episode, SapneDekho,features SekhGalib Raza from rural Odisha and Arpita Ghosh from a remote village in West Bengal, both now studying in government medical colleges.

For Arpita,the journey begins at home. Growing up in a village where few girls pursue higher education, she carries not only her own ambition but also herfather's long-held dream of seeing his daughter become a doctor. With herfamily's steady encouragement, she prepares with the goal of returning one day as the first doctor rom her village.

Galib's ambition takes shape during childhood visits to a local hospital with his mother, where he observes the reassurance doctors provide to anxious families. Despite personal health challenges and multiple attempts, he continues working toward that goal and ultimately secures admission into a government medical college.

The series underscores a simple idea: aspiration is not defined by geography. Meaningful success stories are emerging from smalltowns and villages across the country, shaped as much by character and conviction as by academic performance.

Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. Supports TB-Free India Through Nutritional Kit Distribution Under CSR Initiative



Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd., a Vedanta Group company, reaffirmed its commitment to community health and well-being by organizing a Nutritional TB Kit Distribution Program at the District Headquarters Hospital, Bhadrak on 13 March 2026. The initiative was undertaken in collaboration with the Government of Odisha under the Nikshay Mitra initiative, supporting the Government of India's TB Mukt Bharat Campaign, which aims to eliminate tuberculosis in India by 2030.As a responsible corporate, FACOR is providing nutritional support to 300 identified TB patients. A total of 1200 nutritional TB kits have been distributed from December 2025 to March 2026 to ensure patients receive adequate nutritional assistance during their treatment period. The event was attended by key dignitaries including the Mr. Saroj Kumar Dutta (ADM), Dr. Pramod Kumar Paharaj (CDMO), Mr. Suniti Dhal (FACOR's CHRO), Mr. Soumya Ranjan Nayak (FACOR's CHSEO), Mr. Rasmi Bal (FACOR's Deputy CSR Head), along with other members of the company and hospital staff.Through this initiative, FACOR aims to strengthen grassroots healthcare support while contributing to the national mission of eliminating tuberculosis. Adequate nutrition plays a critical role in the recovery and well-being of TB patients, and the distribution of nutritional kits is designed to complement medical treatment and improve health outcomes.

Armed Robbery Inside House in Rayagada, PWD Employee Injured

Rayagada: Incidents of theft, robbery, and looting are reportedly increasing day by day in Rayagada town, creating fear and concern among local residents. In a shocking incident, armed robbers allegedly entered a house and looted valuables after threatening the occupants at gunpoint.

According to reports, the incident took place near the Fire Station area in Rayagada town. The house of Basant Kumar Mishra, an employee of the Public Works Department (PWD), was targeted by the robbers. A group of unidentified miscreants reportedly broke into the house and threatened the family with a firearm.The robbers allegedly assaulted Basant Kumar Mishra severely when he tried to resist them.

Jindal Panther launches 'Shaant City, Safe City' campaign

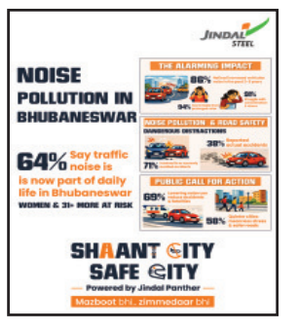
BHUBANESWAR,Correspondent): – Jindal Panther, the retail brand of Jindal Steel, today announced the launch of its 'Shaant City, Safe City' campaign in Bhubaneswar, following a study revealing that 87% of the city's residents believe traffic noise poses serious health risks. The initiative is aimed at tackling two of urban India's most pressing challenges—noise pollution and road safety. To understand the issue deeply, Jindal Panther partnered with YouGov to survey Bhubaneswar, providing a stark picture of how traffic noise is affecting daily life and physical well-being.

Key Findings from the Jindal Panther & YouGov Survey:

? Rising Noise Levels: 86% of respondents reported a significant increase in vehicular noise over the past 2–3 years.

? Mental Health Toll: 94% of residents feel irritable after prolonged exposure, while 91% reported struggling with concentration and heightened stress.

? The Safety Connection: 71% of respondents have either been involved in or narrowly avoided an accident due to noise-related distraction, with



38% reporting actual accidents.

Commenting on the campaign, Gautam Malhotra, CEO of Jindal Steel Ltd., said: "Traffic density is rising across Indian cities, and yet, noise pollution remains under-discussed as a major threat to urban health and safety. 'Shaant City, Safe City' is an attempt to put people at the heart of this conversation. We aim to make the citizens of Bhubaneswar aware of the unhealthy conditioning we have normalised and how we can become more 'zimmedaar' on the road, because a truly 'mazboot' city is built through responsible actions by each one of us."

Despite the identified risks, 64% of respondents say traffic noise has become a "normal" part of daily life in Bhubaneswar. However, public sentiment strongly supports reform: nearly 70% believe lowering noise pollution can reduce accidents and fatalities, and 58% associate quieter cities with reduced stress and safer pedestrian roads. Designed to create tangible change, the 'Shaant City, Safe City' campaign will feature on-ground activations in traffic-heavy zones, radio spots, and community-participation initiatives. Bhubaneswar marks the first phase of this multicity initiative, which Jindal Panther plans to expand to other Tier-2 cities across India to create a unified movement for safer, quieter urban roads.

* YouGov conducted a survey of 365 vehicle owners and commuters aged 18–65 in Bhubaneswar.

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Student Found Dead in Hostel of ITI Kantabanji, Investigation Demanded

Kantabanji, correspo ndence : A tragic incident occurred on Friday at the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Kantabanji of Balangir district, where a first-year student was found unconscious in the hostel and later declared dead.According to available information, the deceased student has been identified as Sujit Kumar Nag of Phugudimahul village under Deogaon police station limits. He had enrolled this year at the ITI Kantabanji and was undergoing training in the Fitter trade as a first-year student. Sujit was staying in the institute's hostel while pursuing his training and working hard to build his career.Reports indicate that the student had spoken normally with his classmates in the morning. However, he did not attend the training session and remained in the hostel. At around 11 a.m., another student found him lying unconscious inside the hostel room and immediately informed the institute authorities.Following the information, the authorities rushed him to Kantabanji Sub-Divisional Hospital by ambulance. The attending doctors referred him to the District Headquarters Hospital in Balangir for further treatment. However, doctors there declared him dead.Confirming the incident, ITI Kantabanji Principal Pran Bandhu Mahapatra informed the media about the sequence of events.Meanwhile, sources said that foam was seen coming out of the student's mouth when he was being taken for treatment, which has raised suspicion about the circumstances surrounding his death. The incident has sparked various discussions in the local area, with some people suspecting that the student may have taken an extreme step. However, the exact cause of death remains unclear. Local intellectuals and residents have demanded a thorough investigation by the district administration so that the truth behind the student's death can come to light.

BJP workers' meeting in Damaipali, preparation for Panchayat elections

Patngarh-(Correspondent) A panchayat-level BJP workers' meeting was held at Kechobahal (Amba Bagicha,) Damaipali Panchayat, Khaprakhol Block under Balangir district on Friday under the chairmanship of Panchayat President Sanjiv Patel. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister's Block Representative Padma Kumar Singh Bariha as the chief guest, senior BJP leader Prabodhananda Panigrahi, Mandal President Umakant Padhan, Bikas Behera, Panchayat In-charge



(prabhari)Upendra Bhoi, Ravi Sahu, Bulu Joshi as the guest of honor. On this occasion, the meeting began with the singing of Bande Mataraam and floral wreaths on the photo of Bharat Mata. On this occasion, keeping in mind the upcoming three-tier Panchayati Raj elections, discussions were held to further strengthen the party at the grassroots level by bringing the various LokaBhi Mukhi Garib Kalyan Kari schemes of the Double Engine Government to the masses and keeping in mind the need to strengthen the party further at the grassroots level. The meeting was attended by hundreds of prominent activists including Lalit Bagh, Akshay Bariha, Debraj Patel, Ashok Behera, Anup Bhoi, Dharmaraj Thakur, Ghana Rana, Biren Bhoi, Umesh Banchore, and Minketan Bariha, while Dr.Abhay Tripathi moderated the meeting.

ECOR BECOMES FIRST IN INDIAN RAILWAYS TO HANDLE 500 MT FREIGHT IN A YEAR

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent):East Coast Railway has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the only railway zone in the history of Indian Railways to handle 500 million tonnes (MT) of freight in a single year. This remarkable performance reflects the zone's strong operational efficiency and its significant contribution to the nation's freight transportation.During the year, East Coast Railway handled 262.9 MT of loading, registering a 10.4% growth, while unloading reached 237.6 MT, showing a 9% increase compared to the previous period. The balanced growth in both loading and unloading demonstrates the strong



logistics network and efficient freight management across the zone.The remarkable performance reflects the dedicated efforts of railway officials and staff, improved operational efficiency, enhanced coordination with industries, and optimized freight management strategies. Bulk commodities such as coal, iron ore, steel, cement, and other essential goods have contributed significantly to this record loading.This outstanding performance reflects East Coast Railway's pivotal role in strengthening the nation's freight economy and supporting industrial growth in its hinterland. Continuous monitoring, innovative operational practices, and the dedicated efforts of railway employees have played a key role in achieving this milestone.

