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Actor Ananya Panday says she gravitates more towards characters that are relatable

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ON WARPATH: BJP MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat and others climb barricades as water cannons being used during a protest march to Congress headquarters over the objectionable comments made against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his mother at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Vote Adhikar Yatra,' in New Delhi, Saturday

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Trump 'no longer has plans' to visit India: NYT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New York, August 30: US President Donald Trump "no longer has plans" to visit India later this year for the Quad Summit, The New York Times claimed Saturday, as it detailed how relations between the American leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi "unraveled" over the last few months.

In the report titled 'The Nobel Prize and a Testy Phone Call: How the Trump-Modi Relationship Unraveled', the NYT, citing people familiar with Trump's schedule, said that "After telling Mr Modi that he would travel to India later this year for the Quad summit, Mr Trump no longer has plans to visit in the fall."

There was no official comment from either the US or India on the NYT's claim. India will host leaders of Australia, Japan and the US for the Quad Summit, scheduled to be held in New Delhi around November.

Amid trade tensions between Delhi and Washington, the NYT article gives an account of how relations between Trump and Modi "unraveled" after Trump's repeated claims of solving the four-day conflict in May between India and Pakistan, an assertion denied by India.

"President Trump's repeated claims about having 'solved' the India-Pakistan war infuri-

ated Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India. And that was only the beginning," the NYT article said, adding that Modi was "losing patience" with Trump.

Trump and Modi had spoken over phone June 17, a 35-minute call that happened as Trump returned to Washington from the G7 Summit in Canada, which Modi also attended. The NYT said that during the June 17 phone call, Trump said again how proud he was of ending the military escalation and mentioned that Pakistan was going to nominate him for Nobel Peace, an honour that has been bestowed on former President Obama and one for which Trump has been "openly campaigning".

"The not-so-subtle implication, according to people familiar with the call, was that Mr Modi should do the same," and also nominate Trump for the Nobel, the paper said.

"The Indian leader bristled. He told Mr Trump that US involvement had nothing to do with the recent ceasefire. It had been settled directly between India and Pakistan," the NYT said.

"Trump largely brushed off Mr Modi's comments, but the disagreement — and Mr Modi's refusal to engage on the Nobel — has played an outsize role in the souring relationship between the two leaders, whose once-close ties go back to Mr. Trump's first term," the NYT said.

WOMAN GANGRAPED

Baripada: A 22-year-old woman was allegedly raped by five people in Mayurbhanj district, police said. The incident took place Friday evening, when two persons known to the woman picked her up in a car from Bangiriposi area on the pretext of discussing a lucrative job, they said. She was taken to a place under Udala police station area. Three others later joined them in the car, who took her to a secluded place on a stretch connecting Udala and Balasore, and allegedly raped her, SDPO (Udala), Hrushikesh Nayak, told reporters. She was later dumped on the road. The police have detained two persons and search is on for three others.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



I write short stories. Soon, they'll be in the school curriculum... in history books

Mahanadi talks on

Odisha, Chhattisgarh Chief Ministers may meet in December

AGENCIES

New Delhi/Bhubaneswar, August 30: The chief secretaries of Chhattisgarh and Odisha met in the national capital Saturday to iron out their differences on Mahanadi river water sharing, and emphasised to amicably work out a solution for the benefit of the people of the two states, officials said.

The Mahanadi, one of India's major rivers that flows from Chhattisgarh through Odisha into the Bay of Bengal, has long been a source of dispute between the two states.

The meeting was held to resolve this longstanding issue through dialogue, in which the chief secretaries of Odisha and Chhattisgarh, along with the secretaries of their respective water resource departments, took part.

Both states acknowledged that the dispute is old and complex but emphasised that it is necessary to work out a solution amicably for the benefit of the people, the officials said.

It was decided that starting



September 2025, technical committees comprising engineers and experts from both states will meet every week.

These committees will identify the key issues, seek solutions, and also explore ways to establish a framework for better coordination between the two states.

