

Saiyami's lesson

Actor Saiyami Kher shares about the biggest learning she has from acting in movies

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#### 2 soldiers killed

Two Army personnel, including a captain, were killed and another was injured when suspected terrorists set off an IED

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday makes a strong case for collective efforts to set up a global framework for AI

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#### Kujur on rampage

Rising sprinter Animesh Kujur clinches men's 200m gold medal to pick up his third yellow metal at the National Games

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#### **Bhakta Charan Das** new OPCC chief

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New Delhi, Feb 11: The Congress Tuesday appointed former Union minister Bhakta Charan Das as the president of its Odisha unit. AICC



Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) after the party's poor show in the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in the state. Sarat Pattanayak was the president of the state unit when it was dissolved.

Born November 26, 1958, Das graduated from the Sambalpur University in law. He has served as a Member of Parliament three times (1996) 2000 and 2009) from Kalahandi Lok Sabha constituency. Das began his political career in 1977 when he joined the Yuva Chhatra Sangharsh Bahini. the student wing of the JP movement.

He was elected as an MLA from Bhawanipatna Assembly seat on a Janata Party ticket in 1985. In 1989, at the age of 30, Das contested Lok Sabha elections from Kalahandi constituency on a Janata Party ticket and won by a significant margin. He was appointed as deputy minister of sports and youth affairs in the Union ministry under Prime Minister VP Singh. When the VP Singh government fell, a new government led by Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar appointed him as the minister of state for railways

#### **JEE results: Nabaneet Odisha topper**

New Delhi/Bhubaneswar: Nabaneet Priyadarshi of Odisha has topped the state in the first edition of JEE-Main 2025 the results of which were announced by the National Testing Agency (NTA) Tuesday.

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hostages by noon Saturday. or restart the war. "If they're not here, all hell is going to break out,"

Trump said. He added of the ceasefire, "Cancel it, and all hets are off

Less than a week after he floated his plan for the US to take control of Gaza and - though he also said that turn it into "the Riviera of the Middle East," Trump, in an interview with Fox News' Bret Baier airing Monday, said "No, they wouldn't" when asked if Palestinians in Gaza would have a right to return to the territory. privately raised security It comes as he has ramped The US president said that up pressure on Arab states,



of a future homeland.

"We'll build safe communities, a little bit away from of this danger is," Trump as a real estate development

Arab nations have sharply

in Palestinians, Trump told reporters, "I do think he'll take, and I think other countries will take also. They have good hearts.'

But he also threatened to potentially withhold billions to Jordan and Egypt if they

not," Trump said. "If they don't, I would conceivably withhold aid, ves." Trump's comments risked jeopardizing the already tenuous ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in with the existing framework for negotiations calling for the massive humanitarian and reconstruction assistance

After Trump's initial comments last week, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt and Secretary of State Marco Rubio respectfully insisted that Trump only wanted Palestinians relocated from Gaza "temporarily" and for an "interim" period to allow for debris removal, the disposal of unexploded ordnance and

## Trouble mounts for Ranveer Allahbadia

New Delhi, Feb 11: A day after he hit the spotlight with a comment on parents and sex. trouble mounted for influence er Ranveer Allahbadia Tuesday with Mumbai police at his doorstep, YouTube pulling down the episode of "India's Got Latent" and the issue being raised in Parliament.

Allahbadia, AKA Beer Biceps, who had interviewed in his podcast several influencial politicians, had also tried to influence elections through his channel.

The internet personality, landed in soup after the clip with his comments started making the rounds on social media Monday and led to massive debate on freedom of speech and what constitutes decency. Allahbadia tried to defuse the situation by issuing a video apology where he called his comment a "lapse



in judgement" but the issue has refused to die down. Raising the matter in

Parliament during Zero Hour, Shiv Sena MP Naresh Mhaske called for a law to regulate social media.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) expressed strong concern and asked Allahabadia, Samay Raina, Apoorva Makhija, Jaspreet Singh, and Ashish Chanchlani, as well as the show's producers Tushar Poojari and Saurabh Bothra to appear before it Feb-

## Trump's ultimatum to Hamas ₹12K on birth of girl child

CENTENARY FETE: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi lights the inaugural lamp during the centenary celebration of Ranihat High School at JN Indoor Stadium in Cuttack

ing his plan for the US to take control of Gaza and turn it into "the Riviera of the Middle East", US President Donald Trump has warned that if all the Israeli hostages held in the disputed territory are not returned by Saturday at noon he would propose canceling the Israel-Hamas ceasefire and letting "all hell break loose". Trump's comments came after Hamas said it was delaying the release of hostages indefinitely over "violations" of the ceasefire deal, prompting Israel's defence minister to put the country's military on alert with orders ter Trump said in an interclaim the territory as part Gaza after 15 months of war, to prepare for "any scenario in Gaza

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#### ident Donald Trump said Monday that a precarious ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas should be cancelled if Hamas doesn't release all the remaining hostages it is holding in

Washington, Feb 11: Pres-

Gaza by midday Saturday such a decision would be up to Israel. Trump was responding to Hamas saying it will delay the further release of hos-

tages in the Gaza Strip after accusing Israel of violating the three-week-old ceasefire. after the freeing of three vis-

to demand the release of all

Tuesday. Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan and other guests are also seen (Report P3)

Trump said the final deci-

sion would be up to Israel, saying, "I'm speaking for myself. Israel can override it." But asked if the US would join in a response to Hamas if hostages weren't freed, Trump added, "Hamas will find out what I mean."

view with Fox News Channel that Palestinians in Gaza would not have a right to return under his plan for US "ownership" of the war-torn territory — contradicting other officials in his administration who have sought to argue Trump was only calling for the temporary relocation of its population.

Those comments came af- estinians from Gaza, who

where they are, where all said. "In the meantime, I would own this. Think of it for the future. It would be a beautiful piece of land. No big money spent."

criticized the Trump proposal, and Trump is set to host Jordan's King Abdullah II at the White House Tuesday. In addition to concerns about jeopardising the long-held goals of a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, Egypt and Jordan have concerns about welcoming large numbers of additional especially US allies Jordan refugees into their countries even temporarily.

of dollars of US assistance don't go along with his plan.

"Yeah, maybe, sure why for civilians in Gaza.

reconstruction.

Speaking of the condition of the remaining hostages, Trump told reporters Monday that he feared Hamas had released the hostages in the best condition and that many scheduled for release are gravely ill or already dead.

## en above the age of 19 years child and ₹12,000 for a girl

When asked how he'd Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: convince Abdullah to take Pregnant women will receive ₹10.000 on the birth of a boy child and an additional ₹2,000 on the birth of a girl child as the Mohan Charan Majhi government Tuesday decided to club and implement Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana alongside Mamata Yojana in Odisha.

Under the Mamata Yojana initiated by the previous BJD government, the beneficiaries - pregnant and lactating wom-

get financial assistance of child, an official said. ₹10,000 in two instalments.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana provides financial support for pregnant and lactating mothers to improve the health and nutrition of them and their children as well as compensation for wage loss.

Under this scheme, beneficiaries under certain conditions receive ₹5,000 or ₹6,000 in two instalments. Under the new system, ₹10,000 will be given in the case of a male

This assistance will be provided in the case of a

maximum of two children However, the two-child lim it will not be applied in the case of PVTGs (particularly vulnerable tribal groups). Under the scheme, the An

ganwadi workers who help in delivery of children, will get ₹250 instead of earlier payment of ₹200, and the Anganwadi helpers will get ₹150 instead of ₹50, the

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## DeepSeek founder keeps a low profile

ibly emaciated hostages Sat- and Egypt, to take in Pal-

of the country's leading technology hubs, and home to the groundbreaking artificial intelligence (AI) company DeepSeek.

Think of Hangzhou as a Chinese version of Silicon Valley. The headquarters of hit the headlines. DeepSeek is on the twelfth floor of a modern office building.Security guard Mr Ma says for the last two weeks the lobby has been packed with people hoping to get a glimpse of the elusive founder of DeepSeek, Liang Wenfeng.

"For now, we as Chinese are happy and proud, but the future is uncertain." Mr Ma says. Chinese vloggers, tech

dropped in to try and visit tion. Liang Wenfeng met morning. the company, but it is keeping a low profile. We were told by security

that Liang Wenfeng hasn't been in the office for the last few days. He has gone to ground since DeepSeek

The company shocked the world when it launched its latest AI model and announced it had built it for less than \$6m and without using the world's most advanced semiconductor chips.

If this is true, it has upended the prevailing view that China was well behind in the AI race.

DeepSeek appears to have made tremendous strides in jobseekers, journalists and AI and the Chinese govern- executive Sam Altman, who es great emphasis on the

he city of Hangzhou in members of the public have ment is also paying atten-spoke to Sky News Monday China's premier Li Qiang on the day the AI app was launched, January 20.

DeepSeek is exactly the type of innovative company and culture China has been pushing for under a policy it calls "new productive forces." Most of China's upstart tech companies are heavily subsidised by local governments.

However, DeepSeek is funded by Mr Liang's hedge fund company High Flyer. Meanwhile, Chinese Vice

Premier Zhang Guoqing is attending the Paris AI summit with other world leaders and tech bosses, including US vice president JD Vance and OpenAI's chief

He said said China was willing to work with other countries to safeguard security and share achievements in the field of artificial intelligence to build "a community with a shared future for mankind".

Hangzhou is home to dozens of high-tech companies, the most famous are referred to as the "six little dragons". One of these is Deep Robotics. It develops robot dogs and is the first Chinese company to deploy its canines overseas (to Singapore) for industrial use.

Deep Robotics brand manager Vera Huang told Sky News: "Hangzhou plac-

cultivation of technological talent, with excellent institutions like Zhejiang University." Ms Huang says the government helps businesses develop, and if they achieve so-called "Little Giant" status they are eligible for state funding. The US is alarmed at Chi-

na's AI progress and prowess. It has tried to stymie its development by placing export controls on the most advanced semi-conductor chips. But DeepSeek has found a workaround and says it built its model with legacy chips. US President Donald Trump said DeepSeek's development was a "wake-up call". Well the world h as woken up. What's unclear is how it will respond. SKY NEWS



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#### **TEIGEN BRUSHES OFF MUM-SHAMING TROLLS**

Model Chrissy Teigen has brushed off mum-shaming trolls. The 39-yearold was hit with hate after posting an image on her Instagram with son Miles, six, daughter Esti, two, and 20-month-old son Wren, of her in a bathtub with the youngsters.

#### **RICCI'S 3-YR-OLD DAUGHTER CALLS HER BY HER NAME**

Actress Christina Ricci's three-yearold daughter Cleopatra calls her by her name. The actress shared this while appearing on The Drew Barrymore Show alongside her Yellowjackets costars to promote season 3 of the series.





You may pick up the hammer and chisel today. sculpture; you're finally giving in to your spouse's demands to take some home terest to be speedy and focused, as you are the guilty party, says Ganesha.

#### **TAURUS**

perched on a branch in the family tree, today. Your maturity will help you deal with emotional issues with ease. Energy and exuberance will be an investment you make today, the results of which you will reap in the days to

#### **GEMINI**

Your desire for a clean house will reach the level of obsession, predicts Ganesha. You may plan to wash your car. clean your yard and arrange your wardrobe. And you don't trust the housemaid with any of the chores, because no one can clean the house better than you. Personal hygiene will also get your full attention, feels Ganesha.

dicts Ganesha. You will learn and gain from your bosses and elders. Peers and siblings may extend their full support to you. Your chances of winning legal battles are remote, so an out-of-court settlement may be your best bet.

For Cancerians, this day brings good tidings for their iobs and businesses. Those in business can look forward to a highly profitable day. Long-term business deals may be in the offing as well. If you happen to be in the services, rest assured. pay hike and promotions. Just make sure that you hone your skills to reach where

Today finds you ambitious and meticulous. Actions will not speak - they'll roar! Your planning and scruples will set the pace at work. Expect pats on the back from your bosses and a round of

concerned about the health of one of your close friends. Take this time with that friend. Work can wait, as today you must prove to yourself, if not to others, that 'a friend in need is a friend indeed'. Ganesha wishes you the very best.

#### **SCORPIO**

Your mind shall take over the proceedings today. And it shall, in all likeliness, draw you to the work bench and keep your nose to the grindstone. But your heart will flutter like a butterfly, and if you manage to strike the right balance, you may win over your special one and your boss too, says Ganesha.

#### Chances of you hitting a roadblock today are high. But remember the saying, When the going gets tough, the tough get going.' So don't succumb to pres-

sure, advises Ganesha, but rise up to the occasion and show who's the boss

#### **CAPRICORN**

Today, you will remain unruffled by the commotion around you, says Ganesha. However, the emotions locked up inside you will probably cloud your power of reasoning

and may leave you feeling a little lost. But this will only be a passing phase, and you will come out of the bewilderment in no time. You will promptly get back to pursuing your goals and your reputation with seniors will play a crucial role in bagging you tangible rewards.

#### AQUARIUS

Today, you will experience the harmonious balance between logic and emotion. You will consequently know how to mix business with pleasure. Money wise, you are content, but trivial issues may bother you today, says Ganesha.

**PISCES** An action-packed day awaits you, busy as you will be corresponding with old contacts, telephonic interviews, organising meetings and scheduling tasks, says Ganesha. Do not forget to breathe!



Mumbai: On the occasion of Safer Internet Day, actor Ayushmann Khurrana has joined hands with UNICEF India to raise awareness about on-Taking to his Instagram handle, the Bala actor shared a video wherein he is seen interacting

with a group of children to better understand Sharing the clip, Ayushmann wrote, "t's #SaferInternetDay, and I teamed up with UNICEF India to meet with this amazing group of children to learn more about the online world. Let's see what they have

Talking about a safer internet world,

Khurrana said, "On this Safer Internet Day, along with UNICEF, I want to raise awareness about online safety and responsible digital behavior. It is very important to equip young people with the tools to report when they feel discomfort or threatened, can empower them to protect themselves and others online and parents should also have open communication with their child to understand in case they are facing any troubles on the internet," the 'Dream Girl 2' actor

Work-wise, Ayushmann will next be seen in the upcoming horror-comedy Thama, where he will portray a vampire. The film, which also stars Rashmika Mandanna, Paresh Rawal. and Nawazuddin

Siddiqui, scheduled for a Diwali 2025 release November 17. IANS

Mumbai: As an actor and athlete, Saiyami Kher has a different perspective on her acting and sporting achievements. But while athletic victories are personal for her, Saiyami likes to practise detachment when it comes to her

films. tor, last

seen in

Agni (2024), is currently shooting in Hyderabad for her next with Sunny Deol. She tells, "With films, the biggest learning I have is detachment. When I deliver a performance and we pack up, I feel happy to have pushed myself.' She goes on to assert, 'However, my happiness

cannot depend on whether a film is a big commercial hit or not because there are so many factors that are not in your hands. It's really tough, but I think you'll go crazy if your worth depends on the success at the box-office.'

The 32-year-old, who was the first Indian female actor to participate in the German Ironman triathlon, now aims to attempt the second one in July.

On this the Ghoomer actress says, "For me, sports is just about my smaller, personal victories. It really gives me a

Samantha's cryptic Saiyami on biggest learning from films note about her split

Mumbai: Samantha Ruth Prabhu is known for sharing details about her personal and professional life with her fans and followers on social media. Her recent Instagram story sparked concern among fans as they believe it is a response to her ex-husband Naga Chaitanya's statement about their divorce and his current wife, Sobhita Dhulipala. Samantha shared a quote by spiritual guru Sadhguru, which reads, "As a human, you are not a being. You are a becoming, an ongoing process. Nothing is fixed - you can be whichever way you want to be.' In a recent interview on the Raw Talks With VK podcast, Naga addressed his divorce from Samantha and questioned why people consider him a criminal for it. He shared that they have both moved on with their lives, and he has found love

in Sobhita while still holding great respect for his previous marriage. In the same conversation. he expressed pointment people cursing his now-wife, ac tress Sobhita Dhulipala, as suming that she was responsible for divorce from Saman-

## British Railway to celebrate 30 years of DDLJ

Mumbai: British Railway and Yash Raj Films collaborated for a UK-India cultural event to celebrate two milestones-30 years of *Dilwale Dulhania Le* Jayenge (DDLJ) and 200 years of the modern railway system in England.

England's railway is celebrating its 'Railway 200' campaign, while Yash Raj Films presents Come Fall In Love -The DDLJ Musical, directed by Aditva Chopra

DDLJ is one of the most iconic movies of Bollywood that featured Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol in the lead roles. Most of the scenes of DDLJ were shot in the UK and one of the main scenes



was filmed at the King's Cross Railway Station.

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DDLJ is the longest-running title in India and still runs in

SUDOKU

the Mumbai Maratha Mandir

YRF and Britain's railway issued a joint release that YRF have announced their cultural collaboration as part of the Valentine's Day celebrations, recognising the romance of train travel.

The musical will open at Manchester Opera House on 29 May 2025. It plays through until 21 June 2025.

