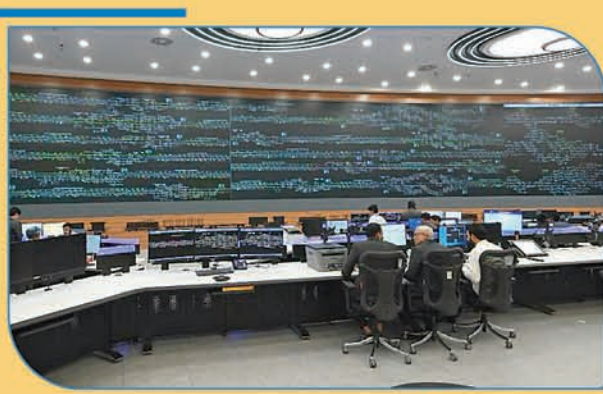




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**ARIANA REQUESTS FANS NOT TO SEND HATEFUL MESSAGES**

Ariana Grande released her album *Eternal Sunshine*, which has songs about her divorce from her ex-husband Dalton Gomez. The singer took to her Instagram Stories asking fans to stop sending hateful messages to the people in her life based on the songs of her album.

**PINK SENDS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY OF FAN DIED HOURS BEFORE HER SHOW**

Pop star Pink has sent her condolences to the family of a fan who died just hours before she was due to attend the singer's gig in Perth.



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**ARIES**

Your day is packed full. There are negotiations, commitments, plans and decisions to wade through. You may feel low on energy and swamped due to lack of information and inputs from others. But clarity will return gradually as matters conclude, says Ganesha.

**TAURUS**

Armed with ingenuity and lateral thinking, you are all set to take on today with practised ease, feels Ganesha. The toughest of problems will crumble like a house of cards before your intellect. A promotion or salary hike is also likely today.

**GEMINI**

Today, you will do an amazing job in dividing your time between work and family. Despite your preoccupation with work, you will take time off for your family, and even plan out a small outing, leaving them pleasantly surprised. Also, your dreams are about to come true.

**CANCER**

You will spend your day reflecting on your past and thinking what went wrong, predicts Ganesha. But keep in mind that your mistakes won't lead to the end of the world, unless you are a nuclear scientist. So get your act together, and stop brooding over your mistakes.

**LEO**

On some days, the sun doesn't seem to have risen from the east, and neither does it seem you have gotten up on the right side of the bed. You start your day in a tensed atmosphere in the morning, caused by some annoyance on the part of one of your family members. But the day is not as bad as it seems. Your mood will change for the better as the day progresses, thanks to your attempt to keep yourself busy.

**VIRGO**

Razor-sharp and aesthetic to the last cell in your body, entertain and enthrall people with your guile, especially at a social do, says Ganesha. But conserve that zest and save the time to pay due attention to matters of supreme importance, warns Ganesha.

**LIBRA**

Monotonous is the word to describe the way things have been till now, but no more, says Ganesha. It might be a very good idea for you to take a break from things around you and go on a small trip. Invigorate yourself with a small picnic with family and friends. It shall go a long way in boosting your energy and enhancing your awareness and wisdom in the coming future. In any case, the stars predict satisfying results to private affairs. Also, you will impress the opposite sex quite easily, thinks Ganesha.

**SCORPIO**

You are in a mood of introspection and analysis, says Ganesha. This is likely to give you a clear vision in the days to come. Your systematic approach towards work will provide you room to think out of the box. Your innovative ideas may bag applause from superiors and bosses.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Begin your day with a renewed zest. Consider a jump case of lucrative offer. Cracking a telephonic interview may prove to be a milestone in your career path. Your dedication and determination towards your work and goals makes you a deserving employee, says Ganesha.

**CAPRICORN**

You will find the day to be taxing, mostly because of the amount of work delegated to you, says Ganesha. But it will take trouble quite an effort to dampen your spirit. You will be in the fray in the latter part of the day, but will leave your rivals trailing behind in terms of business strategies. Success will be yours if you ensure to be mindful of your moves.

**AQUARIUS**

You may huff and puff, but today is not the day when you'll finish what you started. Don't lose heart, the future is promising. Take a break, says Ganesha, you've worked enough. The results are on the way.

**PISCES**

An important day today, you can expect to reach a much-awaited milestone either on the domestic front or at the workplace, says Ganesha. Expect your professional status and your social standing to receive a boost.

**Triptii shares her career's turning point**



**Mumbai:** The career trajectory of Triptii Dimri changed after she appeared in Ranbir Kapoor's *Animal*. She has started shooting the first film post the success of *Animal* and it is Kartik Aaryan and Vidya Balan's *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3*.

In an exclusive interview with an entertainment portal, Triptii recalled the struggle she had to face after the debacle of her film *Laila Majnu* and talked about the turning point of her career.

She said, "When *Laila Majnu* was about to be released, I was buying vegetables at a market. Then I was thinking my movie was going to be released and I won't be able to step out as people would recognise me. But that didn't happen as the movie bombed and I was heart-broken. I was offered films after that as well, but nothing was exciting. And then, *Bulbul* happened."

She went on to conclude, "And at that time, Netflix had done just eight films from India, and this was one of them, so that was a risk. And a lot of people were like, suddenly from theatres to OTT, why are you doing this? I said, I will do this film no matter what. I love the story. I love the character. And I will do it no matter what happens. It can tank. It can do well. I just want to experience this. And it was this movie that changed everything for me."

**Who took home an Oscar**



**THE TRIUMPHANTS:** Best Actor Cillian Murphy joins Best Actress Emma Stone, Best Supporting Actress Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Best Supporting Actor Robert Downey Jr. in the Oscars photo room

**New Delhi:** R-rated biographical drama *Oppenheimer* dominated the 96th edition of the Oscars, winning seven awards out of 13 nominations including top honours of best picture and director for Christopher Nolan, his first.

It was also a night of firsts for other members of the *Oppenheimer* team with Cillian Murphy (Best Actor), Robert Downey Jr. (Best Supporting Actor), Hoyte van Hoytema (Best Cinematography), and Jennifer Lame (Best editing) bagging their maiden Oscars.

**Here's the complete list of winners:**

- Best Picture:** *Oppenheimer*
- Best Director:** Christopher Nolan (*Oppenheimer*)
- Best Actor:** Cillian Murphy, (*Oppenheimer*)
- Best Actress:** Emma Stone, (*Poor Things*)
- Best Supporting Actor:** Robert Downey Jr. (*Oppenheimer*)
- Best Supporting Actress:** Da'Vine Joy Randolph (*The Holdovers*)
- Best International Feature Film:** *The Zone of Interest* (The United Kingdom)
- Best Original Screenplay:** *Anatomy of a Fall* (Justine Triet and Arthur Harari)
- Best Adapted Screenplay:** Cord

- Jefferson (*American Fiction*)
- Best Documentary Short Film:** *The Last Repair Shop*
- Best Documentary Feature:** *20 Days in Mariupol*
- Best Cinematography:** Hoyte Van Hoytema, (*Oppenheimer*)
- Best Live Action Short Film:** *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*
- Best Animated Short Film:** *WAR IS OVER!* Inspired by the Music of John & Yoko"
- Best Animated Film:** *The Boy and the Heron*
- Best Makeup and Hairstyling:** Nadia Stacey, Mark Coulier and Josh Weston (*Poor Things*)
- Best Production Design:** James Price, Shona Heath and Zsuzsa Mihalek (*Poor Things*)
- Best Costume Design:** Holly Waddington (*Poor Things*)
- Best Visual Effects:** *Godzilla Minus One*
- Best Film Editing:** Jennifer Lame (*Oppenheimer*)
- Best Sound:** Tarn Willers, Johnnie Burn (*The Zone of Interest*)
- Best Original Score:** Ludvig Goransson, (*Oppenheimer*)
- Best Original Song:** Billie Eilish, Finneas O'Connell (*What Was I Made For?* from *Barbie*)

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**Divya Dutta recalls being objectified**

**Mumbai:** Divya Dutta has recently opened up about being objectified and facing rejections from the filmmakers in her life. While talking to *Lalantop*, Divya said how these two issues are part of the journey. "I was a cute girl and a good actor, but only I knew that. One day I felt I had signed 22 films, some of them even gave me a token. Nobody was saying no. Later I got to know that of the 22 films I told my mother I was starting, only two went on floors and I was not the heroine for those," stated the *Train to Pakistan* actress. Divya recollected some moments where she felt being objectified. After

being dropped out from many movies, she decided to visit one of the sets but she was sent back on the ground that she had lost a lot of weight. She felt frustrated and objectified. "I started searching for humanity and realised that it doesn't exist in this business. I remember telling my mother that if I had done that film with

Shah Rukh Khan, I would have been a superstar."

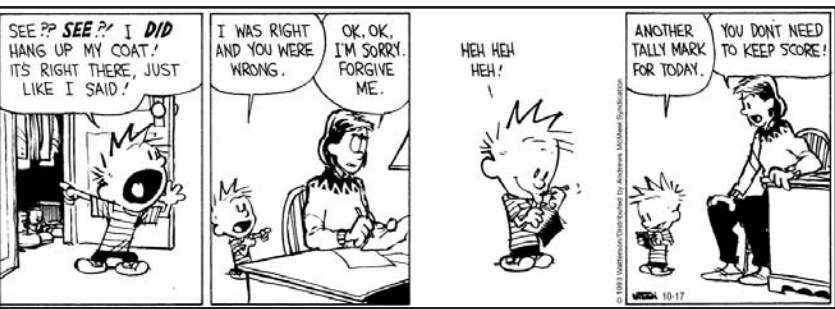
Soon her mother consoled her saying that those people would come back to work with her in the future, and it happened.

Divya is currently gearing up for her next film *Chhava*, with Vicky Kaushal and Rashmika Mandanna.

**PEANUTS**



**CALVIN AND HOBBS**

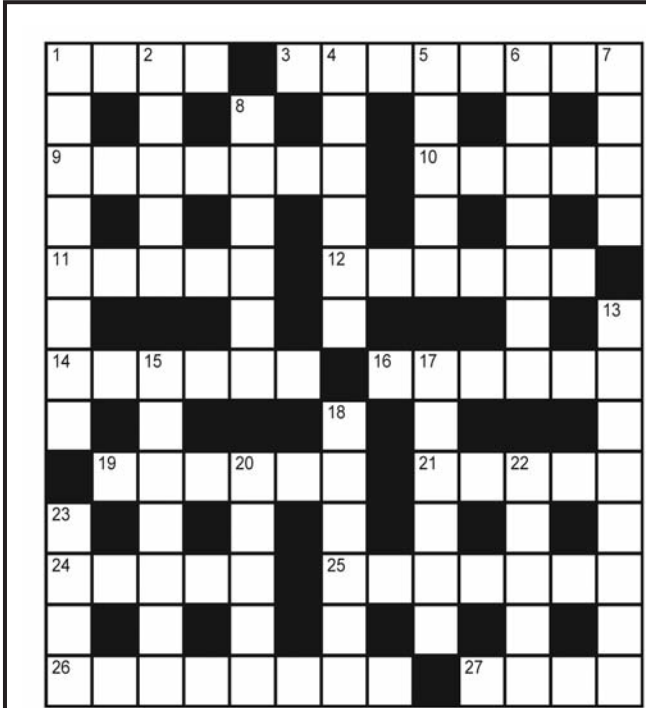


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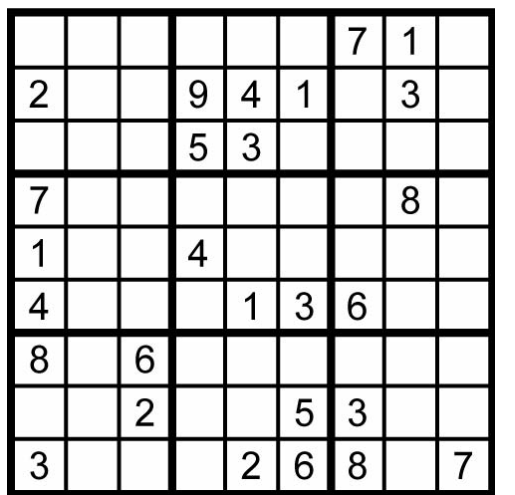
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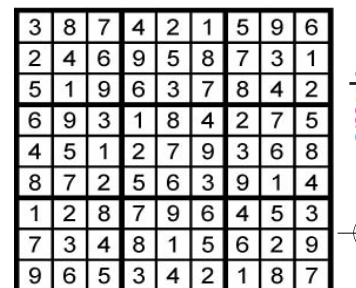
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  - 21 Quinine water
  - 24 Aroma
  - 25 Drop
  - 26 Snarl
  - 27 Catch sight of
- Down**
- 1 Suspension
  - 2 Rhino relative
  - 4 Canal problem (3,3)
  - 5 Underage
  - 6 Two continents merged
  - 7 Kind of bean
  - 8 Pang
  - 13 Oolong carrier (3,5)
  - 15 Dereliction of duty
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**SUDOKU**

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



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## Furnish details to EC in 24 hrs: SC raps SBI

**AGENCIES**  
**New Delhi, March 11:** Chastising the SBI, the Supreme Court Monday ordered it to disclose the details of the electoral bonds encashed by political parties to the Election Commission by the close of the business hours March 12 and warned the country's largest public sector lender that the court may proceed against it for "wilful disobedience" if it failed to comply with its directions and deadlines.  
 A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, while dismissing the State Bank of India's plea seeking extension of time till June 30 to disclose the details, also directed the EC to pub-

lish the information shared by the bank on its official website by 5pm March 15.  
 The order was passed by the bench, which also comprised Justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala, and Manoj Misra.  
 In a landmark verdict delivered February 15, the same five-judge constitution bench had scrapped the Centre's controversial electoral bonds scheme that allowed anonymous political funding, calling it "unconstitutional", and ordered disclosure by the EC of donors, the amount donated by them and the recipients by March 13.  
 Ordering the closure of the scheme, the top court directed the SBI, the authorised financial institution under the scheme, to



submit by March 6 the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019 till date to the Election Commission.  
 Opposition leaders hailed the apex court's order passed Monday and said the country will soon come to know who donated to which party through electoral bonds.  
 The apex court passed the

order while hearing the SBI's application for extension of time till June 30 to furnish the details. The bench was also hearing separate pleas seeking initiation of contempt action against the SBI for alleged wilful disobedience of the apex court's February 15 directives.  
 It observed that SBI's submissions in the application sufficiently indicated that the information which was directed to be disclosed by the court was readily available.  
 During the hearing, the bench took note of the submissions of senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the SBI, that more time was needed for collating the details and matching them as the information was kept in

two different silos with its branches. He said if the matching exercise was to be done away with, the SBI could complete the exercise within three weeks.  
 "We had not told you to do the matching exercise. We have asked you for a plain disclosure," the CJI said.  
 "Mr Salve, our judgement is dated February 15, 2024. We are now on the 11th of March. In the last 26 days, what extent of matching has been done by you? What steps have you taken in the last 26 days, the application is absolutely silent on that," the CJI said.  
 "It is serious matter when you ask for modification of an order of the constitution bench," the CJI added.

## Plea in SC to stop Centre from appointing new ECs

**AGENCIES**  
**New Delhi, March 11:** The Supreme Court Monday said that it will consider submission for early listing of a petition seeking to restrain the Centre from appointing new election commissioners as per a 2023 law, the provisions of which have already been challenged in the apex court.  
 Two vacancies of election commissioners have arisen following the resignation of Election Commissioner Arun Goel and Anup Chandra Pandey's retirement. "Send an email. We will see," said the bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB

Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.  
 The plea was mentioned for urgent listing by senior advocate Vikas Singh and advocate Varun Thakur, appearing for the Congress leader Jaya Thakur. The local Congress leader has challenged the provisions of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and terms of office) Act, 2023. In her application, Thakur informed the court that during the pendency of her plea, in which a notice was issued January 12, one member of Election Commission namely Arun Goel gave resignation March 9, 2024, which has been accepted by the President.

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## HONOURING HARDWORK: ANGANWADI WORKERS RECEIVE INCREASED HONORARIUM

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▶ Monthly honorarium for Anganwadi helpers boosted to ₹5,000, with ₹50,000 for retirement assistance.

▶ Monthly honorarium for Mini Anganwadi workers raised to ₹7,250 and ₹75,000 retirement assistance.

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# Supreme Muscle

The Supreme Court (SC) has shown it has muscle too. The timing of this demonstration of brute power of the Apex Court could not have been better, although it may not have come as an utter surprise to those in power. SC's order to the State Bank of India (SBI) to deliver details of the Electoral Bonds (EB) to the Election Commission of India 'tomorrow', Tuesday 12 March positively is an insistence that is rarely seen in India. The SC had originally asked SBI to give details of the Bonds by 6 March. SBI then moved an application claiming it required time to collect and collate the data so it applied for extension of time till June 2024.

The Electoral Bond Scheme was initially and supposedly implemented to permit the common citizen to fund a political party of choice and maintain transparency through the banking system. The EBs are available to be bought in multiples of Rs 1,000, 10,000, 1 Lac, 10 Lac and 1 Crore only.

Critics argue that EBs inhibit transparency because the donors identity is not disclosed to the public or the Election Commission (EC). On the other hand, current rules make it a mandatory regulation that stipulates that any political contribution above Rs 20,000 requires the beneficiary political party to declare the identity of the contributor. Electoral bonds have no such clause.

Coming back to timing of events. Demonetisation was announced in November 2016. The Electoral Bond Scheme was implemented by the BJP government in 2018. Due to this, allegations have been made that EBs were made available as a way to launder illegal money into the political system. Interestingly, the fact that more than 90 per cent of EBs purchased have been of the permissible highest denomination of Rs 1 Crore proves that no common citizen has bought these high value EBs. This is proof that this instrument has been brazenly utilised to channel money to political parties. Reports say more than 50 per cent of Electoral Bonds have gone to the ruling BJP. In the financial year 2022-23, the BJP alone received nearly 13 billion rupees in funding through EBs. In this context, the Supreme Court has categorically stated that voters have the right to know the identity of the donors making large contributions to political parties since this level of funding can impact government policy formulations.

A party that came to power shouting hoarse about corruption of the previous governments, the BJP in its 2014 election campaign had claimed it would expose all those who had stashed the country's wealth abroad. It had also assured citizens it would take steps to bring back all that money and dole it out to every individual of this country. A decade has passed since then and the government has failed to take steps to either make the names public or bring back any amount of money to the country. This can have two implications only. First, the whole campaign of the BJP in 2014 about unaccounted money being stashed abroad was a totally baseless story created for political gains and so no results have been shown in 10 long years. If not, the second assumption could be that this government struck a deal with the same crooks and has protected them and their loot kept in foreign banks.

These events and sequences seem convincing enough even for sceptics. Also, the claim could be true that the Electoral Bond Scheme had been cooked up exclusively to garner huge funds for the ruling BJP which, in turn, as quid pro quo, tailor-made government policies for the convenience of those who made these massive donations.

## WISDOM CORNER

- Nature is ever at work building and pulling down, creating and destroying, keeping everything whirling and flowing, allowing no rest but in rhythmical motion, chasing everything in endless song out of one beautiful form into another. **JOHN MUIR**
- Nature shows that with the growth of intelligence comes increased capacity for pain, and it is only with the highest degree of intelligence that suffering reaches its supreme point. **ARTHUR SCHOPENHAUER**
- Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. **JOHN RUSKIN**

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1849:** The Sikh army surrendered to the British at the end of the Second Sikh War, conceding to the annexation of the Punjab in northwestern India.
- 1918:** Moscow becomes Russia's capital city. St. Petersburg lost its status as the Russian capital following the Revolution of 1917, which dismantled the Tsarist autocracy.
- 1930:** Mahatma Gandhi embarks on his Salt March. The 240-mile march was an act of civil disobedience to protest the British monopoly on salt. It was one of the most significant events during the Indian independence movement.
- 1940:** Finland agreed to Soviet peace terms, including the cession of western Karelia and the construction of a Soviet naval base on the Hanko Peninsula, to end the Russo-Finnish War.
- 1947:** Truman Doctrine pronounced. On this day in 1947, U.S. President Harry S. Truman articulated what became known as the Truman Doctrine when he asked Congress to appropriate aid for Greece and Turkey, both of which were facing communist threats.
- 1999:** Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic became members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) shortly before the group's 50th anniversary.

## LOL

**'I found it'**

A golfer, playing a round by himself, is about to tee off, and a greasy little salesman runs up to him, and yells, "Wait! Before you tee off, I have something really amazing to show you!" The golfer, annoyed, says, "What is it?"

"It's a special golf ball," says the salesman. "You can never lose it!"

"Whattaya mean," scoffs the golfer, "you can never lose it? What if you hit it into the water?"

"No problem," says the salesman. "It floats, and it detects where the shore is, and spins towards it."

"Well, what if you hit it into the woods?"

"Easy," says the salesman. "It emits a beeping sound, and you can find it with your eyes closed."

"Okay," says the golfer, impressed. "But what if your round goes late and it gets dark?"

"No problem, sir, this golf ball glows in the dark! I'm telling you, you can never lose this golf ball!"

The golfer buys it at once. "Just one question," he says to the salesman. "Where did you get it?"

"I found it."



Piate Tathagata Satpathy

## FOCUS POVERTY ALLEVIATION

# CASH AID CRUCIAL



Cina Lawson & Rory Stewart

**BY IMPROVING DOZENS OF OUTCOMES SIMULTANEOUSLY, CASH TRANSFERS OFFER A TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTION TO MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY**

For decades, the international community has grappled with the challenge of ending extreme poverty, which is the leading Sustainable Development Goal for 2030. Despite some progress, we remain far off track, with an estimated 700 million people still struggling to survive on less than \$2.15 per day. Unlike in previous decades, however, we now have a solution that can be scaled up rapidly to accelerate the end of extreme poverty: direct cash transfers to the poorest households.

The concept itself is not new. Cash aid has proven effective, especially in the face of emergencies. During the COVID-19 pandemic, one of every six people in the world received some cash assistance. Direct transfers are powerful tools for helping individuals to take control of their lives and invest in their families' well-being. That is why high- and middle-income countries are increasingly incorporating cash aid as a central part of their social safety nets. Still, it is estimated that less than 5% of the \$200 billion spent annually on international development is allocated to cash transfers.