Another meeting will be held in October at the level of chief secretaries in which the water resource secretaries will also participate.

At the meeting, both the states agreed to approach discussions with sincerity and an open mind, ensuring that any resolution reached is mutually

beneficial, they said.

It is believed that if this initiative succeeds, it will not only benefit Odisha and Chhattisgarh but also serve as a model for the entire country, showing that even longstanding disputes can be resolved amicably through dialogue and cooperation.

Taking to X, the Odisha CMO wrote that "the Chief Ministers of Odisha and Chhattisgarh may meet by December, as per convenience, to review the progress and work towards an amicable, long-term resolution to the Mahanadi water dispute in the interest of the people of both states."

Now, IICs, SIs to probe SC & ST atrocity cases

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 30: The state government Saturday empowered inspectors and sub-inspectors of the state police to arrest, investigate, and prosecute cases under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, an official notification said.

Previously, these powers were reserved for officers in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) and above.

The notification said that these officers (inspector and SI) may now exercise authority before any special court designated under the Act, within their territorial jurisdiction.

The decision aims to improve responsiveness and expedite legal action in cases involving atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, it said.

In the notification, the State Home Department stated that the move is aimed at strengthening the enforcement of the

law and improving the response to atrocities committed against SC/ST communities.

Officials noted that while the number of such cases is steadily increasing, the availability of DSP-rank officers remains limited.

Currently, Odisha has 613 officers at the DSP level, but over 4,000 cases are being registered annually under the Act. This mismatch has led to growing case backlogs.

"By delegating investigative powers to Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, we expect faster response times and more efficient investigations, ensuring timely justice," said a Home Department official.

According to data from the state SC/ST department, Odisha recorded 2,320 atrocity cases in 2018. This number rose to 3,675 in 2022 and surpassed 4,000 in 2024.

The new policy aligns with steps taken by other states like Jharkhand, which in 2023 also empowered Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors to handle such cases.

Cloudburst, landslide leave 11 dead in J&K



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Jammu, August 30: At least 11 people, including seven of a family, died in two incidents of cloudburst and landslide triggered by heavy rains in remote villages of Reasi and Ramban districts, as Jammu and Kashmir, beset by a series of natural calamities in the past fortnight, labours to bring life back on track.

The Union Territory has been reeling under a series of cloudbursts and landslides since August 14. With the latest incidents, 130 people have lost their lives and 140 were injured in Jammu, while 32 pilgrims are still missing.

The pilgrimage to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district remained suspended for the fifth day Saturday. As many as 34 pilgrims died when a landslide struck about halfway along the winding 12-km trek route from Katra to the shrine Tuesday.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has directed officials to ensure round-the-clock monitoring of the situation and carry out timely evacuation of people from risk-prone zones.

Early Saturday, a landslide flattened a house in the remote Badder village in Reasi district, killing seven members of a family, officials said. The deceased have been identified as Nazir Ahmad (38), his wife Wazira Begum (35) and their sons Bilal Ahmed (13), Mohd Mustafa (11), Mohd Adil (8), Mohd Mubarak (6) and Mohd Wasim (5).

In Ramban district, four people, including two brothers, died after a cloudburst struck a remote village, damaging two houses and a school. The cloudburst triggered flash floods in the mountainous Rajgarh, located about 25 kilometres from the district headquarters, around 11.30 pm Friday.

REUTERS

San Francisco, August 30: Meta has appropriated the names and likenesses of celebrities — including Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Anne Hathaway and Selena Gomez — to create dozens of flirty social-media chatbots without their permission, Reuters has found.

While many were created by users with a Meta tool for building chatbots, Reuters discovered that a Meta employee had produced at least three, including two Taylor Swift "parody" bots.

Reuters also found that Meta had allowed users to create publicly available chatbots of child celebrities, including Walker Scobell, a 16-year-old film star.

Asked for a picture of the teen actor at the beach, the bot produced a lifelike shirtless image. "Pretty cute, huh?" the avatar wrote beneath the picture.