Women Professionals At Vedanta Jharsuguda Drive An Industry-WideTransformation

Bhubaneswar (Correspondent): At the heart of the world'slargest aluminium plant, women professionals are confidentlysteppinginto roles that were once considered to be off limits to them. In doing so, they are helping transformIndia's manufacturing landscape in new, exciting ways. Vedanta Aluminium's mega plant in Jharsuguda is home to hundreds of women professionals who are leading driving complex technical roles. Supported bya slew of initiatives geared to build a safe and supportive work environment,their growing presencein core industrial functionsreflects the company's commitment

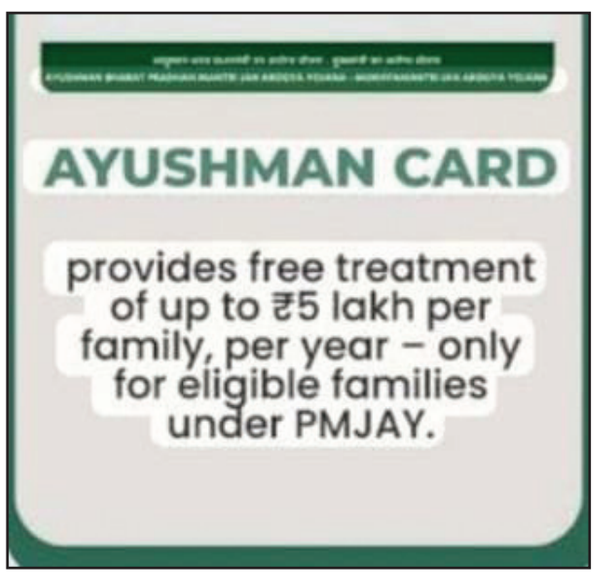


to inclusive operations.For decades, roles in core operations within the mining and metals industries were largely considered adomain suitable only to male professionals, due to misconceptions regarding the work being physically demanding or too complex to be undertaken by women.However, women professionals at Vedanta Jharsuguda are taking charge of a diverse variety of roles, placing them at the forefront ofan industry-wide transformation. Vedanta Jharsuguda's locomotive yard is one of the clearest examples of this shift. Here, locomotives are not merely for transporting materials but alsoto ensureseamless operations. Essential raw materials such as aluminamust reach theirdestinations within the plant at the right time, while finished goods must be transported fromloading points.At a plantfrom where aluminiumproductsare suppliedto customers in more than 60 countries, thisactivityis vital. An all-women locomotive teamis now an integral part of this chain, navigatingengines with precision, following strict safety protocols, coordinating across teams and executing tasks with the alertness the role demands.The potline presents a different, but equally formidable, challenge. Vedanta Jharsuguda's operations feature several potlines, which are long buildings within the smelter that contain a series of 'pots', or large electrolytic cells, within which aluminium production via smelting is carried out. It is adeeply technical environment where the process runs 24x7. Operators must track every pot'sparameter diligently and respond quicklyto any deviations to maintain stability. Now, the transition of one entire potline into an all-women-managed operation marks a meaningful transformation at Jharsuguda.

Reflecting on the significance of these shifts, C Chandru, CEO - Vedanta Jharsuguda, says, "Progress is driven not only by technology and scale but also by the people whopower our operations.

AYUSHMAN CARD USELESS, GAJAPATI PATIENT SPENDS LAKHS IN ANDHRA

Paralakhemundi, (Corresp ondent):):The promise of free healthcare under the Ayushman scheme has come under a cloud in Gajapati district after a poor family was forced to spend lakhs of rupees for treatment at a private nursing home in Andhra Pradesh despite possessing an Ayushman card.The wife of Hrushi Raut of Gola village under Gosani block has been battling a severe kidney ailment. She was initially taken to the District Headquarters Hospital at Paralakhemundi for dialysis. Though the



hospital has a dialysis unit, various administrative and infrastructural shortcomings reportedly made it impossible to provide the required treatment. Hospital authorities allegedly advised the family to shift the patient to a private nursing home at Srikakulam in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, assuring them that their Ayushman card would cover the treatment expenses. Trusting the assurance, the financially distressed family rushed the patient to the Andhra facility.However, their hopes soon collapsed when the nursing home authorities informed them that the Ayushman card was not valid there. With no other option and the patient's condition worsening, the family was compelled to borrow large sums of money and spend lakhs on treatment. Despite the heavy expenditure, the patient's health has not improved, the family lamented.Meanwhile, serious allegations have surfaced that agents and middlemen linked to private nursing homes in Andhra Pradesh are active around the Paralakhemundi government hospital. Lured by small commissions, they allegedly persuade poor patients to shift to private facilities across the state border.

Bhima Bhoi Divyang Samarthya Abhiyan Camp Held at Rayagada Panchayat Samiti

Rayagada, (Corresp ondent): A Bhima Bhoi Divyang Samarthya Abhiyan camp was organized today at the premises of the Panchayat Samiti Office, Rayagada, under the direction of the District Collector, Rayagada. The camp was conducted by the District Administration in collaboration with the Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.The camp was held under the supervision of the Block Development Officer (BDO), Rayagada, Mr. Sujit Kumar Mishra.

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Awareness to prevent forest fires in Malkangiri District

Malkangiri correspondent : As the summer season enters, fires are being seen in various forests and hills of Malkangiri district. All efforts are being made to make people aware of forest fires, informed Malkangiri District Divisional Forest Officer Sai Kiran DN. He said that now the summer season has entered, some unscrupulous people usually set fire to the forests to collect forest products like mahua and tola, Kendu leaf. As a result, other valuable trees in the forest are likely to be destroyed and the forest is also likely to be destroyed. this year, the Forest Department has created awareness in all the villages about fire and has formed forest protection committees, and the people



in the villages with forests are protecting the forests of their villages through these committees. Therefore, no forest fire has been seen anywhere this year so far. This awareness will continue in the coming days as well. For this, Srusti P NGO and AJY workers are also cooperating. He said that a forest protection committee will be formed in every village and the forest will be protected by them, and all the employees of the forest department are also vigilant about how to prevent forest fires.

EDITORIAL

Mathematics is Undergoing the Biggest Change in Its History

Mathematics has long been regarded as the purest form of human reasoning. For thousands of years, mathematical discoveries relied almost entirely on human intelligence, intuition, and logical thinking. From ancient geometry to modern algebra and calculus, mathematicians worked patiently to develop theories and proofs. Today, however, mathematics is experiencing one of the biggest transformations in its history due to the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence and computer-assisted reasoning.

Traditionally, solving a mathematical problem required long hours of calculation, creativity, and rigorous proof writing. Mathematicians often spent years verifying every step of a proof so that other scholars could check its correctness. In the modern era, computers and specialized software have begun to assist in this process. Systems known as proof assistants allow researchers to write mathematical proofs in a formal language so that a computer can verify every logical step automatically. Lean (proof assistant) is one such system that helps mathematicians formalize and check proofs with extreme precision. The idea of computers helping mathematicians is not entirely new. As early as the 1970s, computers were used to verify complex proofs that would have been extremely difficult for humans to check manually. A famous example is the proof of the Four Color Theorem, which required extensive computer calculations to confirm that any map can be colored with only four colors without neighboring regions sharing the same color. Such computer-assisted proofs marked the beginning of a new era in mathematics. What makes the current transformation even more remarkable is the rise of artificial intelligence. AI systems are now capable of solving complicated mathematical problems, generating proofs, and even suggesting new conjectures. Some modern AI tools can solve advanced competition-level problems and assist mathematicians in exploring new areas of research. Researchers believe these technologies will dramatically accelerate mathematical discovery in the coming decades. Another major shift is the formalization of mathematics. Mathematicians are increasingly converting traditional mathematical knowledge into digital form so that computers can verify and analyze it. Projects using proof assistants aim to create vast libraries of formally verified mathematics. Systems such as Mizar were developed specifically to write mathematical definitions and proofs in a language that computers can check automatically.

What If All of India's Vehicles Became Electric?



Manasij Das

Every day, millions of vehicles move across India's roads—two-wheelers in crowded lanes, cars on city highways, trucks carrying the country's commerce. Almost all of them run on petrol or diesel. But imagine a radical shift: what if every vehicle in India ran on electricity instead?

The consequences would go far beyond quieter engines and cleaner streets. It could reshape India's economy, energy security, and environmental future in profound ways.