The positive impact of cash transfers is well-documented and undeniable. The upshot from more than 300 randomised control trials is that transfers can boost incomes more than twofold; increase school enrollment and entrepreneurship; decrease skipped meals, illness, and depression; and reduce domestic violence. Importantly, they neither reduce hours worked nor increase spending on temptation goods like tobacco and alcohol. Better still, every \$1 transfer has a spillover effect of around \$2.50 in the local economy. Three years after the transfer, recipients are still earning more and are better educated. Recent research from Kenya showed that a \$500 lump-



Direct transfers are powerful tools for helping individuals to take control of their lives and invest in their families' well-being

sum cash transfer was particularly effective in empowering families to make income-generating investments. Equally important, we now have the technology to reach the world's poorest people en masse with direct transfers. New digital technologies have dramatically lowered the cost and expanded our capacity to deliver money safely to the poorest parts of the world. During the pandemic, Togo used mobile-phone data and satellite imagery to identify and target people in need of relief. Its NOVISSI programme leveraged the basic USSD technology on all mobile devices (similar to SMS text messaging) to reach and validate recipients, distributing \$34 million to 920,000 beneficiaries.

Having been carefully studied, Togo's successful pilot is now being scaled up to a \$100 million programme, with World Bank support. Similarly, India enrolled 1.3 billion people in its digital ID system in the space of just six years, facilitating rapid growth in digital payments and enabling seamless cash transfers to the country's remotest areas.

Now that these and many other programmes have demonstrated the effectiveness of cash transfers, the question is how to

globalise this solution. Building on the insights of an international working group we recently co-chaired, we propose establishing a new global fund dedicated to eradicating extreme poverty through lump-sum direct cash transfers. This solution would help countries expand their use of digital cash transfers by expanding existing social-protection programmes or starting new ones. The money required would come from a mix of philanthropists, institutions, and governments, similar to how the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria raises its funds. Crucially, these transfers would be offered not as a substitute for other interventions, but rather as a complement.

After all, if families still lack access to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities, additional cash will not help as much as it could. As a complementary measure, however, the benefits of that cash would extend beyond the initial payment. Individuals and families equipped with mobile money accounts would gain access to a financial lifeline, enabling them to save, start businesses, or receive remittances from abroad. At scale, this infra-

structure accelerates underserved communities' financial inclusion, and empowers national governments to provide emergency cash support during disasters and to offer long-term benefits to vulnerable populations.

While direct transfers alone will not end extreme poverty, they represent a concrete first step toward catalysing wider action. As with the strategy for tackling HIV – whereby an agreement to distribute anti-retroviral treatment preceded larger reforms to health systems and measures to encourage behavioural changes – a swift, unified initial step can make a daunting problem more manageable than we thought.

It should be unacceptable in today's world that hundreds of millions of families still struggle for food and adequate shelter. Children shouldn't face stunted growth and development, or be unable to complete their education. This type of poverty isn't just painful; it is a tragic waste of human potential.

By improving dozens of outcomes simultaneously, cash transfers offer a transformative solution to multidimensional poverty. They have already proven effective, adaptable, and replicable, and now they are becoming more attainable every year with growing mobile coverage and improved digital infrastructure. This technological diffusion offers a historic opportunity to break the cycle of extreme poverty and desperation. For the first time, the world has both the money and the methods to succeed. What are we waiting for?

Cina Lawson is Minister of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation of Togo. Rory Stewart is a former foreign aid minister of the UK. #PROJECTSYNDICATE

## SPECTRUM SUSTAINABILITY

# Frugal billionaires good for environment



Pratyush Satpathy

**BUSINESSES HAVE HISTORICALLY REGARDED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AS FOREIGN CONCEPTS THAT MIGHT THREATEN PROFITABILITY**

The recent social media post featuring a young boy flying beside NR Narayana Murthy in economy class on an Indigo flight not only sparked admiration for Murthy's humility but also shed light on a crucial environmental aspect. According to reports from organisations like WWF and IUCN, we have witnessed a staggering 69% loss in animal populations over the last 50 years (until 2018). Moreover, the sea level has risen by 0.1m since 1901, and India experienced its lowest average rainfall in August 2023 since 1901. The situation is undeniably alarming, prompting global efforts to halt our descent down this slippery environmental slope.

The awareness of environmental degradation dates back to the Industrial Revolution, a period synonymous with rapid environmental decline. In the works of Gandhi and the words of William Wordsworth, a stark comparison is drawn between the simple life of a shepherd and the polluting ways of industrialised societies. Significant developments occurred in the 1990s, marked by supranational events like the Stockholm Conference (1972), Earth Summit (1992), and individual contributions from writers such as Rachel

Carlson, along with community efforts from organisations like Greenpeace. Notably, movements like Chipko and Appiko have played pivotal roles, completing the triangle of awareness from top to bottom. Horizontal integration is essential for a comprehensive approach.

Governments globally have made sporadic attempts to address environmental concerns, with varying degrees of commitment. The business community, however, has been slower to join the environmental cause, possibly due to perceived profitability issues. It's crucial to highlight that viewing environmental issues as NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) problems is a major hindrance. Global warming, though not a localised phenomenon, exhibits localised variations. For instance, India has experienced a slower rate of temperature rise than the global average, thanks to factors like aerosols, the Himalayas, and the monsoon. Yet, it faces its own set of challenges, such as the significant impact of erratic monsoons on farmers' lives. Similarly, businesses have historically regarded environmental issues as foreign concepts that might threaten profitability. Only recently have we witnessed a

shift towards viewing environmental risks as integral to comprehensive risk management, paving the way for sustainable development. New-age reporting standards like ESG (Environment, Social, and Governance), CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project), and India's own BRSR (Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting) play a key role in ensuring institutional probity by factoring in environmental concerns. It is essential to emphasise that, at the individual level, business leaders need to embrace this cause as well.

Consider @elonjet, a Twitter (now X) handle that tracks the private plane of billionaire Elon Musk. A month-long analysis reveals that Musk has flown approximately 24,500 km, emitting a cumulative 170 tonnes of CO2. This is roughly equivalent to the carbon savings achieved by 576 Teslas (Model S) over a year, based on various US user-based reports and Tesla's annual report. While recognising Musk's contributions, it's crucial that the race to save the Earth doesn't become a zero-sum game. The global adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) remains a costly affair. For example, in India, despite incentives like FAME 1 and

FAME 2, EV sales have only recently gained momentum, with Odias collectively purchasing around 66,000 EV cars (Autocars report, until November 2023). Given the substantial taxpayer funds allocated to climate change mitigation, it's imperative to consider the severe impacts on vulnerable groups, including women, children, and marginalised societies.

In this light, celebrating a frugal lifestyle becomes crucial. It's time to shed the negative connotations associated with a minimalist approach. Materialism and consumerism will only exacerbate our environmental woes. As we approach the critical 1.5-degree Celsius breach target suggested by the IPCC, and as aspirations for wealth grow among the youth, it's essential to heed the wise words of Oscar Wilde: "We don't inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

Simple acts, such as Murthy's choice to travel in an economy class flight and use of public transport for college and office can go a long way in making our planet a better place.

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## Political polarisation

**Letters**

**TO THE EDITOR**

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**Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI**

Sir, Political polarisation has become a major concern and worry in India owing to its influence on religious tolerance. India is a culturally diversified country that has long been proud of its religious tolerance and social harmony traditions. But, ever since the BJP came to power in 2014, the consequences of severe polarisation have grown more vexing and disquieting. Partisan attacks on political institutions have intensified, and hatred and violence against minority religious communities have flared up. Painfully enough, polarisation in India is more toxic today than it has been in decades, and it shows no signs of abating under the BJP government. The rise of Hindu majoritarian politics and the government's volition to trample the Muslim minority interests in particular; have cast a shadow on India's reputation as a liberal and secular democracy. It is feared that if the saffron party is voted to power for a third term, political polarisation in the country will reach its crescendo, and there would be no point in regretting it thereafter.

## Stark mismatch

Sir, The staggering surge in NEET-UG 2024 registrations, reaching a record high of 25 lakh candidates against a backdrop of 2 lakh available seats, unveils critical questions about the state of medical education and healthcare infrastructure in India. While the enthusiasm of aspirants is commendable, the stark mismatch between the number of applicants and available seats underscores the urgent need for a comprehensive reevaluation of healthcare education and workforce planning in the country. The unprecedented demand for medical seats highlights the growing recognition of healthcare as a promising career path. India's healthcare system grapples with chronic shortages of medical professionals, exacerbating disparities in access to quality healthcare services, especially in rural and underserved areas. Moreover, the intense competition and mental burden associated with clearing competitive exams like NEET-UG raise concerns about the well-being and mental health of aspirants. The relentless pursuit of academic excellence amidst cut-throat competition exacts a toll on the physical and psychological well-being of students. Furthermore, as we reflect on the surge in NEET-UG registrations, it is imperative to explore alternative career pathways and opportunities beyond traditional medical professions.

**Shruti Sagar, PUNE**



### Another Vande Bharat

PM Modi will flag off the third Vande Bharat Express, set to run between Visakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar, for the people of Odisha today

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### Royal photo chaos

Kate Middleton issues an apology on social media for "any confusion" caused by an edited photograph

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### Arms import rises

India remains the world's top arms importer and its imports increased by 4.7 per cent between 2014-2018 and 2019-2023

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### Shah's update on Shami

Mohammed Shami is likely to make his comeback with the home Tests against Bangladesh in September, says BCCI secretary Jay Shah

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## SHORT TAKES

### Naveen unveils state's longest flyover, bridge

**Bhubaneswar:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday inaugurated the state's longest flyover at Joda in Keonjhar district and longest bridge over Mahanadi on Athmallik-Dhapur Road in Boudh district. The 3-kilometre-long flyover at Joda has been built using state-of-the-art technology at an expenditure of ₹258.78 crore, while the state government has spent ₹159.31 crore towards construction of the 3-kilometre-long bridge in Boudh, according to the CMO.

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### SC dismisses Bengal plea against HC order

**New Delhi:** In a setback to the West Bengal government, the Supreme Court Monday dismissed its plea challenging a Calcutta High Court order transferring to the CBI the probe into the January 5 attack on an Enforcement Directorate (ED) team in Sandeshkhali, allegedly by supporters of the now suspended TMC local strongman Shahjahan Sheikh. A bench of Justices BR Gavai and Sandeep Mehta, however, ordered expunging certain remarks and observations made against the state government and the police in the March 5 order of the high court.

### IRREGULAR by MANJUL



I don't care! Come to me if US, UK, Germany, Canada, Australia etc change their citizenship rules

### MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VAIATION
SENSEX	73502.64 ↓ 616.75
NIFTY	22332.65 ↓ 160.90
DOLLAR	82.82 ↑ ₹0.10
EURO	90.57 ↑ ₹0.41
GOLD	₹76,100 ↑ ₹77
SILVER	₹74,513 ↑ ₹251

### WEATHER

	BBSR	CTC
Max Temp	35.2°C	34.0°C
Min Temp	22.2°C	22.2°C
Humidity	79%	77%
Rainfall	Nil	Nil

FORECAST: DRY WEATHER VERY LIKELY



**FIRE POWER:** A file photo of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile. The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the first flight test of the Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology, Monday

## First flight test of Agni-5 successful

**New Delhi, March 11:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday congratulated DRDO scientists over the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile, capable of deploying multiple warheads. "Proud of our DRDO scientists for Mission Divyastra, the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology, from Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of #Odisha. #DRDO". Sources said that with the test of Mission Divyastra, India has joined the select group of nations that have MIRV capability. This will ensure that a single missile can deploy multiple warheads at different locations, they said. The project director is a woman and it has a significant contribution from women, the sources said. The weapon system is equipped with indigenous avionics systems and high-accuracy sensor packages which ensured that the re-entry vehicles reached the target points within the desired accuracy. The capability is an enunciator of India's growing technological prowess. The Agni-5, with a range of 5000 km, is developed considering the long-term security needs of the country. The missile can bring almost the entire Asia including the northernmost part of China as well as some regions in Europe under its striking range. The Agni 1 to 4 missiles have ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km and have already been deployed. India has been developing capabilities to intercept hostile ballistic missiles both inside and outside the earth's atmospheric limits.

## CAA IN FORCE

In what the Opposition called a bid to manage the headlines, within hours of the Supreme Court setback to SBI in the electoral bonds case, the Centre rushed to announce the implementation of the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) which, in a first, makes one's religion a litmus test for citizenship in India. The notification for implementation of the law comes 4 years after passage of the Bill, which saw fierce resistance from Opposition parties and violent protests across the country that claimed over 100 lives. A key poll promise of the BJP, the enforcement of the law just ahead of the polls risks polarising the elections, and also may give way to another wave of severe protests.



Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians -- from the three countries.

"These rules, called the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 will enable the persons eligible under CAA-2019 to apply for the grant of Indian citizenship," a Home Ministry spokesperson said.

"The applications will be submitted in a completely online mode for which a web portal has been provided," the spokesperson added.

The CAA was passed in December 2019 and subsequently got the President's assent but there were protests in several parts of the country against it, with many opposition parties speaking out against the law calling it "discriminatory". The law could not come into effect as rules had not been notified till now.

The Congress alleged that the timing of notifying the rules is evidently designed to polarise the coming Lok Sabha elections, especially in West Bengal and Assam.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh also alleged that the announcement is yet another attempt to "manage the headlines" after the Supreme Court's strictures on the electoral bonds issue.

"After seeking nine extensions for the notification of the rules, the timing right before the elections is evidently designed to polarise the elections, especially in West Bengal and Assam," the Congress leader said.

Kerala CM Vijayan described CAA as a communally divisive law and asserted that it will not be implemented in the state.

According to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, the rules for any legislation should be framed within six months of presidential assent or the government has to seek an extension from the Committees on Subordinate Legislation in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Since 2020, the Home Ministry has been taking extensions at regular intervals from the parliamentary committee for framing the rules.

No document will be sought from the applicants, an official said.

Over 100 people lost their lives during the anti-CAA protests or police action. On Monday, security was beefed up in Shaheen Bagh, Jamia and other areas of the national capital where anti-CAA protests were held in the past.

## CM disburses ₹1,293cr KALIA aid to farmers

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**Bhubaneswar, March 11:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik Monday disbursed ₹1,293 crore to 46 lakh farmers under its flagship Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme and announced the extension of the programme for three more years. The chief minister on the occasion also inaugurated 30 KALIA centres in all the 30 districts of the state. KALIA centres will work as innovation and resource centres, Patnaik said.

was disbursed for over 18 lakh eligible landless agricultural households. The farmers, who have already received all three instalments (Rs 12,500 in total) of livelihood cash support under the scheme, now get ₹2,000 for this Kharif season.

Patnaik also announced the extension of the KALIA scheme for three more years till 2026-27. The government will spend ₹6,030 crore for this, an official release issued by the CMO said.

This apart, Patnaik also extended the purview of educational scholarships to children of beneficiary farmers under the KALIA Yojana. This will now include the premier institutions in and outside the state. Earlier, the educational institutions for which scholarship was being provided were NIT, IIT, IIM, AIIMS, ICAR, etc.

Every farmer's family in Odisha must live with dignity, become empowered, and also take part in the progress of the state, Patnaik said. Agriculture department sources said that the farmers in Odisha have so far in five years been provided with KALIA assistance worth ₹13,793 crore.

## China protests to India over Modi's visit to Arunachal

AGENCIES

**Beijing, March 11:** China Monday said it lodged a diplomatic protest with India over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh last week, reiterating its claim over the area by saying India's moves will only complicate the boundary question.

Prime Minister Modi Saturday dedicated to the nation the Sela Tunnel built at an altitude of 13,000 feet in Arunachal Pradesh that will provide all-weather connectivity to strategically located Tawang and is expected



to ensure better movement of troops along the frontier region. The Sela Tunnel will provide for better movement of troops and weaponry to various forward locations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, according to military officials.

China, which claims Arunachal Pradesh as South Tibet, routinely objects to Indian leaders' visits to the state to highlight its claims. Beijing has also named the area as Zangnan.

India has repeatedly rejected China's territorial claims over Arunachal Pradesh, asserting that the state is an integral part of the country. New Delhi has also dismissed Beijing's move to assign invented names to the area, saying it did not alter the reality.

Asked by the official media here about Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh at a media briefing here Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, "Zangnan area is Chinese territory".

## 'Oppenheimer' has a blast at war-shadowed Oscars

SUNDAY'S OSCARS AT THE DOLBY THEATRE IN LOS ANGELES UNFOLDED AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF WARS IN GAZA AND UKRAINE, AND WITH A POTENTIALLY MOMENTOUS US ELECTION ON THE HORIZON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Los Angeles, March 11:** 'Oppenheimer', a solemn three-hour biopic that became an unlikely billion-dollar box-office sensation, was crowned best picture at a 96th Academy Awards that doubled as a coronation for Christopher Nolan.

Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences did something it hasn't done for more than a decade: hand its top prize to a widely seen, big-budget studio film.

"For better or worse, we're all living in Oppenheimer's world," said Murphy in his acceptance speech adding, "I'd like to dedicate this to the peacemakers."

Sunday's Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles unfolded against the backdrop of wars in Gaza and Ukraine, and with a potentially momentous US Election on the horizon. Awards for the documentary winner, '20 Days in Mariupol', and best international film, 'The Zone of Interest', brought geopolitics into the Oscar spotlight.



The most closely watched contest went to Emma Stone, who won best actress for her performance as Bella Baxter in



'Poor Things'. "Oh, boy, this is really overwhelming," said Stone, who fought back tears and a broken dress during her speech.

Sunday's broadcast had razzle dazzle, but protest and politics intruded on an election-year Academy Awards. Late during the show, host Jimmy Kimmel read a critical social media post from former president Donald Trump.

Nolan has had many movies in the Oscar mix before, including 'Inception', 'Dunkirk' and 'The Dark Knight'. But his win Sunday for direction is the first Academy Award for the 53-year-old filmmaker.

"Imagine being there 100 years into painting or theater," said Nolan, who shared the best-picture award with Emma Thomas, his wife and producer. "We don't know where this incredible jour-

ney is going from here. But to know that you think that I'm a meaningful part of it means the world to me."

Downey, nominated twice before for 'Chaplin' and 'Tropic Thunder', also notched his first Oscar, crowning the illustrious second act of his up-and-down career. "I'd like to thank my terrible childhood and the academy, in that order," said Downey, the son of filmmaker Robert Downey Sr.

Protests over Israel's war in Gaza snarled traffic around the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, slowing stars' arrival on the red carpet and turning the Oscar attention toward the ongoing conflict. **More Leisure page**

# LACCMI: BALANGIR ROUTE CHART

## LOISINGHA BLOCK ROUTE 1

Loisingha ↔ Rengali

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Loisingha	--	6:00:00 AM	--	10:30:00 AM	--	3:00:00 PM
Fasad	6:08:00 AM	6:09:00 AM	10:38:00 AM	10:39:00 AM	3:08:00 PM	3:09:00 PM
Ranipali	6:16:00 AM	6:17:00 AM	10:46:00 AM	10:47:00 AM	3:16:00 PM	3:17:00 PM
Khaliapali	6:22:00 AM	6:23:00 AM	10:52:00 AM	10:53:00 AM	3:22:00 PM	3:23:00 PM
Jamatia	6:34:00 AM	6:35:00 AM	11:04:00 AM	11:05:00 AM	3:34:00 PM	3:35:00 PM
Kushmel	6:40:00 AM	6:42:00 AM	11:10:00 AM	11:12:00 AM	3:40:00 PM	3:42:00 PM
Kutumdola	6:50:00 AM	6:51:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	11:21:00 AM	3:50:00 PM	3:51:00 PM
Magurbeda	7:00:00 AM	7:02:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	11:32:00 AM	4:00:00 PM	4:02:00 PM
Dunguripali	7:11:00 AM	7:13:00 AM	11:41:00 AM	11:43:00 AM	4:11:00 PM	4:13:00 PM
GS Dunguripali	7:19:00 AM	7:21:00 AM	11:49:00 AM	11:51:00 AM	4:19:00 PM	4:21:00 PM
Rengali	7:38:00 AM	--	12:08:00 PM	--	4:38:00 PM	--

Rengali ↔ Loisingha

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Rengali	--	7:50:00 AM	--	12:20:00 PM	--	4:50:00 PM
GS Dunguripali	8:07:00 AM	8:09:00 AM	12:37:00 PM	12:39:00 PM	5:07:00 PM	5:09:00 PM
Dunguripali	8:15:00 AM	8:17:00 AM	12:45:00 PM	12:47:00 PM	5:15:00 PM	5:17:00 PM
Magurbeda	8:26:00 AM	8:28:00 AM	12:56:00 PM	12:58:00 PM	5:26:00 PM	5:28:00 PM
Kutumdola	8:37:00 AM	8:38:00 AM	1:07:00 PM	1:08:00 PM	5:37:00 PM	5:38:00 PM
Kushmel	8:46:00 AM	8:48:00 AM	1:16:00 PM	1:18:00 PM	5:46:00 PM	5:48:00 PM
Jamatia	8:53:00 AM	8:54:00 AM	1:23:00 PM	1:24:00 PM	5:53:00 PM	5:54:00 PM
Khaliapali	9:05:00 AM	9:06:00 AM	1:35:00 PM	1:36:00 PM	6:05:00 PM	6:06:00 PM
Ranipali	9:11:00 AM	9:12:00 AM	1:41:00 PM	1:42:00 PM	6:11:00 PM	6:12:00 PM
Fasad	9:19:00 AM	9:20:00 AM	1:49:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	6:19:00 PM	6:20:00 PM
Loisingha	9:28:00 AM	--	1:58:00 PM	--	6:28:00 PM	--



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik flagged off a fleet of 55 buses (42 non-AC & 13 AC) in Balangir district on February 12. The buses were rolled out in 317 panchayats of the district and are set to significantly increase local access to transit with a total outreach to over 16 lakh people