All of the virtual celebrities have been shared on Meta's Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp platforms. In several weeks of Reuters testing to observe the bots' behaviour, the avatars often insisted they were the real actors and artists. The bots routinely made sexual advances, often inviting a test user for meet-ups.

Some of the AI-generated celebrity content was particularly risqué: Asked for intimate pictures of themselves, the adult chatbots produced photorealistic images of their namesakes posing in bathtubs

or dressed in lingerie with their legs spread.

Meta spokesman Andy Stone told Reuters that Meta's AI tools shouldn't have created intimate images of the famous adults or any pictures of child celebrities. He also blamed Meta's production of images of female celebrities wearing lingerie on failures of the company's enforcement of its own policies, which prohibit such content.

"Like others, we permit the generation of images containing public figures, but our policies are intended to prohibit nude, intimate or sexually suggestive imagery," he said.

While Meta's rules also prohibit "direct impersonation," Stone said the celebrity characters were acceptable so long as



the company had labelled them as parodies. Many were labelled as such, but Reuters found that some weren't.

Meta deleted about a dozen

of the bots, both "parody" avatars and unlabeled ones, shortly before this story's publication. Stone declined to comment on the removals.

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ARIES
You are deeply interested in the occult and the paranormal and today, you may indulge in something to do with it. So, you may buy a full colour 15x10 glossy on shamanic rites or the tantra! Ganesha suggests using such knowledge for peaceful ends.

TAURUS
You are likely to get extra passionate and fervent today, predicts Ganesha. If your logic prevails over your heart, things will probably change for better during the course of the day. It is high time that you set into motion the poignant side of your character, suggests Ganesha.

GEMINI
Today, you will decide to become a bit more conscious about your health. You may or may not join a gym or measure your calories, but you will definitely sit up and take notice of your lifestyle and unhealthy food habits, predicts Ganesha. A new job is also likely, which will pen a completely new chapter in your life.

CANCER
You are likely start the day in the best of spirits today. Your enthusiasm and cheerfulness will be infectious, and you will be able to lift the mood wherever you go. However, your enthusiasm can be short-lived and pummeled under the weight of some bad news, leaving you distraught. Take a break in case you feel stressed out, advises Ganesha.

LEO
Always dependable, that is what you are. And today, you will just underline this fact in bold strokes through your fine display of commitment to work, and your dedication to your family, says Ganesha. Your company may never find a better person for the job that you are assigned to do. Even at home, your credentials as the perfect family man will shoot right off the charts.

VIRGO
Ganesha sees you keeping away from a joint venture. You are capable enough to handle big projects yourself. You are most likely to lead and coordinate large teams and extract work from them as you will.

LIBRA
“Every man has specific natural abilities”, said Aristotle. This seems to be true for you today. Your natural talents will be acknowledged and documented at work. This might prompt your equals to hold you up above the rest, and for your seniors to positively encourage you to scale greater heights.

SCORPIO
The crown jewel of your character will be your supreme confidence today. Try to pick up tasks that require herculean efforts, and you shall come close to achieving them, predicts Ganesha. Your nerves and buoyant nature will be infective and also leave people awestruck.

SAGITTARIUS
You are like a new hope for your company and you are assigned with many challenging projects, today. And your hard work and efforts are appreciated when you handle the projects successfully. If you are fortunate enough, you may also gain incentives very soon, predicts Ganesha.

CAPRICORN
Creativity is your innate trait. But how creative can you get when dealing with day-to-day issues? You will not only answer this question with utmost modesty, but will make a great display of your creative skills by cleverly sorting out problems with your siblings, says Ganesha. You will derive pleasure by delving into knotty problems and solving them with ease. Also, you will reach out to those in need and help them in every possible manner.

AQUARIUS
Money is on your mind today! If you want to sort out financial matters, today is the day. You may have a good time with friends in the evening. You will also realise how much your friends value you and the respect you command in your wider social circle. Ganesha says maintaining it is important.