India's Massive Oil Dependence : India is the third-largest oil consumer in the world. Yet it produces very little crude oil domestically. Today, around 87% of India's crude oil is imported, making the country heavily dependent on global energy markets. The annual oil import bill often exceeds $150–200 billion, depending on crude prices. This translates to roughly 4–5% of India's GDP. Transport is the biggest consumer of this fuel. Road vehicles alone account for about 35–40% of India's total petroleum consumption.Now consider the implication: If India's vehicles largely became electric, a huge portion of this oil demand could simply disappear.The impact on India's trade balance, foreign exchange reserves, and economic stability could be transformative. Oil markets are notoriously volatile. Wars, geopolitical tensions, sanctions, or supply cuts can instantly send prices soaring. India, as a major importer, often finds itself exposed to global energy shocks beyond its control. Electrification of vehicles could gradually reduce this vulnerability. Instead of relying on oil shipped from distant regions, India's mobility could be powered increasingly by electricity generated within the country. In strategic terms, that means moving from energy dependence to energy resilience. Cleaner Air for Indian Cities. The environmental benefits would be equally significant. The transport sector contributes roughly 10–12% of India's total carbon emissions. In major cities, vehicular pollution is a major contributor to PM2.5 levels and urban smog. Electric vehicles produce zero tailpipe emissions. If a large share of India's 300+ million vehicles became electric, the impact on air quality could be dramatic.

Cleaner air would mean lower healthcare costs, improved productivity, and healthier cities. Powered by India's Renewable Energy. A key question arises: where would the electricity come from? India is already among the fastest-growing renewable energy markets in the world. The country has installed over 180 GW of renewable energy capacity, including solar, wind, hydro, and biomass. Solar power in particular is expanding rapidly. With abundant sunlight and falling costs, solar electricity has become one of the cheapest sources of energy in India. If EV adoption accelerates alongside renewable energy expansion, India's vehicles could effectively run on sunlight and wind generated within its own borders. Redirecting Energy Toward the Future. Today, enormous national effort goes into managing oil supply—securing imports, building refineries, maintaining pipelines, and stabilizing fuel prices. But in an electric mobility future, the focus would shift toward: Battery technology, Grid modernization, Renewable energy expansion, Energy storage systems, Charging infrastructure networks. In other words, India could channel its energy investments toward future technologies rather than fossil fuel logistics. A New Industrial Opportunity. The EV transition is not just about energy—it's also about industry. Electric mobility could unlock new sectors such as: Battery manufacturing and recycling, EV component manufacturing, Charging infrastructure networks, Smart mobility software and grid management. India already has one of the largest automobile markets in the world. If electrification accelerates, the country could emerge as a global hub for EV manufacturing and clean mobility innovation. A Future Powered from Within. The idea of all vehicles in India becoming electric may sound ambitious today. But even partial electrification could dramatically reduce oil imports, improve air quality, and strengthen India's energy independence. Instead of relying on crude oil shipped across oceans, India's mobility could be powered by electricity generated from its own renewable resources. In that future, the vehicles on India's roads would no longer be tied to the volatility of global oil markets. They would run on energy produced within the country—cleaner, cheaper, and more secure. And that could fundamentally change the way India powers its growth.

Phanishwar Nath Renu: Most influential writer of modern Hindi literature



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Phanishwar Nath Renu is one of the most successful and influential writers who is remembered for his vivid portrayal of events in rural Bharat through regional novels and for bringing regional dialect into the mainstream of Hindi literature. Renu ji is counted among the most successful and inspiring creators of modern Hindi literature after the Premchand era. His first masterpiece social novel titled "Maila Aanchal", composed in 1954, gained the fame of the most famous Hindi novel after Premchand's "Godan" and he was subsequently awarded the "Padma Shri" award in 1970 by the Government of India.

Phanishwar Nath Renu was born on 4 March 1921 in a poor Kurmi family in Aunrahi Hingna village under the then Purnia district (present-day Araria district) of Bihar. His father Shilanath Mandal was active in Bharat's freedom movement and was flag bearer of modern ideas, culture and art. After completing his primary education in Forbesganj and Araria, he moved to Viratnagar (Nepal), where he completed his matriculation from Viratnagar Adarsh Vidyalaya, residing with the Koirala family.

After passing his Intermediate in Arts course from Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya in 1942, he actively participated in Bharat's freedom struggle. In 1950, he participated in the Nepalese revolutionary movement against the monarchy in Nepal, which resulted in the establishment of democracy there. He fell seriously ill in 1952-53, and during this period he inclined towards writings. A glimpse of his period is found in his story "Tabe Ekla Chalo Re".

Renuji is best known for promoting the voice of contemporary rural Bharat and laid the foundation of "Anchalik Katha" in Hindi literature. In his stories and novels, a successful attempt has been made to put into words every tune, every smell, every rhythm, every tone, every beauty and every simplicity of rural life. There is a magical effect in his language-style which keeps the readers bound with him. His literature deeply captures the rural diversities. He was an outstanding storyteller and while reading his works, one feels as if someone is telling a living story. He has used the folk songs of rural life in a very creative way in his fictions.

Renuji's writings carry forward the social realist tradition of Premchand and for this reason he is called the " Premchand of Post-independence". His writing style was descriptive in which each psychological thought of the character was described in a captivating way. Renuji's famous social novel "Maila Aanchal" depicts the lives of rural Bharat and its deprived people. The publication of this novel made him famous overnight as an eminent Hindi story writer.The prominent novels composed by Renuji include Maila Aanchal (1954), Parati Parikatha (1957), Dirghtapa (1964), Juloos (1966), Kitne Chaurahe (1966), Kalank Mukti (1972), Paltu Babu Road (1979), Krishay Ki Kahani, and Is Jal Pralay Mein. He wrote story collections namely Ek Thumri (1959), Agnikhor (1973), Ek Shravani Dophari Ki Dhoop (1984) and Achhe Aadmi. In his memoirs, Rin Jal-Dhan Jal, Van Tulsi Ki Gandh, Shrut Ashrut Purve, Totapur, Samay Ki Shila Par, Aatm Parichay, and Nepali Kranti Katha. His famous stories include Mare Gaye Gulfan, Ek Aadim Ratri Ki Mahak, Lal Paan Ki Begum, Panchlite, Tabe Ekla Chalo Re, Raspriya, Thes, Naina Jogin, Sanwadiya, Purani Kahani: Naya Paath, Pahalwan Ki Dholak, Akal Aur Bhains, Agni Sancharak, Atithi Satkar, Atha Balakandam, Abhinav, Party Ka Bhoot, Wonderful Studio, Vikat Sankat, Ek Akahani Ka Supatra, Pranon Mein Ghule Huye Rang. He also wrote "Bhaduriji" in Bengali on novelist Satinath Bhaduri.

Renuji's short story "Mare Gaye Gulfan" was adapted into the famous film "Teesari Kasam" in 1966, by director Basu Bhattacharya and produced by famous poet-lyricist Shailendra. Raj Kapoor and Waheeda Rehman played the lead roles in this film. Renu ji also wrote the dialogues for this film. This film is considered a milestone in the world of cinema, in which the love story of Hiraman and Hirabai created a wonderful epic yet tragic narrative of love and it continue to fascinate readers and audiences even today. In 2017, a short TV film based on one of his stories "Panchlight" presented a wonderful picture of village life.

In the 1972 Bihar Legislative Assembly elections, Renu ji contested as an independent candidate from Farbisganj constituency to symbolically protest against the mismanagement and corruption prevailing in the government system. A group of litterateurs, writers and intellectuals went from village to village to campaign in his favour, during which the poetic slogan "Kah Do Gaon-Gaon Mein, Abki Iss ChunavMein, Vote Denge Naav Mein" became widely popular.

In 1974, he actively participated in the Bihar Sapta Kranti Aandolanunder the leadership of Jayaprakash Narayan and showing his solidarity towards the movement, he returned the title of "Padma Shri" in protest against the anti-people policies of the government during the Emergency. During the movement, he was also bled many times by the lathis of the police. On April 11, 1977, after a prolong illness, this literature seeker left his mortal body and merged into the Panch Tatwa (five elements).

The Government Needs to Formulate a Policy-Following Extensive Deliberation



Kishan Bhawnani

On a global stage, in the 21st century, women's empowerment has emerged as a central theme in world politics, social policy, and economic development. Today, in most democratic nations, it is widely acknowledged that the progress of any nation is contingent upon its female population constituting half of its citizenry having equal access to opportunities, dignity, and resources. Aligning itself with this global perspective, India, too, is actively implementing numerous schemes aimed at ensuring women's dignity, education, health, skill development,and economicempowerment. Several programs spearheaded by the Government of India such as Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (Save the Daughter, Educate the Daughter), the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, and the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana—are designed to empower women socially, economically, and educationally. These initiatives have not only improved the status of women but have also reinforced a sense of respect for them within society. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani (Gondia, Maharashtra), firmly believe that women constitute not merely half of society's population; they are, in fact, the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and the very bedrock of the family unit. Consequently, ensuring their safety, health, and dignity becomes a primary responsibility of the government. However, policy demands occasionally arise even if ostensibly aimed at enhancing women's comfort and health—whose social and economic ramifications may prove to be complex. One such issue recently came to the fore when a petition was filed seeking to mandate "menstrual leave" (or "period leave") for working women and female students. While hearing this petition, the Supreme Court of India, on March 13, 2026, made significant observations and subsequently dismissed the plea. The Court observed that making such a provision legally mandatory could adversely impact employment opportunities for women. This verdict is not merely a legal decree; rather, it sparks a significant debate regarding the delicate balance between women's rights, equality, and employment prospects.