DDLJ is the longest-running title in Indian cinema and it has been playing in Mumbai's Maratha Mandir theatre continuously since

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a

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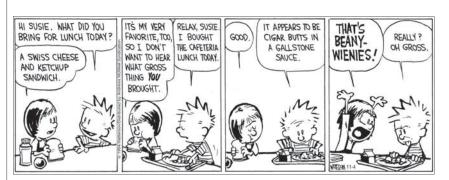
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#### **PEANUTS**



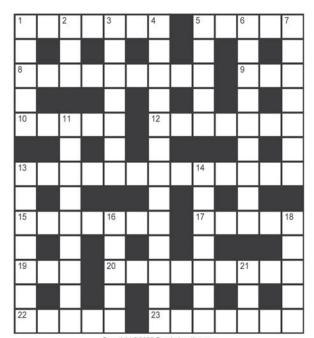
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#### **BREVITY**



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- 9 Human race
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## CM announces MDM for Class IX, X students

Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Maihi Tuesday announced that the students of Class IX and X will receive mid-day meals (MDM), a decision that is expected to increase student attendance in schools. Previously, students up to Class VIII were provided with MDM, but now this benefit will be extended to these two additional grades.

The CM made this announcement while attending the cen-

**Ranihat High School** in Cuttack will receive **₹4 crore as CM Mohan Charan Majhi accords** heritage status to the premier educational institution

tenary foundation day celebration of Ranihat High School in

On the occasion, Majhi also mentioned the Shaheed Madho



Singh Hatakharcha Yojana and

to strengthening school education system. The government will spend around ₹4-5 crore for the establishment of Godabarish Mishra Adarsha Pratika

Majhi criticised the previous BJD government for neglecting primary education. Instead of focusing on primary education, the BJD government was engaged in painting schools under

crore as per the decision. Majhi also said that the government will disburse another ₹2 crore from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the development of the educational institution.

Majhi said, "Ranihat High School will be celebrating yet another success story in 2036. when Odisha will mark 100 years of its formation. The school will transform into a generations to come.

#### Nabaneet state topper in JEE-Main 2025

New Delhi/Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: Nabaneet Priyadarshi of Odisha has topped

the state in the first edition of JEE-Main 2025 the results of which were announced by the National Testing Agency (NTA) Tuesday. More than 12.58 lakh

candidates had appeared for the Session I of the crucial engineering entrance exam.

Unit VIII - bagged the 26th rank and is the state topper. Speaking to Orissa POST Nabaneet said, "I was not ex

pecting to be the topper of Odisha. I was study ing for eight to nine

> hours a day. According to NTA sources, 14 candidates from across the country have bagged perfect score in the Session

of JEE-Main 2025, with maximum of them being from Rajasthan. "12 out of the 14 top scorers are from general cate gory and one each from OBC and SC categories," they said

#### Pre-marriage counselling centre in state on cards

Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: With incidents of divorce on the rise among young couples, the state government Tuesday decided to open a pre-marriage counselling centre, an official said.

The decision in this regard was taken by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi following a suggestion from National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar.

Rahatkar was on a two-day tour to Odisha and she attended the 32nd Foundation Day celebration of the Odisha State Commission for Women here. On the occasion, she met the CM at the state Secretariat.

While accepting the NCW chairperson's suggestions, Majhi said that if proper advice regarding worldly life is given before marriage through the counselling centre, the rate of divorces will

The NCW chairperson also suggested that the state government conduct special village meetings (Gram Sabhas) for women, take measures to prevent child marriage and violence against women, and initiate strict action against sexual harassment of women at work. Rahatkar said that the NCW was committed to

empowering women and strengthening gender justice in the state. The state will observe 2025 as 'Divorce Prevention Year', Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida said.

Parida also said that the situation of women is fast changing in Odisha with the state government empowering them with the financial assistance scheme -- Subhadra Yojana.

#### **Jayant Panda new IMA** state president

Cuttack: Jayant Panda, Professor of Medicine at SCB Medical College and Hospital Cuttack, took over as the president of Indian Medical Association

(IMA), Odisha Branch at the as sociation's 74th **Annual Conference** held at Dhara-College in Keoniha February 9. Chief

Minister Mohan Charan Majhi graced the occasion as the chief guest. The conference was attended by more than 1,000 doctors from across the state Regarding his vision as the IMA, Odisha Branch president, Panda said his mission in 2025 will be regular CMEs and projects like diabetes prevention and planta-

#### **HIF Global India** likely to invest \$1bn in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: HIF Global India, a subsidiary of Chile-based HIF Global, has expressed interest in investing around \$1 billior in Odisha's renewable energy sector. The company made a presentation on e-fuel production before Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, who holds the Energy portfolio, at Lok Seva Bhavan here Tuesday. HIF Global India is currently engaged in methanol synthesis projects in countries like the United States, Chile, According to official sources, the company has hown a strong inter in a methanol synthesis

#### **Digital Agriculture Mission:** 9,843 farmer IDs in Odisha

New Delhi, Feb 11: More than 2.05 crore farmer IDs, including 9,843 in Odisha, have been generated under the Digital Agriculture Mission, Parliament was informed Tuesday.

Minister of State for Agriculture Ramnath Thakur, in his written reply to the Lok Sabha, said the State Farmer Registry under the Digital Agriculture Mission covers all landholder farmers, including women farmers. Farmer Registry application also has the provision to onboard the

The Digital Agriculture Mission, with an outlay of ₹2,817 crore, seeks to enable a robust digital agriculture ecosystem in the country for driving innovative farmer-centric digital solutions and making available timely and reliable crop-related information to all the farmers

tenant and lessee farmers. A state can decide to include such farmers in the Farmer Registry as per the state's policy. "As of February 2,

a total of 2,05,26,912 farmer IDs have created..., Thakur said. This includes 1.02

crore farmer IDs in Uttar Pradesh, 41.87 lakh in Madhya Pradesh, 36.36 lakh in Gujarat, 22.54 lakh in Maharashtra, 1.42 lakh

in Assam, 75,593 in Rajasthan, 14,343 in Chhattisgarh, 9,843 in Odisha and 19 in Bihar. The Digital Agriculture Mission, with an outlay of ₹2,817 crore, seeks to enable a robust digital agriculture ecosystem in the country for driving

innovative farmer-centric digital solutions and making available timely and reliable crop-related information to all the farmers in the country. The mission envisages the creation of digital public infrastructure for agriculture such as Agristack, Krishi Decision Support System, Comprehensive Soil Fertility and Profile Map and other IT initiatives undertaken by Central government/state governments. The Centre is

providing administrative and technical supports to the all the states for implementation of the mis-

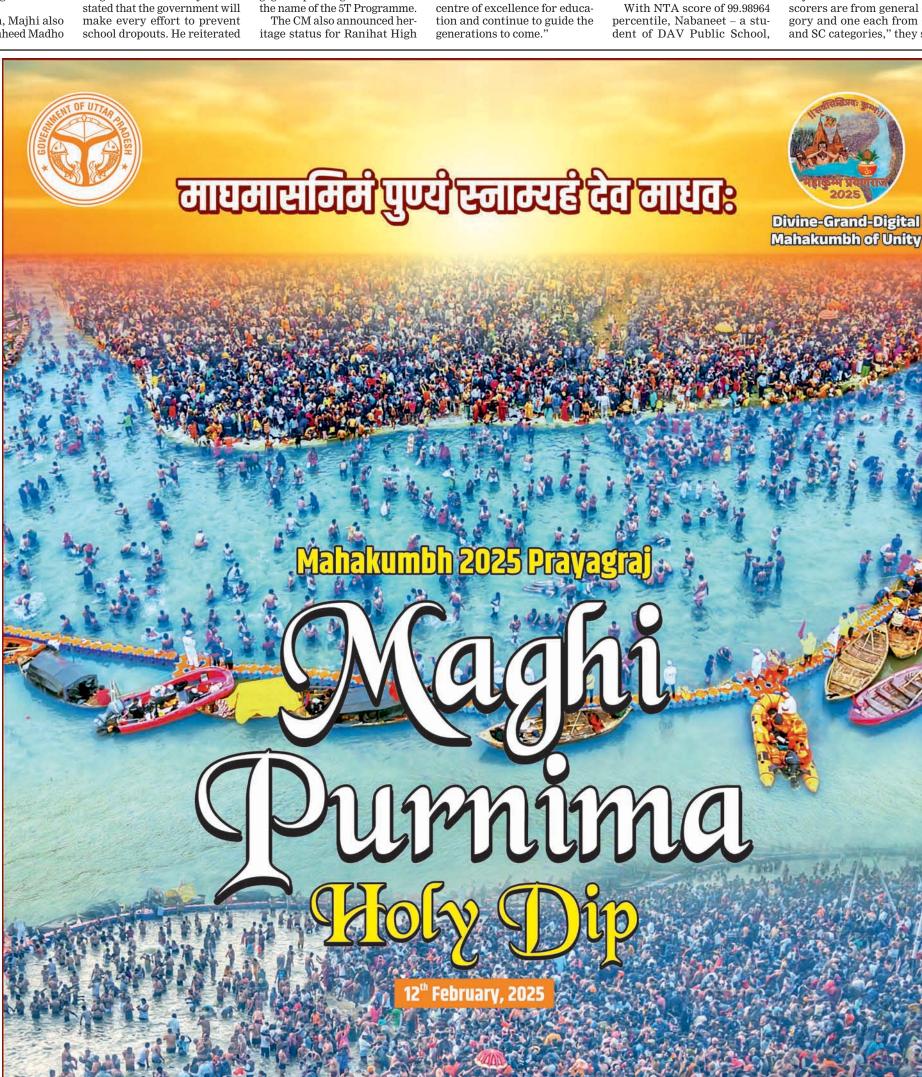
sion, the minister added.

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#### **KIIT varsity hosts WAVES** session

World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) set for May 2025, a knowledge-sharing session and signature campaign were organised at KIIT University Tuesday. The event hosted by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) & Press Information Bureau (PIB), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in collaboration with the university, aims to position India as a leader in the global media and tor general of CBC & PIB Akhil Kumar Mishra highlighted the increasing industry and the impact of WAVES on India's global media presence. Director General of the School of Film & Media Sciences Himanshu Sekhar Khatua emphasised the opportunity for young Girish Chandra Dash noted that WAVES of making India a global media hub. The event concluded with a signature campaign, engaging students from

#### Odisha unveils One Health plan

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Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: Odisha's Health & Family Welfare Minister Mukesh Mahaling Tuesday launched the state action plan on One Health and the annual report of IDSP-IHIP-2024 at a ceremony held in the department conference hall.

The Minister also released a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Government of India for establishing a health emergency operation centre (HEOC). The centre aims to enhance the state's preparedness and response to public health emergencies.

The state action plan on One Health advocates an integrated approach to human, animal. and environmental health. It emphasizes strengthening surveillance systems for zoonotic diseases, promoting responsible antimicrobial use, and fostering intersectoral collaboration among health, agriculture, and environment sectors. Additionally, the plan aims to raise public awareness about

One Health principles.

The IDSP-IHIP-2024 annual report offers a comprehensive review of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme and the Integrated Health Information Platform in Odisha. It highlights key achievements, challenges, and future recommendations. Notably, Odisha secured first place in the IHIP performance for 2024.

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## **Health min's thrust on** early clubfoot treatment

Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: In a bid to provide continued and free treatment for clubfoot, a congenital condition that affects newborn babies, the state government Tuesday renewed the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed with Cure International India Trust (CIIT) till January 15, 2027.

The pact for the extension of the statewide clubfoot management programme for another two years was signed in the presence of Health and Family Welfare Minister Mukesh Mahaling, who emphasised the importance of early intervention in managing the disease.

"Early treatment of clubfoot is crucial, and parents should seek medical help immediately after the birth of their child. The state government's collaboration with CIIT ensures that treatment is accessible and free of cost for the afflicted families across the state," the minister said.

Santhosh George, director of CIIT, said surgery is not essentially required for treating clubfoot. "The trust has developed specialised footwear that helps address the condition effectively. The footwear comes in 22 different sizes, designed to fit children with clubfoot."

Expressing optimism, George said, "Currently, the success rate for clubfoot treatment in Odisha stands at 50 per cent.

With continued government support, we expect to achieve a 100 per cent success rate within the next few years."

According to the MoU, the government is planning to expand the programme across the state by establishing treatment centres in all the districts, ensuring that all children have access to care.

The programme also includes extensive training for medical professionals on 'Ponseti' method, a non-surgical technique used for clubfoot correction.

CIIT will bear the costs as sociated with the programme including training, distribution of foot abduction braces (special shoes), and employment of counsellors to guide families through treatment and follow-up care. Since the beginning of the programme, CIIT has treated 6,301 children as of December 18, 2024. The trust is committed to achieving a clubfoot-free Odisha.

The MoU was renewed for another two years, from January 16, 2025, to January 15, 2027, with the shared vision of making Odisha free of clubfoot. The Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) department, Women and Child Development department, and Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities department are signatories to the MoU, ensuring a collaborative approach to the programme's implementation.





VOICING PROTEST: Members of Odisha Power Sector Employees' Joint Forum stage a sit-in at Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar, Tuesday, to press for fulfillment of their 5-point charter of demands

## Woman held for plotting Vani Vihar murder

Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: Over a month after the brutal daylight murder of Sahadev Naik near the Vani Vihar over-bridge, Mancheswar police arrested a woman Tuesday for allegedly masterminding the crime. The arrest brings the total number of people detained in connection with the murder to six, although several accomplices remain at large.

The arrested woman, identified as Pinki Naik, is a 40-yearold resident of Bhimpur, living with her in-laws. She hails from Jankia. According to Manches war Police inspector-in-charge (IIC), Mrutyunjay Swain, Pinki was apprehended after a tip-off led officers to set up a trap near Bapuji Nagar, where she was



expected to meet a friend. As she approached the location, the police swooped in and took her into custody.

The incident that led to Pinki's arrest occurred January 8, when five assailants, including two women and three men. attacked and killed Sahadev Naik near the Vani Vihar over-bridge. The murder was reportedly a result of a previous dispute. The incident occurred during the heightened security measures for the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) event, causing widespread shock among locals.

Following the murder, a swift 24-hour operation result-

The incident occurred January 8, when five assailants, including two women and three men, attacked and killed Sahadev Naik near Vani Vihar over-bridge

ed in the arrest of five suspects from Nayagarh. Pinki Naik has been charged under Sec tions 103 (1), 61 (2), and 3 (5 of the BNS, and was presented before a local court Tuesday for further proceedings. The investigation continues as police work to track down the remaining suspects involved

## ILS observes 36th Foundation Day

Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: The Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) Bhubaneswar observed its 36th Foundation Day here Tuesday.

The foundation day oration was delivered by Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru national science chair Sandhya S Visweswariah. She spoke on the genetic basis of Diarrhoea Syndrome and Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

ILS director Debasis Dash gave an overview of the research activities, achievements of last year and plans of the institute for the current year.

"Last year, 12 PhD students graduated from the institution, ILS scientists published 66 high-impact research papers, and filed two patents. For the first time, two intellectual prop-



The event served as a platform to showcase successful research outcomes through student presentations under the theme of 'science spectrum of ILS'

erty rights filed by ILS faculties have been transferred to them to initiate spinoffs aimed at developing and commercialising these technologies," Dash said.

Dash also mentioned that ILS has started a new project to explore the marine ecosystems for novel bioresources with human health and industrial

significance with funding from the Ministry of Earth Science

The foundation day celebrations also included team-building activities among faculty. staff, and students.

Dash reiterated that the DBT ILS Bioincubator, operating since 2022 to promote entrepreneurship, has supported a total of 45 startups since its inception. Currently, 27 are incubated, and 18 startups have graduated.

DBT ILS startups have generated more than 250 employ ments, and women entrepreneurs lead 25 of its startups.

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### H&FW dept to boost telemedicine network

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: The Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) department has stepped up efforts to enhance the state's telemedicine network, ensuring better healthcare access for rural and remote areas. A high-level review meeting was held at the department's conference hall Tuesday, chaired by Commissioner-cum-Secretary

Aswathy S. The discussion focused on improving tele-consultation services between sub-centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), and District

Headquarters Hospitals (DH Hs) with medical college hos pitals, Acharya Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer (AHPGIC), and the Paediatric Institute in Cuttack, Officials emphasised the need for a seamless digital healthcare system to overcome geographical barriers and provide timely medical interventions.

A key proposal was to strengthen the telemedicine link between DHH chemother apy centres and AHPGIC, Cut tack, improving cancer care in remote areas. The meeting also stressed upgrading the state's telemedicine platforms, including e-Sanjeevani, to expand vir tual healthcare services.

## Enhancing road safety measures with new initiatives

High-level review targets interventions, focusing on data-driven solutions, infrastructure

improvements, and stronger compliance to reduce traffic fatalities across Odisha

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Feb 11: In a bid to reduce road accidents and fatalities, the Odisha government is ramping up its road safety initiatives. A high-level review meeting was held Tuesday, chaired by Commerce and Transport department principal secretary Usha Padhee.

During the review, Padhee reaffirmed the state's commitment to reducing road traffic deaths and injuries, urging all

stakeholders to collaborate and adopt a time-bound approach to meet Odisha's ambitious target of cutting road fatalities by 50 per cent by 2030, in line with national and global road safety goals.