PISCES
Today, you will find yourself partitioning your time equally, and more importantly, excelling, at work as well as at home. So, while you will prove to be the right man for the job assigned to you at the office, at home you will establish yourself as the perfect family man, says Ganesha.



SOPHIE SPLITS FROM PEARSON AGAIN

The *Game of Thrones* star Sophie Turner's love life has hit rock bottom again. The actress is said to have split from Peregrine Pearson. Just months after the 29-year-old actress and the 30-year-old British aristocrat rekindled their romance, they are believed to have called it quits once again, reports *Female First UK*.

CUMBERBATCH'S MANTRA TO HAPPY MARRIAGE

English star Benedict Cumberbatch shared what he believes to be the key to a happy marriage. “Don’t be complacent and keep the conversation between you going rather than thinking one of you is always right. It’s also important to be tolerant, understanding and never stop working at it,” the actor told *BBC*.



Ananya eyes relatable roles

Mumbai: Actress Ananya Panday has talked about growing up with both Bollywood and global content that has influenced her to seek out fresh, layered and relatable roles.

Ananya shared how being part of a generation influenced by both Bollywood and global content has shaped the roles she gravitates toward.

The actress told this news agency: “I love that we have access to both the drama and emotion of Bollywood and the realism and depth of global storytelling. It makes you want to find roles that are layered and fresh, but still entertaining.”

The 26-year-old actress said that she gravitates more towards characters that are relatable.

“I gravitate towards characters that feel relatable but also have something a little different, whether it’s in how they dress, speak, or see the world,” said the Liger actress.

Looking forward, Ananya has a busy year as she’s working on two films. She has *Chand Mera Dil* and *Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri*.

Chand Mera Dil, which was announced last year in November, is a passionate love story. Talking about *Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri*, it also features Kartik Aaryan, Jackie Shroff, Neena Gupta and others in pivotal roles.

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Mumbai: Actor Alaya F is proving that she is unstoppable in her fitness game! The actor took to her Instagram account to share a video in which she performed a headstand without any support. It is considered to be one of the most dangerous postures in yoga. Her amazing fitness and core strength left fans and colleagues awestruck.

Alaya was seen carefully straightening her legs as she kept her head on the ground. She then proceeded to remove her palms from the ground and made the thumbs-up sign at the camera. Her back remained straight, and she finished the headstand without losing her form for one second. The video was shared with the song “Unstoppable” by Sia in the background.

In the caption, Alaya wrote, “When Unstoppable by Sia plays, just know... *kuch bhi ho sakta hai* (you can do anything). No hands headstand .Please do not try this at home. I have been practising yoga for many years with the right guidance.”

The video was liked by Priyanka Chopra, Kriti Sanon and Samantha Ruth Prabhu. In the comments, Farah Khan wrote, “Crazy good.. the vitruvian girl.” The actor’s mother, Pooja Bedi, commented, “OMG!!!! That’s pushing every boundary of agility and strength and discipline.

So sooo proud and in aw.” Elli EvRam commented, “Damn! Amazing strength!”

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Alaya leaves fans awestruck



Srjan’s GKCM awards festival from Sept 5



Bhubaneswar, August 30: Srjan-Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Odissi Nrityabasa will host the 31st Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra (GKCM) Award Festival 2025 here at Rabin-dra Mandap from September 5 to 9.

The festival, instituted by the late Padma Vibhushan Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, celebrates excellence in classical dance, music, and theatre. The highlight will be the award presentation on the concluding evening. This year, the Shalimar’s GKCM Award 2025 will be conferred on eminent Odissi dancer, Padma Shri awardee Madhavi Mudgal and vocalist Alekh Chandra Samal, carrying a cash prize of Rs 1,00,000 each. Similarly, Shatabdi Mallik (Odissi dance) and Muralidhar Swain (Odissi music) will receive Shali-

mar’s GKCM Yuva Pratibha Samman. Newly instituted GKCM Kala Samman will be presented to Raghunath Das and Arnab Bandyopadhyay, both of whom have made a notable impact to the Odissi fraternity.