Friends, if we turn our attention to understanding the demand for menstrual leave specifically its background and underlying rationale it is essential to recognize that menstruation is a natural biological cycle in a woman's life. While this monthly physiological change is a routine occurrence for many women, a significant number face severe pain, physical weakness, hormonal imbalances, and mental stress during this period. It is for this very reason that numerous social organizations and women's rights activists have long advocated for the provision of special leave for working women and female students during menstruation. The petition filed in this matter also highlighted that while India possesses legal provisions for leave related to pregnancy and childbirth such as the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961—there exists no specific legal framework to address the physical discomfort associated with menstruation. The petitioners argued that granting women one or two days of menstrual leave each month would lead to improvements in both their health and their work efficiency.They further contended that since certain state governments and private sector companies have voluntarily implemented such provisions, this practice should be mandated across the entire country.

Friends, regarding the Supreme Court's perspective on this matter—specifically the interplay between practicality and sentimentality—the Bench presided over by the Chief Justice emphasized, during the hearings, the necessity of viewing this issue not merely through an emotional lens, but also from a practical and economic standpoint. The Court explicitly stated that while it is a welcome initiative for any company or institution tovoluntarily grant menstrual leave to women, mandating it as a statutory requirement could lead to several unintended consequences. The Court observed that if employers were compelled to provide additional paid leave every month, they might potentially become reluctant to hire women. This observation by the Court was made with due consideration for the ground realities of the Indian labor market. In India, a significant number of private companies still recruit employees based on considerations of cost and productivity. Consequently, if employers were mandated to grant additional leave to female employees, many might opt ??to prioritize male candidates.

Friends Furthermore, in examining the grounds for the dismissal of the petition—specifically regarding its potential impact on employment opportunities—the Supreme Court observed that one must guard against a mindset that portrays women as vulnerable. According to the Court, if the law conveys the message that women are incapable of working during a certain period each month, it could foster prejudice against them in the workplace. For instance, if a company is selecting between two candidates one male and one female an employer might reason that hiring the female candidate would entail granting additional leave, thereby adversely affecting productivity. In such a scenario, employment opportunities for women could diminish. The Court remarked that it would be ironic if a policy designed to safeguard the interests of women were to ultimately become an impediment to them.

Friends, if we are to understand the true challenge regarding women's empowerment and equality, it becomes clear that empowerment stems not merely from providing amenities, but from ensuring equal opportunities. If a policy grants women special privileges yet results in fewer employment opportunities for them, that policy may ultimately prove detrimental to their interests.Therefore, the greatest challenge facing policymakers is to safeguard women's employment opportunities while simultaneously protecting their health and dignity. Addressing issues related to menstruation requires not only legal provisions but also social sensitivity. Workplaces must foster an environment that is more sensitive and supportive toward women. Many companies already offer facilities such as flexible working hours, "work-from-home" options, and health-related leave. If these arrangements are strengthened, women could find relief without the need for any additional legal mandates.

Friends, if we turn our attention to understanding the Court's social cautionary note: during the hearing, the Court observed that it is inappropriate to portray menstruation as if it were some unfortunate calamity. Women's biological processes should be viewed with respect and treated as a normal, natural occurrence. According to the Court, if "period leave" were to be enacted as a mandatory law, it could foster a societal perception that women are incapable of performing their duties on a regular basis. Thus, the Court underscored a principle of women's empowerment wherein women are viewed not as vulnerable or dependent, but as capable and equal partners.

Regarding the concerns of employers and economic realities: during the hearing, Justice Joymalya Bagchi observed that while the intent behind the petition is laudable, it is equally essential to take the employers' perspective into account.

If every female employee were to be granted two additional days of paid leave per month, the resulting financial burden would fall upon the companies.This burden could prove particularly onerous for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). In a developing nation like India where job creation remains a significant challenge it is imperative to thoroughly analyze the economic implications of any new policy before implementing it. Friends, if we attempt to understand the Supreme Court's suggestion to the government regarding policy formulation, it is noteworthy that while the Court dismissed the petition, it did not entirely overlook the underlying issue. The Court observed that the petitioners had already submitted their memorandum to the Ministry of Women and Child Development.Consequently, the Court suggested that the government could consider formulating a balanced policy on this subject by engaging in consultations with all relevant stakeholders—including women's organizations, employers, health experts, and policymakers. This implies that the Court did not reject the issue outright but rather referred it to the realm of policy formulation.

Friends, if we examine this entire matter from a global perspective and look at the provisions for menstrual leave worldwide, we find that such provisions do exist in several countries. For instance, nations like Japan, South Korea, and Indonesia have granted women the right to take leave during menstruation. More recently, Spain also enacted legislation granting women the right to menstrual leave. However, in many countries, this practice has remained a contentious issue, as it raises concerns regarding the potential for increased discrimination against women during the recruitment process. This is precisely why many experts suggest that, rather than enacting a mandatory law for menstrual leave, companies should be granted the autonomy to adopt flexible policies tailored to their specific contexts.

District Congress Committee protests over shortage of LPG cylinders and price hike

SUBARNAPUR(Correspondent) -The Subarnapur District Congress Committee has informed the Collector about the shortage of LPG cylinders in the district, the rising prices of essential commodities and the need to intervene immediately to stop black marketing. It is learnt that due to the current war situation, the supply of LPG cooking gas has come down considerably. The refilling cycle, which used to take about 15 days, has now increased to about 25 days or more, which is causing hardship to the families.



The price of a domestic LPG cylinder has recently increased by about ?60 and the price, which was around ?437 during the UPA period, has now reached around ?950 per cylinder, which is creating a huge financial burden on the common family. Similarly, the price of a commercial LPG cylinder (19.5 kg) has also increased considerably. This situation is seriously affecting hotels, restaurants, small food shops, roadside food vendors and catering businesses. On Friday evening, the District Congress Committee was seen protesting by lighting a stove at the local Biju Patnaik Chhak and shouting slogans against the BJP. All these programs were led by District Congress Committee General Secretary Sudhir Kumar Panda, while senior Congress leaders Jitendra Patnaik, Priyabrat Sahu, Madhab Kumbhar, Pramod Guru, Ranjit ???, Nimain Panigrahi, Barun Suna, Tarani Barik, Bharat Jena, Amit Nayak made major contributions

Two accused arrested in land sale fraud case

Gopalpur, (correspondent):Golanthara Police today arrested two accused and produced them in court in a case of illegally selling a land that had already been sold and taking about Rs 75 lakh as a land broker. The arrested accused have been identified as Somendr Kumar Sahu of Shankhari Sahi under Berhampur Bada Bazaar police station and Shivshankar Chaudhary of Raijhola under Sadar police station, police said. According to the complaint, two lands in the name of P. Satyanarayan in Antrabatiya under Gopalpur police station were sold to Somendra Kumar Sahu and



Himanshu Shekhar Patra in 2022. After the land sale, after learning that the land purchased by Somendra was purchased by one person of Rangeilunda area in 1970-1972, Somendra sold the land in his name to Himanshu Shekhar Patra in a fit of rage. When Himanshu went to the land purchased in 2025 and measured it, the previous landowner came there and showed him the document that he had purchased it in 1970. It is understood that Himanshu had been a victim of fraud of about Rs 75 lakhs in the purchase and sale of land and had been asking Somendra and Shivshankar to return the money. But both of them did not give up or return the money. Himanshu had filed a written complaint at the Golanthara police station that he had been a victim of fraud after purchasing the land.

AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before notary public, Angul, dated 11.03.2026 I Mamata Agrawal, At : Ghana Sahu Chhak, Gandhimarg, Angul, P.O/P.S.:/Dist : Angul, Odisha-759122 declare that I have changed my name from Mamata Agrawalla to Mamata Agrawal. Henceforth,I shall be known as Mamata Agrawal for all purposes.

Mamata Agrawal

Odisha Parba begins with cultural fervour; coastal legacy attracts crowds

New Delhi,, (Correspondent): The three-day cultural festival dedicated to the vibrant heritage of Odisha, Odisha Parba 2026, began on Friday at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. Organised by Odia Samaj, the festival will continue until 15 March.