Officials examined the status

of previous decisions and discussed the latest accident data. While acknowledging the progress made, the meeting highlighted several critical areas requiring attention, including the rectification of black spots. the full implementation of the Intelligent Enforcement Management System (IEMS), and ensuring compliance with the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCCoRS) guide-

A major concern raised was the rising number of road accidents in districts, especially in the mining belt. Participants emphasised the need for



improved enforcement, stricter monitoring, and enhanced emergency response strategies. IIT Madras, the state's technical partner, presented data-driven solutions such as scientific crash investigations. road safety awareness campaigns, and training initiatives for enforcement agencies.

The state's four-pronged approach-engineering, enforcement, education, and

emergency care—was also reviewed. While measures like highway patrolling, road safety campaigns, and trauma care improvements were praised, challenges such as pending e-challan disposals, insufficient enforcement manpower, and gaps in road safety engineering were identified as areas needing immediate attention.

The government outlined a series of priority initiatives,

including accelerating the rollout of IEMS on additional highways, increasing highway patrolling vehicles, and setting up new Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR) centers. Key focus areas also included strengthening district-level road safety plans, creating truck terminals at strategic locations, improving post-accident response, and involving Junior Rakshaks in road safety campaigns.

A major development discussed was the ongoing amendment of the Odisha Motor Vehicle Rules, 1993, to align with changes to the Central Motor Vehicles Act. The updated rules will include provisions for canceling the driving licenses of habitual offenders. The government is also working on integrating the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS).

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## No end to smuggling of seized minerals in Joda



Even though the Mines department and police are frequently conducting raids, they have failed to put an end to the illegal mineral trade

POST NEWS NETWORK

Joda, Feb 11: Despite crackdown by Mines department and other enforcement agencies, smuggling of seized minerals in Joda mining sector of Keonjhar district shows no signs of declining, according to reports. Stockpiles of iron ore near Nayagarh railway siding being transported day and night is a case in this point.

Even though the Mines department and police are frequently conducting raids, they have failed to put an end to the illegal mineral trade. While smugglers profit from this illicit business, the government suffers significant revenue loss.

According to reports, since 2010, an iron ore stockpile belonging to an export company has been lying on a plot near Nayagarh-Palaspanga road close to Navagarh railway siding. The Mines department had cancelled the company's storage licence because the minerals were kept outside the designated mining zone. As a result, no claimant came forward to take ownership of the stockpile. The Mines department, exercising

ore near the railway siding. However, negligence in monitoring and securing the stockpile has drawn the attention of smugglers. The department neither auctioned nor could it take control of the seized minerals for years

full authority, secured the iron

Similarly, between 2008 and 2010, the department and district police seized around a lakh tonne of unclaimed iron ore from railway sidings in Jurudi, Banshpani, Deojhar, and Barbil.

However, the Mines department currently lacks proper

als. Meanwhile, thousands of tonnes of iron ore have vanished raising serious concerns about administrative oversight and accountability.

Last year, the department inspected the stockpile in question and reported the presence of approximately 4,000 tonne of high-grade iron ore. Despite efforts by state-level enforcement agencies, district task forces, and the department's own inspection teams, illegal mining and mineral theft continue to be a challenge for the department.

While some minerals have been auctioned off through Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC), discrepancies remain in tracking the quantity of seized iron ore, the amount auctioned, and the overall balance. A thorough investigation could expose another layer of corruption within the mining sector, sources said.

When contacted, Dinesh Kumar Agarwal, Deputy Director of Mines, stated that he would first inform the Bamebari police to check the theft before taking action against illegal mining activities. Since more than 4,000 tonne of ore have been identified at the site, discussions with OMC have already taken place regarding its auction.

If OMC provides transportation, the minerals will be stored securely at Dubuna-Sakradihi mines. The department is also set to request security personnel from OMC to safeguard the minerals, Agarwal added.

Notably, the district police seized two trucks loaded with minerals and a JCB machine allegedly involved in illegal transportation of ores Decem-

## 4 held for gangrape of tribal girl in Koraput

Koraput, Feb 11: Laxmipur police in Koraput district Tuesday arrested four youths on charges of raping a 14-yearold tribal girl Saturday night when the girl had gone to watch an opera show (Jatra) with her friends.

As she came out of the venue to relieve herself, the four accused abducted her and took her to a nearby hillock, where they took turns to rape her, a police officer said.

The girl's father said she returned home when the accused fled after committing the crime and shared her or-

Man gets life term

BARIPADA: A special POCSO

court here Tuesday convicted a

girl in 2019 and sentenced him

to life imprisonment. Additional

district and sessions court judge

Rs 10,000 penalty on the convict,

Dumbi Singh Banara, a resident

under Sarat police limits. The

services authority (DLSA) to

judge ordered the district legal

provide compensation of Rs 5 lakh

to the survivor. According to the

case diary, finding the 12-yr-old

victim alone in her house, Banara

entered the house and raped her

repeatedly, threatening her with

a stick November 30, 2019, After

committing the crime, he threatened

the girl not to disclose the matter to

anybody. When the condition of the

girl worsened, her family members

learning about the incident from the

victim, the family members lodged a

written complaint with Sarat police

which registered a case (45/19)

and launched an investigation.

Police later arrested Banara and

pronounced the verdict after

hearing statements from 14

witnesses and going through

report, said public prosecutor

the police investigation

Manoranjan Pattnaik

forwarded him to court. The judge

took her to Udala hospital. On

Santosh Kumar Navak also slapped

30-year-old man of raping a minor

for raping minor girl

deal with her parents. Her family lodged an FIR

were picked up from Kashipur police station area in with Laxmipur police station neighbouring Rayagada dis-Monday and the four accused

charge Sugyani Sahu said the four persons were later arrested Tuesday following interrogation.

The survivor has been medically examined at Koraput dis-

the officer added. A team headed by Koraput Superintendent of Police Rohit Varma is probing the matter.

trict headquarters hospital,'

The incident came to light just before the visit of Nation al Commission for Women chairperson Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar to Odisha where she was scheduled to hold a 'Mahila Jan Sunwai' (public hearing) in Bhubaneswar Tuesday.

## Road accidents in Ganjam claimed 391 lives in 2024

The coastal district recorded 61 accidents in January alone this year, resulting in 30 deaths

POST NEWS NETWORK

Chhatrapur, Feb 11: Road accidents remain a significant concern in Ganjam district with 391 fatalities reported in 2024, according to data from the district Transport department. Though the number of fatalities has seen a mild decline as compared to the previous year, the number of road accidents has witnessed a rise.

Ganjam ranks third in the state in terms of road accidents and fatalities. The district recorded 818 mishaps in 2024, resulting in 391 deaths and 546 injuries. Compared to 2023, the number of accidents increased by 10 per cent, while the fatality rate has come down by 3 per cent. A total of 740 accidents claiming 405 lives were reported in 2023.

Of the total fatalities in 2024, about 46 per cent occurred on national highways.



Meanwhile, 41 per cent of the accidents were attributed to over-speeding.

To promote road safety, January was observed as Road Safety Month, during which awareness rallies, meetings, and educational programmes were conducted in schools and colleges across the district. The Transport department urged residents to follow traffic rules and prioritise safety while traveling.

Despite these efforts, the district recorded 61 accidents in January alone, resulting in 30 deaths. Of these, 21 fatalities occurred in the Ganjam police district, while nine were reported from Berhampur police district. Additionally 30 people sustained serious injuries, as per transport de partment reports.

## Interstate robbers' gang busted in Angul; 3 held



POST NEWS NETWORK

Angul, Feb 11: Angul police have busted an interstate robbery gang by arresting three anti-socials, officials said during a press conference at the town police station Monday evening.

The arrested were identified as Ganesh Das, 25, of Jhagadi village, Arjun, 19, of Gandapali village, and E Tarini, 41, of Bazar Sahi area under Aska police limits in Ganjam district.

Speaking to the media, SDPO Ramakant Mahalik and IIC Dhiraj Kumar Das said, "The gang had been targeting people in broad daylight in and around Angul town, often escaping police action."

The Angul SP had ordered formation of a dedicated team under the supervision of the SDPO and Town police station to track down the culprits. The team focused on cases (906/2023, 104/2024, and 16/2025) registered under Angul Town PS.

By establishing reliable sources in Aska and analysing CCTV footage, police identified two suspects and traced the shop where the stolen gold was being sold.

During the operation, police seized a white Bajaj Pulsar motorcycle, a gold locket (5.190 gram, 10.9 grams of gold ornaments, Rs 8,200 in cash, a Ganesh idol weighing 1.110 gram, with a gold locket, a gold chain (8.340 gram), a pair of gold earrings (3.820 grams), a gold-cutting machine, an electronic digital weighing machine, three mobile phones, a piece of kasoti stone (35.3 grams), a small gas cylinder used for melting gold and a bottle containing nitric acid.

During interrogation, the suspects confessed to have committed multiple robberies in different districts of Odisha. They further revealed that the stolen jewellery was sold to goldsmith E Tarini in Aska Hatasahi. The accused have been sent to court.

#### Two held in studio owner murder case

Jajpur/Jajpur Road: Police Tuesday arrested two persons in connection with the murder of Deepak Kumar Sahu, 23, a studio owner of Sobara under Jajpur Road police limits in Jajpur district, SP Yash Pratap Srimal said. The murder took place over a financial dispute between the victim and the accused youths. Tension escalated when Deepak slapped Sridhar near Chorda Chhak in Jajpur Road. Since then, Sridhar was in the lookout of an opportunity for identified as Sridhar Kabi, 23, of Sobara village and Biswa Ranjan Pattnayak of Puruna Bandhaguda village under Ramachandrapur police limits in Keonjhar district, police said.

#### **IPS probationer Sahu** takes charge as OIC



**Probationary IPS** officer Rakesh 📆 Kumar Sahu Tuesday took charge as the

Hatadihi block of Keonjhar district. from Bhadrak district. He will serve

## Hatadihi:

officer-in-charge (OIC) of Nandipada police station under

A 2023-batch IPS officer, Sahu hails in this position for three months. The previous OIC, Rabindra Patra, will now serve as an additional OIC at the police station.

## Pallishree Mela in Steel City a big hit

Rourkela, Feb 11: The Pallishree Mela, encompassing a handicraft exhibition and a food festival, was a grand success as an array of products from across the state were made available for visitors at one place.

Deputy CEO of ORMAS Keshab Jha said, "This year, we clocked a turnover of Rs 1.18 crore." Regarding handicrafts, he said, "Pallishree Mela comes under ORMAS where products belonging to the Handicrafts department are put up for

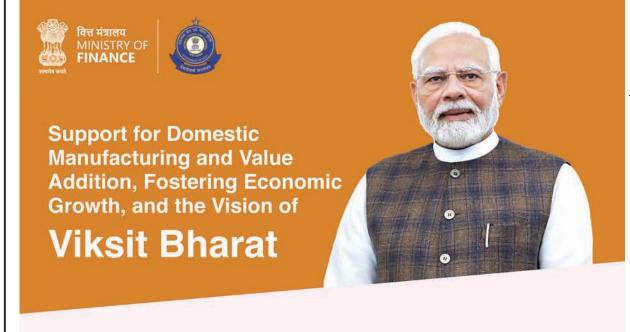
The food festival, organised by Rourkela Municipal Corporation, was also a big draw. Renu Menu, a well-known city-based restaurant owner, said, "It was a bumper sale for us right from day one. Apart from our staple chole bhature, we



sold non-veg dishes and momos, and the response was certainly beyond expectation."

Many customers were happy to see the famous dry fish from Chandbali and Koraput filter coffee that was beautifully packed, receiving good response. Even the turmeric and kala (black) rice came in well-designed packaging and caught customers' attention.

Artworks like printed paintings and simple canvas paintings also grabbed many eyeballs. "I saw those miniature paintings and printed paintings. I purchased a few for my home," said Akhaya Samal. Another painting aficionado added, "I bought both. What really surprised me was that artists from Koraput were adopting printed painting techniques." The artists reported brisk business.



#### **Critical Minerals:**

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#### Shipping:

Basic Customs Duty exemption on raw materials, components, and consumables for ship manufacturing extended for another decade, including for shipbreaking.

#### Telecommunication:

Basic Customs Duty reduced from 20% to 10% on carrier grade Ethernet switches to make it at par with non carrier grade Ethernet switches in order to prevent classification disputes.

#### **Lithium-Ion Batteries:**

35 additional capital goods for manufacture of lithium ion battery of electrically operated vehicles and 28 additional capital goods for manufacture of lithium ion battery of mobile phones exempted from Basic Customs Duty. This exemption will aid in enhancing domestic manufacturing capacity and support the green energy transition.





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### Trump's World Order

onald Trump seems to have started creating a new global order where might is right and the US, under his stewardship, can do and get away with whatever he desires. He has raised tariffs on aluminium and steel imports to which the EU says Trump's tariffs will trigger firm countermeasures; on the other side an Elon Musk led group makes a \$97 billion bid for the control of OpenAI; Trump says Hamas should free all hostages by midday Saturday or 'Let hell break out'; Trump loosens enforcement of a US law banning bribery of foreign officials.

His other latest assault is on the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the form of imposing sanctions on it. His last administration had also slapped sanctions on the ICC over its investigations into potential war crimes in Afghanistan, including by the US, and into the actions of Israeli forces. But his new executive order has gone even further as it attacks the fundamentals of the court endangering its functioning. The ICC has incurred the wrath of Trump this time for its actions against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu whom it has charged with war crimes for the killings of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza and issued an order to arrest him. When Trump used his clout to force Netanyahu to agree to a cease-fire deal prepared by the Joe Biden administration, it was believed he would not hesitate to act against Israel, if needed, to bring peace in the Middle East. But, soon after assuming presidency, he showed his true colours by proposing to take over Gaza in the name of rebuilding it and forcing the Palestinians to find new homes in Egypt and Jordan. Such large scale displacement of people has very few, if any at all, parallel in history. No wonder, Israel has hailed Trump's proposal for packing off Palestinians from Gaza to Egypt and Jordan.

What Trump has done to punish the ICC for trying to bring Netanyahu to book poses a threat to the international system of justice. In reality, the US never joined the ICC, fearing scrutiny of its own actions and those of its allies. Joe Biden made the US position hollow and hypocritical when he justified the arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin issued by the ICC, while attacking as "outrageous" the one issued for Netanyahu. Now what Trump is doing to undermine the ICC seems like transactional and coercion replacing diplomacy. He has already dismantled USAID, thereby showing to his people that he wants to protect the American tax payers' wealth. USAID is known as a shrewd, low-cost foreign policy tool. It cost less than 1% of the federal budget in the 2023 fiscal year – and many claim that much of the money went back to the US to enrich private enterprises and individuals. Similar to all UN organizations, USAID also immensely benefitted government officials in other countries who remained favourable to programs launched by the US. Now that USAID has been trashed, Trump has loosened US laws that were checks on bribing foreign officials. All these roundabout moves make absolute sense to whosoever takes the trouble to connect the dots.

Critics have always wondered how effective the ICC can really be in its work of bringing war criminals to justice, since the process has been slow, painful and often unsuccessful at the best of times. However, Trump's attack shows it is an unnecessary evil that he thinks can be done away with.

Now an argument against Trump's wishes will not hold water. Even if 79 parties to the global tribunal have said Trump's decision to sanction the ICC increases the "risk of impunity" for serious crimes.

In a joint statement these countries – about two-thirds of the court's total membership – affirmed support for the ICC and said that sanctions would weaken international law after Trump signed the executive order sanctioning the court for investigating Israel. Such measures, they said, threaten to erode the international rule of law, which is crucial for promoting global order and security. They were joined by dozens of other nations, including the UK, France, Germany, Canada, Brazil and Bangladesh.

The US had long projected itself as the guarantor of international order that promotes human rights and rule of law at great cost to the American people. The world now has to accept the challenge thrown by Trump. He may be seen as making the US inward looking while caring for the interests of American citizens. Should anyone complain about that, the answer is very simple: other nations have to prepare themselves to face a new world order

#### WISDOM CORNER

We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

#### THIS DAY **IN HISTORY**

- 1809: British naturalist Charles Darwin, who developed the theory of evolution by natural selection, was born.
- 1818: Chile's independence from Spain declared. Although the decisive victory over the Spanish did not come until April at the Battle of Maipú, Chile formally declared independence from Spain on this day in 1818, the first anniversary of Chile's victory at Chacabuco.
- **1851:** Gold was discovered in east-central New South Wales, sparking Australia's first gold rush.
- **1909:** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is founded in the U.S.. The NAACP is one of the oldest and most influential civil rights organizations in the United States.
- 1912: The last Emperor of China abdicates at the age of 6. Puvi was expelled from the Forbidden City after a military coup in 1924. He died on October 17, 1967 aged 61.
- 1924: George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premieres. The piece is among Gershwin's best-known compositions and one of the most popular pieces of the symphonic jazz genre.

DIPLOMACY

## **PUTTING TIES TO TEST**

ast time Donald Trump was president, ties between the United States and India flourished. But the bilateral relationship began to fray during Joe Biden's presidency, owing not least to divisions over the Ukraine war. Will Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's latest meeting with Trump at the White House mark the first step toward restoring this critical relationship?