Speaking at the press meet, Guru Ratikant Mohapatra, Director of Srjan, said, “We are only carrying forward the legacy of Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra. This festival is a platform where culture is exchanged, and people rediscover their roots through the arts.”

The inaugural evening will feature a duet by Sujata Mohapatra and Preetisha Mohapatra, followed by a Manipuri performance by Bimbavati Devi and troupe, Manipuri Nartanalaya.

RESHMI YADAV, OP

Harnaaz’s unconventional debut

Mumbai: Former beauty queen Harnaaz Sandhu, who is all set to make her Bollywood acting debut with the ultraviolet movie *Baaghi 4* starring Tiger Shroff, said that action cinema demands discipline, stamina and spirit.

An exclusive premiere for *Baaghi 4* trailer took place inside the Bigg Boss house before its worldwide release Saturday.

Talking about her unconventional debut, Harnaaz said: “Most people expected me to choose a role that played to the idea of beauty and grace, but it’s incred-

ible to have my first film to break that mould.”

“Action cinema demands discipline, stamina, and spirit—and it is an honour to be welcomed into the entertainment industry through this genre.”

The actress said that she feels like she’s standing on the shoulders of the “legends of the action realm.”

She added: “I hope this trailer marks the beginning of a long-standing relationship with the audiences.”

Featuring Tiger Shroff, Harnaaz Sandhu, Sonam Bajwa and Sanjay Dutt, the film promises bone-breaking action, explosive drama, and

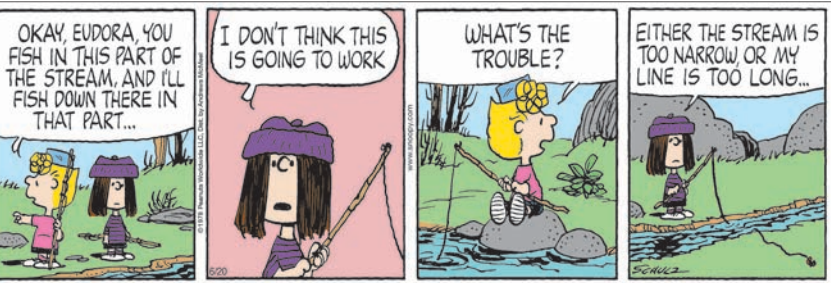
a showdown soaked in blood, fury, and chaos.

Backed by Sajid Nadiadwala under Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, with story, screenplay, and production by him, and helmed by director A. Harsha, *Baaghi 4* is set to storm cinemas worldwide on September 5.

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PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