The first day of the event was graced by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who inaugurated the cultural festival and interacted with Odia artists."Happy to meet Sambalpuri singer Umakant Barik, his team, and artist friends who have come to New Delhi to participate in 'Odisha Parba 2026'. Everyone's contribution



towards taking Odisha's art and culture to the national level is unparalleled. Your performance in the national capital, Delhi, will highlight our art, culture and heritage. My best wishes to all friends," Pradhan said in a post on X (formerly Twitter).Apart from its cultural legacy, culinary diversity has also emerged as a key attraction at the event. Food stalls offering regional cuisines have proven magnetic for city dwellers."For me as a food lover, this place is nothing less than heaven. All the veg and non-veg items deserve a try, especially the seafood. They have preserved it well for transport," said Saket, a visitor.Adding to the festive spirit, the event features a vibrant lineup of classical, folk and tribal performances, including Chhau, Bagha Nacha and Sambalpuri dance, captivating audiences with Odisha's dynamic cultural traditions. The festival also includes "Pratibha Utsava," a talent hunt platform for emerging artists, as well as recreations of traditional festivals such as Raja and Nuakhai, offering visitors a glimpse into Odisha's living traditions.Complementing the cultural festivities, a series of seminars titled "Talk Today, Transform Tomorrow" will bring together thought leaders, experts and policymakers to discuss Odisha's journey toward a self-reliant, progressive and innovative future.The event will also be graced by other eminent dignitaries, including Smt. Rekha Gupta, Chief Minister of Delhi; Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Tourism and Culture; Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Governor of Odisha; and Ashish Sood, Delhi Home Minister, along with other distinguished guests.

Decomposed Human Limb Recovered From Pond

Bhawanipatna(Correspondent):: Panic gripped residents after a decomposed human body part was recovered from the Bimala Bagbanda pond under Jayapatna police station limits in Kalahandi district on Friday.The shocking discovery was made when a group of local children went to the pond to catch fish. While casting their nets, the children reportedly felt the net becoming unusually heavy. Assuming they had caught a large fish, they pulled it up but were horrified to find a decomposed human limb entangled in the net.Terrified by the sight, the children immediately fled from the spot and informed villagers about the incident.

AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before notary public, Angul, dated 23.07.2025 I Rupal Maru, At : Panchamahala, P.O : Karadagadia, P.S: Angul Sadar, Dist : Angul, Odisha declare that I have changed my name from Rupal Chouhan to Rupal Maru. Henceforth,I shall be known as Rupal Maru for all purposes.

Rupal Maru

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Heroin Worth Rs 12.74 Lakh Seized

Cuttack,(correspondent):: The Excise Department's Flying Squad (EI & EB, Unit-I, Cuttack) on Friday detected a drug trafficking case and seized 118 grams of heroin valued at approximately ?12.74 lakh from two persons near Nadiagurudi Chhak under Cuttack Sadar police station limits.The accused have been identified as Akash Kumar Nayak (30) and Sisira Nayak (35), both residents of Kurangsasan village under Cuttack Sadar police station.

According to officials, the Excise Flying Squad intercepted the duo during a raid and recovered the contraband heroin, along with ?4,400 suspected to be proceeds from drug sales. A red-coloured Bajaj Discover 125 motorcycle used by the accused was also seized during the operation.

Department of Economics of Brahmapur University organised a national conference

Gopalpur (correspondent):A two-day national conference was inaugurated on Friday at the new conference hall of Brahmapur University by the Department of Economics and the Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy and PM-Usha of the Odisha Government. The theme of the conference was Regional Economic Transformation for a Developing India. Professor Gitanjali Dash, Vice Chancellor of Brahmapur University, presided over the conference and said that universities should transform the regional economy in a developing India through research, policy discussions and creating connections with the society. Professor Kumar Bar Dash, former Vice Chancellor of Fakir Mohan



University, was the chief guest and expressed the need to combine local resources, entrepreneurship and technological innovation for regional development. Professor R. Sudarshan Rao, former Vice Chancellor of Vikram Simha Puri University, was the guest of honor. He added that strengthening the regional innovation environment and integrating research into policy and He highlighted the need to connect with industry. PG Council Chairman Professor Sukant Kumar Tripathi joined and advised the students on the topic. The convener of the program and Head of the Department Professor Murutyunjaya Swain gave the welcome speech and introduced the guests. The booklet of the conference was released on this occasion. Finally, Assistant Professor Dhanushmayi Mishra proposed the vote of thanks. In the first session, Professor Mamata Swain, former Head of the Department of Economics, Ravenshaw University, Professor Swarnamayi Tripathi, Professor S.N. Tripathi, former President of OA, participated and discussed the topic of inclusion and sustainability. Dr. Bibhu Nandini Dash proposed the vote of thanks. In the second session, Bhagwat Patra, former Professor of Berhampur University, former Editor of OA, Professor Amarendra Dash, Head of MSME, participated on the topic of innovation and entrepreneurship. V.V. Rama Rao, Professor Sudhakar Patra of Utkal University joined and discussed the topic. Assistant Professor Prithvi Singh proposed the vote of thanks. In the third and fourth sessions, Professor Ratanant Kumbar of the Department of Economics of the Central University, Professor Umesh Chandra Panigrahi of the Kalam Institute, Researcher Ajit Kumar Pagal of the Department of Economics of Brahmapur University, Dr. Sandhya Mohapatra of NKC Bhubaneswar, Dr. Sarada Prasad Sahu of the Department of MBA of Brahmapur University, Researcher Vinod Suna of the Department of Economics joined and discussed the topic. Many economic experts, students, female and male researchers were present.

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ଜିଲ୍ଲା -ମାଲକାନଗିରି

(୧) ଶଙ୍କର ଜାତୀୟ ଅମୃତ ଭଣ୍ଡା, କାଜୁ (ରେଗୁଲାର) ୦୨ ବର୍ଷରେ ହେକ୍ଟର ପ୍ରତି ସର୍ବାଧକ ରିହାତି ଟ.୩୭, ୫୦୦, ରହିଥିବା ବେଳେ କାଜୁ (ହାଇ ଡେନସିଟି) ପାଇଁ ଟ.୪୫, ୦୦୦/- ରିହାତି

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Anupam Kher, Boman Irani-starrer 'Khosla Ka Ghosla 2' to be released on August 28

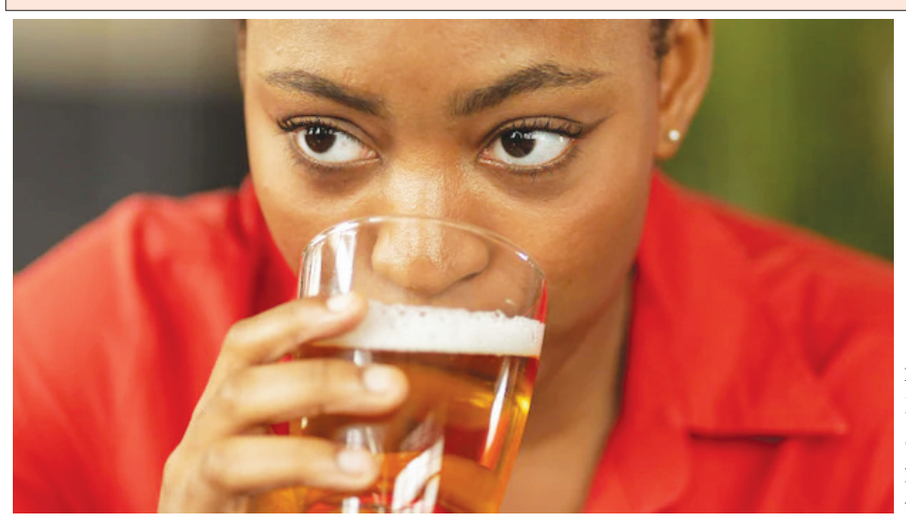
Anupam Kher and Boman Irani-starrer 'Khosla Ka Ghosla 2' is all set to be released this year.On Thursday, the makers announced August 28 as the film's release date."20 years later...The Khoslas are back. #KhoslaKaGhosla2 In Cinemas on 28th August 2026," a post read on the official Instagram handle of T-Series.The sequel will also feature Ranvir Shorey, Kiran Juneja, and Parvinn Dabass - the ones who portrayed the iconic Khosla family in the first film. Actor Tara Sharma, who was a part of the original film, also joined the cast for the upcoming sequel.The original film 'Khosla Ka Ghosla', released in 2006 and directed by Dibakar Banerjee, became a cult favourite for its light-hearted story and strong performances. The film talked about issues like property scams and family conflicts in a simple yet funny way.While talking to ANI recently, Kher expressed surprise at the movie's immense recall value and global celebration after announcing it on social media."I did not know the movie had such a huge recall value. As soon

Actress Lara Dutta, daughter stranded in Dubai amid Middle East crisis



Actress Lara Dutta has revealed that she is stuck in Dubai with her daughter Saira amid the ongoing unrest in the Middle East region. However, her husband, Mahesh Bhupati, is not with them, as he is away for work. Terming the last few days as stressful, she went on to say in the video uploaded by her on her Insta, "Lots of fighter jets flying overhead, lots of loud booms. Though we live in a villa and in a very safe neighborhood, the windows shake, the house, the doors rattle, and it's unnerving. But I haven't felt unsafe for not even once."Praising the UAE government, she went on to add, "And I just want to say that the UAE government has done an incredible job, I think for every single person, I can say this, I won't say it for anybody else, we felt really looked after. We felt wanted, we felt protected, regardless of our nationality or where we're from. We feel like we count, we matter.And the UAE government, as a resident, as somebody living in this city, is making sure that they do everything in their power to protect us and keep us safe. And I am amazed, my gardener's been showing up every day, mowing my lawn, watching the plants. Delivery riders are working."Lara added that they are looking at flights back to India, but there are not too many.Keeping a positive outlook, the 'Partner' actress continued, "We'll figure it out. But yeah, I just wanted to say that we were there.