Trump has made no secret of his conviction that personal bonds between leaders can underpin stronger bilateral relationships. And he and Modi certainly share an affinity: both are nationalist politicians who love little more than to please a roaring crowd with elaborate theatrics. In September 2019, the two came together for a public rally in Houston, attended by 50,000 Indian-Americans and several US legislators. The following February, Trump addressed more than 100,000 people in Ahmedabad. "America loves India," he declared. "America respects India, and America will always be faithful and loyal friends [sic] to the Indian people.

US-India relations took a turn for the worse after Russia's fullscale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The Biden administration mobilized America's allies and partners to join its campaign to punish Russia - and, ideally, compel it to change its behavior. But far from joining this effort, India stayed neutral and seized the opportunity to secure cheap Russian oil. There were other points of contention, as well. The Biden administration sought to weaken Myanmar's military junta by imposing stringent sanctions on the country and sending "non-lethal aid" to rebel groups - a policy that has contributed to instability in India's border state of Manipur. Biden also coddled Pakistan's military-backed regime, including by approving a \$450 million deal in 2022 to upgrade the country's fleet of F-16 fighter jets. Similarly, Biden welcomed the interim



**Far from standing up to Trump, Modi has** preemptively slashed tariffs on US imports, hoping that this would keep India out of 'Tariff Man's' sights

government that Bangladesh's military installed following the overthrow of the country's India-friendly government last August. Bangladesh's rapid descent into lawlessness and Islamist violence since then has raised serious security risks for India, which is already home to millions of illegally settled Bangladeshis

America's approach to Sikh separatist leaders on its soil has also raised India's hackles. Under the Biden administration, the US carried out a criminal investigation into India's alleged involvement in supposed assassination plots against Sikh militants in the US and Canada. Last September, just days before Biden met with Modi in Delaware, senior White House and US intelligence officials met with Sikh separatists to assure them that they would be protected from "transnational repression." The following month, the US charged a former Indian intelligence officer in an alleged failed plot to kill a New Yorkbased Sikh militant, who is on India's most-wanted list.

Against this backdrop, it is easy to see why Trump's victory in last November's presidential election raised hopes in India for a reset in bilateral relations. It helps that Trump has repeatedly pledged to negotiate a quick conclusion to the Ukraine war, meaning that India's choice not to pick a side in that conflict would no longer matter.

A few weeks into Trump's second presidency, however, there are reasons to doubt this rosy scenario. So far, Trump has done nothing to spare India from his frenetic push to implement his campaign promises, from raising tariffs to deporting undocumented immigrants. When the Trump administration sent more than 100 Indian nationals back to India on a military aircraft - a 40-hour ordeal - their hands and feet were shackled. Modi said nothing.

In fact, far from standing up to Trump, Modi has preemptively slashed tariffs on US imports, hoping that this would keep India out of 'Tariff Man's' sights. But a dissatisfied Trump, who has called India a "very big abuser" of tariffs, has not spared India from his steel and aluminum levies. He wants India to wipe out its \$35 billion bilateral trade surplus, by buying more oil and petroleum products, and more weapons, from the US.

India is the world's third-largest primary energy consumer, after China and the US, and the largest source of oil demand growth. That makes the country a highly attractive market for a US administration that is committed to increasing domestic oil and gas production. It also means that Trump's commitment to pushing down oil prices, including by applying pressure on OPEC leader Saudi Arabia.

would benefit India's economy.

But Trump has never been particularly concerned about ensuring that his trade agreements are mutually beneficial. Regarding India, his plan may well be to use the threat of tariffs to compel Modi's government to accept the trade deal of his choosing. That is what he did to Japan during his first presidency. He also tried to do it to India, but failed, so he stripped India of its special trade status instead, prompting India to impose retaliatory tariffs on some US products.

If Trump ends up slapping more tariffs on India, the Indian economy could slow, at least marginally. More broadly, Trump's "America First" trade agenda – which clashes with Modi's "Make in India" initiative - threatens to undermine India's status as the world's "back office," providing extensive IT and business

services to US companies. Where trade is concerned, Trump treats friends and foes alike. But it matters that India is a friend - and Trump should want to keep it that way. The US-India strategic partnership helps advance the two countries' shared interests in the Indo-Pacific region, the world's emerging economic and geopolitical hub, including strengthening maritime security and supporting a stable balance of power.

As Trump and Modi build on their rapport, both should recognise that India is America's most important partner in countering China's hegemonic ambitions. It is thus in both countries' interest to restore and deepen the bilateral relationship, including by strengthening collaboration on critical and emerging technologies, from artificial intelligence to biotechnology. Warm personal relations are an added bonus.

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## India's population boom extends to tigers



Melvin Durai

**SOMEHOW HUMANS AND TIGERS ARE GETTING ALONG QUITE WELL, WITH FEWER CONFLICTS THAN REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS IN AMERICA** 

hen it comes to populatry in the world can match India. Not only is India No. 1 in the world at increasing its human population, it's also No. 1 at increasing its tiger population. And somehow the humans and tigers are getting along quite well, with fewer conflicts than Republicans and Democrats in America.

A study published recently in the journal Science revealed that India now has about 3,700 tigers, equal to 75% of the world's wild tiger population. The population of tigers in India more than doubled from 2010 to 2022. How did wildlife conservationists manage to get tigers to produce cubs at such a high rate? Here are three theories:

They created watering holes in the forests where male tigers could meet female tigers. They sent aunties from

nearby villages into forests to do some tiger matchmaking.

They rewarded tigers who had produced cubs with visits from their favorite actor, Tiger Shroff.

No, of course they didn't do tion growth, no counany of that. Getting tigers to produce offspring isn't really the problem — it's keeping tigers alive, especially when humans are around. India's success, according to the study's authors, can be attributed to ecological restoration, economic initiatives, and political stability, as well as a reverence for tigers that has allowed humans to coexist with them.

> "The common belief is that human densities preclude an increase in tiger populations, Yadvendradev Jhala, a senior scientist at Bangalore-based Indian National Academy of Sciences and the study's lead author, told the Associated Press. "What the research shows is that it's not the human density, but the attitude of people, which matters more."

As part of its tiger conservation strategy, India doesn't just limit tigers to strictly protected reserves. It also allows them to roam in areas occupied by humans. According to the study, 45% of India's tiger-occupied landscapes are

shared with around 60 million 4% of India's population can be described as "very brave."

According to Ninad Mungi, assistant professor at Aarhus University in Denmark and co-author of the study, the advantage of this strategy is that the reserves "act as a source of tigers for surrounding areas. And if coexistence no longer works, the reserves provide a fallback option — ensuring that tigers are not at risk of extinction.'

This is a really good arrangement for the tigers. Just picture Mother Tiger and Teen Tiger on a Friday night. Teen Tiger: "I'm heading

out for a little fun, Mom. See you later.' Mother Tiger: "Where are

you going?" Teen Tiger: "Getting togeth-

er with a friend and then going to the village to frighten some humans.

Mother Tiger: "Young tigers have all the fun! I wish I could join you. But please be careful. Some of those humans might be dangerous.

Teen Tiger: "Don't worry, Mom. If we sense any danger, we'll come running back to the

While I would find it scary to live near tigers, the study says that it's rare for tigers to attack humans. Only about 100 deaths each year can be blamed on tigers in India (not including the old man who suffered a heart attack during a Tiger Shroff movie).

If a tiger kills a person, the family of the victim receives financial compensation from the government, Mungi said. Farmers are also compensated if their cows are attacked. That's part of the economic initiatives to maintain the coexistence of tigers and humans.

"Without community support and participation and community benefits, conservation is not possible in our country," Jhala said.

If the rest of the world can learn from India, maybe more people will be lucky enough to spot tigers in their neighborhoods and save themselves the price of admission at the zoo.

TO THE EDITOR

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Aiming for tech supremacy

Sir, This refers to "Modi arrives in France to attend AI summit," Orissa POST, Feb 11. The Paris Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit, co-chaired by PM Narendra Modi, comes at a fresh inflection point. Establishing the rules of the game has assumed centrestage as China's budget-friendly DeepSeek foundational model shakes up international competition. AI cannot be the Wild West, French President Emmanuel Macron has said, voicing the need to chart out a collaborative governance template. The summit aims to address how to harness AI's potential so that it benefits everyone, while containing its myriad risks. In actuality, the geopolitics around AI will be on full display as the US dominance shows cracks in the battle for tech supremacy. It will be a test of skills for world leaders, industry honchos and experts to arrive at a broad consensus on guiding the development of the rapidly advancing technology. The Paris agenda also aims for a more ethical, democratic and environmentally sustainable AI. These may seem to be wishful objectives on the face of it, but are significant nevertheless. The future of work, inclusivity, public service AI, innovation and culture, trust in AI — widening the scope and persisting with issues of concern only increase the odds of finding solutions.

Sir, This refers to "How can convicted persons return to make laws, SC asks, Orissa POST, Feb 11. The country expects a lawmaker to be honest and a man of integrity. The entry of convicted persons into politics needs to be restricted whether for lifetime or for the duration as prescribed under the existing law. However, with the accentuation of political rivalry, the court has to be doubly sure whether or not the accusations against an MP or MLA leading to his/her conviction were politically motivated. Only in case of proven moral turpitude the re-entry into politics should be banned forever. In any case maintaining political sanctity is the need of the hour.

Maintain political sanctity

N Sadhasiva Reddy, BANGALORE

Arun Gupta, KOLKATA



## TWO STATES





## **Reformative approach for** youth offenders: Bombay HC

The court said every opportunity or risk should be taken constructively in cases involving young offenders so that they get a chance to become good citizens in society

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Feb 11: The courts must adopt a reformative approach in cases involving young offenders, the Bombay High Court observed while granting bail to a 20-year-old man accused of sexually assaulting his cousin. A single bench of Justice

Milind Jadhav said that punishment in cases where the accused is a youth has to be inflicted for a reformative result rather than being punitive. The court said every oppor-

tunity or risk should be taken constructively in cases involving young offenders so that they get a chance to become good citizens in society The bench February 7 grant-

ed bail to a man accused of sexually assaulting his minor cousin on three occasions between April and May 2023.

The abuse came to light when the girl got pregnant and informed her friend's mother in August 2023, following which a case was then registered, and the youth was arrested.

The high court, in its order, said considering the accused's age, any further incarceration would amount to giving him punishment before conviction. It further said that the ac-

Maha govt plans Umed

Mumbai: The Maharashtra government, in a bid to provide

a dedicated marketplace for self-help groups (SHGs) across

districts especially when the 'Mahalakshmi Saras' initiative

the state, proposes to set up 10 experimental malls in 10

has gained immense popularity. Gradually, 'UMED Malls'

will be established across the entire state. Additionally,

the government aims to create one crore 'Lakhpati Didis'

in the future. Currently, there are 18 lakh Lakhpati Didis in

the state, and by March, this number will be increased to

25 lakh, announced Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. He

was speaking at the inauguration of the "Mahalakshmi

Saras Exhibition & Sales 2025" organised by the UMED -

the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

UMED is an independent society launched in July 2011 to

running for 21 years. He acknowledged the remarkable

platform for women SHGs to market their products.

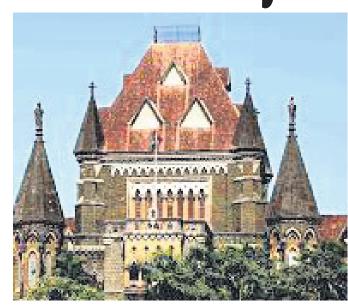
implement the National Rural Livelihoods Mission. Fadnavis

highlighted that 'Mahalakshmi Saras' has been successfully

progress of the UMED initiative, which has provided a strong

Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM) under

malls at district level



cused's family would undoubtedly do their duty to make every effort and attempt to reform and aid him in leading a reformed life.

The court said punishment has to be inflicted for a reformative result rather than being

Justice Jadhav observed that the reform and rehabilitation of the undertrial accused needs to be considered while deciding on the bail plea, especially when the accused is young.

"...this is so that the accused gets an opportunity or is given an opportunity to reform, rehabilitate and earn his livelihood honourably from the perspective of social integration," the

The bench noted that in the present case if the accused is incarcerated any further, there is every possibility that he might lose faith in the institution and

society at large and may tread the path of criminality or waste his life.

"Incarceration in prison statistically shows that it exposes many youth to abuse. There are several harms of incarceration, which are inflicted disproportionately on the youth. This is the reason why Court feels that any / every semblance of a chance towards a reformative approach in punishment should be adopted, especially in the case of young offenders," it held. The bench said any further incarceration of the accused in the present case, considering his young age, was likely to worsen his likelihood of success in every sphere of society and would expose him to abuse.

The court, while granting him bail, said there was a thin, rather faint line between punitive and reformative approaches.

#### India's first women's scuba diving team launched in Kerala

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 11: Kerala has launched the country's first women's scuba diving team through the state's Fire Department, which Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan Tuesday described as a significant step towards women's empowerment and progress in the state.

Vijayan stated that women are reaching the forefront in every field in Kerala due to government schemes aimed at ensuring gender justice.

In a Facebook post, the chief minister further noted that the government has implemented several initiatives to increase the presence and participation of women in sectors that were traditionally inaccessible to them.

The 17-member team was selected from 100 women fire and rescue officers appointed by the Fire Department in 2024, which was a historic achievement in itself. The team was trained at the Water Safety Expert Training Center under the Kerala Fire and Rescue Services, with the aim of making rescue operations in water-related accidents more efficient, he said in his post.

"Kerala continues to lead in gender justice, with women excelling across sectors. The launch of India's first all-women scuba diving rescue team under the Fire and Rescue Department marks another proud step towards a more progressive and inclusive future. This historic achievement will pave the way for many more," the chief minister wrote.



Tender No. MCSW-FR-CCTV-24-25-28

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Tender Closing Date and Time

At 1500 Hrs. of 04.03.2025.

#### **HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICT**

## KERALA GOVT TAKING ALL STEPS: FOREST MINISTER

The minister informed the state Assembly that steps are already underway to implement a

multi-pronged strategy— Mission Food, Fodder, and Water—to find a

permanent solution to the wildlife menace by ensuring adequate food and water for them within the forest region itself

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 11: With reports of wild animal attacks pouring in from various parts of the state, Kerala Forest Minister AK Saseendran said Tuesday the government is taking all possible and effective measures to prevent the animals from entering human-inhabited areas.

The minister noted it is still unclear when the issue will be

He stated that bringing the entire forest area in the highrange sector under camera surveillance is not practical, as manpower is also required to monitor the movement of wild animals in deep forests.

The minister informed the state Assembly that steps are already underway to implement a multi-pronged strategy—Mission Food, Fodder, and Waterto find a permanent solution to the wildlife menace by ensuring adequate food and water for them within the forest region itself. Saseendran was replying to a question by Mannarcaud MLA AN Shamsuddin regard-

The UDF legislator mentioned in the House the tragic death of a tribal woman in a tiger attack last month when she had gone to pluck coffee beans in Wayanad. He questioned why the forest department had failed to detect the presence of the tiger in the forest fringe area despite the installation of surveillance cameras

ing the increasing wildlife at-

tack menace in the state.

He also accused the government of trivialising the issue of human-animal conflict and giving repetitive responses.

Saseendran, however, rejected the opposition MLA's allegations and said the "trivializing"

remark was "regrettable."

"We cannot bring the entire forest area under camera surveillance because there is green cover beneath the cameras, and wild animals move through the undergrowth below. Their movements can be tracked by monitoring these areas using manpower," he explained.

Saseendran cited various fac tors-including climate change wildfires, waste deposition food and water scarcity within forests, illegal tourism activities, and agricultural practices in fringe regions—as reasons for wild animals straying into human settlements.

"The government is making effective interventions to pro tect people living in the high ranges of the state from wild animal attacks," he said.

He also assured stringent action against wildlife offi cials who fail to take timely decisions and measures to curb human-animal conflicts.