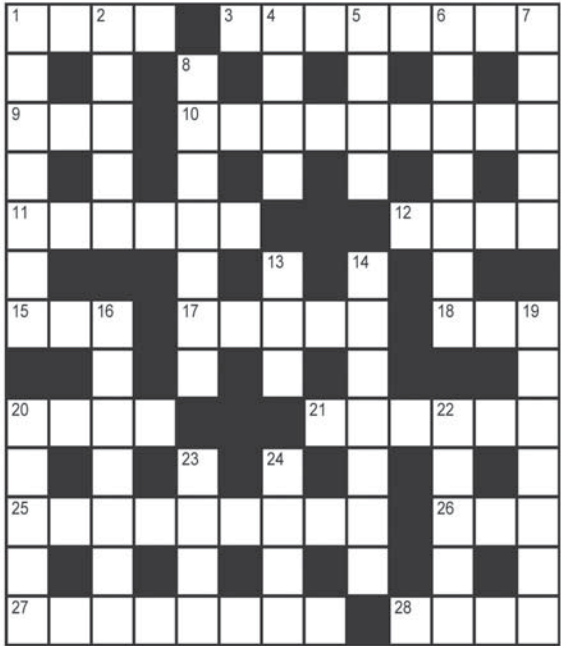


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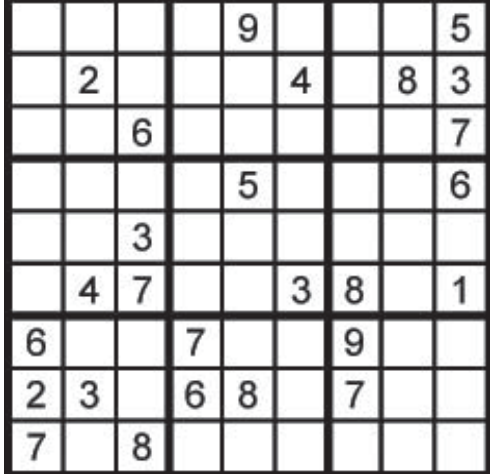
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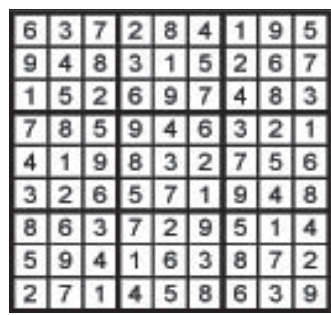
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- Acerbic
- Movie theatres
- Shady spot
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SUDOKU

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



SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

Sishu Bhawan gets additional 424 beds

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: In a step towards ensuring quality tertiary care to children, the state government sanctioned 424 more beds for Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Post Graduate Institute of Paediatrics, popular as Sishu Bhawan, in Cuttack Saturday.

Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) Minister Mukesh Mahaling approved 424 more beds for Sishu Bhawan, taking the total bed strength at the premier paediatric heath facility to 846 from the existing 422 at the old building of the hospital, an official said.

According to sources, Union H&FW Minister JP Nadda, along with Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Mahaling, inaugurated the new seven-storey building of the hospital in the Silver City April 11, 2025.

“The bed strength has been enhanced to 846 keeping in mind the new seven-storey facility. Along with the bed strength, the state government has also sanctioned 59 new faculty and doctor posts in different categories,” said the official.

GOVTS MUST WORK TOGETHER TO DELIVER WELFARE SCHEMES: BIRLA

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Saturday stressed that both the Centre and state governments must work in close coordination to ensure that welfare schemes effectively reach the last mile, particularly the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

Addressing the valedictory session of the two-day ‘National Conference of Chairpersons of Committees of Parliament and State Legislatures on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes’ here, Birla said the true benefits of development can be delivered only through such joint efforts.

He underlined the urgent need for every state Assembly to constitute dedicated committees on the welfare of SCs and STs so that sustained attention can be given to issues concerning these communities.

While Parliament already has such committees monitoring welfare measures, Birla observed that their absence in some states limits effective



oversight at the grassroots level.

Such committees, he said, would not only enable regular review of schemes and policies but also ensure timely redressal of SC/ST concerns.

He urged state legislatures to take the lead in setting up these committees to strengthen accountability and bring welfare initiatives closer to the people.

India, Birla noted, has undertaken wide-ranging reforms to safeguard the rights of SCs and

STs and align them with contemporary aspirations. Committees, he added, play a vital role in scrutinising budgetary provisions, assessing the performance of welfare schemes, and recommending improvements—thereby ensuring transparency and accountability in governance.

He emphasised that constructive recommendations from these committees should be seen as guidance for course

correction, not as criticism.

When governments and committees work together in this spirit, he said, the results are more enduring and effective.

Highlighting the deliberations during the conference, Birla said participants explored ways to ensure that constitutional safeguards, budgetary allocations, and welfare schemes truly empower SC/ST communities and make them self-reliant.

He stressed that the roadmap must address social, educational, economic, and political aspects of development so that by 2047, India realises Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar’s vision of an equitable and inclusive society. Birla also called for empowering SCs and STs through education and technology.