These 6 Common Drinks Could Be Killing Your Glow



Food is much more than just taste. Eating healthy nourishes the body and promotes better overall health, while consuming unhealthy ingredients can damage your wellbeing, even if the effects are not immediately visible. Everything you consume affects your energy, brain function, mood, and notably, your skin health. Your food and drink choices can impact how young and vibrant your skin appears.

In a recent Instagram video, Dr Terry Shintani, MD and nutritionist trained at Harvard, shared six commonly consumed beverages that can make your skin look dull and aged.

6 Beverages To Avoid To Keep Your Skin Healthy:

1. Soft DrinksSoft drinks contain high levels of sugar. "The high sugar content spikes blood sugar levels, which can cause cross-leakage of skin collagen and cause wrinkles," explains Dr Shintani. Collagen and elastin are key proteins that keep the skin firm and elastic. The sugars in soft drinks stiffen and dry out collagen and elastin, weakening them and speeding up premature ageing.2. Diet Sodas and Artificially Sweetened BeveragesDr Shintani warns that diet sodas and artificially sweetened drinks may promote inflammation, which damages the skin and accelerates ageing. A 2023 clinical review published in Cureus linked several sweetening agents to severe allergic reactions, including oral ulcers and skin problems.

3. AlcoholAlcohol dehydrates the body, which is harmful for your skin, says Dr Shintani. Dehydration causes the skin's outer layer to lose moisture, leading to flakiness, fine lines, and early signs of ageing. Alcohol also speeds up ageing in the brain and other organs.

4. Energy DrinksEnergy drinks often contain sugar or sugar substitutes plus caffeine, both of which dehydrate the body and skin. Instead of these artificial, sugar-heavy drinks, opt for hydrating natural options like coconut water, sugarcane juice, lemonade, sattu sharbat, green tea, or kombucha.5. Dairy-Based Drinks"Dairy food can also be surprisingly not good for your skin. Research indicates dairy in any form increases the risk of acne," notes the Harvard-trained nutritionist. However, this does not mean you should completely eliminate dairy if it suits your body. It is best to consult a nutritionist or doctor for personalised advice.

6. FrappuccinoThis popular coffee-based drink combines high sugar, caffeine, and milk-a trio that can be damaging to skin health. This mix can contribute to poor skin condition over time.

Home Remedies For Seasonal Allergies: What To Eat To Feel Better Fast

Simple And Effective Food Remedies for Seasonal Allergies:1. Eat an Anti-Inflammatory Diet

"Adopt a diet rich in anti-inflammatory foods to support your immune system. Some of these include garlic, lemons, green leafy vegetables, probiotic foods, and bone broth," shares Jacqueline. A strong immune system may help reduce the severity of seasonal allergy symptoms.2. Consume Local Raw Honey DailyTaking raw honey daily may sound too simple, but it is a time-tested remedy. "Consuming a tablespoon of local raw honey can help your body build tolerance to local pollen," explains the nutritionist. It is important to ensure that the honey is pure and unadulterated.3. Include Foods High in Quercetin

Quercetin is a bioflavonoid antioxidant that helps regulate histamine release, naturally easing allergy symptoms. It is found in foods such as broccoli, onions, green tea, and citrus fruits. Citrus fruits also provide vitamin C, which supports the immune system and can reduce mild allergy symptoms.

4. Use Stinging Nettle in Tea, Salads, and CookingStinging nettle leaf, known as 'bichhu buti' or 'kandali ka saag' in India, is a medicinal herb traditionally used to treat allergies. Research shows that stinging nettle can regulate histamine, the chemical involved in allergic reactions.

Sindhi Fish Curry Recipe

Ingredients of Sindhi Fish Curry6-7 pieces of king fish3-4 green chillies, chopped3-4 garlic cloves, finely chopped2 tomatoes, pureed1 tsp red chilli powder1 tsp coriander powder1/2 tsp haldi3 tsp oilWater, as required1 cup coriander leavesSalt, to taste

How to Make Sindhi Fish Curry

1.Wash the fish nicely and then sprinkle salt, red chilli powder, haldi, and oil over it. Rub it well to ensure that the fish is well coated. Set aside to marinate for an hour.2.In the meantime, add coriander leaves, green chillies, and garlic cloves to a mixer grinder and blend to form a smooth paste.3.Heat oil in a pan and shallow fry the marinated fish pieces evenly from both sides.4.In another pan, add oil along with the prepared coriander paste and some water. Mix well and allow it to cook for a few minutes.5.Next, add in the coriander powder, red chilli powder, salt, and tomato puree. Add more water if required, and cook until the gravy comes to a boil.6.Arrange the fish pieces in a bowl and pour the gravy over them. Garnish with fresh coriander leaves, and serve hot! Sindhi fish curry is ready to be relished.



How Flaxseeds May Help Regulate Your Period Cycle



For many people who menstruate, maintaining a regular menstrual cycle can feel like a mystery. Stress, diet, and hormonal imbalances are several factors that can affect the cycle. In the search for solutions, we often turn to herbal teas, supplements, and even drastic diet changes, hoping to regulate a healthy cycle. But these affect each body differently. While some methods work, others fail to produce the desired results, leaving us frustrated and looking for alternatives. What if a simple addition to your daily diet could naturally support hormonal balance and help regulate your periods? This is where flaxseeds, also known as alsi, come into the limelight. These tiny, nutrient-rich seeds are extremely beneficial for menstrual health. Let us look at how flaxseeds can support your menstrual cycle.

What Are the Benefits of Eating Flaxseeds?

Flaxseeds are known for their impressive nutritional profile. According to the book Healing Foods by Dorling Kindersley, flaxseeds help the body in several ways.

1. Supports Heart HealthFlaxseeds are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which help lower triglyceride levels and reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure.2. Boosts DigestionThese seeds contain mucilaginous fibre, which promotes gut health, prevents constipation, and supports smooth digestion.3. Regulates Blood SugarThe fibre content in flaxseeds slows digestion, which helps prevent sudden blood sugar spikes and supports diabetes management.4. Helps Manage WeightFlaxseeds are energy-dense and, thanks to their fibre content, can keep you full for longer. This makes them a beneficial ingredient for weight loss and appetite control.



FIRST TIME IN INDIA: NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE PLAYED ON SIX INDOOR COURTS SIMULTANEOUSLY AT KIIT

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)In a historic first for Indian volleyball, the 26th Youth National Volleyball Championship 2025–26 (Men & Women) will be played across six indoor courts simultaneously under one roof at the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium of KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, from 15th to 20th March 2026.The prestigious championship is being jointly organised by the Odisha Volleyball Association (OVA) and KIIT University under the aegis of the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI). The event follows the grand success of the FIVB Volleyball Beach Pro Tour Challenge 2026, recently hosted at KIIT, further strengthening Odisha's reputation as a premier destination for major volleyball events.Approximately 30 State and 2 Institutional teams in both Men's and Women's categories are expected to participate in the championship. Teams from leading institutions such as the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Services will also compete, making the championship one of the largest youth volleyball gatherings in the country.In total, nearly 1,200 players, officials, and technical delegates from across India are expected to attend the event.The Opening Ceremony will be graced by Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Chief Patron of the Volleyball Federation of India, President of the Odisha Volleyball Association, and Founder of KIIT, KISS, and KIMS. Prof. Samanta has extended invitations to Presidents and Secretaries of State Volleyball Associations across India to attend the inaugural function.Under the visionary leadership of Prof. Samanta, Odisha has emerged as one of the most active states in promoting volleyball in India. The state has successfully hosted several major national events, including the 68th, 69th, and 70th Senior National Volleyball Championships and the 34th Federation Cup.Speaking about the upcoming championship, Prof. Samanta stated, "With sustained efforts, we have been promoting volleyball in Odisha for many years and will continue to strengthen the sport in the future."The championship is expected to provide a major platform for identifying and nurturing young volleyball talent in India, while further reinforcing Odisha's position as a leading hub for volleyball development and international-standard sporting events.