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interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost

**Authorized Officer** 

#### Kerala Speaker pulls up Excise Minister for breaking House protocol

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Excise Minister MB Rajesh Tuesday received a "warning" from Assembly Speaker AN Shamseer in the House for responding to an Opposition question without seeking the Chair's permission. The Speaker stated that, despite being a minister, Rajesh would be denied the microphone if he repeated the same mistake. The warning came during a House discussion on 'drug abuse'. While the minister was detailing various to combat the contraband menace, Congress legislator Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan stood

government initiatives up and emphasised the importance of breaking the drug consumer chain to eradicate the problem completely. Rajesh, who is also a former Assembly Speaker, abruptly sat down to listen to the Opposition legislator and later responded to him without seeking the Speaker's permission, which is mandatory as per the rules and procedures of the

#### **™UCO BANK** ZONAL OFFICE: BHUBANESWAR CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the "Possession Notice" published in "The Orissa Post" on 04.02.2025, the Branch Name mentioned for Borrowers: 1) Mr Pramod Kumar Lenka, 2) M/s Saila Traders and Swadhin Barik should be read as "Collectorate Branch" instead of "Bajrakbati Branch". All other facts remain unchanged.
Dt.11.02.2025 / Authorised Officer

#### EAST COAST RAILWAY e-Tender Notice No. ETELCONBBST-363E, Dated: 01.02.2025

NAME OF WORK: SUPPLY OF GALVANIZED HOLDING DOWN BOLTS INCLUDING GROUTING OF BRIDGE MASTS WITH ALL ACCESSORIES IN 3RD LINE BETWEEN RANITAL JUNCTION CABIN (RLJC) TO JAKHAPURA (JKPR) IN KHURDA ROAD DIVISION OF EAST

Approx. Cost of the Work: ₹ 35.75 Period of the Work: 12 Months. Tender Closing Date & Time : At 1500

No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and eceived in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any Complete information including e-tender

ornplete information including e-tender occuments of the above e-tender is vailable in website: www.ireps.gov.in Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 15 (Fifteen) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers/bidders ust have Class-III Digital Signature ertificate and must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tendere oidder can participate on e-tendering

The tenderers should read all instructions to the tenderers carefully and ensure liance of all instructions including check lists, para 3.1 (check-list) of tender form (second sheet) Annexure-I of chapter 2 of B, G and G1 duly verified and signed by

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Con-III)

#### FORM NO. NCLT. 3A ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION [see rule 35]

IN THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CUTTACK BENCH AT CUTTACK C.P. (CAA) No.1/CB/2025

**Connected with** C.A. (CAA) No.5/CB/2024

IN THE MATTER OF:

An application under Sections 230 and 232 of the said Act;

AND IN THE MATTER OF:

Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016

AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Mahesh Infrastructures Private Limited (CIN:U45201OR2007PTC009431), company incorporated under the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Danagadi, Jajpur, Odisha-755026

> ......Demerged Company AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

MIPL Hotel & Restaurant Private Limited (CIN: U55209OR2022PTC039367), a company incorporated under the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, 2013, having its registered office at Satabansia, Miltary Chhaka Danagadi, Jajpur Road, Jajpur, Odisha-755026

..... Resulting Company .....Petitioners

#### NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Section 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanction of Scheme of Arrangement for Demerger between Mahesh Infrastructures Private Limited (The Demerged Company) and MIPL Hotel & Restaurant Private Limited(The Resulting Company) was presented by the Petitioners on the 24day of January 2024, and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Cuttack Bench on the 28th day of February 2025. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner's advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where any person seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated:11/02/2025 Sd./-Shaswat Kumar Rout Place: Bhubaneswar (Advocate for Petitioners) Plot No. 687 K-3B, Kalinga Nagar Ghatikia, Bhubaneswar-751029 Phone:7008802134

#### Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Complete information including e-Tender documents and corrigendum is available in website www.ireps.gov.in PR-967/P/24-25 CRW/Mancheswar Date: 10.02.2025

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Regd. Office: A-54/1 & A-55/1, Dinalipi Bhawan, Baramunda, Bhubaneswar-751003 Email: suryofoods.industries@gmail.com, web site: www.suryofoods.com, CIN - L05004OR1989PLC002264 Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine months ended 31st December, 2024

(Rs. In 'Thousands', except EPS) Nine Month Ended Quarter Ended **Ended** SI. **Particulars** No. 31.12.2024 30.09.2024 31.12.2023 31.12.2024 31.12.2023 31.03.2024 (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Audited) 2,995 Total Income 864 1.036 2,507 15,813 Net Profit / (Loss) (before Tax (79)171 1,573 (66)12,576 14,114 Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) Net Profit / (Loss) before Tax (after (79)171 1,573 (66)12,576 14,114 Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) Net Profit / (Loss) after Tax (after (79)171 1,573 (66)12,576 11,314 Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) Comprehensive Income [Comprising Profit / (Loss) after tax and (79)171 1,573 (66)12,576 11,314 Other Comprehensive Income after tax] Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 39,600 39,600 39,600 39,600 39,600 39,600 10/- each) (Excluding Reserves Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of P. Y. Earnings per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (0.02)0.04 0.40 (0.02)3.18 2.86 Basic & Diluted (Rs.)

#### Note:

a) The above Unaudited financial results of the Company for the Quarter and Nine months ended 31st December, 2024 have been reviewed and recommended by the audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in their respective board meetings held on 11th February, 2025. These results are being published in accordance with Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine month ended 31st December, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine months ended 31st December, 2024, are available on the website of the Stock Exchanges - www.bseindia.com and on the website of the Company - www.suryofoods.com.

> For Suryo Foods & Industries Limited Sd./-

Aditya Dash Director





Place: Bhubaneswar

Date: 11th February, 2025



























#### **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**

#### **FOREST, ENVIRONMENT &** CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

No. FE-DIV-FLD-0087-2022-2352/FE&CC, Bhubaneswar, dated the 27.01.25 10F (Cons) 381/2015

#### ORDER

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite Mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur District, Odisha-(Online Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/11934/2015).

WHEREAS, M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd., At/Po-Kaliapani, Dist-Jajpur had applied proposal for diversion of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite Mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur District, Odisha.

And whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), Government of India, New Delhi had accorded 'Stage-I' approval for diversion of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam Forest Land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite Mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha, subject to fulfilment of the conditions as laid down therein vide letter F. No.8-14/2016- FC dtd.18.11.2016 (Annexure-IA). Further, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), Government of India, New Delhi vide their Letter dtd.25.07.2017 have granted for deletion of condition No.(ix) & (x) of para 2 and inclusion of two conditions in Stage- I Clearance Letter dtd.18.11.2016 (Annexure-IB).

And whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), Government of India, New Delhi in consideration of the compliance of the conditions of the 'Stage-I' approval, have granted "Final approval" under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite Mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur District, Odisha, subject to fulfilment of the conditions as stipulated therein vide letter F. No.8-14/2016-FC dtd.22.01.2025 (Annexure-IIA) & issued subsequent Corrigendum thereon dtd.24.01.2025 (Annexure-IIB).

Now, therefore, the Government of Odisha, do hereby allow non-forestry use of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite Mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys (v) Ltd in Jajpur District, Odisha, as per approved land schedule.

The Collector, Jaipur & Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division, as the case may be are hereby authorized to handover the forest land coming within their jurisdiction, as has been finally diverted after necessary compliance following due procedure of law. Before handing over the diverted forest land to the user agency, it shall be ensured that Net Present Value of the forest land for this project for which approval has been obtained shall be deposited in full, at applicable rates. The Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division and Divisional Forest Officer,

Balasore (Wildlife) Division are directed to monitor compliance to the conditions stipulated for such diversion in the respective forest/ wildlife clearance order and to report violations, if any, to the Nodal Officer, O/o Principal Chief Conservator, Forests & HOFF, Odisha and to the Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department.

Execution of project activities will be subject to availability of all other statutory clearances required under relevant Acts/ Rules for this project, deposit of requisite funds and compliance of Court's order, if any,

#### By order of the Governor (Lingaraj Otta)

#### OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government Memo No.2353/ FE&CC Date 27.01.25

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator (ix) of Forests & HOFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary follow up action

Appropriate instruction to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division, Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore (Wildlife) Division and user agency may be imparted for required follow up action at their end. It may be ensured by the Divisional Forest  $\stackrel{{
m (XI)}}{}$ Officer, Cuttack Forest Division that Net Present Value of the forest land involved in this project of the user agency is deposited by them in appropriate head in full, at applicable rates. The user agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest/ wildlife clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division and Divisional Forest Officer, (Wildlife) Division for facilitating monitoring of compliances.

#### Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government Memo No.2354/FE&CC Date 27.01.25

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Asst. Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi, Pin-110003/ Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, Government of India, Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, (Xiii) Bhubaneswar--23 for kind information and necessary follow up action in compliance to the order of Hon'ble NGT dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.07/2012 communicated by the MOEF, Government of India vide their letter F. No.7-23/2012- FC dtd.24.07.2013.

#### Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government (XiV)

Memo No.2355/ FE&CC Date 27.01.25 Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Addl. Principal Chief Conservator (xvi) of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), 0/0 PCCF & HOFF, Odisha for information and necessary

#### Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government (XVII)

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle/Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Baripada Circle / Divisional Forest Officer Cuttack Forest Division/Divisional Forest Officer Balasore (Wildlife) Division for information and immediate necessary compliance.

Memo No.2356/ FE&CC Date 27.01.25

It may be ensured by the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division that Net Present Value of the forest land involved in this project of the user agency shall be deposited by them in full, at applicable rates in appropriate head before handing over of the forest land to the user agency. Besides, funds, if any, due to be deposited by the user agency for this project shall also be deposited by the project proponent before the forest land is handed over to them. The user agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest/ wildlife clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division and Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(Wildlife) Division for facilitating monitoring of compliances by them.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division and Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore (Wildlife) Division are also instructed to ensure that the directions given to the (xx) user agency are executed immediately.

#### Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government (xxi)Memo No.2357/ FE&CC Date 27.01.25

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Steel & Mines Department/ Revenue & DM, Department/ Collector, Jajpur/Collector, Balasore for information and necessary follow up action

#### Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

#### Memo No.2358/ FE&CC Date 27.01.25 Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd, At/Po-

Kaliapani, Dist-Jajpur for information and immediate necessary action.

The user agency is asked to take following actions immediately as per orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.07/2012 communicated by (a) the MoEF, Government of India vide their letter F. No.7-23/2012-FC dtd.24.07.2013. They shall publish the entire forest clearance granted in verbatim along with

- conditions and safeguards imposed by the Central Government in Stage-I/II forest clearance in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular (b) language and the other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the Project for use of forest land for non-forest purposes
- They shall submit the copies of forest clearance orders granted by the Central Government/State Government to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and (d) Municipal bodies along with the relevant offices of the State Government, who in turn, shall display the same for 30 days from date of receipt.
- Detailed action taken in compliance to the above order of State Government (e) shall be intimated to the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division/DFO, Balasore (Wildlife) Division / RCCF, Angul Circle/ RCCF, Baripada Circle /PCCF & HOFF, Odisha/ (XXVI) Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for reference. Besides the above, the user agency is also asked to deposit Net Present Value of

forest land for this project in full, if not deposited yet, at applicable rates. Requisite funds due for deposit by the user agency on account of this project shall also be deposited under appropriate head.

The user agency shall furnish compliances to the conditions prescribed in the forest/ wildlife clearance order to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division and Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore (Wildlife) Division in every quarter, for the purpose of

#### Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

#### Memo No.2359/ FE&CC Date 27.01.25 Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Head, State Portal, I.T.

monitoring by them.

Centre, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to upload this order along with its enclosures in the website of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department immediately for information of all concerned. This is required in compliance to order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.7/2012. Hence this may be done unfailingly. Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

#### Memo No.2360/ FE&CC Date 27.01.25

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Office Establishment Section, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No.12939/ F&E dtd.16.07.2016

Sd./- OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

#### F.NO. 8-14/2016-FC **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

### **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**

(Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003. Dated: 18 November, 2016

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha,

Sub: Diversion of 64 119 ha, of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25 10 1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha. for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha.

lam directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. No. 10F (Cons) 381/2015-12027 /F&E. Bhubaneshwar, dated 29.06.16 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act. 2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Odisha

and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby agrees to accord Stage-Lapproval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of 64.119 ha. of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha. for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha subject to the following conditions:

- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged; Compensatory afforestation over the non-forest land equal in extent to the forest
- land being diverted shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency within three years of Stage-II Clearance:
- The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale;
- The non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance: The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be

notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-20

of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest

- Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report compliance in this regard; The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc Campa of the concerned State through online portal. The
- scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years; The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil)
- No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned; At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV,
- if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; The User agency shall pay NPV at the rate 20 per cent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has commenced;
- User agency shall raise penal CA equivalent to the land utilised in violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980;
- Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area [7.5 meters strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area as recommended by the state govt.] shall be done within three year at the project cost from the issue of Stage-Il Clearance. Besides this afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected be done at the project cost; The degraded forest land (DFL) so selected will be informed to the MOEF & CC with shape files and afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance;
- Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co- terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there- under: Any fund received from the user agency under the project and deposited in the
- State Forest Department account, except the funds realized for regeneration/ demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned; The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of
- the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- No labour camp shall be established on the forest land:
- The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby
  - The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number. distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates:
  - The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual cated in the concurrent executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.
  - The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the
- The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government:
- No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- The user agency will abide by the applicable recommendations of the State (xxiv) Government;
- Following activities, as per approved plan / schemes, shall be undertaken by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department
- Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;
- Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme; Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance
- with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28o; and No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top
- soil management plan. The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,
- 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof; (xxvii) User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake
- gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m, from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MOEF &CC before Stage-II Clearance; (xxviii) The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due b
- care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being 3. executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests a (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.
- (xxix) The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so

- as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF& CC before Stage-II approval;
- The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;
- (xxxi) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of
- forests & wildlife; and (xxxii) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations Guidelines &Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time
- being in force, as applicable to the project 3. After receipt of the report on compliance to the conditions stipulated in the paragraph-2 above from the State Government of Odisha, final/ stage-II approval for diversion of the said forest under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be issued by this Ministry. Transfer of to the said forest land to the user agency shall not be affected by the State

Government of Odisha till final/stage-II approval for its diversion is issued by this Ministry

#### Yours faithfully Sd./- (Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

#### Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar, 2 The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. 3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar. 4. User Agency. 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi. 6. Guard File. Sd./- (Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC) F.NO. 8-14/2016-FC

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** 

### Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003. Dated: 25th July, 2017

#### The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha

Sub: Diversion of 64.119 ha. of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha. for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha.

I am, directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 10F(Cons)381/2015- . 20394/F&E dated 05.11.2016 requesting to modify the following conditions No. (ix) & (x) of para 2 of Inprincipal approval/Stage-I Clearance dated 18.11.2016 for penal charges in connection with diversion of 64.119 ha. of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64,463 ha, for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha:

(i) The User agency shall pay NPV at the rate 20 percent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has commenced.

(ii) User agency shall raise penal CA equivalent to the land utilised in violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government for modification of above stated conditions of Stage-I approval dated 18.11.2016 and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 25.04.2017 and acceptance of the same by the competent authority, the approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby granted for deletion of condition No. (ix) & (x) of para 2 and inclusion of the following conditions in Stage-I Clearance letter of even No. dated 18.11.2016 for penal charges

(i) A committee under that chairmanship of Sh.Tejender Singh PCCF, Regional Office, elsewhere measuring one & a half times the area under safety zone shall also Bhopal with members Sh.Kanwarjeet Singh APPCCF RO Nagpur, Sh Reddy APCCP RO Chennai .Sh Saniay Deshmukh Member FAC and Sh Deepak Kumar Sinha IG (FC) MoEF&CC is formed to decide a policy frame work and quantum of penalty to be imposed in deliberate and unavoidable violations of provisions of FCA 1980.

- (ii) Since the User agency has violated the provisions of FC Act and Rules made thereof, the quantum of penalty shall be imposed and realised as per the recommendations of the committee, constituted for this purpose by the FAC and accepted by the competent authority in the ministry.
- 3. The remaining conditions as stipulated in Stage-I Clearance letter of even No. dated 18.11.2016 remain the same.
- After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned at para (2) and (3) above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980.

Yours faithfully Sd./- (Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. 2 The Nodal Officer. Office of the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. 3. The Addl PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar. 4. User Agency, 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, 6. Guard file.

> Sd./- (Sandeep Sharma) Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

#### **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**

(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003. Dated: 22-01-2025

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha.

Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur district, Odisha-(Online proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/11934/2015).

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No 0F (Cons) 381/2015-12027/ F&E dated 29.06.2016 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee, constituted under Section-3 of the said Adhiniyam, 'in-principle' approval to the proposal under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 18.11.2016 read with the letter dated 25.07.2017 and temporary working permission granted vide letter dated 04.12.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval and temporary working permission granted on 04.12.2023 and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. 24978/9F (MG)-359/2016 dated 08.12.2022 and vide letter No. 1459/9F (MG) -359/2016 dated 18.01.2025, 'final approval' of the Central Government is hereby granted Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur district, Odisha., subject to following conditions:

- Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged; Compensatory Afforestation:
- The State Government shall ensure that compensatory afforestation over the 63.949 ha of non-forest land which has already been notified as "Rahadpur Protected Forest", vide Notification No. 19893/ FE & CC dated 07.11.2022, under Section 33 of Odisha Forest Act, 1972 shall be raised within two years from the date of issue of final approval. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department. The CA will be maintained at least for 10 years;
- ha of non-forest land identified in village Balgopalpur under RemunaTahasil of Balasore District and already notified as "Rahadpur Protected Forest", vide Notification No.FE-DIVFLD- 0087-2022(10F) (Cons)-381/2015-1500/FE&CC dated 15.01.2025, under Section 33 of Odisha Forest Act, 1972 shall be raised within two years from the date of issue of final approval. Net Present Value:

The State Government shall ensure that penal compensatory afforestation over 7,4703

- The State Government has realized the NPV of the forest area diverted under this
- proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and guidelines issued by this Ministry in this regard. Additional NPV if becomes due as per final order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, shall be paid by the User Agency; b. The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India



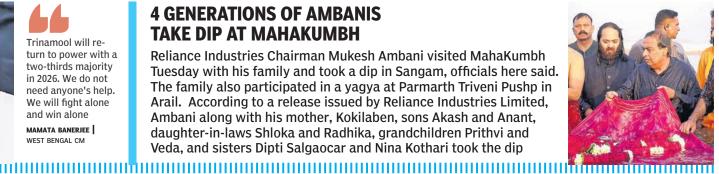
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#### **4 GENERATIONS OF AMBANIS** TAKE DIP AT MAHAKUMBH

Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani visited MahaKumbh Tuesday with his family and took a dip in Sangam, officials here said. The family also participated in a yagya at Parmarth Triveni Pushp in Arail. According to a release issued by Reliance Industries Limited, Ambani along with his mother, Kokilaben, sons Akash and Anant, daughter-in-laws Shloka and Radhika, grandchildren Prithvi and Veda, and sisters Dipti Salgaocar and Nina Kothari took the dip



#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### MP: 9 killed in 2 road accidents

Jabalpur/Maihar: Nine persons returning from Maha Kumbh mela in Pravagrai were killed and seven others injured in two road accidents in Madhva Pradesh's Jabalpur and Maihar districts Tuesday morning, officials said. In Jabalpur, a truck carrying cement collided with a mini-bus at around 8.30 am near Sihora town, killing seven occupants of the passenger vehicle returning to Telangana.