## LOISINGHA BLOCK ROUTE 2

Loisingha ↔ Banipali

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Loisingha	--	6:00:00 AM	--	10:30:00 AM	--	3:00:00 PM
Kutenpali	6:10:00 AM	6:12:00 AM	10:40:00 AM	10:42:00 AM	3:10:00 PM	3:12:00 PM
Kandajuri	6:16:00 AM	6:18:00 AM	10:46:00 AM	10:48:00 AM	3:16:00 PM	3:18:00 PM
Jharmunda OAV	6:23:00 AM	6:24:00 AM	10:53:00 AM	10:54:00 AM	3:23:00 PM	3:24:00 PM
Jharmunda	6:26:00 AM	6:28:00 AM	10:56:00 AM	10:58:00 AM	3:26:00 PM	3:28:00 PM
Bhadra	6:32:00 AM	6:33:00 AM	11:02:00 AM	11:03:00 AM	3:32:00 PM	3:33:00 PM
Kusang	6:35:00 AM	6:37:00 AM	11:05:00 AM	11:07:00 AM	3:35:00 PM	3:37:00 PM
Taliudar	6:43:00 AM	6:45:00 AM	11:13:00 AM	11:15:00 AM	3:43:00 PM	3:45:00 PM
Thakurpali	6:50:00 AM	6:51:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	11:21:00 AM	3:50:00 PM	3:51:00 PM
Sargad	6:54:00 AM	6:56:00 AM	11:24:00 AM	11:26:00 AM	3:54:00 PM	3:56:00 PM
Badimunda (Maharajpal Chowk)	7:02:00 AM	7:04:00 AM	11:32:00 AM	11:34:00 AM	4:02:00 PM	4:04:00 PM
Uparbahal	7:14:00 AM	7:16:00 AM	11:44:00 AM	11:46:00 AM	4:14:00 PM	4:16:00 PM
Ratakhandi	7:26:00 AM	7:28:00 AM	11:56:00 AM	11:58:00 AM	4:26:00 PM	4:28:00 PM
Banipali	7:35:00 AM	--	12:05:00 PM	--	4:35:00 PM	--

Banipali ↔ Loisingha

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Banipali	--	7:50:00 AM	--	12:20:00 PM	--	4:50:00 PM
Ratakhandi	7:57:00 AM	7:59:00 AM	12:27:00 PM	12:29:00 PM	4:57:00 PM	4:59:00 PM
Uparbahal	8:09:00 AM	8:11:00 AM	12:39:00 PM	12:41:00 PM	5:09:00 PM	5:11:00 PM
Badimunda (Maharajpal Chowk)	8:21:00 AM	8:23:00 AM	12:51:00 PM	12:53:00 PM	5:21:00 PM	5:23:00 PM
Sargad	8:29:00 AM	8:31:00 AM	12:59:00 PM	1:01:00 PM	5:29:00 PM	5:31:00 PM
Thakurpali	8:34:00 AM	8:35:00 AM	1:04:00 PM	1:05:00 PM	5:34:00 PM	5:35:00 PM
Taliudar	8:40:00 AM	8:42:00 AM	1:10:00 PM	1:12:00 PM	5:40:00 PM	5:42:00 PM
Kusang	8:48:00 AM	8:50:00 AM	1:18:00 PM	1:20:00 PM	5:48:00 PM	5:50:00 PM
Bhadra	8:52:00 AM	8:53:00 AM	1:22:00 PM	1:23:00 PM	5:52:00 PM	5:53:00 PM
Jharmunda	8:57:00 AM	8:59:00 AM	1:27:00 PM	1:29:00 PM	5:57:00 PM	5:59:00 PM
Jharmunda OAV	9:01:00 AM	9:02:00 AM	1:31:00 PM	1:32:00 PM	6:01:00 PM	6:02:00 PM
Kandajuri	9:07:00 AM	9:09:00 AM	1:37:00 PM	1:39:00 PM	6:07:00 PM	6:09:00 PM
Kutenpali	9:13:00 AM	9:15:00 AM	1:43:00 PM	1:45:00 PM	6:13:00 PM	6:15:00 PM
Loisingha	9:25:00 AM	--	1:55:00 PM	--	6:25:00 PM	--

## MURLIBAHAH BLOCK ROUTE 1

Muribahal ↔ Bankel

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
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Muribahal	--	6:00:00 AM	--	2:00:00 PM
Kandenjhula	6:04:00 AM	6:05:00 AM	2:04:00 PM	2:05:00 PM
Lakhana	6:07:00 AM	6:09:00 AM	2:07:00 PM	2:09:00 PM
Patrapali	6:13:00 AM	6:15:00 AM	2:13:00 PM	2:15:00 PM
Malibahal	6:25:00 AM	6:26:00 AM	2:25:00 PM	2:26:00 PM
Dangarpada	6:30:00 AM	6:32:00 AM	2:30:00 PM	2:32:00 PM
Bangomunda	6:46:00 AM	6:47:00 AM	2:46:00 PM	2:47:00 PM
Chitramunda	6:55:00 AM	6:56:00 AM	2:55:00 PM	2:56:00 PM
Ganrei and Goimund	7:00:00 AM	7:02:00 AM	3:00:00 PM	3:02:00 PM
Dhudukapara	7:06:00 AM	7:07:00 AM	3:06:00 PM	3:07:00 PM
Themara	7:12:00 AM	7:13:00 AM	3:12:00 PM	3:13:00 PM
Tatopara	7:18:00 AM	7:19:00 AM	3:18:00 PM	3:19:00 PM
Lebda	7:25:00 AM	7:27:00 AM	3:25:00 PM	3:27:00 PM
Makirpada	7:34:00 AM	7:35:00 AM	3:34:00 PM	3:35:00 PM
Salebhata	7:40:00 AM	7:41:00 AM	3:40:00 PM	3:41:00 PM
Tupaudar	7:47:00 AM	7:49:00 AM	3:47:00 PM	3:49:00 PM
Bankel	7:55:00 AM	--	3:55:00 PM	--

Bankel ↔ Muribahal

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
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Bankel	--	8:10:00 AM	--	4:10:00 PM
Tupaudar	8:16:00 AM	8:18:00 AM	4:16:00 PM	4:18:00 PM
Salebhata	8:24:00 AM	8:25:00 AM	4:24:00 PM	4:25:00 PM
Makirpada	8:30:00 AM	8:31:00 AM	4:30:00 PM	4:31:00 PM
Lebda	8:38:00 AM	8:40:00 AM	4:38:00 PM	4:40:00 PM
Tatopara	8:46:00 AM	8:47:00 AM	4:46:00 PM	4:47:00 PM
Themara	8:52:00 AM	8:53:00 AM	4:52:00 PM	4:53:00 PM
Dhudukapara	8:58:00 AM	8:59:00 AM	4:58:00 PM	4:59:00 PM
Ganrei and Goimund	9:03:00 AM	9:05:00 AM	5:03:00 PM	5:05:00 PM
Chitramunda	9:09:00 AM	9:10:00 AM	5:09:00 PM	5:10:00 PM
Bangomunda	9:18:00 AM	9:19:00 AM	5:18:00 PM	5:19:00 PM
Dangarpada	9:33:00 AM	9:35:00 AM	5:33:00 PM	5:35:00 PM
Malibahal	9:39:00 AM	9:40:00 AM	5:39:00 PM	5:40:00 PM
Patrapali	9:50:00 AM	9:52:00 AM	5:50:00 PM	5:52:00 PM
Lakhana	9:56:00 AM	9:58:00 AM	5:56:00 PM	5:58:00 PM
Kandenjhula	10:00:00 AM	10:01:00 AM	6:00:00 PM	6:01:00 PM
Muribahal	10:05:00 AM	--	6:05:00 PM	--

## MURIBAHAH BLOCK ROUTE 2

Muribahal ↔ Chalki

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Muribahal	--	6:00:00 AM	--	10:50:00 AM	--	3:40:00 PM
Ghusuramunda	6:05:00 AM	6:06:00 AM	10:55:00 AM	10:56:00 AM	3:45:00 PM	3:46:00 PM
Gudighat	6:13:00 AM	6:15:00 AM	11:03:00 AM	11:05:00 AM	3:53:00 PM	3:55:00 PM
Kumbhari	6:18:00 AM	6:19:00 AM	11:08:00 AM	11:09:00 AM	3:58:00 PM	3:59:00 PM
Chanabahal	6:22:00 AM	6:24:00 AM	11:12:00 AM	11:14:00 AM	4:02:00 PM	4:04:00 PM
Badsaimara	6:27:00 AM	6:29:00 AM	11:17:00 AM	11:19:00 AM	4:07:00 PM	4:09:00 PM
Chanabahal	6:32:00 AM	6:34:00 AM	11:22:00 AM	11:24:00 AM	4:12:00 PM	4:14:00 PM
Kumbhari	6:37:00 AM	6:38:00 AM	11:27:00 AM	11:28:00 AM	4:17:00 PM	4:18:00 PM
Gudighat	6:41:00 AM	6:43:00 AM	11:31:00 AM	11:33:00 AM	4:21:00 PM	4:23:00 PM
Balikhamar	6:46:00 AM	6:47:00 AM	11:36:00 AM	11:37:00 AM	4:26:00 PM	4:27:00 PM
Ichhapada	6:51:00 AM	6:53:00 AM	11:41:00 AM	11:43:00 AM	4:31:00 PM	4:33:00 PM
Jamunabahal	6:55:00 AM	6:56:00 AM	11:45:00 AM	11:46:00 AM	4:35:00 PM	4:36:00 PM
Bandupala	7:01:00 AM	7:03:00 AM	11:51:00 AM	11:53:00 AM	4:41:00 PM	4:43:00 PM
Tikarapara	7:08:00 AM	7:09:00 AM	11:58:00 AM	11:59:00 AM	4:48:00 PM	4:49:00 PM
Chalki	7:13:00 AM	--	12:03:00 PM	--	4:53:00 PM	--

Chalki ↔ Muribahal

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Chalki	--	7:30:00 AM	--	12:20:00 PM	--	5:10:00 PM
Tikarapara	7:34:00 AM	7:35:00 AM	12:24:00 PM	12:25:00 PM	5:14:00 PM	5:15:00 PM
Bandupala	7:40:00 AM	7:42:00 AM	12:30:00 PM	12:32:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	5:22:00 PM
Jamunabahal	7:47:00 AM	7:48:00 AM	12:37:00 PM	12:38:00 PM	5:27:00 PM	5:28:00 PM
Ichhapada	7:50:00 AM	7:52:00 AM	12:40:00 PM	12:42:00 PM	5:30:00 PM	5:32:00 PM
Balikhamar	7:56:00 AM	7:57:00 AM	12:46:00 PM	12:47:00 PM	5:36:00 PM	5:37:00 PM
Gudighat	8:00:00 AM	8:02:00 AM	12:50:00 PM	12:52:00 PM	5:40:00 PM	5:42:00 PM
Kumbhari	8:05:00 AM	8:06:00 AM	12:55:00 PM	12:56:00 PM	5:45:00 PM	5:46:00 PM
Chanabahal	8:09:00 AM	8:11:00 AM	12:59:00 PM	1:01:00 PM	5:49:00 PM	5:51:00 PM
Badsaimara	8:14:00 AM	8:16:00 AM	1:04:00 PM	1:06:00 PM	5:54:00 PM	5:56:00 PM
Chanabahal	8:19:00 AM	8:21:00 AM	1:09:00 PM	1:11:00 PM	5:59:00 PM	6:01:00 PM
Kumbhari	8:24:00 AM	8:25:00 AM	1:14:00 PM	1:15:00 PM	6:04:00 PM	6:05:00 PM
Gudighat	8:28:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	1:18:00 PM	1:20:00 PM	6:08:00 PM	6:10:00 PM
Ghusuramunda	8:37:00 AM	8:38:00 AM	1:27:00 PM	1:28:00 PM	6:17:00 PM	6:18:00 PM
Muribahal	8:43:00 AM	--	1:33:00 PM	--	6:23:00 PM	--

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TUESDAY | MARCH 12 | 2024 | BHUBANESWAR

# LACCMI: BALANGIR ROUTE CHART

## PATANAGARH BLOCK ROUTE 1

Patnagarh BHQ ↔ Dhubalpada

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Patnagarh BHQ	--	6:00:00 AM	--	8:40:00 AM	--	1:00:00 PM	--	4:00:00 PM
Barpadar	6:06:00 AM	6:08:00 AM	8:46:00 AM	8:48:00 AM	1:06:00 PM	1:08:00 PM	4:06:00 PM	4:08:00 PM
Baneimunda	6:15:00 AM	6:17:00 AM	8:55:00 AM	8:57:00 AM	1:15:00 PM	1:17:00 PM	4:15:00 PM	4:17:00 PM
Rakhiudar	6:21:00 AM	6:22:00 AM	9:01:00 AM	9:02:00 AM	1:21:00 PM	1:22:00 PM	4:21:00 PM	4:22:00 PM
Samalaisar	6:31:00 AM	6:32:00 AM	9:11:00 AM	9:12:00 AM	1:31:00 PM	1:32:00 PM	4:31:00 PM	4:32:00 PM
Deulgaon	6:36:00 AM	6:38:00 AM	9:16:00 AM	9:18:00 AM	1:36:00 PM	1:38:00 PM	4:36:00 PM	4:38:00 PM
Sunamudi	6:42:00 AM	6:44:00 AM	9:22:00 AM	9:24:00 AM	1:42:00 PM	1:44:00 PM	4:42:00 PM	4:44:00 PM
Uda and Tendapadar	6:53:00 AM	6:55:00 AM	9:33:00 AM	9:35:00 AM	1:53:00 PM	1:55:00 PM	4:53:00 PM	4:55:00 PM
Bhainsha	6:59:00 AM	7:01:00 AM	9:39:00 AM	9:41:00 AM	1:59:00 PM	2:01:00 PM	4:59:00 PM	5:01:00 PM
Dhubalpada	7:03:00 AM	--	9:43:00 AM	--	2:03:00 PM	--	5:03:00 PM	--

Dhubalpada ↔ Patnagarh BHQ

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Dhubalpada	--	7:20:00 AM	--	10:00:00 AM	--	2:20:00 PM	--	5:20:00 PM
Bhainsha	7:22:00 AM	7:24:00 AM	10:02:00 AM	10:04:00 AM	2:22:00 PM	2:24:00 PM	5:22:00 PM	5:24:00 PM
Uda and Tendapadar	7:28:00 AM	7:30:00 AM	10:08:00 AM	10:10:00 AM	2:28:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	5:28:00 PM	5:30:00 PM
Sunamudi	7:39:00 AM	7:41:00 AM	10:19:00 AM	10:21:00 AM	2:39:00 PM	2:41:00 PM	5:39:00 PM	5:41:00 PM
Deulgaon	7:45:00 AM	7:47:00 AM	10:25:00 AM	10:27:00 AM	2:45:00 PM	2:47:00 PM	5:45:00 PM	5:47:00 PM
Samalaisar	7:51:00 AM	7:52:00 AM	10:31:00 AM	10:32:00 AM	2:51:00 PM	2:52:00 PM	5:51:00 PM	5:52:00 PM
Rakhiudar	8:01:00 AM	8:02:00 AM	10:41:00 AM	10:42:00 AM	3:01:00 PM	3:02:00 PM	6:01:00 PM	6:02:00 PM
Baneimunda	8:06:00 AM	8:08:00 AM	10:46:00 AM	10:48:00 AM	3:06:00 PM	3:08:00 PM	6:06:00 PM	6:08:00 PM
Barpadar	8:15:00 AM	8:17:00 AM	10:55:00 AM	10:57:00 AM	3:15:00 PM	3:17:00 PM	6:15:00 PM	6:17:00 PM
Patnagarh BHQ	8:23:00 AM	--	11:03:00 AM	--	3:23:00 PM	--	6:23:00 PM	--

## PATANAGARH BLOCK ROUTE 2

Patnagarh BHQ ↔ Khuntasamalei

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Patnagarh BHQ	--	6:00:00 AM	--	2:00:00 PM
Barpadar	6:06:00 AM	6:08:00 AM	2:06:00 PM	2:08:00 PM
Daldali	6:15:00 AM	6:16:00 AM	2:15:00 PM	2:16:00 PM
Dabkani	6:25:00 AM	6:26:00 AM	2:25:00 PM	2:26:00 PM
Tamian	6:32:00 AM	6:34:00 AM	2:32:00 PM	2:34:00 PM
Bharatabahal	6:41:00 AM	6:43:00 AM	2:41:00 PM	2:43:00 PM
Phatamunda	6:51:00 AM	6:53:00 AM	2:51:00 PM	2:53:00 PM
Dangabahal	7:01:00 AM	7:03:00 AM	3:01:00 PM	3:03:00 PM
Larambha	7:05:00 AM	7:07:00 AM	3:05:00 PM	3:07:00 PM
Khursel	7:16:00 AM	7:18:00 AM	3:16:00 PM	3:18:00 PM
Dabmal	7:22:00 AM	7:24:00 AM	3:22:00 PM	3:24:00 PM
Baghamunda	7:27:00 AM	7:29:00 AM	3:27:00 PM	3:29:00 PM
Gerda	7:33:00 AM	7:35:00 AM	3:33:00 PM	3:35:00 PM
Luhakhan	7:42:00 AM	7:43:00 AM	3:42:00 PM	3:43:00 PM
Ghashian	7:52:00 AM	7:54:00 AM	3:52:00 PM	3:54:00 PM
Khuntasamalei	8:01:00 AM	--	4:01:00 PM	--

## PATANAGARH BLOCK ROUTE 3

Patnagarh BHQ ↔ Khuntasamalei

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Patnagarh BHQ	--	6:00:00 AM	--	2:00:00 PM
Gangasagar	6:05:00 AM	6:07:00 AM	2:05:00 PM	2:07:00 PM
Chingerbandh	6:17:00 AM	6:18:00 AM	2:17:00 PM	2:18:00 PM
Kendumundi	6:27:00 AM	6:29:00 AM	2:27:00 PM	2:29:00 PM
Ghuchepali	6:43:00 AM	6:45:00 AM	2:43:00 PM	2:45:00 PM
Samelmunda	6:50:00 AM	6:51:00 AM	2:50:00 PM	2:51:00 PM
Mundomahul	7:04:00 AM	7:14:00 AM	3:04:00 PM	3:14:00 PM
Samelmunda	7:27:00 AM	7:28:00 AM	3:27:00 PM	3:28:00 PM
Ghuchepali	7:33:00 AM	7:35:00 AM	3:33:00 PM	3:35:00 PM
Kendumundi	7:49:00 AM	7:51:00 AM	3:49:00 PM	3:51:00 PM
Chingerbandh	8:00:00 AM	8:01:00 AM	4:00:00 PM	4:01:00 PM
Gangasagar	8:11:00 AM	8:13:00 AM	4:11:00 PM	4:13:00 PM
Patnagarh BHQ	8:18:00 AM	8:48:00 AM	4:18:00 PM	4:48:00 PM
Batharla	8:53:00 AM	8:55:00 AM	4:53:00 PM	4:55:00 PM
Balipeta	9:01:00 AM	9:03:00 AM	5:01:00 PM	5:03:00 PM
Jogimunda & Dhatuk	9:10:00 AM	9:12:00 AM	5:10:00 PM	5:12:00 PM
Pandamunda	9:15:00 AM	9:17:00 AM	5:15:00 PM	5:17:00 PM
Kerbeda	9:22:00 AM	9:23:00 AM	5:22:00 PM	5:23:00 PM
Banjibahal	9:32:00 AM	9:33:00 AM	5:32:00 PM	5:33:00 PM
Padhel Bus stop	9:36:00 AM	9:36:00 AM	5:36:00 PM	5:36:00 PM
Solbandh	9:41:00 AM	9:51:00 AM	5:41:00 PM	5:51:00 PM
Padhel Bus stop	9:56:00 AM	9:57:00 AM	5:56:00 PM	5:57:00 PM
Banjibahal	10:00:00 AM	10:01:00 AM	6:00:00 PM	6:01:00 PM
Kerbeda	10:10:00 AM	10:12:00 AM	6:10:00 PM	6:12:00 PM
Pandamunda	10:17:00 AM	10:19:00 AM	6:17:00 PM	6:19:00 PM
Jogimunda & Dhatuk	10:22:00 AM	10:24:00 AM	6:22:00 PM	6:24:00 PM
Balipeta	10:31:00 AM	10:33:00 AM	6:31:00 PM	6:33:00 PM
Batharla	10:39:00 AM	10:42:00 AM	6:39:00 PM	6:42:00 PM
Patnagarh BHQ	10:47:00 AM	--	6:47:00 PM	--

## TITLAGARH BLOCK ROUTE 1

Titlagarh ↔ Adabahal

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Titlagarh	--	6:00:00 AM	--	10:30:00 AM	--	3:00:00 PM
Turla	6:08:00 AM	6:09:00 AM	10:38:00 AM	10:39:00 AM	3:08:00 PM	3:09:00 PM
Jagua	6:14:00 AM	6:16:00 AM	10:44:00 AM	10:46:00 AM	3:14:00 PM	3:16:00 PM
Naren	6:21:00 AM	6:23:00 AM	10:51:00 AM	10:53:00 AM	3:21:00 PM	3:23:00 PM
Kholan	6:27:00 AM	6:29:00 AM	10:57:00 AM	10:59:00 AM	3:27:00 PM	3:29:00 PM
Patharla	6:34:00 AM	6:35:00 AM	11:04:00 AM	11:05:00 AM	3:34:00 PM	3:35:00 PM
Chhatabhata	6:39:00 AM	6:40:00 AM	11:09:00 AM	11:10:00 AM	3:39:00 PM	3:40:00 PM
Parasara	6:46:00 AM	6:48:00 AM	11:16:00 AM	11:18:00 AM	3:46:00 PM	3:48:00 PM
Mahagaon	6:52:00 AM	6:53:00 AM	11:22:00 AM	11:23:00 AM	3:52:00 PM	3:53:00 PM
Surda	6:59:00 AM	7:01:00 AM	11:29:00 AM	11:31:00 AM	3:59:00 PM	4:01:00 PM
Alanda	7:05:00 AM	7:06:00 AM	11:35:00 AM	11:36:00 AM	4:05:00 PM	4:06:00 PM
Themra	7:15:00 AM	7:16:00 AM	11:45:00 AM	11:46:00 AM	4:15:00 PM	4:16:00 PM
Lebado	7:26:00 AM	7:27:00 AM	11:56:00 AM	11:57:00 AM	4:26:00 PM	4:27:00 PM
Adabahal	7:32:00 AM	--	12:02:00 PM	--	4:32:00 PM	--