Former AIFF General Secretary Kushal Das Dies At 66

New Delhi: Former general secretary of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) Kushal Das passed away here on Friday at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife and two sons.Das, who served the federation for 12 years, took charge as the AIFF general secretary in November 2010. Before joining AIFF, Das served as the chief financial officer of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in Dubai.He oversaw landmark events and structural changes that helped raise the profile of the sport in India. The country successfully hosted the 2017 FIFA U17 World Cup. Women's football also witnessed important progress during this period with the launch of the Indian Women's League in 2017. Towards the end of his tenure, India successfully hosted major international tournaments, including the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup.In 2022, the seasoned administrator had resigned from his post at AIFF, citing health reasons.

AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey condoled the passing ofone of the longest-serving General Secretaries , saying, "Kushal Das played an important role in the administration and development of Indian football during his tenure as General Secretary of the AIFF. His efforts towards Indian football will always be remembered. On behalf of the entire Indian football fraternity, I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones in this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace."AIFF deputy secretary general M. Satyanarayan added, "It is indeed sad to hear of Mr Das's demise. He was one of the longest-serving General Secretaries of the AIFF, serving for over 12 years. During his tenure, the administration at Football House saw many changes and several new departments were created.

Alcaraz Matches Nadal and Djokovic in Record-Breaking Indian Wells Win

NEWDELHI: Carlos Alcaraz defeated Cameron Norrie 6-3, 6-4 in the Indian Wells quarterfinals, becoming the youngest player to reach five consecutive semifinals at the tournament.The world No.1 avenged his Paris Masters 2025 loss to Norrie and equalled the record set by Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. At 22, Alcaraz surpassed both legends by achieving the milestone earlier in his career. He now faces Daniil Medvedev, who



extended his winning streak to eight matches after beating defending champion Jack Draper 6-1, 7-5.World No.2 Jannik Sinner advanced with a dominant 6-1, 6-2 win over American youngster Learner Tien. He will meet fourth-ranked Alexander Zverev, who eased past Arthur Fils 6-2, 6-3. The clash promises high-intensity tennis between two rising stars of the ATP Tour.Aryna Sabalenka overcame Victoria Mboko 7-6, 6-4 to secure her semifinal spot. The Belarusian top seed will face Linda Noskova of the Czech Republic as she continues her pursuit of a maiden Indian Wells title.Alcaraz's record-breaking run at Indian Wells strengthens his claim as the new "desert king," while Sinner and Zverev prepare for a blockbuster semifinal. Sabalenka's progress adds further excitement to the women's draw.

Elina Svitolina Shocks Iga Swiatek to Reach Indian Wells Semifinal

NEWDELHI:Elina Svitolina defeated world No. 2 Iga Swiatek 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in a thrilling quarterfinal at Indian Wells, advancing to the semifinals for the first time since 2019.Svitolina capitalised on Swiatek's inconsistent serving, which included eight double faults. She broke Swiatek's serve at 5-4 in the deciding set and sealed victory with an ace followed by a forehand volley.The Ukrainian star has enjoyed a strong season, winning the Auckland title and finishing runner-up in Dubai. She now prepares to face either Elena Rybakina or Jessica Pegula for a place in the final.For Swiatek, the loss marked another quarterfinal exit this year, following similar results at the Australian Open and Qatar Open. Despite her six Grand Slam titles, she has struggled to maintain consistency in 2026.Svitolina's victory signals her resurgence on the WTA Tour, while Swiatek faces questions about her form heading into the rest of the season.

Hockey WC Qualifiers: India Beat Italy 1-0 To Enter Final

Hyderabad: The Indian Women's Hockey team earned their spot in the Final of FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers 2026 Hyderabad, Telangana as they beat Italy 1-0 in their Semi-Final contest at the G. M. C. Balayogi Hockey Ground (Gachibowli Hockey Complex) on Friday.Manisha Chauhan (40') scored the winning goal for India and they will now face England in the Final.It was an extremely tight contest in the first quarter as both sides constantly battled for possession in the midfield. India started the match strong with a couple of strong circle entries, however, Italy eventually started attacking aggressively and created a few good chances on goal.India won the momentum back in the second quarter. The hosts used their flanks to push the ball ahead and started attacking in numbers and made crucial circle entries. In the 18th minute, India won the



first penalty corner of the evening but Navneet Kaur's shot on goal was stopped well by Italian goalkeeper Lucia Ines Caruso.In the 27th minute, they were awarded another penalty corner as India played out an interesting variation. The ball was played back to the injector, Captain Salima Tete, but her shot was stopped on the line by Italy's last defender, denying them a goal. In the 29th minute, India had another opportunity to score through a penalty corner but Navneet Kaur's shot went off target.In the early minutes of the second half, Italy launched a strong attack on goal as Emilia Munitis was through on goal but India's goalkeeper Bichu Devi Kharibam came out and made a crucial save. In the 40th minute, India were awarded yet another penalty corner and this time they successfully converted it to break the deadlock. Manisha Chauhan (40') delivered a powerful dragflick down the middle that pierced through the Italian defence and found the net.India won two early penalty corners in the final quarter as they pushed to increase their advantage in the late stage but Italy remained resilient with their defending. Italy gave it their all in the final minutes of the match and won a crucial penalty corner in the 59th minute but India managed to deny their opposition the equaliser and emerged victorious.

Punjab Kings Unveil New Jersey for IPL 2026 with Bold Red and Blue Design

NEWDELHI: Punjab Kings unveiled their official match jersey for the upcoming IPL 2026 season, introducing a refreshed design that blends tradition with modern elements.The jersey features Punjab Kings' signature red with added blue accents, symbolising energy, pride, and fearless spirit. A lion motif dominates the centre, representing instinct and aggression, while diamond-shaped patterns flow across the fabric, signifying growth through preparation and performance.The design reflects Punjab Kings' philosophy of nurturing raw talent and shaping it into match-winning ability. The lion embodies natural instinct, while the diamonds highlight transformation under competitive pressure. The franchise aims to inspire both loyal fans and its growing global audience with this visual identity.



Punjab Kings introduced the jersey after a strong IPL 2025 campaign, signalling ambition and clarity ahead of the new season. The jersey will debut on-field during IPL 2026, reinforcing the team's evolving identity.

National Indoor Athletics Championship To Kick Off In Kalinga Stadium On Mar 24

Bhubaneswar: The two-day National Indoor Athletics Championship is set to begin on March 24 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.Organized by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in collaboration with the State Sports and Youth Services Department, the championship will feature 36 events across men's, women's, and under-20 categories.Notably, the AFI has announced the introduction of indoor competitions for the first time in the country, focusing on expanding the domestic athletics ecosystem.

AFI president Bahadur Singh Sagoo confirmed that the National Indoor Championships would be



part of the 2026 domestic season. The indoor meet will feature key events such as the pole vault and heptathlon, showcasing India's readiness to embrace international standards in athletics infrastructure. Bhubaneswar's world-class indoor facility at Kalinga Stadium will serve as the venue for this pioneering edition.Athletes from various states and union territories will participate in events such as 60m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 60m hurdles, high jump, long jump, and triple jump.The Kalinga Stadium, India's first indoor athletics centre, is gearing up to host this prestigious event, which may lead to hosting the Asian Indoor Athletics Championship in 2028.The championship will include events like shot put, with men's and women's categories competing in 60m, 400m, 800m, 3000m, high jump, long jump, and more.

'Watching Us Perform Live Inspires Juniors To Aim Higher,' Says Sumit Antil After WPA Grand Prix Gold

New Delhi: Watching elite athletes compete live can play a crucial role in motivating the next generation, believes Paralympic champion Sumit Antil, who feels such experiences help young athletes set bigger targets for themselves.Speaking exclusively to IANS after clinching gold at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix here in New Delhi, Sumit said junior athletes often draw inspiration by watching top competitors perform up close.The Indian star topped an all-Indian podium in the men's javelin throw F43/F44/F64 event, with a throw of 69.25 metres to win gold. Highlighting the importance of hosting international competitions in India, Sumit said such events can be a major source of inspiration for emerging athletes."It's very important, especially for junior athletes and the upcoming champions. It works as an inspiration for them. When they see us performing live, they definitely feel inspired and try to work even harder to make the country proud," Sumit told IANS after his win.Interestingly, the Paralympic champion believes the inspiration flows both ways, with senior athletes also learning from the dedication of younger competitors."Of course. There are some junior athletes who also motivate us because when we see them performing so well at such a young age, we think about how much better they will perform when they reach our age.

Shri Anil Kumar Singh Takes Charge as Chairman, CII Odisha State Council

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent)Shri Anil Kumar Singh, President & WTD, JSW BPSL has assumed charge as the Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Odisha State Council, bringing with him a strong vision to further strengthen Odisha's industrial growth and diversification.The occasion was graced by Shri Sampad Chandra Swain, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Government of Odisha, Shrimati Anu Garg, Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha, and Shri Hemant Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary - Home, Industries and I&PR, who were present during the proceedings.



Opening the session, Shri Anil Kumar Singh highlighted Odisha's remarkable economic progress and its successful transition into diversified sectors such as electronics, information technology, and advanced manufacturing. He noted that while the state has traditionally been known for its strength in metals and mining, it is now steadily emerging as a preferred destination for new-age industries and investments.