Expressing confidence that the ‘Bhubaneswar Agenda 2025’ would act as a framework for future action, he said with the blessings of Lord Jagannath and the vision of Ambedkar, India will march towards building a ‘Viksit Bharat’ by 2047, where every SC and ST member lives with

Nation’s strength lies in dignity of marginalised communities: Guv

Governor Hari Babu Kam-bhampati Saturday underlined that the true strength of a nation lies not in its infrastructure but in the dignity, freedom, and opportunities given to its most marginalised communities.

Speaking at the valedictory session of the two-day ‘National Conference of Chairpersons of Committees on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), Kam-bhampati said, “The welfare of SCs and STs is not merely a question of policy; it is a measure of our progress as a democracy built on the pillars of equality, dignity, and fraternity.”

He stressed the vital role of Parliamentary and State Legislature Committees in ensuring that constitutional safeguards translate into meaningful action.

Highlighting Odisha’s context, the Governor noted that nearly two-fifths of the state’s population belongs to SCs and STs, including 64 tribal groups and 13 PVTGs. He cited President Droupadi Murmu and NEET qualifier Champa Raspeda from the Didayi PVTG as examples of how education can transform lives.

dignity, equality, and justice.

On the occasion, Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida, Speaker of Odisha Legislative Assembly Surama Padhy,

Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SCs and STs Faggan Singh Kulaste, and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh also addressed the gathering.

Supply adequate fertilisers to Odisha, Naveen urges Centre

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, August 30: Amidst resentment among farmers over alleged scarcity of fertilisers in Odisha, BJD chief Naveen Patnaik Saturday sought the Centre’s intervention into the matter and demanded adequate supply of urea during the current kharif season.

Patnaik’s appeal came following reports of farmers hitting the streets to press for fulfilment of their demand for adequate supply of fertilisers in southern Odisha districts of Malkangiri, Ganjam and Nabarangpur.

Their protest in Malkangiri led to the disruption of traffic movement on NH-326 Friday.

STATE GOVT CLAIMS NO SCARCITY

However, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare (FS&CW) Minister Krushna Chandra Patra ridiculed Patnaik for writing a letter to the Centre and demanding more fertilisers for the state.

“There is no scarcity of fertilisers in Odisha,” Patra said.

The minister further claimed that farmers are satisfied with the BJP government, which hiked the MSP for paddy to Rs 3,100 per quintal. “Farmers, who stopped cultivation during BJD government, now see a future in farming under the Mohan Charan Majhi government,” he claimed.

Earlier in the day, Patnaik in

a letter to Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister JP Nadda requested him to take necessary steps for adequate supply of urea to Odisha during this Kharif season in the larger interest of the farming community.

Noting that agriculture is the mainstay of Odisha’s economy, which provides livelihood to more than 70 per cent of its population, the BJD chief said the state’s growth in the agricultural sector has been spectacular over the past two decades.

“From a mere importer of rice, Odisha has transformed itself into a major contributor to the

country’s public distribution system,” he mentioned in the letter.

Patnaik said Odisha has become self-sufficient in rice production, and this was possible because of the use of technology and adequate supply of inputs.

Fertiliser is a major input to agricultural production, and its smooth supply is very crucial for crop growth during the Kharif season, he said.

Patnaik pointed out that the farmers of Odisha are now facing a major problem in obtaining urea during this ongoing Kharif season. “Short supply of urea along with its black marketing and adulteration is a major concern for our farmers,” he claimed.





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Brown sugar worth ₹16L seized; 3 held



AGENCIES

Puri, August 30: The Special Squad of Puri police Saturday arrested three persons and seized around 170 grams of brown sugar worth ₹16 lakh, along with ₹1.6 lakh in cash and three two-wheelers, during a raid in the temple town.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the Chandanpur area Friday evening following information that the accused were supplying drugs in the locality.

The accused were identified as Pradeep Kumar Pradhan, Litu Pradhan and Niranjan Parida.