Adabahal ↔ Titlagarh

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Adabahal	--	7:50:00 AM	--	12:20:00 PM	--	4:50:00 PM
Lebado	7:55:00 AM	7:56:00 AM	12:25:00 PM	12:26:00 PM	4:55:00 PM	4:56:00 PM
Themra	8:06:00 AM	8:07:00 AM	12:36:00 PM	12:37:00 PM	5:06:00 PM	5:07:00 PM
Alanda	8:16:00 AM	8:17:00 AM	12:46:00 PM	12:47:00 PM	5:16:00 PM	5:17:00 PM
Surda	8:21:00 AM	8:23:00 AM	12:51:00 PM	12:53:00 PM	5:21:00 PM	5:23:00 PM
Mahagaon	8:29:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	12:59:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	5:29:00 PM	5:30:00 PM
Parasara	8:34:00 AM	8:36:00 AM	1:04:00 PM	1:06:00 PM	5:34:00 PM	5:36:00 PM
Chhatabhata	8:42:00 AM	8:43:00 AM	1:12:00 PM	1:13:00 PM	5:42:00 PM	5:43:00 PM
Patharla	8:47:00 AM	8:48:00 AM	1:17:00 PM	1:18:00 PM	5:47:00 PM	5:48:00 PM
Kholan	8:53:00 AM	8:55:00 AM	1:23:00 PM	1:25:00 PM	5:53:00 PM	5:55:00 PM
Naren	8:59:00 AM	9:01:00 AM	1:29:00 PM	1:31:00 PM	5:59:00 PM	6:01:00 PM
Jagua	9:06:00 AM	9:08:00 AM	1:36:00 PM	1:38:00 PM	6:06:00 PM	6:08:00 PM
Turla	9:13:00 AM	9:14:00 AM	1:43:00 PM	1:44:00 PM	6:13:00 PM	6:14:00 PM
Titlagarh	9:22:00 AM	--	12:02:00 PM	--	6:22:00 PM	--

## SAINTALA BLOCK ROUTE 1

Saintala ↔ Jurabandh

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Saintala	--	6:00:00 AM	--	9:40:00 AM	--	3:00:00 PM
Deng	6:04:00 AM	6:06:00 AM	9:44:00 AM	9:46:00 AM	3:04:00 PM	3:06:00 PM
Brahmani	6:10:00 AM	6:11:00 AM	9:50:00 AM	9:51:00 AM	3:10:00 PM	3:11:00 PM
Kumbhari	6:14:00 AM	6:16:00 AM	9:54:00 AM	9:56:00 AM	3:14:00 PM	3:16:00 PM
Dumermunda	6:19:00 AM	6:21:00 AM	9:59:00 AM	10:01:00 AM	3:19:00 PM	3:21:00 PM
Talbahal	6:26:00 AM	6:27:00 AM	10:06:00 AM	10:07:00 AM	3:26:00 PM	3:27:00 PM
Karamtala	6:43:00 AM	6:45:00 AM	10:23:00 AM	10:25:00 AM	3:43:00 PM	3:45:00 PM
Jhiamanpali	6:51:00 AM	6:52:00 AM	10:31:00 AM	10:32:00 AM	3:51:00 PM	3:52:00 PM
Jhinkidungri	7:03:00 AM	7:04:00 AM	10:43:00 AM	10:44:00 AM	4:03:00 PM	4:04:00 PM
Tikrapada	7:09:00 AM	7:11:00 AM	10:49:00 AM	10:51:00 AM	4:09:00 PM	4:11:00 PM
Kharselbanji	7:14:00 AM	7:15:00 AM	10:54:00 AM	10:55:00 AM	4:14:00 PM	4:15:00 PM
Jurabandh	7:21:00 AM	--	11:01:00 AM	--	4:21:00 PM	--

Jurabandh ↔ Saintala

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Jurabandh	--	7:40:00 AM	--	11:20:00 AM	--	4:40:00 PM
Kharselbanji	7:46:00 AM	7:47:00 AM	11:26:00 AM	11:27:00 AM	4:46:00 PM	4:47:00 PM
Tikrapada	7:50:00 AM	7:52:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	11:32:00 AM	4:50:00 PM	4:52:00 PM
Jhinkidungri	7:57:00 AM	7:58:00 AM	11:37:00 AM	11:38:00 AM	4:57:00 PM	4:58:00 PM
Jhiamanpali	8:09:00 AM	8:10:00 AM	11:49:00 AM	11:50:00 AM	5:09:00 PM	5:10:00 PM
Karamtala	8:16:00 AM	8:18:00 AM	11:56:00 AM	11:58:00 AM	5:16:00 PM	5:18:00 PM
Talbahal	8:34:00 AM	8:3				



# LaccMI: BALANGIR ROUTE CHART

## TUREKELA BLOCK ROUTE 1

Turekela ↔ Halanbhata

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Turekela	--	6:00:00 AM	--	9:20:00 AM	--	12:40:00 PM	--	4:00:00 PM
Gargadahal	6:10:00 AM	6:12:00 AM	9:30:00 AM	9:32:00 AM	12:50:00 PM	12:52:00 PM	4:10:00 PM	4:12:00 PM
Ghuresh	6:17:00 AM	6:19:00 AM	9:37:00 AM	9:39:00 AM	12:57:00 PM	12:59:00 PM	4:17:00 PM	4:19:00 PM
Baddakala	6:27:00 AM	6:29:00 AM	9:47:00 AM	9:49:00 AM	1:07:00 PM	1:09:00 PM	4:27:00 PM	4:29:00 PM
Dholmandal	6:36:00 AM	6:38:00 AM	9:56:00 AM	9:58:00 AM	1:16:00 PM	1:18:00 PM	4:36:00 PM	4:38:00 PM
Damnichuan	6:45:00 AM	6:46:00 AM	10:05:00 AM	10:06:00 AM	1:25:00 PM	1:26:00 PM	4:45:00 PM	4:46:00 PM
Baghuapara	6:52:00 AM	6:53:00 AM	10:12:00 AM	10:13:00 AM	1:32:00 PM	1:33:00 PM	4:52:00 PM	4:53:00 PM
Mahulapati	7:00:00 AM	7:02:00 AM	10:20:00 AM	10:22:00 AM	1:40:00 PM	1:42:00 PM	5:00:00 PM	5:02:00 PM
Kushpali	7:10:00 AM	7:11:00 AM	10:30:00 AM	10:31:00 AM	1:50:00 PM	1:51:00 PM	5:10:00 PM	5:11:00 PM
Halanbhata	7:13:00 AM	--	10:33:00 AM	--	1:53:00 PM	--	5:13:00 PM	--

Halanbhata ↔ Turekela

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Halanbhata	--	7:30:00 AM	--	10:50:00 AM	--	2:10:00 PM	--	5:30:00 PM
Kushpali	7:32:00 AM	7:33:00 AM	10:52:00 AM	10:53:00 AM	2:12:00 PM	2:13:00 PM	5:32:00 PM	5:33:00 PM
Mahulapati	7:41:00 AM	7:43:00 AM	11:01:00 AM	11:03:00 AM	2:21:00 PM	2:23:00 PM	5:41:00 PM	5:43:00 PM
Baghuapara	7:50:00 AM	7:51:00 AM	11:10:00 AM	11:11:00 AM	2:30:00 PM	2:31:00 PM	5:50:00 PM	5:51:00 PM
Damnichuan	7:57:00 AM	7:58:00 AM	11:17:00 AM	11:18:00 AM	2:37:00 PM	2:38:00 PM	5:57:00 PM	5:58:00 PM
Dholmandal	8:05:00 AM	8:07:00 AM	11:25:00 AM	11:27:00 AM	2:45:00 PM	2:47:00 PM	6:05:00 PM	6:07:00 PM
Baddakala	8:14:00 AM	8:16:00 AM	11:34:00 AM	11:36:00 AM	2:54:00 PM	2:56:00 PM	6:14:00 PM	6:16:00 PM
Ghuresh	8:24:00 AM	8:26:00 AM	11:44:00 AM	11:46:00 AM	3:04:00 PM	3:06:00 PM	6:24:00 PM	6:26:00 PM
Gargadahal	8:31:00 AM	8:33:00 AM	11:51:00 AM	11:53:00 AM	3:11:00 PM	3:13:00 PM	6:31:00 PM	6:33:00 PM
Turekela	8:43:00 AM	--	12:03:00 PM	--	3:23:00 PM	--	6:43:00 PM	--

## TUREKELA BLOCK ROUTE 2

Turekela ↔ Chatuanka

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Turekela	--	6:00:00 AM	--	10:20:00 AM	--	2:40:00 PM
Semela	6:08:00 AM	6:09:00 AM	10:28:00 AM	10:29:00 AM	2:48:00 PM	2:49:00 PM
Jharni	6:11:00 AM	6:13:00 AM	10:31:00 AM	10:33:00 AM	2:51:00 PM	2:53:00 PM
Hial	6:17:00 AM	6:19:00 AM	10:37:00 AM	10:39:00 AM	2:57:00 PM	2:59:00 PM
Kantabanji	6:26:00 AM	6:27:00 AM	10:46:00 AM	10:47:00 AM	3:06:00 PM	3:07:00 PM
Birna	6:34:00 AM	6:35:00 AM	10:54:00 AM	10:55:00 AM	3:14:00 PM	3:15:00 PM
Khagsa	6:38:00 AM	6:40:00 AM	10:58:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	3:18:00 PM	3:20:00 PM
Karuamunda	6:44:00 AM	6:46:00 AM	11:04:00 AM	11:06:00 AM	3:24:00 PM	3:26:00 PM
Dhamandanga	6:54:00 AM	6:56:00 AM	11:14:00 AM	11:16:00 AM	3:34:00 PM	3:36:00 PM
Bandhapali	7:01:00 AM	7:02:00 AM	11:21:00 AM	11:22:00 AM	3:41:00 PM	3:42:00 PM
Jamutjhula	7:07:00 AM	7:08:00 AM	11:27:00 AM	11:28:00 AM	3:47:00 PM	3:48:00 PM
Chaulsukha	7:15:00 AM	7:17:00 AM	11:35:00 AM	11:37:00 AM	3:55:00 PM	3:57:00 PM
Kurulbahal	7:23:00 AM	7:24:00 AM	11:43:00 AM	11:44:00 AM	4:03:00 PM	4:04:00 PM
Pakhanmunda	7:30:00 AM	7:31:00 AM	11:50:00 AM	11:51:00 AM	4:10:00 PM	4:11:00 PM
Buromal	7:35:00 AM	7:37:00 AM	11:55:00 AM	11:57:00 AM	4:15:00 PM	4:17:00 PM
Chatuanka	7:45:00 AM	--	12:05:00 PM	--	4:25:00 PM	--

Chatuanka ↔ Turekela

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Chatuanka	--	8:00:00 AM	--	12:20:00 PM	--	4:40:00 PM
Buromal	8:08:00 AM	8:10:00 AM	12:28:00 PM	12:30:00 PM	4:48:00 PM	4:50:00 PM
Pakhanmunda	8:14:00 AM	8:15:00 AM	12:34:00 PM	12:35:00 PM	4:54:00 PM	4:55:00 PM
Kurulbahal	8:21:00 AM	8:22:00 AM	12:41:00 PM	12:42:00 PM	5:01:00 PM	5:02:00 PM
Chaulsukha	8:28:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	12:48:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	5:08:00 PM	5:10:00 PM
Jamutjhula	8:37:00 AM	8:38:00 AM	12:57:00 PM	12:58:00 PM	5:17:00 PM	5:18:00 PM
Bandhapali	8:43:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	1:03:00 PM	1:04:00 PM	5:23:00 PM	5:24:00 PM
Dhamandanga	8:49:00 AM	8:51:00 AM	1:09:00 PM	1:11:00 PM	5:29:00 PM	5:31:00 PM
Karuamunda	8:59:00 AM	9:01:00 AM	1:19:00 PM	1:21:00 PM	5:39:00 PM	5:41:00 PM
Khagsa	9:05:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	1:25:00 PM	1:27:00 PM	5:45:00 PM	5:47:00 PM
Birna	9:10:00 AM	9:11:00 AM	1:30:00 PM	1:31:00 PM	5:50:00 PM	5:51:00 PM
Kantabanji	9:18:00 AM	9:19:00 AM	1:38:00 PM	1:39:00 PM	5:58:00 PM	5:59:00 PM
Hial	9:26:00 AM	9:28:00 AM	1:46:00 PM	1:48:00 PM	6:06:00 PM	6:08:00 PM
Jharni	9:32:00 AM	9:34:00 AM	1:52:00 PM	1:54:00 PM	6:12:00 PM	6:14:00 PM
Semela	9:36:00 AM	9:37:00 AM	1:56:00 PM	1:57:00 PM	6:16:00 PM	6:17:00 PM
Turekela	9:45:00 AM	--	2:05:00 PM	--	6:25:00 PM	--

## TUREKELA BLOCK ROUTE 3

Turekela ↔ Chatuanka

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Turekela	--	6:00:00 AM	--	10:05:00 AM	--	2:15:00 PM
Godramunda	6:09:00 AM	6:10:00 AM	10:14:00 AM	10:15:00 AM	2:24:00 PM	2:25:00 PM
Tikrapada	6:16:00 AM	6:17:00 AM	10:21:00 AM	10:22:00 AM	2:31:00 PM	2:32:00 PM
Mahakhand	6:24:00 AM	6:26:00 AM	10:29:00 AM	10:31:00 AM	2:39:00 PM	2:41:00 PM
Bhulia Sikuan	6:34:00 AM	6:35:00 AM	10:39:00 AM	10:40:00 AM	2:49:00 PM	2:50:00 PM
Rohen Padar	6:46:00 AM	6:47:00 AM	10:51:00 AM	10:52:00 AM	3:01:00 PM	3:02:00 PM
Kandei	6:55:00 AM	6:57:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	11:02:00 AM	3:10:00 PM	3:12:00 PM
Jubamal	7:01:00 AM	7:02:00 AM	11:06:00 AM	11:07:00 AM	3:16:00 PM	3:17:00 PM
Salemudga	7:06:00 AM	7:07:00 AM	11:11:00 AM	11:12:00 AM	3:21:00 PM	3:22:00 PM
Badabanki	7:13:00 AM	7:23:00 AM	11:18:00 AM	11:28:00 AM	3:28:00 PM	3:38:00 PM
Salemudga	7:29:00 AM	7:30:00 AM	11:34:00 AM	11:35:00 AM	3:44:00 PM	3:45:00 PM
Jubamal	7:34:00 AM	7:35:00 AM	11:39:00 AM	11:40:00 AM	3:49:00 PM	3:50:00 PM
Kandei	7:39:00 AM	7:41:00 AM	11:44:00 AM	11:46:00 AM	3:54:00 PM	3:56:00 PM
Rohen Padar	7:49:00 AM	7:50:00 AM	11:54:00 AM	11:55:00 AM	4:04:00 PM	4:05:00 PM
Bhulia Sikuan	8:01:00 AM	8:02:00 AM	12:06:00 PM	12:07:00 PM	4:16:00 PM	4:17:00 PM
Mahakhand	8:10:00 AM	8:12:00 AM	12:15:00 PM	12:17:00 PM	4:25:00 PM	4:27:00 PM
Tikrapada	8:19:00 AM	8:20:00 AM	12:24:00 PM	12:25:00 PM	4:34:00 PM	4:35:00 PM
Godramunda	8:26:00 AM	8:27:00 AM	12:31:00 PM	12:32:00 PM	4:41:00 PM	4:42:00 PM
Turekela	8:36:00 AM	8:51:00 AM	12:41:00 PM	12:56:00 PM	4:51:00 PM	5:06:00 PM
Bagbahal	8:54:00 AM	8:55:00 AM	12:59:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	5:09:00 PM	5:10:00 PM
Kuibahal	9:00:00 AM	9:02:00 AM	1:05:00 PM	1:07:00 PM	5:15:00 PM	5:17:00 PM
Kuibahali-Jharan	9:08:00 AM	9:09:00 AM	1:13:00 PM	1:14:00 PM	5:23:00 PM	5:24:00 PM
Kameimunda	9:14:00 AM	9:24:00 AM	1:19:00 PM	1:29:00 PM	5:29:00 PM	5:39:00 PM
Kuibahali-Jharan	9:29:00 AM	9:30:00 AM	1:34:00 PM	1:35:00 PM	5:44:00 PM	5:45:00 PM
Kuibahal	9:36:00 AM	9:38:00 AM	1:41:00 PM	1:43:00 PM	5:51:00 PM	5:53:00 PM
Bagbahal	9:43:00 AM	9:44:00 AM	1:48:00 PM	1:49:00 PM	5:58:00 PM	5:59:00 PM
Turekela	9:47:00 AM	--	1:52:00 PM	--	6:02:00 PM	--

## AGALPUR BLOCK ROUTE-1

Agalpur ↔ Agalpur

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Agalpur	--	6:00:00 AM	--	9:00:00 AM	--	12:00:00 PM	--	12:00:00 PM
Ingsa	6:04:00 AM	6:05:00 AM	9:04:00 AM	9:05:00 AM	12:04:00 PM	12:05:00 PM	12:04:00 PM	12:05:00 PM
Budula	6:13:00 AM	6:15:00 AM	9:13:00 AM	9:15:00 AM	12:13:00 PM	12:15:00 PM	12:13:00 PM	12:15:00 PM
Babupali	6:25:00 AM	6:26:00 AM	9:25:00 AM	9:26:00 AM	12:25:00 PM	12:26:00 PM	12:25:00 PM	12:26:00 PM
Jharbandhali	6:30:00 AM	6:31:00 AM	9:30:00 AM	9:31:00 AM	12:30:00 PM	12:31:00 PM	12:30:00 PM	12:31:00 PM
Babufasad	6:35:00 AM	6:37:00 AM	9:35:00 AM	9:37:00 AM	12:35:00 PM	12:37:00 PM	12:35:00 PM	12:37:00 PM
Ghuchepali	6:40:00 AM	6:41:00 AM	9:40:00 AM	9:41:00 AM	12:40:00 PM	12:41:00 PM	12:40:00 PM	12:41:00 PM
Nagaon(A)	6:49:00 AM	6:59:00 AM	9:49:00 AM	9:59:00 AM	12:49:00 PM	12:59:00 PM	12:49:00 PM	12:59:00 PM
Ghuchepali	7:07:00 AM	7:08:00 AM	10:07:00 AM	10:08:00 AM	1:07:00 PM	1:08:00 PM	1:07:00 PM	1:08:00 PM
Babufasad	7:11:00 AM	7:13:00 AM	10:11:00 AM	10:13:00 AM	1:11:00 PM	1:13:00 PM	1:11:00 PM	1:13:00 PM
Jharbandhali	7:17:00 AM	7:18:00 AM	10:17:00 AM	10:18:00 AM	1:17:00 PM	1:18:00 PM	1:17:00 PM	1:18:00 PM
Babupali	7:22:00 AM	7:23:00 AM	10:22:00 AM	10:23:00 AM	1:22:00 PM	1:23:00 PM	1:22:00 PM	1:23:00 PM
Budula	7:33:00 AM	7:35:00 AM	10:33:00 AM	10:35:00 AM	1:33:00 PM	1:35:00 PM	1:33:00 PM	1:35:00 PM
Ingsa	7:43:00 AM	7:44:00 AM	10:43:00 AM	10:44:00 AM	1:43:00 PM	1:44:00 PM	1:43:00 PM	1:44:00 PM
Agalpur	7:48:00 AM	8:08:00 AM	10:48:00 AM	11:08:00 AM	1:48:00 PM	2:08:00 PM	1:48:00 PM	2:08:00 PM
Bagjhola	8:14:00 AM	8:15:00 AM	11:14:00 AM	11:15:00 AM	2:14:00 PM	2:15:00 PM	2:14:00 PM	2:15:00 PM
Rinbachan	8:17:00 AM	8:27:00 AM	11:17:00 AM	11:27:00 AM	2:17:00 PM	2:27:00 PM	2:17:00 PM	2:27:00 PM
Bagjhola	8:29:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	11:29:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	2:29:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	2:29:00 PM	2:30:00 PM
Agalpur	8:36:00 AM	--	11:36:00 AM	--	2:36:00 PM	--	2:36:00 PM	--

## AGALPUR BLOCK ROUTE-2

Agalpur ↔ Patuapali

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Agalpur	--	6:00:00 AM	--	11:00:00 AM	--	4:00:00 PM
Sansa	6:03:00 AM	6:04:00 AM	11:03:00 AM	11:04:00 AM	4:03:00 PM	4:04:00 PM
Guhirapadar	6:08:00 AM	6:09:00 AM	11:08:00 AM	11:09:00 AM	4:08:00 PM	4:09:00 PM
Bharsuja	6:11:00 AM	6:13:00 AM	11:11:00 AM	11:13:00 AM	4:11:00 PM	4:13:00 PM
Laxmanpali	6:18:00 AM	6:19:00 AM	11:18:00 AM	11:19:00 AM	4:18:00 PM	4:19:00 PM
Jharnipali	6:22:00 AM	6:24:00 AM	11:22:00 AM	11:24:00 AM	4:22:00 PM	4:24:00 PM
Kudopali	6:28:00 AM	6:29:00 AM	11:28:00 AM	11:29:00 AM	4:28:00 PM	4:29:00 PM
Badtika	6:36:00 AM	6:38:00 AM	11:36:00 AM	11:38:00 AM	4:36:00 PM	4:38:00 PM
Sanatika	6:46:00 AM	6:47:00 AM	11:46:00 AM	11:47:00 AM	4:46:00 PM	4:47:00 PM
Nagaon(B)	6:51:00 AM	6:53:00 AM	11:51:00 AM	11:53:00 AM	4:51:00 PM	4:53:00 PM
Rugudikhal						





# LACCMI: BALANGIR ROUTE CHART

## BALANGIR BLOCK ROUTE-1

Balangir BHQ ↔ Balangir BHQ

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Balangir BHQ	--	6:00:00 AM	--	2:00:00 PM
Patharchepa	6:15:00 AM	6:16:00 AM	2:15:00 PM	2:16:00 PM
Baidipali	6:20:00 AM	6:22:00 AM	2:20:00 PM	2:22:00 PM
Prataprudrapur	6:28:00 AM	6:29:00 AM	2:28:00 PM	2:29:00 PM
Bidighat	6:33:00 AM	6:35:00 AM	2:33:00 PM	2:35:00 PM
Kot	6:40:00 AM	6:41:00 AM	2:40:00 PM	2:41:00 PM
Chantimunda	6:45:00 AM	6:46:00 AM	2:45:00 PM	2:46:00 PM
Sibtala	6:51:00 AM	6:53:00 AM	2:51:00 PM	2:53:00 PM
Bramhanijor	7:00:00 AM	7:01:00 AM	3:00:00 PM	3:01:00 PM
Sahajbahal	7:03:00 AM	7:05:00 AM	3:03:00 PM	3:05:00 PM
Bhutiabahal	7:08:00 AM	7:10:00 AM	3:08:00 PM	3:10:00 PM
Kudasingha	7:14:00 AM	7:16:00 AM	3:14:00 PM	3:16:00 PM
Chikalbahal	7:29:00 AM	7:31:00 AM	3:29:00 PM	3:31:00 PM
Sikachhida	7:35:00 AM	7:45:00 AM	3:35:00 PM	3:45:00 PM
Chikalbahal	7:49:00 AM	7:51:00 AM	3:49:00 PM	3:51:00 PM
Kudasingha	8:04:00 AM	8:06:00 AM	4:04:00 PM	4:06:00 PM
Bhutiabahal	8:10:00 AM	8:12:00 AM	4:10:00 PM	4:12:00 PM
Sahajbahal	8:15:00 AM	8:17:00 AM	4:15:00 PM	4:17:00 PM
Bramhanijor	8:19:00 AM	8:20:00 AM	4:19:00 PM	4:20:00 PM
Sibtala	8:27:00 AM	8:29:00 AM	4:27:00 PM	4:29:00 PM
Chantimunda	8:34:00 AM	8:35:00 AM	4:34:00 PM	4:35:00 PM
Kot	8:39:00 AM	8:40:00 AM	4:39:00 PM	4:40:00 PM
Bidighat	8:45:00 AM	8:47:00 AM	4:45:00 PM	4:47:00 PM
Prataprudrapur	8:51:00 AM	8:52:00 AM	4:51:00 PM	4:52:00 PM
Baidipali	8:58:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	4:58:00 PM	5:00:00 PM
Patharchepa	9:04:00 AM	9:05:00 AM	5:04:00 PM	5:05:00 PM
Balangir BHQ	9:20:00 AM	9:35:00 AM	5:20:00 PM	5:35:00 PM
Khujenpali	9:39:00 AM	9:41:00 AM	5:39:00 PM	5:41:00 PM
Barkani	9:56:00 AM	10:06:00 AM	5:56:00 PM	6:06:00 PM
Khujenpali	10:21:00 AM	10:23:00 AM	6:21:00 PM	6:23:00 PM
Balangir BHQ	10:27:00 AM	--	6:27:00 PM	--