Shri Singh emphasized that progressive industrial policies, improved infrastructure, and proactive governance have played a significant role in attracting investments across sectors. He also underlined the importance of industry-government collaboration, innovation, and skill development in sustaining this growth momentum.

Under his leadership, the CII Odisha State Council will focus on strengthening partnerships, promoting investment opportunities, and supporting the growth of emerging industries, while working towards inclusive and sustainable economic development in the state.

CULTIVATE THE X-FACTOR TO BE SUCCESSFUL: MONK GAUR GOPAL DAS TELLS STUDENTS

Bhubaneswar, (Correspondent): Talent and skill are important elements which many feel are needed for achieving success in life but what truly matters is the mindset of the person that makes him stand apart, life coach, motivational speaker, ISKCON monk and author Gaur Gopal Das has said. The corporate world has been looking for people with talent and skill but individuals who have the required mindset and not obsessed with growth will eventually succeed, Das said while addressing a large number of students, faculty members and corporate leaders at 'SOA Proxima', a three-day annual talent engagement event of SOA Deemed to be University here, which began on Friday.



"If asked to hire people, I will not care about talent and skill but look for the person possessing the X-factor," the monk known for his book 'You Can Have It All', said.Seamlessly mingling with the teeming students, Das explained that colourful balloons didn't soar into the sky because of their dazzling shades. They fly in the sky because of the gas inside them, he pointed out."Skill is critically important but unless you have the mindset you will not succeed", Das said while drawing a parallel with the Mahabharata story. "Arjuna was highly skilled and had all the weapons but he didn't have the will to fight", he added.Elaborating on the X-factor that students required to have, the monk said children love to chase colourful butterflies. But it is a better option to create a beautiful garden where butterflies of various hues would assemble on their own, he said."This is the X-factor which will make you irresistible for the corporate honchos when they are hiring people for their companies. You have to be that person", Das who qualified as an electrical engineer before turning a monk, said. Urging the students not to be obsessed with growth or to chase success, he said "you create that garden where butterflies will converge. ""Everyone who has grown exponentially has not bothered about growth. You need to work hard on the process," he said.SOA Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda welcomed and introduced the speaker.

STPI Bhubaneswar & its COE host National Investor Connect - PRAYOG 2026 to Accelerate Startup Investment Ecosystem

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent) : Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Bhubaneswar and its CoE in Emerging Technologies (EmTeK CoE) organized the National Investor Connect Program - PRAYOG 2026, bringing together policymakers, venture capitalists, angel investors, industry leaders, and emerging technology startups on a single platform to strengthen the innovation and investment ecosystem in Odisha.The program was graced by Mrs. Rashmita Panda, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, MSME Department, Government of Odisha



and Chairperson & CEO, Startup Odisha, along with senior government officials, investors, mentors, industry leaders, and startup founders.Addressing the gathering, Mrs. Rashmita Panda emphasized the Government of Odisha's strong commitment to building a vibrant technology and startup ecosystem in the state. She reiterated the Government's focus on fostering a dynamic startup ecosystem through Startup Odisha, enabling startups to access mentorship, funding opportunities, and market linkages. She noted that platforms like PRAYOG create valuable opportunities for startups to connect directly with investors and industry leaders.Welcoming the dignitaries and participants, Shri Manas Ranjan Panda, Director, STPI Bhubaneswar, highlighted India's remarkable progress in the global innovation landscape. He further emphasized that while traditional technology hubs have driven India's innovation journey for decades, the next wave of technology entrepreneurship is emerging from Tier-II and Tier-III cities, including Bhubaneswar. Shri Panda also highlighted the role of STPI in nurturing innovation-driven startups through is CoE Program, incubation support, mentorship, and industry collaboration, enabling entrepreneurs to convert ideas into scalable technology enterprises.A major highlight of the event was the graduation ceremony of startups from Electropreneur Park, Bhubaneswar, one of the earliest CoE established by STPI in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), Government of India, and the Government of Odisha. The graduating startups showcased innovative products and technologies and engaged with investors for potential funding and strategic partnerships.

Hindalco hosts National Human Rights Conference

BHUBANESWAR, (Correspondent:) Reinforcing its commitment to responsible corporate citizenship and inclusive development, Hindalco Industries Limited on Friday organized a National-level Human Rights Sensitization Conference in Bhubaneswar, bringing together policymakers, jurists, corporate leaders and civil society representatives from across the country for deliberations on rights-based development and ethical governance.



The conference, held at the Mayfair Convention in collaboration with Human Rights Front, aimed to bring together diverse stakeholders to build a common and deeper understanding of human rights standards across industries. The initiative encouraged knowledge sharing on best practices for integrating these principles into business operations while strengthening corporate responsibility frameworks aligned with national and international expectations. By enabling cross-sector collaboration, the conference also sought to identify risks, bridge gaps and support the development of resilient, human rights-conscious organizations committed to responsible business conduct.

The inaugural session featured Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Hon'ble Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC); Justice Bimala Prasad Das, former Chairperson of the Odisha Human Rights Commission; Shri Asim Amitabh Das, former Member of the OHRC; Dr. Nibedita Nath, Vice Chancellor of Maa Manikeswari University, Kalahandi; and Shri Samik Basu, Chief Human Resources Officer of Hindalco Industries Limited. Shri V.R. Shankar, Senior President and Chief Legal Officer, Hindalco; and Shri T. M. Prakash, President-HR, Hindalco and Conference Convener were also present on the occasion.

Canara Bank and RUDSETI Support Women Entrepreneurs

Bhubaneswar(Correspondent): To strengthen women's empowerment in Odisha, Canara Bank, in collaboration with RUDSETI (Rural Development and Self Employment Training Institute), has taken an initiative to support women entrepreneurs in developing their businesses. Through the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED) established by the bank, assistance has been extended to help women enhance their entrepreneurial activities.

A programme was organised at the RUDSETI Training Centre at Patrapada. On this occasion, Circle Office Deputy General Manager Netra Mohan Patra, Divisional



Manager Santosh Kumar Das, and RUDSETI Director Priyabrata Parida were present.

During the programme, various equipment and tools were distributed to women entrepreneurs to help them expand their livelihood opportunities. Six women entrepreneurs received jute bag automated tailoring machines, four women entrepreneurs were provided beauty parlour equipment, and one woman entrepreneur was given food processing equipment.Senior Trainer Deepak Brahma, Trainer Rajat Kumar Satpathy, Senior Assistant Pranita Panda, Senior Manager Diparani Tripathy, Manager Prachi Rath, and Senior Assistant Smruti Ranjan Nayak were also present and helped conduct the programme successfully.

OPGC conducts eye check-up camp at Dalgaon GP under CSR

IB Thermal, (Correspondent): As part of its CSR initiative, Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (OPGC) organized an eye check-up camp today at the Gram Panchayat office of Dalgaon under the Lakhanpur block of Jharsuguda district. The camp was conducted in collaboration with Care Netram, Bhubanesswar. The camp was inaugurated



by Santosh Rohidas (Sarpanch Dalgaon Panchayat) in the presence of Himansu Bhusan Behera (Senior Manager, CSR); and members of the OPGC CSR and Care Netram teams.The medical team from Care Netram, Bhubaneswar, conducted eye screenings, focusing on cataracts, vision problems, and other eye-related conditions. The camp, which ran from 09:00 AM to 4:00 PM, saw participation of 288 patients (157-female & 131-male) across 18 villages in Dalgaon Panchayat, including Dalgaon, Basupali, Dudulsinga, Falsadhipa, Gudiali, Jamuna, Karpabahal, Khapsimunda, Negipali, Bandhbahal and others. Among the attendees, 35 individuals were diagnosed with cataracts who shall receive free cataract surgery at Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya, Jharsuguda. In addition, 251 patients were provided with free prescribed glasses. The camp was coordinated by OPGC CSR team members Himansu Bhusan Behera, Tapas Panda, and Amar Singh.

Union Bank of India Cuttack Regional Office Organized CSR Activity

Cuttack,(Correspondent): Union Bank of India, Cuttack Regional Office organized a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme as part of the bank's social responsibility initiatives in association with its DRIEMS Branch, donated a Water filter to Padmini Multi-speciality Hospital. The event was headed by Regional Head Bibekananda SarangI. Chinmay Behera, CM PND, Subhasish Parida , Branch Head, RCLO Naaz & DRIEMS University Chairman Dr. Pramod Chandra Rath, Registrar Krushna Prasad Pati, Dr Prakash Kumar Hota (VC),



Balaram Kar, Director Administration, Prof.Dr Chitta Prasad Das, Nilanjana Mukherjee (MD, Padmini Care), Dr PK Mishra, Dr Manoranjan Mallick , Ashutosh Dewbedi, Sunaya Mishra, Prasnna kumar Sahoo along with other Dignitaries were present on this occasion.

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