#### NEET aspirant found hanging in Kota

Kota: An 18-year-old NEET aspirant from Swai Madhopur district hanged himself in his PG room early Tuesday, police said. The youth, Ankush Meena, did not leave behind any message. Police, surmised he killed himself over a love affair. According to police, Ankush had been preparing for (NEET-UG) in Kota for over one and a half years and living in a PG room.

#### Man dies in wild elephant attack

Wavanad (Kerala): A 45-yearold man died in a wild elephant attack in a forest fringe area on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border in this district, police said Tuesday. The victim has been identified as Manu, who hailed from a tribal hamlet in Tamil Nadu. The incident led to protests by locals of the area Tuesday, who alleged that they were unable to step out of their homes for fear of being attacked by wild animals, including elephants. Some local residents said they depend on a small water body nearby for their needs.

## Mann rules out dissent as **Punjab MLAs meet Kejriwal**

New Delhi, Feb 11: Puniab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann Tuesday dismissed speculation of dissent within AAP's state unit, asserting that Congress leaders have a history of switching parties while AAP leaders remain dedicated.

Mann's remarks came after Punjab Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa claimed that over 30 AAP MLAs were in touch with his party.

"Switching sides is Congress' culture," Mann said while addressing media after attending a meeting of Punjab ministers and MLAs with AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal at Kapurthala House in New Delhi.

"They (Congress) talk about others but do not worry about themselves. I will ask Pratap Singh Bajwa how many MLAs they have in Delhi," the Punjab CM charged.

"Bajwa has made such claims for years, let him say it... He should not count our MLAs and instead, see how many MLAs Congress has in Delhi." he said. The meeting comes days after AAP's major defeat in the Delhi Assembly elections, sparking speculation about instability in its Punjab unit.

Mann reiterated the unity within AAP, saying, "He (Bajwa) has made such claims earlier as well that 20 or 40 MLAs are in touch with him. Let them say it... We have formed this party with our sweat and blood, by going among people in the villages and towns in the state." Meanwhile, AAP's Rajya



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Sabha MP Swati Maliwal took a dig at Kejriwal and said, "Some people have started treating Punjab as their personal ATM. Today, massive corruption is rampant in Punjab."

"There is blatant sand mining at different places, corruption is there in transfer postings. People of Punjab and several MLAs are angry on this. Arvind Kejriwal has appointed his goon Bibhav Kumar as the chief ad-

visor of Punjab CM," she said. Ever since Kejriwal faced defeat in Delhi, he is planning to go to Punjab to "keep his politics alive", Maliwal charged. Highlighting his government's achievements, Mann said, "Our party's national convenor Arvind Kejriwal has wholeheartedly thanked everyone for the tireless hard work done by the MLAs of Punjab in campaigning in the Delhi elections.' "We are still getting love

from people of Delhi because of the work we have done. We will continue to work for public welfare in the future as well, the AAP leader said. Speaking about public safety in the state. the Punjab CM said, "The law and order situation in Puniab is better than most states." If it were not so, then why would industries come here, he asked, adding, "Being a border state, we have to make more efforts which we are doing.'

Speaking about governance improvements, Mann added, 'We are implementing the Delhi model in Puniab as well. Like Mohalla clinics, Aam Aadmi clinics are being built there.... We will make Punjab a model state and present it to the entire country.'

#### Army captain among two soldiers killed in IED blast near LoC

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Jammu, Feb 11: Two Army personnel, including a captain, were killed and another was injured when suspected terrorists set off an improvised explosive device (IED) near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Akhnoor sector near here Tuesday, officials said.

This was the third incident of cross-border action by terrorists in the Jammu region in four days. It came a day after the general officer commanding of the Jammu-based White Knight Corps unit of the Army, Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva, reviewed "hostile activities" along the LoC in Rajouri district.

The Army confirmed the fatalities in the blast and said

"own troops are dominating the area the area search and operations are underway". The officials said

the troops were on patrolling duty when they were hit by the powerful explosion near a forward post in the Bhattal area of Akhnoor in Jammu district at around 3:50 pm.

The injured personnel were rushed to a hospital where two of them, including the captain, succumbed to their injuries. they said, adding that the condition of the other injured soldier is "out of danger". "Suspected Improvised Explosive Device blast reported in #Laleali in Akhnoor Sector during a fence patrol, resulting in two fatalities. Own troops are dominating the area and search operations are underway," it said in a post on X.

## Don't erase, reload data; just verify EVMs: SC to EC

New Delhi, Feb 11: The Supreme Court Tuesday sought the Election Commission of India's response on the pleas seeking verification of the burnt memory and symbol loading units in EVMs in compliance of its judgement.

A special bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta asked the poll panel to refrain from erasing or reloading data during the verification process. The pleas sought a direction to the poll panel to check and verify burnt memory/micro-controllers and the symbol loading unit (SLU) of electronic voting machines (EVM).

The bench asked the poll panel to file its response within 15 days and explain the procedure adopted and posted the matter in the week commencing March 3. Irked over suppression of the fact relating to a similar petition which was dismissed as withdrawn, the bench said it would not hear a fresh plea filed by former Haryana minister and five-time MLA Karan Singh Dalal seeking a policy for



the verification of EVMs.

The bench issued notices to the poll panel on the interim appli cation filed by NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and a losing candidate Sarv Mitter, represented by senior advocate Devadatt Kamat.

The top court, in its judgement of April 26, last year, rejected the demand for reverting to the old paper ballot system, saying the polling devices were "secured" and eliminated booth capturing and bogus voting. It, however, opened a window for aggrieved unsuccessful candidates securing second and third places in poll results and allowed them to seek verifica tion of micro-controller chips embedded in 5 per cent EVMs per assembly constituency on a written request upon payment of a fee to the poll panel.

#### Manipur journalist 'abducted', released

IMPHAL: A senior journalist of Manipur was allegedly abducted from his home by a group of armed men on early Tuesday and was released after he apologised to a proscribed outfit for calling it a "surrendered group". The family of journalist Yambem Laba said that Monday, he had made certain comments in a media discussion on a local television channel on the situation in the state in the aftermath of Chief Minister Biren Singh's resignation. At around 3 am Tuesday, a group of armed men came to Laba's residence at Uripok in Imphal West district and forced the around 70-year-old scribe to go with them, officials said. Laba, who is associated with The Statesman newspaper, later held a press conference from an unknown place with some select journalists. Addressing them, Laba said, "Recently, I had called UNLF which had entered into a ceasefire with the Centre as a surrendered group. That is a mistake on my par and I withdraw that statement. I had also alleged that some armed men who (earlier) came to my residence as members of the UNLF (Pambei) group. '

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- Compensatory levies for this project, if any to be realized in future from the User Agency, shall be deposited to into the account of CAMPA of the State concerned c. through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in);
- The State Govt. shall ensure that user agency either himself or through the State d. Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease as per scheme submitted along with the compliance
- The State Govt, shall ensure that user agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies;
- The State Government shall ensure that process for settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, has been completed in accordance with the relevant guidelines ii. prescribed by this Ministry's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (Pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read
- The State Govt. shall ensure that user agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake appropriate mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of drains as per scheme submitted along iv. with the compliance report. Observations and recommendation contained in the inspection report of the Regional Office should be taken into consideration. Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the v. appropriate area within the mining lease area to arrest soil erosion shall be enforced. Construction of check dam, retention wall/ toe walls to arrest sliding down of excavated materials along the contours shall be implemented;
- State Government shall ensure that the project authority needs to take up works for construction and cleaning of garland drains, stabilizing retaining walls, proper terracing of OB dumps and checking gully formation resulting in erosion;
- 10. State Government shall ensure that plants which are having lowest translocation factor can be preferred under afforestation on the OB dumps and fruit trees to be avoided in planting during biological stabilization of OB dumps;
- 11. State Government shall ensure prevention of fall of wild animals into mining pit by fencing the open pit area:
- 12. State Government shall ensure that the angle of repose in OB dumps to be maintained to ensure stability and safety;
- 13. State Government shall ensure that vetiver grass can be planted at the lower reaches of the dump to bind the soil and prevent soil erosion giving better stability
- in phased manner as per requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO;
- 15. The State Government shall ensure that the user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- 16. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall carry out mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed:
- Following activities, as per approved plan/ schemes, shall be undertaken by the User Agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department:
- Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State
- Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the 28. The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency shall submit the annual 4. User Agency. appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with

- Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the
- excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme: 29. Any other condition that the concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given
- No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top
- Safety Zone Management: Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken 31 by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:
- User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the. State Forest Department;
- Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;
- Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user
- agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department; Afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost under the supervisions of the State Forest Department.
- The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms.
- 20. The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on regrassing, Copy to: and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed 1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, 2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar. fauna, etc. in a timely manner;
- 21. The State Govt. shall ensure that the period of diversion of the said forest land 4. User Agency. under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi. lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and 6. Guard file. Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;
- 22. The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- 23. The State Govt, shall ensure that No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- 14. State Government and user agency shall ensure that trees should be felled 24. The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project Government of Odisha, cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed Bhubaneswar. with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates; The layout other than that specified in the proposal;
  - 25. The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person of the adjoining area shall be caused;
  - 26. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency and the State Forest Department shall create and maintain from funds to be provided by the user agency alternate 2. The rest part of the approval letter shall remain unchanged. habitat/ home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project as per the plan duly approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and the Chief Wildlife Warden Odisha. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
  - 27. The State Government shall ensure that the Site Specific Wildlife Management Copy to: Plan (SSWMP) for mitigation the impact of project on wildlife of the area will be

    1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar implemented by the state Government in consultation with the PCCF & Chief 2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar Wildlife Warden of State at Project cost deposited by the UA as per approved plan; 3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
  - self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH Portal.

- Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of Marc
- may stipulate, with the approval of competent authority, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife 30. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall comply all the provisions
- of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines &Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in
- para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023. regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars 32. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions
  - stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval letter dated 18.11.2016 for which undertaking have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, or the time being in force, including compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006, before handing over the forest land to the user agency.
  - 33. The monitoring report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/) regularly.

Signed by Dheeraj Mittal Date:22.01.2025 08:52:00

Yours faithfully, (Dr. Dheeraj Mittal) **Assistant Inspector General of Forests** 

- 3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar

#### **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

(Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003. Dated: 24.01.2025

#### Corrigendum

plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval Sub: Proposal of diversion of 64.119 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur district, Odisha-Submission of Stage-I compliance regarding.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even No. dated 22.01.2025 conveying the without prior approval of the Central Government; No damage to the flora and fauna final approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan

Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 on the above mentioned subject proposal and to say that word appeared as "Rahadpur" in condition No.2 (b) shall be read as "Balgopalpur".

Signed by **Dheeraj Mittal** Date:24.01.2025 11:38:27 Yours faithfully, (Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

- **Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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#### PAK PARLIAMENTARIANS PASS **BILL TO DOUBLE THEIR SALARIES**

Pakistan parliamentarians Tuesday passed a bill, more than doubling their remunerations from PKR 218,000 to PKR 519,000 (INR 1.62 lakh approximately). Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) lawmaker Romina Khurshid Alam tabled the Members of Parliament Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill 2025 in the National Assembly, which passed it by majority 





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#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### Private jets collide at airport; 1 dead

Scottsdale (Ariz.): At least one person was killed and others were injured when private jets collided Monday afternoon at the Scottsdale Airport in Arizona, authorities said. A midsize business jet collided with another midsize business jet that was parked on private property, according to Kelli Kuester, aviation planning and outreach coordinator at the Scottsdale Airport. One jet veered off the runway and collided with the Gulfstream 200 jet that was parked, according to Kuester. It appeared that the primary landing gear of the arriving jet, which had come from Austin, Texas, had failed, resulting in the collision, she said.

#### 2 Hindus killed in Balochistan

Karachi: Two Hindus have been gunned down and another injured when suspected militants targeted them in the Turbat area of Kech district of Balochistan province of Pakistan, police said Tuesday. Hari Lal and Moti Lal were killed in the gunfire while Shero Mal suffered injuries and was rushed to hospital during the attack Monday evening. a senior police official confirmed. Another man was also killed in the attack "Masked men riding on two motorcycles opened fire on the four persons near a house close to a market,' DIG Arsalan Khokar said.

#### Rushdie testifies in 2022 stabbing case

New York: Author Salman Rushdie took the stand in a New York courtroom Tuesday to testify against the man charged with stabbing him in a frenzied knife attack. Hadi Matar, 27, is charged with attempted murder and assault for attacking Rushdie as he was preparing to give a speech in August 2022, stabbing him more than a dozen times. Matar has pleaded not guilty. The 77-yearold author was blinded in one eye in the attack and spent months recovering, a process he detailed in a memoir released last year. A speaker who was to appear with Rushdie also was wounded. Jurors in the western New York trial heard opening statements Monday, followed by testimony from staffers at the arts institution where the attack took place. Matar has been in custody since he was subdued by spectators after the attack. He has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and

#### **PARIS AI ACTION SUMMIT**

## Modi pitches for global framework

Co-chairing the Al Action Summit along with French President Emmanuel Macron, Modi said that AI is changing the polity, economy, security and society, and is writing the code for humanity in this century

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Paris, Feb 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday made a strong case for collective efforts to establish a global framework for artificial intelligence (AI) hased on open source which enhances trust, transparency and is free from biases

Co-chairing the AI Action Summit along with French President Emmanuel Macron here. Modi said that AI is changing the polity, economy, security and society, and is writing the code for humanity in this century.

Modi also offered to host the next AI Action Summit in India, supporting the decision taken at the first summit hosted by France to set up the 'AI Foundation' and the 'Council for Sustainable AI'.

"There is a need for collective



global efforts to establish governance and standards that uphold our shared values, address risks and build trust." Modi said, adding that governance is not just about managing risks and rivalries but is also about promoting innovations and deploying them for global good.

'We must democratise technology and create people-centric applications. We must address concerns related to cyber security, disinformation and deep fakes," the Prime Minister said. Stressing on the need to develop quality data sets free from biases, the Prime Minister said there is a need to develop open-source AI ecosystems that enhance trust

and transparency.

He said the technology should be rooted in the local ecosystem for it to be effective and useful. Modi started his address with an observation on the potential of AI by stating that AI can cut through jargon and summarise medical prescriptions in a language that can be understood easily.

"If you upload your medical report to an AI app, it can explain in simple language, free of any jargon, what it means for your health. But, if you ask the same app to draw an image of someone writing with their Left hand, the app will most likely draw someone writing with their Right hand. Because

that is what the training data is dominated by." "It shows that while the positive potential of AI is absolutely amasing, there are many biases that we need to think carefully about," he said Modi pitched for inclusive development of AI especially for the Global South. The Prime Minister further

said that AI can help transform millions of lives by improving health, education, agriculture and so much more.

It can help create a world in which the journey to sustainable development goals become easier and faster. To do this, we must pool together resources and talent. Referring to apprehensions about job losses on account of AI. Modi said history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology but its nature changes and new types of jobs are created.

'AI is developing at an unprecedented scale and speed and being adopted and deployed even faster. There is also a deep inter-dependence across borders. We need to invest in skilling and re-skilling our people for an AI-driven future, Modi said. "We must also make the 'Global Partnership for AI' truly global in nature. It should be more inclusive of the Global South and its priorities, concerns and needs," Modi said.

### US envoy highlights ISIS threats in Pak at UN

United Nations, Feb 11: The United States said it remains concerned about terror group ISIS-Khorasan's (ISIS-K) canabilities to plot, conduct attacks and sustain recruitment campaigns, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

These remarks were made at the Security Council by Ambassador Dorothy Shea, Charge d'Affaires ad interim at the US Mission to the UN in her briefing on 'Threats to International Peace and Security by Terrorist

Shea also said "Countering ISIS and other terrorist groups around the world is a top priority for the Trump administration...President Trump's message is clear: The United States always stands ready to find and eliminate terrorists who threaten the United States and our allies.