## BALANGIR BLOCK ROUTE-2

Balangir BHQ ↔ MAYABARHA

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Balangir BHQ	--	6:00:00 AM	--	9:40:00 AM	--	2:20:00 PM
Dhumamara	6:14:00 AM	6:15:00 AM	9:54:00 AM	9:55:00 AM	2:34:00 PM	2:35:00 PM
Jhankarpali	6:23:00 AM	6:25:00 AM	10:03:00 AM	10:05:00 AM	2:43:00 PM	2:45:00 PM
Kutumdola	6:31:00 AM	6:33:00 AM	10:11:00 AM	10:13:00 AM	2:51:00 PM	2:53:00 PM
Hardatala	6:42:00 AM	6:43:00 AM	10:22:00 AM	10:23:00 AM	3:02:00 PM	3:03:00 PM
Barapudgia	6:48:00 AM	6:50:00 AM	10:28:00 AM	10:30:00 AM	3:08:00 PM	3:10:00 PM
Chudapali and Tusrabahal	7:00:00 AM	7:02:00 AM	10:40:00 AM	10:42:00 AM	3:20:00 PM	3:22:00 PM
Bhundiuhana	7:14:00 AM	7:16:00 AM	10:54:00 AM	10:56:00 AM	3:34:00 PM	3:36:00 PM
Mayabarha	7:23:00 AM	--	11:03:00 AM	--	3:43:00 PM	--

## MAYABARHA ↔ BALANGIR BHQ

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Mayabarha	--	7:40:00 AM	--	11:20:00 AM	--	4:00:00 PM
Bhundiuhana	7:47:00 AM	7:49:00 AM	11:27:00 AM	11:29:00 AM	4:07:00 PM	4:09:00 PM
Chudapali and Tusrabahal	8:01:00 AM	8:03:00 AM	11:41:00 AM	11:43:00 AM	4:21:00 PM	4:23:00 PM
Barapudgia	8:13:00 AM	8:15:00 AM	11:53:00 AM	11:55:00 AM	4:33:00 PM	4:35:00 PM
Hardatala	8:20:00 AM	8:21:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	12:01:00 PM	4:40:00 PM	4:41:00 PM
Kutumdola	8:30:00 AM	8:32:00 AM	12:10:00 PM	12:12:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	4:52:00 PM
Jhankarpali	8:38:00 AM	8:40:00 AM	12:18:00 PM	12:20:00 PM	4:58:00 PM	5:00:00 PM
Dhumamara	8:48:00 AM	8:49:00 AM	12:28:00 PM	12:29:00 PM	5:08:00 PM	5:09:00 PM
Balangir BHQ	9:03:00 AM	--	12:43:00 PM	--	5:23:00 PM	--

## BALANGIR BLOCK ROUTE-3

Balangir BHQ ↔ Manhira

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Balangir BHQ	--	6:00:00 AM	--	9:10:00 AM	--	12:20:00 PM	--	3:30:00 PM
Sadeipali	6:13:00 AM	6:15:00 AM	9:23:00 AM	9:25:00 AM	12:33:00 PM	12:35:00 PM	3:43:00 PM	3:45:00 PM
Madhipali	6:17:00 AM	6:19:00 AM	9:27:00 AM	9:29:00 AM	12:37:00 PM	12:39:00 PM	3:47:00 PM	3:49:00 PM
Mirdhapali	6:23:00 AM	6:25:00 AM	9:33:00 AM	9:35:00 AM	12:43:00 PM	12:45:00 PM	3:53:00 PM	3:55:00 PM
Chandanbhati	6:31:00 AM	6:33:00 AM	9:41:00 AM	9:43:00 AM	12:51:00 PM	12:53:00 PM	4:01:00 PM	4:03:00 PM
Khaliapali	6:43:00 AM	6:45:00 AM	9:53:00 AM	9:55:00 AM	1:03:00 PM	1:05:00 PM	4:13:00 PM	4:15:00 PM
Ranipali	6:51:00 AM	6:52:00 AM	10:01:00 AM	10:02:00 AM	1:11:00 PM	1:12:00 PM	4:21:00 PM	4:22:00 PM
Sakma	6:56:00 AM	6:58:00 AM	10:06:00 AM	10:08:00 AM	1:16:00 PM	1:18:00 PM	4:26:00 PM	4:28:00 PM
Amamunda	7:07:00 AM	7:08:00 AM	10:17:00 AM	10:18:00 AM	1:27:00 PM	1:28:00 PM	4:37:00 PM	4:38:00 PM
Manhira	7:11:00 AM	--	10:21:00 AM	--	1:31:00 PM	--	4:41:00 PM	--

## Manhira ↔ Balangir BHQ

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Manhira	--	7:30:00 AM	--	10:40:00 AM	--	1:50:00 PM	--	5:00:00 PM
Amamunda	7:33:00 AM	7:34:00 AM	10:43:00 AM	10:44:00 AM	1:53:00 PM	1:54:00 PM	5:03:00 PM	5:04:00 PM
Sakma	7:43:00 AM	7:45:00 AM	10:53:00 AM	10:55:00 AM	2:03:00 PM	2:05:00 PM	5:13:00 PM	5:15:00 PM
Ranipali	7:49:00 AM	7:50:00 AM	10:59:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	2:09:00 PM	2:10:00 PM	5:19:00 PM	5:20:00 PM
Khaliapali	7:56:00 AM	7:58:00 AM	11:06:00 AM	11:08:00 AM	2:16:00 PM	2:18:00 PM	5:26:00 PM	5:28:00 PM
Chandanbhati	8:08:00 AM	8:10:00 AM	11:18:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	2:28:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	5:38:00 PM	5:40:00 PM
Mirdhapali	8:16:00 AM	8:18:00 AM	11:26:00 AM	11:28:00 AM	2:36:00 PM	2:38:00 PM	5:46:00 PM	5:48:00 PM
Madhipali	8:22:00 AM	8:24:00 AM	11:32:00 AM	11:34:00 AM	2:42:00 PM	2:44:00 PM	5:52:00 PM	5:54:00 PM
Sadeipali	8:26:00 AM	8:28:00 AM	11:36:00 AM	11:38:00 AM	2:46:00 PM	2:48:00 PM	5:56:00 PM	5:58:00 PM
Balangir BHQ	8:41:00 AM	--	11:51:00 AM	--	3:01:00 PM	--	6:11:00 PM	--

## BALANGIR BLOCK ROUTE-3

Gudvella ↔ Gambhariguda

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4		TRIP-5		TRIP-6	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Gudvella	--	6:00:00 AM	--	8:25:00 AM	--	12:00:00 PM	--	2:25:00 PM	--	4:45:00 PM	--	4:45:00 PM
Ranipali	6:04:00 AM	6:05:00 AM	8:29:00 AM	8:30:00 AM	12:04:00 PM	12:05:00 PM	2:29:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	4:49:00 PM	4:50:00 PM
Nimursingha	6:08:00 AM	6:09:00 AM	8:33:00 AM	8:34:00 AM	12:08:00 PM	12:09:00 PM	2:33:00 PM	2:34:00 PM	2:34:00 PM	2:34:00 PM	4:53:00 PM	4:54:00 PM
Ghuna	6:11:00 AM	6:13:00 AM	8:36:00 AM	8:38:00 AM	12:11:00 PM	12:13:00 PM	2:36:00 PM	2:38:00 PM	2:38:00 PM	2:38:00 PM	4:56:00 PM	4:58:00 PM
Janakpur	6:18:00 AM	6:19:00 AM	8:43:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	12:18:00 PM	12:19:00 PM	2:43:00 PM	2:44:00 PM	2:44:00 PM	2:44:00 PM	5:03:00 PM	5:04:00 PM
Biramunda	6:22:00 AM	6:24:00 AM	8:47:00 AM	8:49:00 AM	12:22:00 PM	12:24:00 PM	2:47:00 PM	2:49:00 PM	2:49:00 PM	2:49:00 PM	5:07:00 PM	5:09:00 PM
Sandangar	6:32:00 AM	6:33:00 AM	8:57:00 AM	8:58:00 AM	12:32:00 PM	12:33:00 PM	2:57:00 PM	2:58:00 PM	2:58:00 PM	2:58:00 PM	5:17:00 PM	5:18:00 PM
Jamut	6:36:00 AM	6:38:00 AM	9:01:00 AM	9:03:00 AM	12:36:00 PM	12:38:00 PM	3:01:00 PM	3:03:00 PM	3:03:00 PM	3:03:00 PM	5:21:00 PM	5:23:00 PM
Bellaguntha	6:46:00 AM	6:47:00 AM	9:11:00 AM	9:12:00 AM	12:46:00 PM	12:47:00 PM	3:11:00 PM	3:12:00 PM	3:12:00 PM	3:12:00 PM	5:31:00 PM	5:32:00 PM
Gambhariguda	6:52:00 AM	--	9:17:00 AM	--	12:52:00 PM	--	3:17:00 PM	--	3:17:00 PM	--	5:37:00 PM	--

## Gambhariguda ↔ Gudvella

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4		TRIP-5		TRIP-6	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Gambhariguda	--	7:10:00 AM	--	9:30:00 AM	--	1:10:00 PM	--	3:30:00 PM	--	3:30:00 PM	--	5:50:00 PM
Bellaguntha	7:15:00 AM	7:16:00 AM	9:35:00 AM	9:36:00 AM	1:15:00 PM	1:16:00 PM	3:35:00 PM	3:36:00 PM	3:36:00 PM	3:36:00 PM	5:55:00 PM	5:56:00 PM
Jamut	7:24:00 AM	7:26:00 AM	9:44:00 AM	9:46:00 AM	1:24:00 PM	1:26:00 PM	3:44:00 PM	3:46:00 PM	3:46:00 PM	3:46:00 PM	6:04:00 PM	6:06:00 PM
Sandangar	7:29:00 AM	7:30:00 AM	9:49:00 AM	9:50:00 AM	1:29:00 PM	1:30:00 PM	3:49:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	6:09:00 PM	6:10:00 PM
Biramunda	7:38:00 AM	7:40:00 AM	9:58:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	1:38:00 PM	1:40:00 PM	3:58:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	6:18:00 PM	6:20:00 PM
Janakpur	7:43:00 AM	7:44:00 AM	10:03:00 AM	10:04:00 AM	1:43:00 PM	1:44:00 PM	4:03:00 PM	4:04:00 PM	4:04:00 PM	4:04:00 PM	6:23:00 PM	6:24:00 PM
Ghuna	7:49:00 AM	7:51:00 AM	10:09:00 AM	10:11:00 AM	1:49:00 PM	1:51:00 PM	4:09:00 PM	4:11:00 PM	4:11:00 PM	4:11:00 PM	6:29:00 PM	6:31:00 PM
Nimursingha	7:53:00 AM	7:54:00 AM	10:13:00 AM	10:14:00 AM	1:53:00 PM	1:54:00 PM	4:13:00 PM	4:14:00 PM	4:14:00 PM	4:14:00 PM	6:33:00 PM	6:34:00 PM
Ranipali	7:57:00 AM	7:58:00 AM	10:17:00 AM	10:18:00 AM	1:57:00 PM	1:58:00 PM	4:17:00 PM	4:18:00 PM	4:18:00 PM	4:18:00 PM	6:37:00 PM	6:38:00 PM
Gudvella	8:02:00 AM	--	10:22:00 AM	--	2:02:00 PM	--	4:22:00 PM	--	4:22:00 PM	--	6:42:00 PM	--

## DEOGAON BLOCK ROUTE-1

Deogaon ↔ Deogaon

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Deogaon	--	6:00:00 AM	--	11:30:00 AM
Hatisara	6:04:00 AM	6:05:00 AM	11:34:00 AM	11:35:00 AM
Udar	6:15:00 AM	6:17:00 AM	11:45:00 AM	11:47:00 AM
Barkani	6:20:00 AM	6:21:00 AM	11:50:00 AM	11:



# LACCMI: BALANGIR ROUTE CHART

## BANGOMUNDA BLOCK ROUTE-1 (Round Trip)

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for BANGOMUNDA BLOCK ROUTE-1.

## BELPARA BLOCK ROUTE-1 (Round Trip)

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for BELPARA BLOCK ROUTE-1.

## BANGOMUNDA BLOCK ROUTE-2

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for BANGOMUNDA BLOCK ROUTE-2.

## BELPARA BLOCK ROUTE-2 (Round Trip)

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for BELPARA BLOCK ROUTE-2.

## JAMAKHUNTA BLOCK ROUTE-1

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for JAMAKHUNTA BLOCK ROUTE-1.

## BELPARA BLOCK ROUTE-3

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for BELPARA BLOCK ROUTE-3.

## BANGOMUNDA BLOCK ROUTE-3

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, TRIP-4, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for BANGOMUNDA BLOCK ROUTE-3.

## DARLIPALI BLOCK ROUTE-1

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for DARLIPALI BLOCK ROUTE-1.

## ARSATULA BLOCK ROUTE-1

Table with columns: BUS STOP, STOP, START, TRIP-1, TRIP-2, TRIP-3, TRIP-4, STOP, START. Lists bus stops and schedules for ARSATULA BLOCK ROUTE-1.



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# LaccMI: BALANGIR ROUTE CHART

## PUINTALA BLOCK ROUTE 1

PUINTALA ↔ BALANGIR																
BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4		TRIP-5		TRIP-6		TRIP-7		TRIP-8	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Puintala	--	7:00:00 AM	--	8:40:00 AM	--	10:20:00 AM	--	12:00:00 PM	--	1:40:00 PM	--	3:20:00 PM	--	5:00:00 PM	--	6:40:00 PM
Nuapada	7:03:00 AM	7:06:00 AM	8:43:00 AM	8:46:00 AM	10:23:00 AM	10:26:00 AM	12:03:00 PM	12:06:00 PM	1:43:00 PM	1:46:00 PM	3:23:00 PM	3:26:00 PM	5:03:00 PM	5:06:00 PM	6:43:00 PM	6:46:00 PM
Sudpara	7:11:00 AM	7:14:00 AM	8:51:00 AM	8:54:00 AM	10:31:00 AM	10:34:00 AM	12:11:00 PM	12:14:00 PM	1:51:00 PM	1:54:00 PM	3:31:00 PM	3:34:00 PM	5:11:00 PM	5:14:00 PM	6:51:00 PM	6:54:00 PM
Tikrapara	7:17:00 AM	7:20:00 AM	8:57:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	10:37:00 AM	10:40:00 AM	12:17:00 PM	12:20:00 PM	1:57:00 PM	2:00:00 PM	3:37:00 PM	3:40:00 PM	5:17:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	6:57:00 PM	7:00:00 PM
Balangir	7:23:00 AM	--	9:03:00 AM	--	10:43:00 AM	--	12:23:00 PM	--	2:03:00 PM	--	3:43:00 PM	--	5:23:00 PM	--	7:03:00 PM	--

## SAINTALA BLOCK ROUTE 1

SAINTALA ↔ BALANGIR						
BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Saintala	--	7:00:00 AM	--	11:40:00 AM	--	4:20:00 PM
Jaliadarha	7:14:00 AM	7:17:00 AM	11:54:00 AM	11:57:00 AM	4:34:00 PM	4:37:00 PM
Deogaon	7:30:00 AM	7:33:00 AM	12:10:00 PM	12:13:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	4:53:00 PM
Sinkhaman	7:44:00 AM	7:47:00 AM	12:24:00 PM	12:27:00 PM	5:04:00 PM	5:07:00 PM
Bhanpur	7:49:00 AM	7:52:00 AM	12:29:00 PM	12:32:00 PM	5:09:00 PM	5:12:00 PM
Balangir	8:06:00 AM	--	12:46:00 PM	--	5:26:00 PM	--

## PUINTALA BLOCK ROUTE 1

Balangir ↔ Puintala																
BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4		TRIP-5		TRIP-6		TRIP-7		TRIP-8	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Balangir	--	7:40:00 AM	--	9:20:00 AM	--	11:00:00 AM	--	12:40:00 PM	--	2:20:00 PM	--	4:00:00 PM	--	5:40:00 PM	--	7:20:00 PM
Tikrapara	7:43:00 AM	7:46:00 AM	9:23:00 AM	9:26:00 AM	11:03:00 AM	11:06:00 AM	12:43:00 PM	12:46:00 PM	2:23:00 PM	2:26:00 PM	4:03:00 PM	4:06:00 PM	5:43:00 PM	5:46:00 PM	7:23:00 PM	7:26:00 PM
Sudpara	7:49:00 AM	7:52:00 AM	9:29:00 AM	9:32:00 AM	11:09:00 AM	11:12:00 AM	12:49:00 PM	12:52:00 PM	2:29:00 PM	2:32:00 PM	4:09:00 PM	4:12:00 PM	5:49:00 PM	5:52:00 PM	7:29:00 PM	7:32:00 PM
Nuapada	7:57:00 AM	8:00:00 AM	9:37:00 AM	9:40:00 AM	11:17:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	12:57:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	2:37:00 PM	2:40:00 PM	4:17:00 PM	4:20:00 PM	5:57:00 PM	6:00:00 PM	7:37:00 PM	7:40:00 PM
Puintala	8:03:00 AM	--	9:43:00 AM	--	11:23:00 AM	--	1:03:00 PM	--	2:43:00 PM	--	4:23:00 PM	--	6:03:00 PM	--	7:43:00 PM	--

## Saintala ↔ Balangir

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Balangir	--	8:30:00 AM	--	1:10:00 PM	--	5:50:00 PM
Bhanpur	8:44:00 AM	8:47:00 AM	1:24:00 PM	1:27:00 PM	6:04:00 PM	6:07:00 PM
Sinkhaman	8:49:00 AM	8:52:00 AM	1:29:00 PM	1:32:00 PM	6:09:00 PM	6:12:00 PM
Deogaon	9:03:00 AM	9:06:00 AM	1:43:00 PM	1:46:00 PM	6:23:00 PM	6:26:00 PM
Jaliadarha	9:19:00 AM	9:22:00 AM	1:59:00 PM	2:02:00 PM	6:39:00 PM	6:42:00 PM
Saintala	9:36:00 AM	--	2:16:00 PM	--	6:56:00 PM	--

## MURIBAHAL BLOCK ROUTE 1

Muribahal ↔ Balangir				
BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Muribahal	--	7:00:00 AM	--	2:00:00 PM
Dumerpara	7:04:00 AM	7:07:00 AM	2:04:00 PM	2:07:00 PM
Kaccharbhadi	7:30:00 AM	7:33:00 AM	2:30:00 PM	2:33:00 PM
Bandupala	7:36:00 AM	7:39:00 AM	2:36:00 PM	2:39:00 PM
Tikrapara	7:45:00 AM	7:48:00 AM	2:45:00 PM	2:48:00 PM
Nuamunda	7:57:00 AM	8:00:00 AM	2:57:00 PM	3:00:00 PM
Keumal	8:05:00 AM	8:08:00 AM	3:05:00 PM	3:08:00 PM
Amghat	8:17:00 AM	8:20:00 AM	3:17:00 PM	3:20:00 PM
Ghatul	8:24:00 AM	8:27:00 AM	3:24:00 PM	3:27:00 PM
Apamara	8:35:00 AM	8:38:00 AM	3:35:00 PM	3:38:00 PM
Kudasingha	8:44:00 AM	8:47:00 AM	3:44:00 PM	3:47:00 PM
Khasabahal	8:52:00 AM	8:55:00 AM	3:52:00 PM	3:55:00 PM
Sinkaman	9:04:00 AM	9:07:00 AM	4:04:00 PM	4:07:00 PM
Bhanpur	9:09:00 AM	9:12:00 AM	4:09:00 PM	4:12:00 PM
Balangir	9:26:00 AM	--	4:26:00 PM	--

## LOISINGHA BLOCK ROUTE 1

Loisingha ↔ Balangir										
BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4		TRIP-5	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Loisingha	--	7:00:00 AM	--	9:20:00 AM	--	11:40:00 AM	--	2:00:00 PM	--	4:20:00 PM
Karipat	7:02:00 AM	7:05:00 AM	9:22:00 AM	9:25:00 AM	11:42:00 AM	11:45:00 AM	2:02:00 PM	2:05:00 PM	4:22:00 PM	4:25:00 PM
Sakma	7:09:00 AM	7:12:00 AM	9:29:00 AM	9:32:00 AM	11:49:00 AM	11:52:00 AM	2:09:00 PM	2:12:00 PM	4:29:00 PM	4:32:00 PM
Laderbahal	7:16:00 AM	7:19:00 AM	9:36:00 AM	9:39:00 AM	11:56:00 AM	11:59:00 AM	2:16:00 PM	2:19:00 PM	4:36:00 PM	4:39:00 PM
Khamamunda	7:22:00 AM	7:25:00 AM	9:42:00 AM	9:45:00 AM	12:02:00 PM	12:05:00 PM	2:22:00 PM	2:25:00 PM	4:42:00 PM	4:45:00 PM
Birmunda	7:28:00 AM	7:31:00 AM	9:48:00 AM	9:51:00 AM	12:08:00 PM	12:11:00 PM	2:28:00 PM	2:31:00 PM	4:48:00 PM	4:51:00 PM
Balangir	7:45:00 AM	--	10:05:00 AM	--	12:25:00 PM	--	2:45:00 PM	--	5:05:00 PM	--

## Balangir ↔ Loisingha

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		TRIP-3		TRIP-4		TRIP-5	
	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START	STOP	START
Birmunda	8:14:00 AM	8:17:00 AM	10:34:00 AM	10:37:00 AM	12:54:00 PM	12:57:00 PM	3:14:00 PM	3:17:00 PM	5:44:00 PM	5:47:00 PM
Khamamunda	8:20:00 AM	8:23:00 AM	10:40:00 AM	10:43:00 AM	1:00:00 PM	1:03:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	3:23:00 PM	5:50:00 PM	5:53:00 PM
Laderbahal	8:26:00 AM	8:29:00 AM	10:46:00 AM	10:49:00 AM	1:06:00 PM	1:09:00 PM	3:26:00 PM	3:29:00 PM	5:56:00 PM	5:59:00 PM
Sakma	8:33:00 AM	8:36:00 AM	10:53:00 AM	10:56:00 AM	1:13:00 PM	1:16:00 PM	3:33:00 PM	3:36:00 PM	6:03:00 PM	6:06:00 PM
Karipat	8:40:00 AM	8:43:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	11:03:00 AM	1:20:00 PM	1:23:00 PM	3:40:00 PM	3:43:00 PM	6:10:00 PM	6:13:00 PM
Loisingha	8:45:00 AM	--	11:05:00 AM	--	1:25:00 PM	--	3:45:00 PM	--	6:15:00 PM	--

## TITLAGARH BLOCK ROUTE 1

Titlagarh ↔ Balangir					
BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2		START
	STOP	START	STOP	START	
Titlagarh	--	7:00:00 AM	--	3:00:00 PM	
Manigaon	7:12:00 AM	7:15:00 AM	3:12:00 PM	3:15:00 PM	
Sikei	7:19:00 AM	7:22:00 AM	3:19:00 PM	3:22:00 PM	
Piplibandha	7:24:00 AM	7:27:00 AM	3:24:00 PM	3:27:00 PM	
Phapsi	7:41:00 AM	7:44:00 AM	3:41:00 PM	3:44:00 PM	
Dangabahal	7:50:00 AM	7:53:00 AM	3:50:00 PM	3:53:00 PM	
Saintala	8:02:00 AM	8:05:00 AM	4:02:00 PM	4:05:00 PM	
Jaliadarha	8:19:00 AM	8:22:00 AM	4:19:00 PM	4:22:00 PM	
Deogaon	8:35:00 AM	8:38:00 AM	4:35:00 PM	4:38:00 PM	
Sinkhaman	8:49:00 AM	8:52:00 AM	4:49:00 PM	4:52:00 PM	
Bhanpur	8:54:00 AM	8:57:00 AM	4:54:00 PM	4:57:00 PM	
Balangir	9:11:00 AM	--	5:11:00 PM	--	

## Balangir ↔ Titlagarh

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Balangir	--	9:30:00 AM	--	5:30:00 PM
Bhanpur	9:44:00 AM	9:47:00 AM	5:44:00 PM	5:47:00 PM
Sinkhaman	9:49:00 AM	9:52:00 AM	5:49:00 PM	5:52:00 PM
Deogaon	10:03:00 AM	10:06:00 AM	6:03:00 PM	6:06:00 PM
Jaliadarha	10:19:00 AM	10:22:00 AM	6:19:00 PM	6:22:00 PM
Saintala	10:36:00 AM	10:39:00 AM	6:36:00 PM	6:39:00 PM
Dangabahal	10:48:00 AM	10:51:00 AM	6:48:00 PM	6:51:00 PM
Phapsi	10:57:00 AM	11:00:00 AM	6:57:00 PM	7:00:00 PM
Piplibandha	11:14:00 AM	11:17:00 AM	7:14:00 PM	7:17:00 PM
Sikei	11:19:00 AM	11:22:00 AM	7:19:00 PM	7:22:00 PM
Manigaon	11:26:00 AM	11:29:00 AM	7:26:00 PM	7:29:00 PM
Titlagarh	11:41:00 AM	--	7:41:00 PM	--

## PATNAGARH BLOCK ROUTE 1

PATNAGARH ↔ BALANGIR				
BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Patnagarh	--	7:00:00 AM	--	3:00:00 PM
Chitadunguri	7:06:00 AM	7:09:00 AM	3:06:00 PM	3:09:00 PM
Bhainsa	7:19:00 AM	7:22:00 AM	3:19:00 PM	3:22:00 PM
Rengtasil	7:26:00 AM	7:29:00 AM	3:26:00 PM	3:29:00 PM
Dhulusar	7:38:00 AM	7:41:00 AM	3:38:00 PM	3:41:00 PM
Gedabanji	7:49:00 AM	7:52:00 AM	3:49:00 PM	3:52:00 PM
Gandhrel	8:03:00 AM	8:06:00 AM	4:03:00 PM	4:06:00 PM
Balangir	8:14:00 AM	--	4:14:00 PM	--

## Balangir ↔ Patnagarh

BUS STOP	TRIP-1		TRIP-2	
	STOP	START	STOP	START
Balangir	--	8:30:00 AM	--	4:30:00 PM
Gandhrel	8:38:00 AM	8:41:00 AM	4:38:00 PM	4:41:00 PM
Gedabanji	8:52:00 AM	8:55:00 AM	4:52:00 PM	4:55:00 PM
Dhulusar	9:03:00 AM	9:06:00 AM	5:03:00 PM	5:06:00 PM
Rengtasil	9:15:00 AM	9:18:00 AM	5:15:00 PM	5:18:00 PM
Bhainsa	9:22:00 AM	9:25:00 AM	5:22:00 PM	5:25:00 PM
Chitadunguri	9:35:00 AM	9:38:00 AM	5:35:00 PM	5:38:00 PM
Patnagarh	9:44:00 AM	--	5:44:00 PM	--



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## PARJANG ASSEMBLY SEGMENT

# Tough fight on cards as BJD youth leader joins BJP



**BIBHUTI PRADHAN**



**KARTIK SAHU**

21 panchayats of Kankadahada block, 29 panchayats of Parjang block and six panchayats of Kamakhyanagar block in Dhenkanal district. BJD has been winning Parjang Assembly constituency since its formation. Incumbent MLA Sahu, who left Congress and joined BJD in 2009, has won this seat thrice.

However, BJP's Bibhuti Pradhan has been giving a tough fight to Sahu every time. Bibhuti lost once in Pallahara and thrice from Sahu in Parjang Assembly seat but is yet to give up and has stayed firm in his conviction. The saffron party has also not lost its hope on Bibhuti. Meanwhile, an analysis revealed that the vote share of Bibhuti in Parjang Assembly segment has increased during the three elections since 2009 despite losing to BJD's candidate.

**An analysis revealed that vote share of BJP's Bibhuti Pradhan in Parjang Assembly segment has increased since 2009 despite losing to BJD's candidate**

BJD is going to help them in the upcoming elections. Factionalism erupted in BJD during the three-tier panchayat elections in 2022 has reached an explosive situation. BJD's youth leader Kartik Sahu, after his dismissal from the party, has switched over to BJP. Chatters are abuzz that the saffron party is now in an advantageous position. Earlier, speculations were rife that BJD might drop Nrusingha and instead field Kartik in the upcoming election. It is expected that the saffron party might field Bibhuti Pradhan from this Assembly seat as BJD's Kartik joining BJP will further place the party in a comfortable and advantageous position. Parjang Assembly seat under Dhenkanal Lok Sabha segment was formed in 2009 comprising



**PARTY HOPPING:** Several members of Congress and BJP from Kalahandi district joined BJD at a merger meeting held in Bhubaneswar, Monday

# Ensure coercion-free polls: EC to observers

**GPS tracking device has been proposed to be fitted in the vehicles of poll observers**

**New Delhi, March 11:** The Election Commission (EC) Monday asked its observers to ensure polls free of coercion and intimidation and pushed for judicious use of central and state forces keeping in mind that their deployment should not favour any particular party. Addressing a meeting of more than 2,100 general, police and expenditure observers here ahead of the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections and some state Assembly polls, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar directed them to ensure a level-playing field for free

and fair elections. The polls should be free of intimidation and inducement, he said. The CEC reminded them that as observers, they represent the commission, and are expected to conduct themselves professionally and be accessible to all stakeholders, including candidates. The observers were instructed to be tough but polite in their conduct on the field, Election Commission (EC) said in a statement. The observers were also asked to be confined physically within the boundaries of a parliamentary constituency they are allotted during the entire electoral process. GPS tracking device has been proposed to be fitted in

their vehicles, it said. They were also told to always remain available on their phones and e-mails, and respond to the calls of candidates, parties, voters and polling personnel. "Any complaints in this regard shall be viewed seriously by the commission," it said. The observers need to come out of their comfort zones during the entire election process, the statement said. During the day-long briefing sessions, the officers were given comprehensive and thorough inputs about the various aspects of election management by the senior deputy election commissioner, deputy election commissioner and others.

Observers are tasked with ensuring a free and fair electoral process. They are deployed in poll-bound areas ahead of announcement of elections and work as the eyes and ears of the poll authority in states. More than 2,150 senior officers drawn from the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service as well as officers from the Indian Revenue Service and a few other central services attended the meeting which was organised in hybrid mode. Around 900 general observers, 450 police observers and 800 expenditure observers are being deployed for the forthcoming elections.

# BJP reluctant to disclose SBI accounts: Ajoy Kumar

**Bhubaneswar, March 11:** Senior Congress leader Ajoy Kumar Monday said the people who had promised to expose the Swiss Bank account holders' details are now not ready to disclose SBI account details. Kumar said this while speaking to reporters here. "The BJP had promised to expose the Swiss Bank account details and bring the money kept there. Now, the party is not ready to disclose SBI account details because they will be exposed," he said. The Supreme Court's direction to disclose the electoral bond details by March 12 will expose both the BJP and the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD), the AICC in-charge of Odisha claimed. The Congress party, which had conducted a sarcastic wedding ceremony of the BJP and the BJD, Monday organised another ritual titled 'Anna Prasanna' of 10 children born of the sarcastic wedding. The 10 children have been named after 'chit fund scam, mining scam, gunda (goon), mask



scam, Miliyan, land grab, unemployment, selling of government jobs, electricity bill irregularities and inflation'. More than 60 lakh families have been affected due to chit

fund scam. However, due to the nexus between BJP and BJD, the victims could not get justice, Kumar alleged. Even after years of investigation, the CBI has not yet submitted the final chargesheet, he said. The Union government has not ordered a CBI probe into the mining scam in Odisha even after the recommendation of the Shah Commission, Kumar said. He said the BJP had promised to provide 2 crore employment each year while the BJD had promised to give employment to 2 lakh youths every year. However, both the parties have 'failed' to fulfil their promises. Reacting to the allegations of Congress, state BJP spokesperson Biranchi Tripathy said, "The Congress organised such drama to show its existence to the media ahead of elections. However, people are aware of their drama and have shown them their right place." BJD vice president Prasanna Acharya said, "The Congress is in power for a long time. But the party is now rejected. Failing to win the trust of people, they are now entertaining themselves by staging such drama."

# Internal squabble hits Kalahandi BJP

**Bhawanipatna, March 11:** Even as a possible alliance between the BJP and BJD has been the centre of discussions across the state these days, the saffron party in Kalahandi district has been hit with internecine squabble. Highly placed sources said the bone of contention is the Kalahandi Lok Sabha seat. As per information, on the direction of BJP state president, an intra-party opinion poll was conducted at two separate places - the party office at Bhawanipatna and the circuit house - over the Kalahandi Lok Sabha and Assembly seats. The party's Kalahandi observer Shivaji Mohanty from Bolangir and former MP from Nabarangpur Balabhadra Majhi participated in the meetings and made one-to-one meeting with district executive members, district office bearers and state office bearers seeking their personal opinion over the issue. The participants expressed their opinions through chits. According to party sources, the district BJP office bearers have voted against incumbent Kalahandi MP Basanta Panda.

The saffron party members discussing openly against Panda at the programme was the talk of the town. The leaders alleged that Panda failed to open an office of his own though five years of his tenure as an MP has almost come to an end. They also said that Panda has been ignoring the BJP workers and leaders. They also said that they would accept any other senior party leader other than Panda as a nominee for Kalahandi Lok Sabha seat. The party workers and leaders categorically said that they would not cooperate if Panda is given a ticket this time. Notably, Panda had to face opposition from the local leaders during the foundation stone-laying ceremony for ELPO workshop March 5. In such a situation, it may not be wrong to say that the political atmosphere in Kalahandi is conducive for BJD and Congress.



**POLL PROMISE:** District Youth Congress leaders unveiling the party manifesto for youths and other sections of the society which it promised to fulfil, if voted to power, at a press conference held at Congress Bhawan in Rayagada, Monday



**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** BJP workers take out a rally as part of party sponsored 'Nari Shakti Vandan Yatra' at Bamra in Sambalpur district, Monday

# Oppn attacks Centre over CAA move

New Delhi, March 11: Opposition parties Monday slammed the Centre for notifying the rules for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, alleging the BJP was trying to divide society and polarise the atmosphere ahead of general elections, even as the ruling party hailed it as a "historic" decision that fulfills the promise made by the makers of the Constitution. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that the announcement is yet another attempt to "manage the headlines" after the Supreme Court's strictures on the electoral bonds issue. He said it has taken four years and three months for the Narendra Modi government to notify the rules for the law cleared by Parliament in December 2019. "After seeking nine extensions for the notification of the rules, the timing right before the elec-



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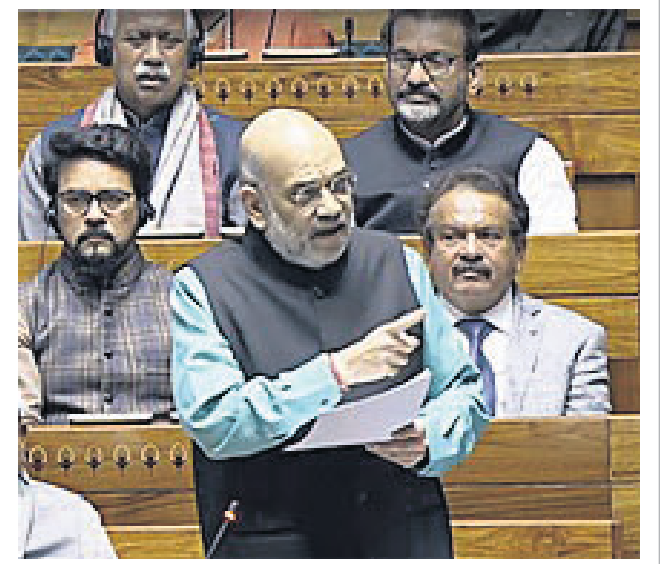
tions is evidently designed to polarise the elections, especially in West Bengal and Assam," the Congress leader alleged. Hitting out at the BJP, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan described the CAA as a law that creates division along commu-

nal lines and said that it will not be implemented in the southern state. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee vowed to fiercely oppose the CAA if she found it to be discriminatory against groups of people living in India and if it cur-

tailed their existing citizenship rights in any manner. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath welcomed the move and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for this "humanitarian decision". Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the government delivers whatever Prime Minister Modi promises. Strongly opposing the move to implement the CAA ahead of polls, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said people will respond to it in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. In a long post in Hindi on X, Kejriwal alleged that the implementation of the CAA is "dirty politics" of the BJP to make poor people from neighbouring countries its vote bank in India. Attacking the Centre,

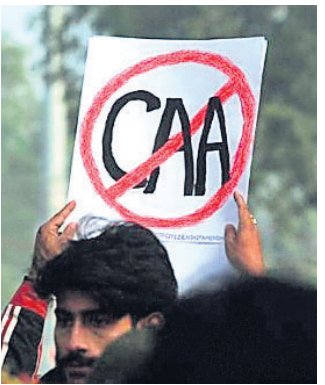
Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav termed the move as BJP's game of distraction. "The public has now understood the BJP's game of politics of distraction," Yadav said in a post on X. In her post on X, BSP chief Mayawati said, "Instead of implementing the citizenship amendment law before the election, it would have been better to implement it only after clearing doubts, confusion and fears." Assam's Rajjor Dal president Akhil Gogoi said, "The process to legitimise 15-20 lakh Bangladeshi Hindus illegally living in Assam has begun. There is no other way but to come out on the street and protest against this unconstitutional act." Meanwhile, the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and 30 indigenous organisations said they will burn copies of the CAA across the state.

## WHAT CAA RULES SAY



Those seeking Indian nationality under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 will become eligible to apply after spending at least 12 months in the country preceding the date of the application, according to the rules notified Monday. Also, the applicant will be eligible to get Indian citizenship if he has spent not less than six years in the country out of eight years immediately preceding those 12 months, the rules said. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 paves the way for granting Indian nationality to undocumented non-Muslim migrants -- Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians -- from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014. The rules also state that the applicants will have to provide an eligibility certificate issued by a locally reputed community institution confirming that he/she belongs to "Hindu/ Sikh/ Buddhist/ Jain/ Parsi/ Christian community and continues to be a member of the above mentioned community. The applicants will also have to give a declaration that they "irrevocably" renounce the existing citizenship and that they want to make "India as permanent home", according to the rules. "Every application made by the applicant under sub-rule (1) shall have a declaration to the effect that the citizenship of his country shall stand renounced irrevocably in the event of his application being approved and that he shall not raise any claim on it in future," it said. The rules provide for separate application for these sub-categories: a person of Indian origin, a person who is married to an Indian citizen, minor child of an Indian citizen, a person having Indian parents, a person who or either of his parents was a citizen of independent India, a person who is registered as an Overseas Citizen of India cardholder and a person seeking citizenship by naturalisation. Those seeking citizenship by naturalisation will have to submit an affidavit verifying the correctness of the statements made in the application along with an affidavit from an Indian citizen testifying the character of the applicant. Such candidates will also have to furnish a declaration from the applicant that he has adequate knowledge of one of the languages as specified in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. All cleared applicants shall have to take an oath of allegiance affirming that they will "bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India" as by law established and that they would "faithfully observe the laws of India" and "fulfill" their duties as a citizen of India, the rules said. The applicant shall have to provide a copy of their valid or expired Foreign Passport, Residential Permit, evidence of spouse's Indian nationality -- copy of Indian passport or birth certificate -- or a copy of marriage certificate issued by the Registrar of Marriage, depending on the case. However, the submission of these documents is not mandatory and need to be provided, "if available". An application for registration or naturalisation shall be submitted by the applicant in "electronic form" to the Empowered Committee through the District Level Committee as may be notified by the Central Government. The documents submitted by the applicants will be verified by a District Level Committee headed by Designated Officer, whose details will be specified later. The designated officer shall also administer to the applicant the oath of allegiance and thereafter, sign the oath and forward the same in electronic form along with confirmation regarding verification of documents to the Empowered Committee. In case the applicant fails to appear in-person to subscribe the application and take oath of allegiance despite giving reasonable opportunities, the District Level Committee shall forward such application to the Empowered Committee for consideration of refusal. The Empowered Committee on being satisfied after making such inquiry as it considers necessary for ascertaining the suitability of the applicant that he is a fit and proper person to be registered or naturalised, as the case may be, it may grant him the citizenship of India. Once cleared by the Empowered Committee, applicants getting registered as the citizen of India under the new Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 rules will get a "digital certificate" and a hard copy will be provided after a request is made by the applicant, the new rules said. The certificate shall be digitally signed or signed by the Chairman of Empowered Committee.

## TIGHT VIGIL ACROSS ASSAM



Guwahati, March 11: Security has been tightened across Assam with additional deployment of police personnel following the announcement of the implementation of the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA) Monday. All police stations have been put on an alert and barricades have been set up in major thoroughfares in almost all the towns of the state, including Guwahati, officials said. Patrolling has been intensified in the sensitive areas with Opposition parties an-

nouncing that they would launch protests against the notification of the rules. The All Assam Students Union has also announced that it would burn copies of the CAA, take out torch-light processions and launch a 'satyagraha' against the notification of the rules. Earlier, Assam police had cancelled the long leaves of its personnel till the election process was over and also in anticipation of CAA notification. In December 2019, the protests against the Act was led primarily by the All Assam Students Union (AASU) and the Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS). The protests had turned violent with five persons losing their lives to police firing and the arrest of KMSS leader Akhil Gogoi along with four others, to be called off only with the onset of the pandemic. It subsequently led to the creation of two new political parties in the state-the Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP), led by then AASU leader Lurinjyoti Gogoi and the Rajjor Dal, headed by Akhil Gogoi.

## Security tightened in Delhi



New Delhi, March 11: Security has been beefed up in northeast Delhi, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia and other sensitive areas across the national capital following the notification of Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA) Monday, officials said. Police personnel and paramilitary forces have also been deployed in some parts, with flag march being conducted in parts

of northeast and southeast Delhi, they said. Delhi witnessed communal riots in 2020 over the CAA and NRC (National Register of Citizens). "Safety of every single common man of Delhi's northeast district is our responsibility," DCP northeast Joy Tirkey said. He further said that intensive patrolling and checking is being carried out by northeast district

police personnel and paramilitary forces for the safety of citizens in sensitive areas. Everyone is requested to follow the safety instructions, the officer said. "We have intensified night vigil along with paramilitary forces. No one will be allowed to breach the law and order situation. We took out flag marches for the safety of every single common," the DCP said. The rules for implementation of the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 were notified Monday, paving the way for granting of citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. With the CAA rules being issued, the Modi government will now start granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who came to India till December 31, 2014. These include Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians.

## AS IT HAPPENED

Following is the chronology of events in the electoral bonds case, in which the Supreme Court Monday dismissed the State Bank of India's (SBI's) plea seeking extension of time till June 30 and directed it to furnish the details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission by close of business hours March 12

**2017:** The electoral bond scheme was introduced in the Finance Bill.

**Sept 14, 2017:** NGO 'Association for Democratic Reforms' (ADR), lead petitioner, moves SC challenging the scheme.

**Oct 3, 2017:** SC issues notices to Centre and EC on PIL filed by the NGO.

**Jan 2, 2018:** Central government notifies the electoral bond scheme.

**Nov 7, 2022:** The electoral bond scheme was amended to increase the sale days from 70 to 85 in a year when any Assembly election may be scheduled.

**Oct 16, 2023:** SC bench headed by CJI DY Chandrachud refers pleas against the scheme to a five-judge Constitution bench.