She noted that ISIS affiliates in Central Asia, most notably ISIS-Khorasan, also pose a significant global threat.

"We remain concerned about ISIS-K's capabilities to plot and conduct attacks, as well as sustain recruitment campaigns, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan," she said.

In his remarks to the briefing, Under-Secretary-General United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism Vladimir



continued to pose a significant threat in Afghanistan, the region and beyond.

He said that in addition to attacks in Afghanistan, ISIL-K supporters plotted attacks in Europe and were actively seeking to recruit in dividuals from Central Asian "There were also reports of small numbers of for eign terrorist fighters continuing to travel to Afghanistan. Voronkov said.

Voronkov recalled Secre tary-General Antonio Guterres "appeal to all member states to unite to prevent Afghanistan from again becoming a hotbed of terrorist activities.

In her remarks, Executive Director at the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Assistant Secretary-General Gherman said that beyond the Middle East, "Da'esh remains agile, taking advantage of ongoing conflicts and regions experiencing growing instability.

**Elon Musk-led** 

group proposes

buying OpenAI

Los Angeles, Feb 11: A group

of investors led by Elon Musk

is offering about \$97.4 billion to

buy OpenAI, escalating a legal

dispute with the artificial in-

telligence company that Musk

Musk and his own AI startup

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## B'desh EC preparing to hold polls in Dec

The developments came a day after Yunus assured former prime minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) to hold elections by December



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dhaka/New Delhi, Feb 11: Bangladesh's Election Commission (EC) Tuesday said preparations were underway to stage general elections by December as nationwide vandalisms over the past week prompted the interim government chief Muhammad Yunus to agree to the proposal. The EC's comments came a

day after Yunus assured former prime minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) to hold elections by December.

Election Commissioner Abul Fazal Mohammad Sanaullah told journalists, "We are preparing for the national elections in December (this year)."

He was speaking after a meeting with diplomats of 17 western and other countries

alongside the United Nations and European Union (EU) representatives here.

Instead of local government elections, as proposed by a government-appointed commission, national election is the priority, Sanaullah, who was flanked by the diplomats, said.

He said the chief adviser earlier mentioned two deadlines but "we, however, are preparing for the first date.

UN resident representative Stefan Liller, who attended the meeting, said the United Nations expected the upcoming polls to be the best in Bangladesh's history and "we are supporting the EC to conduct a free and fair election.

He, however, declined to comment on challenges of holding such elections, saying "that is not for me to comment."

Chief Adviser Yunus assured Zia's BNP to hold elections by December as per the party's demand of quickest possible timing citing reasons of deteriorated law and order situation and the precarious economic conditions.

"He (Yunus) informed us that the government is working to hold the election by December,' BNP secretary general Mirja Fakhrul Islam Alamgir told journalists after a meeting with the chief adviser late Monday



Destroyed buildings by Israeli bombardments inside the northern Gaza Strip as seen from southern Israel, Tuesday

#### **SNIPPETS**

#### Ukraine, Russia trade long-range attacks as officials probe possibilities for peace

Kyiv: Russian forces targeted Ukraine's energy and gas infrastruc-ture in a 'massive" nighttime missile attack and Ukrainian drones struck an important oil refinery inside Russia, officials said Tuesday, as the near three-year war rumbled on against a backdrop of renewed



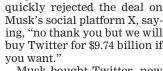
diplomatic efforts to end it. Ukraine's state energy company, Ukrenergo, said it imposed emergency blackouts due to the Russian attack. Russia has repeatedly hammered Ukraine's power grid throughout the war. Meanwhile, as part of its long-range drone campaign against targets deep inside Russia, Ukraine hit a refinery in Russia's Saratov region about 500 kilometres from Ukraine's border, the Army General Staff claimed. The facility produces gasoline, fuel oil and diesel fuel for the Russian military, it said. Interna-tional efforts are afoot to stop the fighting, with President Donald Trump's senior advisers expected to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy later this week on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference to discuss a path toward ending the war.

#### Venezuela sends 2 planes to US to return migrants

Mcallen (Texas): Two Venezuelan planes flew to the United States Monday and returned home with deported Venezuelans, signaling a possible improvement in rela-



tions between longtime diplomatic adversaries and a victory for President Donald Trump in his efforts to get more countries to take their people back. The US and Venezuelan governments separately confirmed the flights by Venezuelan airline Conviasa without saying how many were aboard or disclosing their routes. "Flights of Illegal Aliens to Venezuela Resume," the White House said in a post on the "X" platform, saying they were overseen by Richard Grennell, a top Trump adviser who recently traveled to Venezuela. The Venezuelan government confirmed the flights in a statement that took issue with an "ill-intentioned" and "false" narrative around the presence of members of the Tren de Aragua gang in the United States



Musk bought Twitter, now called X, for \$44 billion in 2022

Musk and Altman, who to gether helped start OpenAI in 2015 and later competed over who should lead it, have been in a long-running feud over the startup's direction since Musk resigned from its board

Musk, an early OpenAI investor and board member, sued the artificial intelligence company last vear, first in a California state court and later in fed eral court, alleging it had betrayed its founding aims as a nonprofit research lab bene fiting the public good. Musk had invested about \$45 million in the startup from its founding until 2018, Toberoff said in court last week.

## PLASTICS' Trump signs executive order on plastic drinking straws

Trump's Democratic predecessor, President Joe Biden, had proposed environmental measures to lower consumption of non-biodegradable single-use plastics, which damage ecosystems and contaminate food supplies

REUTERS

Washington, Feb 11: President Donald Trump Monday signed an executive order aimed at encouraging the US government and consumers to buy plastic drinking straws,

pushing back efforts by his predecessor to phase out single-use plastics and tackle waste.

"We're going back to plastic straws," Trump told reporters at the White House as he signed the order, saying that paper straws "don't work." "I don't think plastic is going

to affect a shark very much, as they're munching their way through the ocean," Trump said. Trump's Democratic predecessor, President Joe Biden, had proposed environmental measures to lower consumption of non-biodegradable single-use plastics, which damage ecosystems and contaminate food supplies. His administration also backed a global treaty aimed at putting a cap on plastic production.



Monday's executive order was part of a broader weakening of environmental commitments by Trump, who in one of the first acts of his second term removed the United States

much, as they're munching their way through the ocean from the Paris climate agreement for the sec-

Trump also rescinded a Biden administration policy to end the use of all single-use plastic products on federal lands by 2032

Dozens of countries have imposed bans on various kinds of single-use plastics, produced mainly through petrochemicals and used to make shopping bags, bottles and other disposable items.

If no new controls are introduced, don't think plastic is going to affect a shark very

the amount of plastic waste dumped into the environment is pro-

jected to rise from 81 million metric

tons in 2020 to 119 million tons in search published last year. Negotiations on a global

treaty to control plastic pollution broke down last year, with major plastic-producing nations reluctant to commit to binding output caps.

Negotiations are set to re sume this year, but Aleksandar Rankovic, director of the Common Initiative, an environmen tal think tank, said he would not be surprised if Washington now pulled out of the talks.

"With the new administra tion's pro-oil and gas stance, one can expect the US to converge with countries like Russia and Saudi Arabia and oppose the adoption of global goals to reduce plastic production," he said.



DONALD TRUMP

## Business



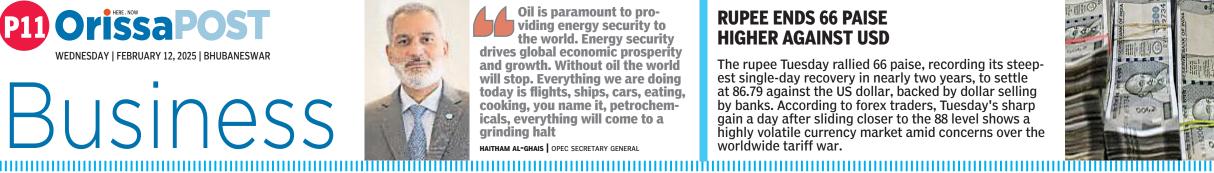
viding energy security to the world. Energy security drives global economic prosperity and growth. Without oil the world will stop. Everything we are doing today is flights, ships, cars, eating, cooking, you name it, petrochemicals, everything will come to a

Oil is paramount to pro-

grinding halt HAITHAM AL-GHAIS OPEC SECRETARY GENERAL

#### **RUPEE ENDS 66 PAISE HIGHER AGAINST USD**

The rupee Tuesday rallied 66 paise, recording its steepest single-day recovery in nearly two years, to settle at 86.79 against the US dollar, backed by dollar selling by banks. According to forex traders, Tuesday's sharp gain a day after sliding closer to the 88 level shows a highly volatile currency market amid concerns over the worldwide tariff war.





of strong economic foundation, a speedy rebound is happening, and we shall

take measures which will going forward, help in keeping our economy growing fastest as in the last few years. We will continue to remain the fastest-growing economy

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## **Trade war fears wipe out \$180bn** from Indian stocks in 2 days

The blue-chip NSE Nifty 50 and BSE Sensex indexes sank 1.32% Tuesday and have tumbled a shade over 2% in the past two sessions

Mumbai, Feb 11: Indian stocks have lost about \$180 billion in market value in the two days since US President Donald Trump said he would slap reciprocal tariffs on several countries, with many analysts saying the world's fifth-largest economy could be worst hit.

The blue-chip NSE Nifty 50 and BSE Sensex indexes sank 1.32% Tuesday and have tumbled a shade over 2% in the past two sessions. The broader, more domestically focused mid-cap and small-cap indexes have slid a steeper 5%.

About 87%, or 2,532, of the 2,918 stocks listed on the National Stock Exchange declined on the day. In terms of market cap, the total value of all companies has fallen to \$4.67 trillion from \$4.85 trillion in the last two sessions.

The rout started after Trump said on Sunday that he would, later this week, announce reciprocal tariffs on all countries that impose duties on US goods. Trump's top economic advis-

er has said India has "enor-



mously high" tariffs. That, analysts say, makes India vulnerable to reciprocal US tariffs, with Morgan Stanley and Citi estimating a hike of 4-6 percentage points.

"India likely to get hit the most among Asian countries. It is at high risk from potential US reciprocal levies due to its pronounced tariff differentials," said Satish Chandra Aluri, an analyst at Lemonn Markets Desk.

Since November 25, when Trump first threatened tariffs, the Nifty has fallen 4.7%. That is much steeper than the drop in two of Trump's main targets via tariffs -- China, which is up 1.7%, and Canada, which is up 1%. Only Mexico's 5.4% drop is more than India's.

"The markets now look forward to the upcoming meeting of (Indian Prime Minister Narendra) Modi with Trump later this week on hopes for any exemptions," said Aluri.

To avoid a potential trade war, Modi is preparing tariff cuts and is also expected to propose increased energy and defence imports ahead of his two-day US visit from Wednesday.

The tariffs, if imposed, are likely to hurt key exports such as electrical and industrial machinery, gems and jewellery. pharmaceuticals, iron and steel, textiles, vehicles, apparel and chemicals, said Sonal Verma, chief economist at Nomura.

Among stocks, every one of the 13 major sectors dropped at least 1%. Among them, the most U.S.-exposed pharma and IT tumbled 1.9% and 1.5%, respectively.

#### **Net direct tax** kitty swells 15% to ₹17.78L-cr till Feb 10

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New Delhi, Feb 11: Net direct tax collection grew 14.69 per cent to over Rs 17.78 lakh crore so far this fiscal, government data showed Tuesday

As per the data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), mop up from net non-corporate taxes, which include mainly personal income tax, grew 21 per cent year-onyear to about Rs 9.48 lakh crore.

Net corporate tax collection rose more than 6 per cent to over Rs 7.78 lakh crore between April 1, 2024, and February 10, 2025. Net collections from securities transaction tax (STT) jumped 65 per cent to Rs 49,201 crore so far this fiscal.

Refunds worth more than Rs 4.10 lakh crore were issued during the period, a 42.63 per cent increase against the yearago period. Gross direct tax mop up till February 10 grew 19.06 per cent to more than Rs 21.88 lakh crore. In the revised estimates (RE) for the current fiscal. the government has pegged income tax collections at Rs 12.57 lakh crore, up from the budget estimate of Rs 11.87 lakh crore.

The collection from STT is pegged at Rs 55,000 crore in this fiscal in RE, higher than the budget estimate (BE) of Rs 37,000 crore. Corporate tax collection target was revised lower at Rs 9.80 lakh crore, down from the budget target of Rs 10.20 lakh crore.

In total, the RE pegs direct tax collections at Rs 22.37 lakh crore, higher from Rs 22.07 lakh crore in BE.

### **Review of Chinese investment** ban unlikely anytime soon: CEA

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Mumbai, Feb 11: A review of the nearly five-year old restrictions on Chinese investments into India is unlikely in the near future, a senior official said Tuesday.

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said both countries have to understand the importance of mutual dependence and mutual benefits. "I don't think it is something

you would expect to see immediate results because both sides are crossing the river by feeling the stones, so to speak, Nageswaran said, replying to a specific question on whether any changes are afoot.

It can be noted that following violent clashes between Indian and Chinese soldiers in Galwan valley in 2020, the Indian government introduced measures restricting investments from countries sharing a land border with India that was taken to be an attempt to restrict Chinese play.

Speaking at the IVCA event here, Nageswaran did acknowledge that both countries have been engaged in a conversation on the trade imbalances, probably drawing from the parleys on various issues lately.

"We triggered a conversation because we basically wanted to highlight the fact that our bilateral trade deficit with China in 2024 might be close to USD 93-95 billion. And India is one of the top-3 countries with a huge trade imbalance with



cessively import-dependent, it raises certain vulnerabilities in terms of supply chain," he said. "But the question is: when

it comes to investing in India, whether China also sees it as a mutual win-win is also a question we need to answer." Nag eswaran added. Speaking at the same event

later, Renuka Ramnath of Multiples Alternate Asset Management said the private equity fund managed by her had to "leave hundreds of million dollars away" because of stipulations.

Noted corporate lawyer Zia Mody also went public with her concerns on the issue and specifically highlighted the restrictions imposed on general partners as well as being a big

#### SHORT **TAKES**

#### Stainless steel industry worried

New Delhi: The Indian stainless steel industry has expressed concern over the US administration's tariffrelated announcement, saying the move will strain trade relations between the two nations and affect domestic market through diverted shipments. The industry is also expecting stainless steel to be a key area of discussion between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump during their meeting in the US this week. Trump has announced 25 per cent tax on steel and aluminium imports from various countries. Apex stainless steel industry body ISSDA said these tariffs represent a dual blow to India's industry - severely limiting market access while escalating global competition. Indian manufacturers have consistently supplied to the US high-quality, sustainable, and cost-effective stainless steel. "The imposition of further trade barriers would stifle growth, hamper job creation, and strain bilateral trade relations between two key global economies," said Rajamani Krishnamurti, President, Indian Stainless Steel Development

#### Voda Idea's loss narrows to ₹6,609.3cr

Association (ISSDA).

New Delhi: Telecom operator Vodafone Idea on Tuesday reported narrowing of losses at ₹ 6,609.3 crore for the December quarter. The revenue from operations stood at ₹ 11,117.3 crore during the quarter, over 4 per cent higher than the corresponding period last year. On a consolidated basis, the loss for the quarter was at ₹ 6,609.3 crore as against ₹ 6,985.9 crore in the yearago period. Customer ARPU (average revenue per user) -- a key metrics for all telcos -- for the third quarter of the current fiscal year stood at ₹ 173, up from ₹ 166 in the July-September period. On a sequential basis, this translated into a growth of 4.7 per cent. Vodafone Idea CEO Akshaya Moondra said the company is driving

investments and the velocity

of capex deployment is set

to accelerate in the coming

quarters.

#### **BIZ BUZZ**

#### **Bank of Baroda's customer outreach programme**

BHUBANESWAR: Bank of Baroda's Bhubaneswar region carried out a customer outreach programme in five branches Tuesday spanning two districts. Amongst the branches were St. Vincent Road, Lathi. Brajanagar and Badabazar branch of Ganjam district & Bhimatangi branch of Khordha district. The meeting was presided by VMNS Saibabu, Dy. General Manager & Regional Head, Bhubaneswar Region and senior executives & staff members from Regional Office. The outreach programme was well received by all customers and key products of Bank of Baroda pertaining to CASA, Retail Assets, MSME, CASA Enablers, Wealth and Agriculture segments were showcased. The programme ended with felicitation of one woman and one senior citizen customer from each branch. The programme aims at connecting with ETB (Existing to Bank) & NTB (New to Bank customers) for the first time in a single session. The programme



is planned to continue till end of the month covering all branches.

#### 4Th annual general body meeting of AIPNBOA BHUBANESWAR: 4th Annual General



National Bank Officers' Association AIPNBOA). Cuttack Circle was held in Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubane-swar on 9th February. Many officials from various branches under Cuttack Circle attended the meeting. Rajesh Kumar, Zonal Manager, Bhubaneswar Zone attended the programme as Chief Guest. On this occasion there was discussion about ongoing issues

for bankers in present scenario and on upcoming pan-India strike call made by UFBU in March 2025. Com Deepak Kumar Pradhan, Circle Secretary of AIPNBOA, Cuttack highlighted the various issues of the Officers in Cuttack Circle and urged all members to be united. Circle resident Com Gour Kishore Mishra, Organizing Secretary of Central Unit Com Akash Dash, Advisor of AIPNBOA Cuttack Com Prakash Chandra Sahoo, Circle President of Bhubaneswar Circle Com Roshan Roy along with Circle Head of Cuttack Circle Sh Jagabandhu Padhy, Kshetrabasi Mishra, Deputy Zonal manager, Bhubaneswar Zone were present in the meeting.

### EU vows tough countermeasures to US tariffs



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Brussels, Feb 11: US tariffs on steel and aluminum "will not go unanswered". European Union chief Ursula von der Leven vowed on Tuesday, adding that they will trigger tough countermeasures from the 27-nation bloc. It means iconic US industries like bourbon, ieans and motorcycles should be-

"The EU will act to safeguard its economic interests," von der Leyen said in a statement in reaction

to US President Donald Trump's imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum on Monday "Tariffs are taxes — bad for business, worse for consumers," von der Leyen said. "Unjustified tariffs

on the EU will not go unanswered — they will trigger firm and proportionate countermeasures.

a first emergency video meeting on the bloc's response Tuesday.

"It is also important that everyone sticks together. Difficult times require such full solidarity," said Prime Minister Donald Tusk of Poland, which holds the EU pres-

EU could target a range of US exports from motorcycles to whiskey Just as Trump imposed similar tariffs during his first presidency. the EU countermeasures could easilv amount to those that were used to retaliate then if the measures come into force March 12. Bernd Lange, the chair of the

European Parliament's trade committee, warned that previous trade measures were only suspended and could legally be easily revived. "When he starts again now, then

we will, of course, immediately reinstate our countermeasures, Lange told rbb24 German radio "Motorcycles, jeans, peanut butter, bourbon, whiskey and a whole range of products that of course also affect American exporters' would be targeted, he added. The EU Commission, which ne-

gotiates trade relations on behalf of the bloc, said it is not clear what countermeasures would apply, but officials and observers have said they would target Republican states and traditionally strong US exports.

### 'US sanctions not to hit Russia-India oil trade'

New Delhi, Feb 11: A new wave of US sanctions against the Russian oil sector is unlikely to impact the Kremlin's oil trade with India, Russia's First Deputy Energy Minister Pavel Sorokin said, terming the sanctions as 'illegal'.

Last month, the US slapped new sanctions against Russia's energy trade. The sanctions targeted Russian oil produc-

ers Gazprom Neft and Surgutneftegas as well as 183 vessels that have shipped Russian oil. The sanctions were meant to slow

down Russian energy exports and limit Moscow's resources to fund its

India, which became the second-biggest buyer of Russian crude oil since Moscow invaded Ukraine in February 2022, has taken a cautious approach, lest

it run foul to US sanctions.

"Our relationship with India is based on economic pragmatism. That will continue to be the basis of our cooperation in future. We believe energy trade shouldn't be hindered by any politics. We don't be lieve sanctions are an instrument which is legitimate and we will continue to work with our partners on a bilateral and mul tilateral basis," Sorokin said on the sidelines of the India Energy Week here.

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# Sprinting sensation: Kujur adds 3rd gold

The 21-year-old, representing Odisha, added the 200m gold to his kitty of 100m and 4x100m relay titles

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Dehradun, Feb 11: Rising sprinter Animesh Kujur and star hurdler Jvothi Yarraii clinched the men's and women's 200m gold medals respectively to pick up their third and second yellow metal of the National Games on a day when 15 race walkers bettered the 26-year-old Games record in an unprecedented feat.

The 21-year-old Kujur, representing Odisha, added the 200m gold to his kitty of 100m and 4x100m relay titles he had won Saturday and Sunday respectively.

His 200m gold-winning time of 20.58 seconds narrowly fell Odisha has won 9 golds. 12 silvers & 12 bronze constituting 33 medals in total by far

short of the National Games record of 20.55 seconds set by Amlan Borgohain of Assam in the 2022 edition in Gujarat.

Ragul Kumar G (21.06) and Nithin B (21.07), both from Tamil Nadu, took the silver and bronze respectively.

The 25-year-old Yarraji, representing Andhra Pradesh, won the women's 200m gold with a time of 23.35 seconds to add to the 100m hurdles top prize she

Karnataka's Unnathi Aiyappa (23.70 seconds) and Telangana's Nithya Gandhe (23.76 seconds) took home the silver and bronze medals respectively.

A 100m hurdles specialist, Yarraji was the third athlete to clinch a second gold at the National Games. She had won a bronze in the 200m in the 2023 edition in Goa.

Delhi's middle distance runner KM Chanda improved her own Games record in the women's 800m. On her way to gold, Chanda clocked 200.82 to better her earlier record of 201.58 set

It was a grand double for Chanda as she was also the winner of 1500m gold. It was also a



Odisha's canoeist Rasmita Sahoo on securing Bronze medal in C1 Women 200m category at the ongoing



hat-trick of gold medals for the Asian Championships silver medallist. She had won gold in the 2022 and 2023 editions of the National Games, thus emulating the feats of Yarraji (women's 100m hurdles gold in 2022, 2023, 2025) and Tejas Shirse (men's 110m hurdles gold in 2022, 2023, 2025) of Ma-

Twinkle Chaudhary (203.46) and Amandeep Kaur (204.76), both from Punjab, pocketed the silver and bronze respec-

I miss chilli chicken, it's my favourite, and my coach won't allow me to have it as there are important competitions lined up ANIMESH KUJUR |

SPRINTER, ODISHA

Earlier in the morning session, all the nine competitors who finished the women's 10km race walk bettered the earlier Games record set 26 years ago in an unprecedented result.

INDIAN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

## PANKAJ CEMENTS **DOMINANCE**



Since this is the only event that determines the representatives of the country for international tournaments, the stakes were high

PANKAJ ADVANI | INDIAN SNOOKER PLAYER

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Indore, Feb 11: India's most accomplished player Pankaj Advani secured his 36th overall national title and 10th men's snooker crown at the Yashwant Club, in a commanding display of skill and determination.

The ONGC employee overcame an early setback to defeat Brijesh Damani in a final where Damani managed to take the opening frame, the only one he would claim throughout the match. The tournament serves as the only selection event for the Asian and World Championships.

Advani's performance was marked by consistency and precision. After falling behind by a frame, he maintained his composure and controlled the table. leaving little room for error. In the final frame, Advani delivered an impressive 84 break, sealing the frame, match and championship.

The high pressure tournament proved to be a full-circle moment for Advani.

In the group stage, he had suffered his only loss of the competition at the hands of Damani, where he managed to win only one frame. The rivalry

took an ironic turn in the fina when the tables were turned and Advani emerged victorious, dropping just one frame in the match.

A critical turning point in this 91st edition of the National Championships came during the round of 48.

Despite being 4-2 down - a situation that nearly saw him exit the event - the multiple-time world champion mounted an unforgettable comeback by winning the match 5-4. This resilient display not only saved his tournament bid but also set the stage for the success that followed.

"There was a good feeling about this gold when the round of 48 match saw me bounce back from almost being out of the competition. Then I knew this pivotal moment had to mean something big awaits. Happy to have earned the chance to again represent India in both billiards and snooker,' Advani said.

With the Asian Snooker Championship scheduled to commence from February 15, both Advani and Damani now face the opportunity to play for the tricolour on the inter-

#### SHORT **TAKES**

National Games 2025 in Uttarakhand.

Odisha Women's Gymnastics Team bagged the Bronze

medal in Women Artistic Gymnastics event at the 38th

#### **Meghalaya to host** next National Games

New Delhi: Meghalaya will host the 39th edition of the National Games in February/March 2027, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha has informed state chief minister Conrad Sangma. As host state of the next edition, Meghalaya will be handed the IOA flag during the closing ceremony of the ongoing 38th Games in Uttarakhand. The ceremony will be held in Haldwani Friday. The National Games in Uttarakhand, which began January 28, are being competed among around 10,000 athletes and officials from 38 teams. The Games are being held in seven cities of Uttarakhand with Dehradun being the main venue. The other venues are Haridwar, Nainital, Haldwani Rudrapur, Shivpuri and New Tehri. The last edition in Goa in 2023 saw competitions being held in five

#### Shooters Sonam, Neeraj overcome strong field

New Delhi: Railways' Sonam Uttam Maskar and Army's Neeraj Kumar won the women's 10m air rifle T1 final and men's 25m rapidfire pistol T2 final respectively to showcase their class in the National Selection Trials (Group A), currently underway here Tuesday. Sonam, who bagged three ISSF medals last year, shot 253.2 in the final to beat national champion Ananya Naidu of Maharashtra, who finished 1.3 behind in second place. Neeraj Kumar caused an upset, getting the better of the Paris Olympics duo of Anish Bhanwala and Vijayveer Sidhu, relegating them to silver and bronze positions respectively in T2 final. Earlier in the day, Sonam showcased good form in the 60-shot qualification round, topping it with a score of 633.9. Two Olympians, Elavenil Valarivan (2nd with 632.6) and Ayonika Paul (7th with 630.4), joined her in the final eight, along with national champ Ananya (5th with 632.1).

#### **National Games: Vaidehi** wins gold in tennis

Dehradun: Gujarat's Vaidehi Chaudhary won her second gold medal of the National Games as she claimed the women's singles title after defeating Vaishnavi Adkar of Maharashtra in straight sets on the concluding day of tennis competitions here Tuesday. Vaidehi, who won the women's doubles gold Monday along with Zeel Desai, beat Vaishnavi 6-4, 6-4 in the singles summit clash at the Parade Ground tennis court.

## Vaishali eyes bigger goals

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New Delhi, Feb 11: Indian chess Grandmaster R Vaishali has set her sights on two key objectives this year -- to deliver a series of consistent performances and secure a coveted spot in the prestigious Candidates Tournament. The past year has already

proven to be a remarkable chapter in the 23-year-old's career, with a series of career-defining milestones.

These include becoming only the third woman from India to earn the esteemed Grandmaster title, playing a vital role in India's gold-medal-winning performance in the women's event at the Chess Olympiad, and clinching a bronze medal at the World Blitz Championship.

"Of course, by the end of the year, I aim to qualify for the Candidates Tournament, I had the opportunity to play in the Candidates last year, and I hope to qualify for it again.'

The Women's Candidates Tournament determines the challenger for the World Chess Championship.

Reflecting on her bronze at the Blitz World Championship, Vaishali said the result was especially important for her confidence, following a series of disappointing tournaments.

"It was an important result for my confidence especially, because I had a few bad tournaments in a row and it was nice to end finally with a good result last year.

Despite these highs, Vaisha-





li also experienced some lows that cost her valuable rating

However, she views these challenges as valuable learning experiences.

"I would say it was a mixed year. I achieved some good results, but I also lost some rating points. It was a very interesting experience," she reflected.

"I had the chance to compete in strong round-robin tournaments and participate in prestigious events like the Candidates back-to-back challenges. Overall, last year was a great learning experience for me."

The Chennai-based player recently finished ninth in the Challenger section of the Tata Steel Chess Tournament.

Vaishali believes that had she capitalised on her chances, she could have finished in a better position -- a goal she is determined to achieve in the

"Tata Steel is a strong tournament, and I think my performance was decent," she said.

#### Kohli's form in focus as the Men in Blue aim clean-sweep over England PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Ahmedabad, Feb 11: A big knock from Virat Kohli's currently silent bat along with a series clean-sweep over England will be on Team India's wishlist when the two teams square off in the third and final ODI here Wednesday, marking the end of their Champions Trophy

While India holds an unassailable 2-0 lead with identical four-wicket wins in each of the first two ODIs, Rohit Sharma's men will be extra motivated to get a win here at the Narendra Modi Stadium where they had suffered a crushing ODI World Cup final loss in 2023.

Needless to say, having their batting mainstay Kohli among runs and a win would be perfect culmination to the home side's Champions Trophy preparations. The eight-team competition gets underway from February 19 in Karachi with India starting against Bangladesh the next day in Dubai as per a hybrid model of hosting.

The team has already got a shot in the arm by Rohit's return to form. His 90-ball 119 in the second ODI was a source of relief to both the side and to him after a prolonged run of poor scores. Kohli hasn't looked completely out of touch but hasn't stayed at the crease for long enough to give himself a chance for a big knock either.



India look for third ODI win

to create another record. He is 89 runs short of becoming only the third batter in history to score 14,000 runs in the format which arguably has been the run-machine's favourite

If he manages to click, Kohli is in with a chance create another record. He is 89 runs short of becoming only the third batter in history to score 14,000 runs in the format which arguably has been the run-machine's favourite.

India don't seem to have put a foot wrong in this series as they continue to make the most of their rich reservoir of talent.

The addition of Varun Chakravarthy has given additional ammunition to their lethal spin attack which will be

and Mohammed Shami's return after lengthy injury layoff has been seamless too. Shami's successful comeback

has certainly been assuring given that the Indian team management will spend an anxious day Tuesday awaiting news on their premier fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah, whose availability for the Champions Trophy is still under doubt. As per the original time-line.

Bumrah was slated for a comeback in the Ahmedabad ODI, but the ace pacer is currently toiling at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru under the watchful eyes of specialists aiming to make the final squad that is set to be unveiled Wednesday.

Bumrah's guile on varied pitches and conditions is something that no team across the world possesses and India would be desperate to have their trump card back in the

mix as they chase another ICC trophy. Both India and England will enjoy an off day Tuesday as they have skipped training and other pre-match routines to rest and recuperate. Having ended his troubled

run with the bat with a char acteristic hundred in Cuttack, Rohit's confidence will certain ly rub off on the rest of the side. While Yashasvi Jaiswal

could continue to warm the bench, India will expect better application and results from wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul, who is going through a lean patch himself.

But it would not be a surprise if India give the flamboyant Rishabh Pant a crack to get some game time and have another left-handed batter in the mix to try out additional combinations.

India will need Shreyas Iyer's presence in the middle-order which has been bolstered by robust batting performances from Axar Patel. The 31-year old all-rounder has shown immense maturity at No 5 in pressure situations of both the ODIs so far with knocks of 52 and 41 not out.

Patel's exploits with the bat have taken some pressure off Ravindra Jadeja, who has chipped away at England with six wickets so far, exploiting the spin-friendly conditions perfectly to warm-up for similar set-ups in the Champions

## Bumrah races against time to get fit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Feb 11: India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has recently completed his five-week off-loading and has started his rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy even as he races against time to get match-fit for the Champions

Off-loading is a concept where an athlete is advised complete rest, including staying away from gym work.

The BCCI has put an iron curtain on the information coming out of NCA, and save four-five people associated with the centre of excellence and the Indian cricket team; no one else has an accurate information about the

pacer's latest fitness status.

However, PTI has learnt about the core team that is working with Bumrah at Bengaluru, as it tries its best to get one of the biggest match-winners of the Indian cricket team back on the park.

For the rehabilitation process of an injured centrally-contracted player, the norm for NCA is to allot one strength-and-conditioning coach, one physio for injury monitoring and a OREAMII bowling or batting coach to monitor the skills part, which is also a part of Return

To Play (RTP).

Strength and Conditioning (S&C) coach Rajnikanth Sivagnanam and physio Thulasi Ram Yuvrai are currently working on Bumrah's rehabilitation with Head of Sports

> Obviously, the national team S&C coach Soham Desai and physio Kamlesh Jain are also kept in the loop, a senior **BCCI** official told PTI on condition of anonymity.

> > There

Science, Dr Nitin Patel,

the whole process.

personally monitoring

social media reports that Bumrah is working with Desai at NCA but the latter is travelling with the Indian team for the ongoing series against England and is also expected to head to Dubai as part of the support staff for the Champions Trophy.

If and when Bumrah is allowed to bowl, it is expected that Troy Cooley will be monitoring that part, and the final report prepared by Patel about his availability will be sent to BCCI secretary Devaiit Saikia and chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar.

Head coach Gautam Gambhir and skipper Rohit Sharma will also be notified about Bumrah's status.

### Plymouth draw Man City

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Manchester, Feb 11: Plymouth's reward for knocking out Liverpool in the FA Cup was to draw Manchester City in the fifth round.

Plymouth **FA CUP** on the bottom of

division two shocked Premier League leader Liverpool 1-0 Sunday. For its next trick, it has to go to Etihad Stadium March 1 to face Pep Guardiola's City, the four-time

Holder Manchester United is at home to Fulham in one of three all-Premier League matchups. Newcastle hosts Brighton, and Bournemouth is at home to Wolverhampton. Aston Villa plays second-tier

defending league champion.

Burnley, which is chasing promotion to the Premier League, travels to Preston.

Crystal Palace beat League 2 side Doncaster Rovers 2-0 Monday to set up a fifth-round tie at home to Millwall.

Exeter or Nottingham Forest play Tuesday for the chance to host Ipswich.

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