**Oct 31, 2023:** Five-judge Constitution bench headed by CJI DY Chandrachud commences hearing on pleas against the scheme.

**Nov 2, 2023:** SC reserves verdict.

**Feb 15, 2024:** SC delivers unanimous judgement annulling the scheme, saying it violates the constitutional right to freedom of speech and expression as well as the right to information.

**March 4:** State Bank of India moves SC, seeking an extension of time till June 30 to disclose details of each electoral bond encashed by political parties.

**March 7:** Plea filed in SC seeking contempt action against SBI, alleging it "wilfully and deliberately" disobeyed the apex court's direction to submit details of contributions made to political parties through electoral bonds by March 6.

**March 11:** A five-judge Constitution bench of SC dismisses SBI's plea seeking extension of time and directs it to furnish the details of electoral bonds to the EC by close of business hours March 12.

## SBI disclosure will alter dynamics of LS polls: Moily

New Delhi, March 11: Senior Congress leader and former law minister M Veerappa Moily Monday hailed the Supreme Court's dismissal of SBI's plea seeking an extension of time to disclose the details of electoral bonds, and claimed the present disclosure will alter the political dynamics of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Rejecting the State Bank of India's plea seeking the extension, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud ordered the bank to disclose the details to the Election Commission by close of business hours March 12. It also directed the poll authority to publish the details March 15. In a statement, Moily hailed the apex court's judgment as "path breaking" and "one of the greatest milestones in the voyage of judicial march after independence." "I salute the judiciary led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud for upholding the rule of law in this country and



also telling SBI and the government of India that we expect a degree of candour from the State Bank of India," he said. "The government or any authority should stop taking the judiciary for granted and not suppress truth and transparency," Moily said. "The pronouncement of today is a clear direction to the authorities concerned that truth cannot be suppressed by the act of Parliament and the present disclosure will alter the political dynamics of 2024 elections and open up a Pandora's box," he said.

The strong message of the Supreme Court is likely to alter the course of events in the coming days, he claimed. "As a law minister of the nation, I had moved for revolu-

tionary changes in the electoral law after getting the national consensus and such reforms and bills have been tampered upon by the present regime," Moily said.

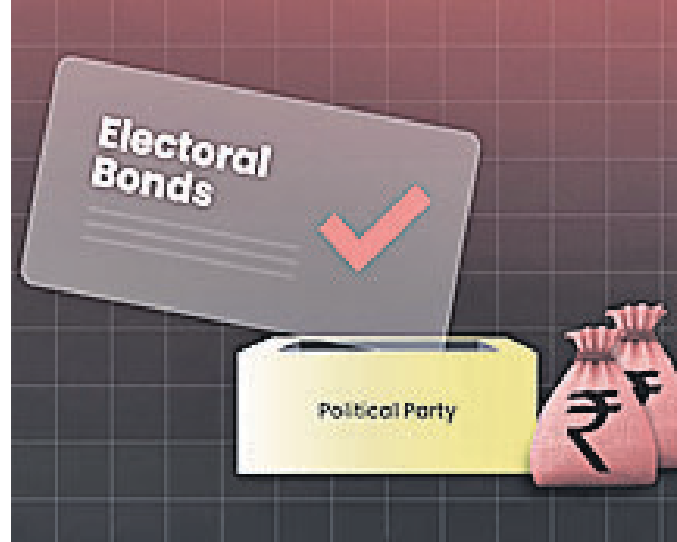
### WHEN SBI TRIED TO STALL, COURT STOOD TALL: SIBAL

New Delhi: Raja Sabha MP Kapil Sibal Monday hailed the Supreme Court's dismissal of SBI's plea seeking an extension of time to disclose the details of electoral bonds, saying "when SBI tried to stall, the court stood tall". In a post on X, Sibal said, "Electoral Bonds: SBI's application for extension of time to reveal details only in June, not by March 13, 2024, as directed by the Supreme Court. When SBI tried to stall, the Court stood tall!" Terming the SBI's reasons for seeking an extension in disclosing electoral bond details "puerile", Sibal Sunday said it is the Supreme Court's responsibility to protect its dignity and that it "would not be easy" to accept the bank's plea when a Constitution bench has rendered a judgement. Sibal, who led the argument for the petitioners in the Supreme Court case against the electoral bond scheme, said the SBI claiming that it would take several weeks to make the data public sounds like "somebody wants to protect somebody". Monday, the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai, J B Pardiwala, and Manoj Misra, put the SBI on notice that the apex court may be inclined to proceed against it for "wilful disobedience" of its February 15 verdict if the bank failed to comply with its directions and timelines. The bench said it had not directed the bank to match the details of donors and done with other information. The SBI has to just open the sealed cover, collate the details and give the information to the EC, it said.

## ELECTORAL BONDS: GENESIS TO JUDICIAL SCRUTINY

Electoral bonds were introduced in India as a means to bring transparency to political funding, aiming to address the lack of a clear and transparent method of funding for political parties in the country. The scheme was officially announced in the Union Budget speech February 1, 2017 by then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. One of the primary objectives of this new instrument of political financing was to reduce the influence of black money in politics, the India Today reported. Justifications for electoral bonds The main argument in favour of electoral bonds was to make political financing more transparent by reducing the amount of money that political parties could accept in form of cash from anonymous sources by introducing a system that could be audited and tracked.

Secondly, electoral bonds were designed to provide anonymity to donors, allowing them to contribute to political parties without their identities being disclosed publicly. The proponents of the scheme argued that by formalizing the process of political funding through designated banking instruments, the government aimed to streamline and regulate financial contributions to political parties. Criticisms of electoral bonds Critics of the scheme argued that instead of enhancing transparency, electoral bonds led to opacity in political funding. The anonymity provided by these bonds was seen as a loophole that allowed for undisclosed influence over political parties. Concerns were raised about the potential misuse of electoral bonds, especially by allowing unlimited donations



from corporate entities without proper disclosure to enable accountability. The opponents also highlighted that a significant portion of fund-

ing through electoral bonds were directed towards ruling political parties, raising questions about fairness and equal opportunity in funding distribution.

All these criticisms led to concern among the public that the scheme could potentially undermine democratic principles by enabling undue influence from corporate entities, weakening accountability of political parties. Though the bonds were introduced with the intention of bringing transparency to political funding, they faced criticism for their shortcomings in achieving this goal and for potentially compromising the integrity of India's democratic processes. Supreme Court judgement The Supreme Court of India February 15, 2024 delivered a significant judgement on electoral bonds, striking down the scheme on various grounds. The Court ruled that the electoral bonds scheme violated citizens' right to information, emphasising the importance of

transparency in political funding. The court deemed the electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional, highlighting concerns about potential quid pro quo arrangements between political parties and donors, which could compromise the integrity of the political process, a report in The Hindu said. One of the criticisms addressed by the court was the anonymity provided by electoral bonds, which was seen as a hindrance to transparency in political funding. The court emphasised the need for greater accountability and disclosure in financial contributions to political parties, according to a report in the Indian Express. Overall, the Supreme Court's verdict on electoral bonds highlighted crucial issues related to transparency, accountability, and democracy in India's political landscape.

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## of the day quote

He (Netanyahu) has a right to defend Israel, a right to continue to pursue Hamas. But he must, he must, he must pay more attention to the innocent lives being lost as a consequence of the actions taken. In my view, he's hurting Israel more than helping Israel

Spreading pessimistic views on China will end up harming oneself, and misjudging China will result in missed opportunities

The climate justice movement has, for decades, been repeating the same message over and over again, like a broken record, and we feel like we are not being heard

## SHORT TAKES

### Flag of Sweden raised at NATO

**Brussels:** Sweden's national flag was raised at NATO headquarters Monday, cementing the Nordic country's place as the 32nd member of the alliance two years after Russia's invasion of Ukraine persuaded its reluctant public to seek safety under NATO's security umbrella. Under a steady rain, Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg looked on as two soldiers raised the blue banner emblazoned with a yellow cross among the official circle of national flags at the headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Sweden set aside decades of post-World War II neutrality when it formally joined NATO last Thursday. Its neighbour Finland joined last year in another historic move ending years of military nonalignment.

### Yemen's al-Qaida leader found dead

**Dubai:** The leader of Yemen's branch of al-Qaida is dead, the militant group announced late Sunday, without giving details. Khalid al-Battari had a \$5 million bounty on his head from the US government over leading the group, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, through years that saw him imprisoned, freed in a jailbreak, and governing forces in Yemen amid that country's grinding war. Though believed to be weakened in recent years due to fighting and suspected US drone strikes killing its leaders, the group known by the acronym AQAP has long been considered the most dangerous branch of the extremist group still operating after the killing of founder Osama bin Laden.

## Portugal's centre-right prepares to rule

**Lisbon, March 11:** Portugal's centre-right Democratic Alliance (AD) won Sunday's general election by a slim margin and is preparing to govern without an outright majority as the far-right Chega party warned of instability if it is not included in government. With 99.1% of the vote counted, the AD won 79 seats in the 230-seat legislature, followed by the Socialists with 76 seats, prompting the latter to concede defeat. Chega, meaning "enough", came third, quadrupling its parliamentary representation to 48 lawmakers after campaigning on a clean governance and anti-immigration platform. Chega voters said before the poll that Portugal was in a bad way and they wanted changes in housing, education, healthcare and justice in western Europe's poorest country. AD leader Luis Montenegro

# PEACE TALKS Ukraine rebuffs Pope's call

The pontiff's interview was believed to be the first time Francis has used terms like "white flag" or "defeated" in discussing the Ukraine war

**Moscow, March 11:** The Kremlin Monday said that a call by Pope Francis for talks to end the Ukraine war was quite understandable and that Russia was ready to sit down, but that Kyiv had ruled out talks due to its mistaken view that the West could defeat Russia. Pope Francis has said that Ukraine should have what he called the courage of the "white flag" to negotiate an end to a conflict that has killed tens of thousands.

Russia calls the war a "special military operation" to ensure its own security. Kyiv and the West call it a brutal colonial-style war of conquest. "It is quite understandable that he (the pope) spoke in favour of negotiations," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters when asked about the Pontiff's remarks.

Peskov said that President Vladimir Putin had repeatedly spoken of Russia's willingness and openness to negotiations, but that Ukraine had knocked down such proposals. "Unfortunately, both the statements of the pope and the repeated statements of other par-



Pope: Ukraine should negotiate with Russia

Russia says it is ready for talks but Kyiv refuses them

Kremlin: West's hope of defeating Russia is mistaken

ties, including ours, have recently received absolutely harsh refusals," Peskov said.

Peskov said the battlefield situation showed that Western hopes of inflicting a "strategic defeat" on Russia were mistaken. "This is the deepest misconception, the deepest mistake, and the course of events, primarily on the battlefield, is the clearest

evidence of this," Peskov said. Ukraine Sunday rebuffed Pope Francis's call to negotiate an end to the war with Russia, with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy saying the Pontiff was engaging in "virtual mediation" and his foreign minister saying Kyiv would never capitulate.

Putin sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine in February 2022, triggering a full-scale war after eight years of conflict in eastern Ukraine between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russian Ukrainians and Russian proxies.

**CEASEFIRE TALKS** Putin says that shortly after he sent troops into Ukraine, Moscow and Kyiv almost agreed a ceasefire, but that it was torpedoed by

Britain. Reuters reported last month that Putin's suggestion of a ceasefire in Ukraine to freeze the war was rejected by the United States after contacts between intermediaries.

As the West grapples with how to support Ukraine and the prospect of a sharp change in US policy if Donald Trump wins the November presidential election, Putin has essentially offered to freeze the battlefield along its current front lines.

Russia's foreign ministry said Francis's call for talks was a request to Kyiv's Western allies to abandon their ambition to defeat Russia and to recognise the West's mistake in the Ukraine war, Italy's ANSA news agency reported.

"The way I see it, the Pope is asking the West to put aside its ambitions and admit that it was wrong," the ANSA news agency quoted Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova as saying.

Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, writing on the X messaging platform, said that the strong person in any dispute "stands on the side of good rather than attempting to put them on the same footing and call it 'ne-

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**They support us with prayer, with their discussion and with deeds. This is indeed what a church with the people is. Not 2,500 km away, somewhere, virtual mediation between someone who wants to live and someone who wants to destroy you**

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY | PRESIDENT, UKRAINE

gotiations". "Our flag is a yellow and blue one," Kuleba wrote in English, referring to the Ukrainian national flag. "This is the flag by which we live, die, and prevail. We shall never raise any other flags."

Zelenskyy, who signed a decree in 2022 ruling out talks with Putin, said last week that Russia will not be invited to the first peace summit due to be held in Switzerland.

## 'We are very close to victory'

Netanyahu says at least 13,000 'terrorists' among Palestinians killed

**Frankfurt, March 11:** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that at least 13,000 "terrorists" were among Palestinians killed during Israel's war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip and vowed to press ahead with an offensive in the south of the enclave - a move US President Joe Biden



has described as his "red line." Nearly 31,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza during the five-month long war, which began after Hamas militants attacked Israel October 7, killing 1,200 people and seizing 253 hostages, according to Israeli

tallies. The Gaza health ministry does not break down the death toll between civilians and Hamas militants but has said that 72% of those killed were women and children. Hamas dismisses Israel's toll for militants as attempts to portray "fake victories".

Netanyahu told German media company Axel Springer, which owns Politico and Germany's Bild newspaper and broadcaster Welt TV, that extending Israel's offensive into Rafah in southern Gaza was key to defeating Hamas.

# Prez Zardari's daughter named Pak's first lady

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Islamabad, March 11:** In a historic decision, Pakistan President Asif Zardari has decided to formally recognise his 31-year-old daughter Aseefa Bhutto as the First Lady of the country, according to a media report.

The status of the First Lady goes to the wife of the President of the country in general. But Zardari became a widower after his wife and former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in 2007. Zardari did not remarry and the position of the first lady also remained vacant during his first tenure as the country's president — from 2008 to 2013.

Zardari, 68, was sworn in as the country's 14th president Sunday. During his oath-taking ceremony at the President's House in Islamabad, Zardari was accompanied by his youngest daughter, Aseefa.

Sources claimed that President Zardari decided to declare Aseefa Bhutto as the first lady of Pakistan, ARY News reported.

This became particularly relevant when Bakhtawar Bhutto Zardari, the eldest daughter, tagged Aseefa in a tweet Sunday. The text read: "From accompanying president Asif Zardari to all his court hearings to fighting for his release from jail — now by his side as First Lady of Pakistan" and added Aseefa's name at the end."

The Bhutto-family-led Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) seems to be



confirming Zardari's decision. "Who will be the first lady of Pakistan? This is the question on many people's minds after #PresidentAsifAliZardari took oath as 14th President of Pakistan after having been accompanied by his youngest child @AseefaBZ as he was ushered to his oath-taking," the party's handle posted on X.

This landmark move to elevate Aseefa to the prestigious position of First Lady marks a significant chapter in the nation's political history, ARY News reported citing well-informed sources.

After the official declaration, Aseefa will be given the protocol and privileges befitting the First Lady. Aseefa during Zardari's first term was a teenager and currently, she is 31 years old. Aseefa had actively been in-

involved in the PPP's electoral campaign in the run-up to the February 8 polls and was seen leading various rallies in a bid to seek support for her brother Bilawal Bhutto Zardari — the party's then-candidate for the prime minister's post.

Aseefa made her political debut at a PPP rally in Multan November 30, 2020.

There are many instances from foreign countries when presidents, who were widowers, had asked their daughters, sisters and even nieces to become their first lady.

Former United States president Andrew Jackson, who was a widower, had asked his niece Emily Donelson to serve as the country's first lady. Moreover, two other US presidents — Chester Arthur and Grover Cleveland — asked their sisters to serve as first lady.

## Kate apologises for royal photo 'confusion'

Princess of Wales, who has been on official leave as she recovers from an abdominal surgery in January, has not been seen in public for weeks which had led to some social media speculation over her recovery

**London, March 11:** Kate Middleton Monday apologised for "any confusion" caused by a royal family portrait released by Kensington Palace of her posing with her three children, the first photograph made public since her abdominal surgery in January. The 42-year-old Princess of Wales took to the official Palace X handle to clarify that the dis-



crepancies which led major photo agencies to withdraw the image from circulation were the result of some amateur editing by her. The image released Sunday, which is celebrated as Mother's Day in the UK, showed a smiling Kate with Princess George, 10, and Louis, 5, and Princess

Charlotte, 8. The palace said it had been taken by Prince William at Windsor Castle earlier in the week. "Like many amateur photographers, I do occasionally experiment with editing," reads the statement by Catherine, Princess of Wales, which is signed as C.

"I wanted to express my apologies for any confusion the family photograph we shared yesterday caused. I hope everyone celebrating had a very happy Mother's Day," it said.

Royal sources indicated that the picture was an amateur photograph taken by William, Prince of Wales, as the royal family wanted to offer an informal picture of the family together for Mother's Day. They added that the princess made some "minor adjustments" to the image and that the family spent Mother's Day together and

had a wonderful day. Kensington Palace said it would not be reissuing the original unedited photograph of Kate and her children, the BBC reported.

Earlier, in a rare move, major international photo agencies issued a so-called "kill" notice on the official royal photograph over concerns it was "manipulated" by "the source".

The agencies, which have strict rules on digital manipulation of images, said they had spotted a number of inconsistencies in the photograph, including the alignment of Princess Charlotte's left hand. Several people also took to social media to point out that Kate Middleton was not wearing her wedding ring, which was unusual.

Kensington Palace, the office for the Prince and Princess of Wales, have repeatedly said that she is doing well and that health matters are private.



Many developed and developing countries including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and nations of the Gulf region are keen to start trade in rupee with India  
**PIYUSH GOYAL | COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER**

## AIRLINES' NET LOSS MAY SHRINK

Airlines are projected to report a lower net loss of ₹3,000 to 4,000 crore in the current as well as next financial years, helped by healthy passenger traffic growth and pricing discipline, a report said Monday. For February, credit rating agency Icra in its report said domestic air passenger traffic was estimated at around 127.5 lakh



## of the day quote

We do see the signs (of price manipulation), we have the technology to do it. We are able to see certain patterns. I'd say it is still on the kitchen table, it's not yet gone into the oven



MADHABI PURI BUCH | CHAIRPERSON, SEBI

Inflows have historically chased returns -- small and mid-cap funds -- in today's context. This phenomenon is expected to persist despite the warnings



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## SHORT TAKES

### Adani Electricity Mumbai wins

New Delhi: Adani Electricity Mumbai has topped the chart in the performance ranking of power distribution companies for 2022-23, a statement said Monday. Torrent Power Surat and Torrent Power Ahmedabad were at second and third spots in the 12th edition of Integrated Rating of Discoms released by Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy RK Singh. As many as 14 out of 55 distribution companies received the highest A+ rating. Utilities of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh were in A+ /A category, a power ministry release stated.

### REC to finance ₹1.20L-cr in Raj

New Delhi: Government-owned power sector financier REC Ltd Monday said it has signed an agreement with the Rajasthan government to provide up to ₹1.2 lakh crore in six years for power and infrastructure related projects. REC Ltd, under the power ministry, has signed an agreement with the government of Rajasthan March 10, according to a statement. As per the agreement, REC will finance up to ₹20,000 crore per annum for a period of six years projects across power and non-power infrastructure sectors.

### Sidbi gets 1st green climate fund project

Mumbai: Development bank Sidbi Monday said it has secured approval from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for its first anchored project, Aava Sustainability Fund (ASF), valued at \$120 million. The closure was announced at the 38th board meeting of the GCF, which will invest \$24.5 million in the fund, in Kigali, Rwanda, March 5, Sidbi, an accredited entity of GCF, said in a statement. The primary aim of the ASF project is to invest in early-stage companies harnessing technology-led innovation to spur climate solutions and sustainability in the country.

### Gangwal sells IndiGo shares

New Delhi: InterGlobe Aviation's promoter Rakesh Gangwal Monday sold shares worth ₹6,785 crore of the company through open market transactions. The co-founder of the company, which operates the country's largest airline IndiGo, offloaded 2.25 crore shares of IndiGo amounting to 5.83 per cent stake, according to bulk deal data on BSE. The shares were sold in three tranches, with the price per scrip varying from ₹3,015.10 to ₹3,016.36.

# India remains world's top arms importer

RUSSIA CONTINUED AS INDIA'S MAIN ARMS SUPPLIER

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

London, March 11: India remains the world's top arms importer and its imports increased by 4.7 per cent between 2014-2018 and 2019-2023, Swedish think tank SIPRI said in a new report Monday.

Russia continued as India's main arms supplier, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said, adding around 55 per cent of arms imports by European states in 2019-23 were supplied by the US, up from 35 per cent in 2014-18.

"India was the world's top arms importer. Its arms imports increased by 4.7 per cent between 2014-18 and 2019-23," the think-tank said in a statement. "Although Russia remained India's main arms supplier (accounting for 36 per cent of its arms imports), this was the first five-year period since 1960-64 when deliveries from Russia (or the Soviet Union before 1991) made up less than half of India's arms imports," it said.

According to the report, Pakistan significantly increased its arms imports (43 per cent).

Pakistan was the fifth largest arms importer in 2019-23 and China became even more dominant as its main supplier, providing 82 per cent of its arms imports, it said.



China's own arms imports shrank by 44 per cent, mainly as a result of substituting imported arms -- most of which came from Russia, with locally produced systems.

"There is little doubt that the sustained high levels of arms imports by Japan and other US allies and partners in Asia and Oceania are largely driven by one key factor: Concern over China's ambitions," said Siemon Wezeman, Senior Researcher with the SIPRI Arms Transfers Programme.

"The US, which shares their perception of a Chinese threat, is a growing supplier to the region," it said. Thirty per cent of international arms transfers went to the Middle East in 2019-23. Three Middle Eastern states were among the top 10 importers in 2019-23: Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Egypt. Saudi Arabia was the world's second-largest arms importer in 2019-23, receiving 8.4 per cent of global arms imports in the period, the SIPRI said. Saudi Arabian arms imports fell by 28 per cent in 2019-23, but this was from a record level in 2014-18. Qatar increased its arms imports almost fourfold (396 per cent) between 2014-18 and 2019-23, making it the world's third biggest arms importer in 2019-23, according to the report.

## Sebi seeks to boost trust in securities mkt

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New Delhi, March 11: Sebi Monday announced expanding the Qualified Stock Broker (QSB) framework that will bring more brokers under enhanced obligations, a move aimed at bolstering the trust of investors in the securities market.

The decision will also help in strengthening the compliance culture among stock brokers.

Now, the parameters of proprietary trading volumes, compliance and grievance redressal scores will also be taken into account while classifying stock brokers as QSBs, according to a circular.

## D-St breaks two-day rally on weak trends

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, March 11: Stock market benchmark Sensex declined by 616.75 points Monday, snapping its two-day gaining streak due to selling in metal and banking shares amid weak trends in the global markets.

Taking a breather after a record-breaking rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined by 616.75 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 73,502.64 due to profit taking. During the day, the barometer tanked 685.48 points to 73,433.91.

The broader Nifty slumped by 160.90 points or 0.72 per cent to close at 22,332.65.

"In the short term, Nifty could experience weakness, possibly leading to a decline toward the range of 22,200-22,250. Looking at the upside, immediate resistance is identified at 22,400 based on closing prices," Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities, said.

Among Sensex firms, Power Grid and Tata Steel fell more than 2 per cent. HDFC Bank, State Bank of India, IndusInd Bank, Hindustan Unilever and NTPC were among the major laggards.

Nestle, Bajaj Finserv and Bajaj Finance were among the gainers.

"Continued sell-off in global markets due to uncertainty over rate cuts impacted the domestic market sentiment, which is currently at an overbought level. The stronger-than-expected US non-farm payroll data and caution ahead of the release of US inflation data tomorrow kept in-

vestors on the edge," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

"The broader market continued its underperformance due to valuation concerns, while investors are rebalancing their portfolios to include safe haven assets like gold," he added. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge declined 2.01 per cent and midcap index dipped 0.24 per cent. Among sectoral indices, telecommunication plunged by 2.40 per cent, metal by 1.39 per cent, utilities by 1.25 per cent, realty by 1.16 per cent, and energy by 1.15 per cent. Healthcare was the only gainer.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth ₹7,304.11 crore Thursday, according to exchange data.

On Thursday, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 33.40 points or 0.05 per cent to settle at a new peak of 74,119.39, while the broader Nifty rose by 19.50 points or 0.09 per cent to close at a record 22,493.55.

Markets were closed Friday for Mahashivratri.

concerned in all segments.

QSBs are required to meet various enhanced obligations and discharge responsibilities to ensure appropriate governance structure, risk management policy and processes, robust cyber security framework.

In the circular announcing the enhanced QSB framework, Sebi said it is part of "measures to instill trust in securities market".

The move also comes against the backdrop of instances of alleged misdoings by some stock brokers.

## Aditya Birla Capital to merge finance subsidiary with itself

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, March 11: Aditya Birla Capital Monday announced the merger of its wholly-owned subsidiary Aditya Birla Finance (ABF) with itself as the large non-bank lender seeks to comply with RBI's mandate on scale-based regulations.

Aditya Birla Capital (ABC) is a listed systemically important non-deposit-taking core investment company while ABF is a non-deposit-taking systemically important NBFC (non-bank finance company).

"Post completion of the amalgamation, Aditya Birla Capital will get converted from a holding company to an operating NBFC. This will create a unified large entity with greater financial strength and flexibility enabling direct access to capital," a statement said.

This will make Aditya Birla Finance the first entity among the upper layer non-bank finance companies (NBFCs) to set a clear path for complying with RBI's scale-based regulations which require mandatory listing of ABF by September 2025, the statement said.

Some entities are still grappling with the issue at hand and Tata Sons is reportedly looking at ways of complying with the RBI mandate first released in September 2022. The RBI had then come out with a list of 16 upper-layer NBFCs that need to follow the requirements including mandatory listing by September 30, 2025.

ABC, which offers lending, investments, insurance, payments and cards, had over ₹4.10 lakh crore of assets under management as of December, while the same for ABF, which primarily undertakes lending activities, was ₹98,600 crore. The statement from ABC said the amalgamation is subject to regulatory and other approvals as may be required.

Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said the proposed amalgamation will create a strong capital base for Aditya Birla Capital to grow its business and added that the financial services business has scaled smartly to emerge as a core growth engine for the diversified conglomerate.

The statement said once the merger is effective, Vishakh Mulve shall assume the role as the managing director and chief executive of the merged entity, while Rakesh Singh will assume the role as executive director and chief executive (NBFC) of the amalgamated company.

She added that ABC follows an 'One ABC, One profit and loss' approach, and affirmed its commitment to driving quality and

## Emphasis on quality products is key: Patro

Over the years, Kasturi Flour Mill Pvt Ltd has gained immense expertise in food manufacturing and supply of packaged food products. Known for its quality, it is one of the leading manufacturer in the category of energy food products or chhatua in Odisha. Suresh Chandra Patro, founder and director of Kasturi Flour Mill, started this journey in 1995.

With strong determination, he increased the scale of this venture and has made his name in the business world. His early business days started with a small flour mill with an objective of fulfilling the needs of his family and an aim to achieve big in the field of manufacturing of indigenous food products of Odisha. In a conversation with Orissa POST, Mr Patro gives a sneak-peek into his journey so far. Excerpts...



### How is the demand for Kasturi products in the market?

Currently the demand for Kasturi products is good in the market as we always strive to provide quality food products and meet customers' demands. Though there are other players in the market, we have our loyal customer base. We manufacture our products using the latest machinery and our products are completely free from any human touch.

### What is the specialty of your brand?

We always give utmost importance to providing clean and quality food products to our customers, because a brand's recognition depends on these attributes. Even food manufacturers have to maintain

transparency and integrity to gain the trust of consumers. Once consumers start questioning the quality of food, the value of the brand is gone. That's why we always give priority to providing high quality products and fulfilling customer demand.

### What products of the brand are available in the market?

At present, we have a variety of chhatua (sattu) and atta products in the market. We are making various products for different categories of customers, from toddlers to senior citizens. Select chakki atta and sattu are also available for diabetic patients. Kasturi brand has taken a special place among the consumers surpassing other brands in major cities of Odisha and the demand is also rising in the national market.

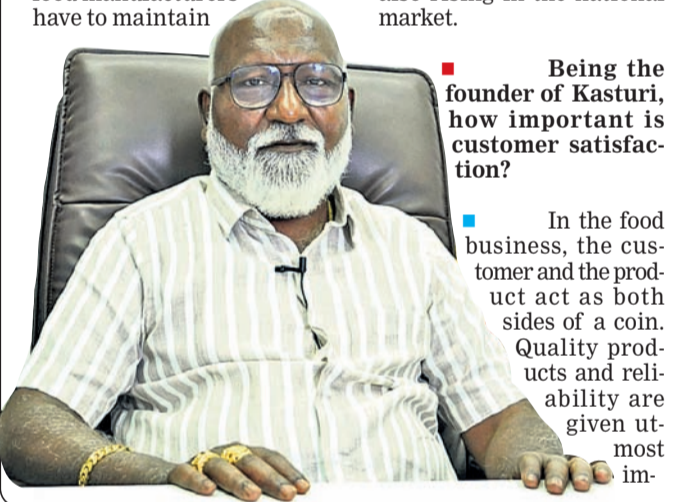
portance. Customer feedbacks and suggestions are important to further improve food quality and brand demand. We also focus on customer needs and their reviews on the brand, both on-premises and digital platforms, for continuous product development and business growth.

### Do you have any expansion plans?

Any brand expands to stay ahead of the curve. Success without expansion is difficult. We are focused to capture new markets and increase penetration in our existing areas to meet consumer demand. Similarly, the demand for our products is increasing in Odisha as well as in neighbouring states. Therefore, we are going to increase our presence both on online and off-line platforms to reach out to our consumers.

### What would be your message for aspiring entrepreneurs?

Today, it is very easy to start a business, but there is a huge lack of tolerance among the youth. There is a need to focus on quality and hard work along with gaining experience before entering the food industry. While the government provides every help for the industry, young entrepreneurs can succeed if they can make time and transparency their key mantras for business.



Being the founder of Kasturi, how important is customer satisfaction?

In the food business, the customer and the producer act as both sides of a coin. Quality products and reliability are given utmost im-

## LVPEI observes WGW

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, March 11: Like every year, LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) is observing World Glaucoma Week (WGW) by organising campaigns, talks, and interactive patient forums to raise public awareness about glaucoma for early detection and prevention.

Glaucoma is an eye problem associated with increased eye pressure and is characterised by damage to the optic nerve, leading to irreversible blindness. Glaucoma is the most common cause of irreversible vision loss. The global estimates predict that by 2040, the number of patients with glaucoma will rise from 76 million to 111.8 million, with a majority of these patients residing in Africa and Asia.

WGW is a joint global initiative of the World Glaucoma Association (WGA) and the World Glaucoma Patients Association (WGPA). This year, it is being observed from March 10 to 16, focusing on Steroid-Induced Glaucoma.

Steroids, commonly used in various medications to treat inflammation-related conditions such as asthma, arthritis, and eye allergies, can have detrimental effects on ocular health when misused.

"In a study published by LVPEI, out of 4062 children with ocular allergy, 2.2% had steroid-induced glaucoma, and more than 30% of these children were blind by the time they reached us. Most of these children were using steroids without any prescriptions or much beyond the time for which the original prescription was issued," said Avik Kumar Roy, Consultant Ophthalmologist at LVPEI's MithuTulsiChandra Campus, Bhubaneswar.



The proposed amalgamation will help us to serve our customers better, achieve efficient utilization of capital, enhance operational efficiencies, and holds the potential to create long-term value for all our stakeholders

VISHAKHA MULVE | CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ABC (AT PRESENT)

profitable growth by harnessing the power of data, digital and technology.

The statement also said that the merger will lead to other advantages including rationalization and simplification of group structure as the number of legal entities reduce, improve financial stability, enhance value for stakeholders and deliver more operational efficiencies. The merger will ensure on-going compliance with the Scale Based Regulations applicable to NBFCs, as notified by the RBI, according to the statement. The ABC scrip closed 1.32 per cent down at ₹179.65 apiece on the BSE Monday, as against a 0.83 per cent correction on the benchmark.

# Shuttlers chase All England glory

# Shami comeback likely in Sept against Bangla: Shah

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Birmingham, March 11:** Newly-crowned French Open champions Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will be expected to continue their rich vein of form, while the seasoned PV Sindhu will hope to ace a trial by fire to end India's 23-year-old title drought at the All England Championships starting here Tuesday.

Prakash Padukone (1980) and Pullela Gopichand (2001) are the only ones from India to have claimed the title with Saina Nehwal (2015) and Lakshya Sen (2022) coming close when they finished runner-ups.

The prestigious tournament holds an iconic status in India but over the years, its exclusivity has somewhat dwindled as it is now one of the four Super 1000 event on the international calendar.

Satwik and Chirag have already won a Super 1000 title in Indonesia last year and given their stellar run this season, expectations would be high when the two towering shuttlers take the court this week, following their exploits at Paris Sunday night.

If they cross the opening hurdle, the Indian duo is likely to face the Malaysian pair of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik. The Malaysians are formidable foes but Satwik and Chirag have defeated them thrice in the last three meetings.

Sindhu will also face an acid test this week with World No.1 and top seed Korean An Se Young lined up in the second round is the Indian tames Germany's Yvonne Li, against whom she has a 2-0 record.

Sindhu has shown that she has recovered well from the left knee injury that left her on the sidelines for four months before

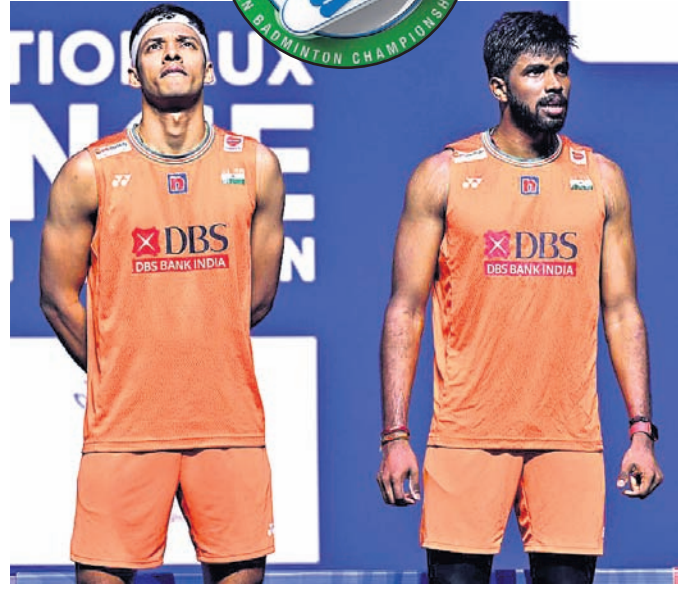


A view of the badminton courts inside the Utilita Arena Birmingham

Satwik and Chirag the last time they faced in the French Open last year and the Indians will be eyeing revenge.

Standing in front of them in the opening round will be the veteran Indonesian pair of Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan, the three-time world champions. They have caused a lot of heartbreaks for the Indians in the past.

The 'Daddies' had defeated



her campaign in the French Open last week.

With the legendary Padukone by her side, Sindhu matched Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei before marginally falling short in the quarterfinals in Paris.

The 68-year-old Padukone will also be a constant source of inspiration for Lakshya Sen, who received a big boost in his race for Olympic qualification with a semifinal finish at the French Open last week.

Sen will be up against Malaysia's Ng Tze Yong with a likely clash against fourth seeded Dane Anders Antonsen awaiting him in the second round.

World No.7 HS Prannoy, who made the semifinal of the India Open in January but bowed out of French Open in the first round last week, will hope to go deep in the draw after opening against Chinese Taipei's Su Li Yang.

Kidambi Srikanth, who is racing against time to make the cut for Paris, however, will have to play out of his skin as he faces top seed and World No.1 Viktor Axelsen in the opening round, while the young Priyanshu Rajawat will have to fight it out against Indonesia's Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo.

The women's doubles pair of Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand, which has done well in Birmingham having reached back-to-back semifinals in the last two years, will open against the Indonesian combination of Apriyani Rahayu and Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti.

Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa too have been in good touch and will be up against Hong Kong's Yeung Nga Ting and Yeung Pui Lam in the opening round. The two Indian women's doubles pairs are fighting for a Paris Olympics spot.



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA



**Dharamsala, March 11:** India's premier pacer Mohammed Shami, who is recuperating from an ankle surgery, is expected to make his comeback with the home Test series against Bangladesh later this year, BCCI secretary Jay Shah told PTI.

Shami missed the five-match Test series against England and will also sit out of the IPL after having undergone surgery for Achilles tendon last month. He will also miss the T20 World Cup to be jointly hosted by the West Indies and the USA in June.

Shami last played for India in the ODI World Cup where he was their standout performer. India will host Bangladesh for two Tests and three T20Is in September.

"Shami's surgery is done, he is back in India. Shami's return is likely for the home series against Bangladesh. KL Rahul needed an injection, he has started rehab and is at the NCA," said Shah while talking to media here.

Rahul missed the last four Tests of the England series after complaining of pain in his right quadriceps. He is expected to turn up for Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL, having undergone treatment in London.

## Pant's IPL return on track

The BCCI secretary also gave

an update on Rishabh Pant, who is set to make his much-awaited comeback in the IPL. Pant has been out of action since a horrific car accident in December 2022.

"He is batting well, he is keeping well. We will declare him fit very soon. If he can play the T20 World Cup for us, that will be a big thing for us. He is a big asset for us. If he can keep, he can play the World Cup. Let's see how he does in the IPL," said Shah.

The accident had left Pant with a severe right knee injury that required a ligament reconstruction surgery besides a fractured wrist and ankle. But he has done well to bounce back. His IPL franchise Delhi Capitals' head coach Ricky Ponting has already stated that he would be participating in the league.

## No foreign investment

Asked about the potential of foreign investment in the IPL, Shah said that is not possible considering the BCCI is a society and not a company. "BCCI is a society and nobody can invest in it," Shah asserted.

It had been reported last year that Saudi Arabia was eyeing multibillion dollar investment in the IPL. In India, a registered society cannot accept foreign investment without the approval of the central government and the Reserve Bank of India.

# Swiatek exact sweet revenge on Noskova



ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Indian Wells, March 11:** Iga Swiatek avenged her Australian Open ouster at the hands of Linda Noskova, beating the Czech teenager 6-4, 6-0 in the third round of the BNP Paribas Open.

Second-seeded Carlos Alcaraz and third-seeded Jannik Sinner each advanced in straight sets in the men's draw, but fifth-seeded Andrey Rublev lost to No.32 seed Jiri Lehecka 6-4, 6-4.

Swiatek advanced to the round of 16, where the top-ranked Polish star will face Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan. Putintseva beat Madison Keys 6-4, 6-1, part of a tough day for American singles players.

Francis Tiafoe lost 6-3, 6-3 to Stefanos Tsitsipas, and Katie Volynets was eliminated by Caroline Wozniacki 6-2, 4-6, 6-0. The final American on the court, Ben Shelton, did manage a pulsating 7-6, 3-6, 7-6(7-5) victory over Francisco Cerundolo. The 16th-seeded Shelton advanced to face Sinner in the round of 16. The 11th-seeded Tsitsipas will

face Lehecka.

Noskova beat Swiatek in three sets in Australia, becoming the first teen to beat a No.1-ranked woman at that event in 25 years. The rematch was competitive for a set, but Swiatek eventually rolled to victory in just under 73 minutes.

Jasmine Paolini won another tight match against Anna Kalinskaya, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Paolini won the Dubai Championships two weeks ago, rallying to win a three-set final over Kalinskaya.

Alcaraz beat Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-2, 6-3, and Sinner ousted Jan Lennard-Struff 6-3, 6-4. Alcaraz advances to face Fabian Marozsan, the Hungarian who beat him as a 135th-ranked qualifier at the Italian Open 10 months ago.

Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula edged Sofia Kenin and Bethanie Mattek-Sands 7-5, 6-3 in an all-American doubles matchup. The top-seeded men's doubles team is out after the first round — Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen eliminated Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden 7-6, 4-6, 10-8.

# Shakil blows away UP Warriorz

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, March 11:** Sixteen-year-old pacer Shabnam Shakil announced her arrival on the big stage with brilliant figures of 3/11 to negate Deepti Sharma's brilliance (88 n o, 60b, 9x4, 4x6) as Gujarat Giants all but dashed UP Warriorz's hopes of qualifying for the knock-out stages with an eight-run victory in the WPL here Monday.

Warriorz, with a negative net run-rate of -0.371, needed to win to have any chance of qualification but despite Deepti's unbeaten knock, Warriorz could only end up with 144/5, chasing a target of 153 set by the Giants. Deepti's partner Poonam Khemnar scored 36 off as many balls. But the Warriorz had already lost steam after being reduced to 35/5 and it was always going to be a catch-up game for Healy's women.

They ended their eight-game

campaign with six points. Even if RCB lose their last game, the Bangalore side would still enjoy a better net run-rate unless they lose by a massive margin.

Shabnam, playing only her second game of the season, removed seasoned campaigners Alyssa Healy, Chamari Athapaththu and her former India U-19 teammate Shweta Sehrawat to dash any hope that Warriorz harboured of finishing in the top three.

Earlier, UP Warriorz's spin trio of Sophie Ecclestone, Deepti and Rajeshwari Gayakwad made life miserable for wooden spooners Giants before Beth Mooney's unbeaten 74 (52b, 10x4, 1x6) gave them some breathing space with a total of 152/8.

Young Indian fielders in the Warriorz side committed basic mistakes in catching and holding fort in the deep, which cost

the team an extra 25 runs.

Ecclestone (3/38), Deepti (2/22) and Gayakwad (1/28) tightened the noose on the Giants after Mooney and Laura Wolvaardt (43, 30b, 8x4, 1x6) added 60 in 7.5 overs to lay a solid foundation.

However things went haywire from thereon for the Giants as once Wolvaardt was dismissed, Ecclestone and Deepti choked the run-flow and got the valuable wickets in the process.

Mooney, for a better part of her knock, scored at a run-a-ball and then the profligacy of the Warriorz fielders helped her get some extra boundaries.

## BRIEF SCORES

GG Women 152/8 (Beth Mooney 74 n o, Laura Wolvaardt 43; Sophie Ecclestone 3/38, Deepti Sharma 2/22) beat UPW Women 144/5 (Deepti Sharma 88 n o, Poonam Khemnar 36 n o; Shabnam Shakil 3/11) by 8 runs.



# Real regain 7-point lead over Girona Vinesh wins 50kg bout on dramatic day of wrestling trials

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Madrid, March 11:** Real Madrid made peace with their fans with a comfortable win over Celta Vigo and reclaimed a seven-point lead at the top of the Spanish league.

Vinicius Junior scored his third goal in four games Sunday as Madrid eased to a 4-0 victory that followed consecutive draws that included a lackluster performance against Leipzig in the Champions League, which prompted jeers from the home crowd at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.



Madrid had drawn four of their last seven matches in all competitions. They advanced to

the quarterfinals of the Champions League Wednesday despite a poor performance in a 1-1 draw against Leipzig.

Defender Antonio Rudiger set up two goals Sunday and Turkey international Arda Guler made his scoring debut with Madrid. The hosts got two own-goals.

The victory maintained Madrid's cushion at the top over second-placed Girona and third-placed Barcelona. Barcelona, the defending champions, are eight points behind Madrid with 10 rounds left.

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**Patiala, March 11:** Keen to ensure that she remains in reckoning for the Paris Games, Vinesh Phogat did not let the selection trials start in the women's 50kg and 53kg categories and demanded a written assurance from the authorities that a final trial will be held in the 53kg weight class before the Olympics.

Following the ad-hoc committee for wrestling acceding to her demand, Vinesh, the Jakarta Asian Games gold

medallist, defeated Shivani 11-6 in the 50kg weight category to book a place in the Paris Olympics Qualification tournament in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan next month. She, however, lost the 53kg bout to Anju by technical superiority 0-10.

Vinesh, who had accused former WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment and led a prolonged protest against the BJP MP, turned up at the SAI centre in the morning to compete in the 50kg trials. As per Article 7 of the United

World Wrestling (UWW) a contestant can be allowed to take part in one weight category on a single day but Vinesh appeared in trials in two separate weight categories Monday.

"Each contestant deemed to be taking part of his/her own free will, and responsible for himself/herself, shall be allowed to compete in only one weight category: the one corresponding to his weight at the time of the official weigh-in," rules Article 7 of the UWW.

The 29-year-old used to com-

pete in 53kg before the protest but has lowered her weight class since Antim Panghal has already earned an Olympic quota in that category.

However, Vinesh did not let the competition start and demanded a written assurance. She also sought permission to compete in both 50kg and 53kg trials on Monday, leading to a bizarre situation. The officials went into discussions. The wrestlers, competing in the 50kg weight class, also complained to the officials regarding the delay.