Puri SP Pratik Singh said the arrest marks a significant step in the police's ongoing anti-narcotics drive.

Police seized 170 grams of brown sugar, along with two motorcycles, a scooter, and three mobile phones from the accused

Police also recovered ₹1.6 lakh in cash from the accused, suspected to be proceeds from the contraband trade

“These arrests are a direct result of our focused intelligence-based operations,” the SP said.

Singh said that the accused were being apprehended red-handed while selling the brown sugar.

The SP added that police seized 170 grams of brown sugar worth ₹16 lakh, two motorcycles, a scooter, and three mobile phones from the accused.

The recovery also included a

small knife.

The police also recovered ₹1.6 lakh in cash from the possession of the accused, suspected to be proceeds from the sale of the contraband.

The Chandrapur police led the raid, the SP said, adding that the accused admitted to working for two notorious local drug peddlers, who are currently absconding.

Efforts are underway to apprehend the main accused in the drug trafficking.

The seized contraband and other items were confiscated in the presence of an executive magistrate and two independent witnesses.

The accused will be produced before the court on Saturday as the investigation continues to uncover more details about the drug supply chain.

“Puri Police achieved significant success as part of its ongoing anti-drug campaign. Acting on intelligence inputs about the movement of interstate drug suppliers, the Special Squad, SDPO Sadar team, and Chandanpur Inspector-in-Charge coordinated efforts and tracked the suspects. When the accused arrived to supply the drugs, they were arrested by our team,” SP Singh said while briefing the media.

The SP added that efforts are being intensified to make Puri a drug-free district and more such crackdowns will follow.

Chariot wheels on Parl premises soon

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, August 30: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has agreed to the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) proposal of installing three wheels of the chariots of Puri Rath Yatra on the Parliament premises, a senior official said Saturday.

In a statement, SJTA said: “During Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla’s visit to Srimandir in Puri, a proposal was given by the administration for installing three wheels of chariots of Rath Yatra in the Parliament premises. Hon’ble Speaker has accepted the proposal.”

SJTA chief administrator Arabinda Padhee, in a post on X Friday, said: “Hon’ble Lok Sabha Speaker, accompanied by other dignitaries, visited Shree Jagannatha Temple today, seeking Mahaprabhu’s blessings. We are deeply grateful to the Hon’ble Speaker for graciously agreeing to our proposal to install one wheel each from the three sacred chariots of Rath Yatra at a prominent location within the Parliament premises.”



Birla, accompanied by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Puri MP Sambit Patra, were welcomed by SJTA chief administrator at the Lion’s Gate Friday.

Padhee said that the wheels of Nandighosh (Lord Jagannath), Darpadalan (Devi Subhadra) and Taladwaja (Lord Balabhadra) chariots will go to Delhi and be installed as a lasting emblem of Odisha’s timeless culture and spiritual heritage. After the annual Rath Yatra, the three chariots of the deities are dismantled every year. New wood is used in the construction of chariots every year, except for some prominent parts, according to Nandighosh chariot chief carpenter Bijay Mohapatra.

Cong seeks CM’s apology over Rahul Gandhi remark



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: The Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Saturday demanded an apology from Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi for his remarks on Rahul Gandhi and the Congress over the Voter Adhikar Yatra incident in Bihar, which the party alleged was staged by the BJP.

Addressing a press conference here at Congress Bhawan, OPCC spokespersons Rajani

Kumar Mohanty, Nishikant Mishra and Jayashree Patra alleged that the BJP was conspiring to malign Rahul Gandhi and derail the ongoing Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar.

Mohanty alleged that the BJP, through its minority cell functionary Mohammad Rizvi, deliberately tried to create a controversy by making objectionable remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his late mother at a press meet in Patna. “Rahul Gandhi was

not even present during that press conference, yet the BJP is attempting to defame him and the Congress leadership before the people,” he added.

Mohanty further said that although media reports and photographs on social media identified Rizvi as a BJP functionary seen with senior leaders like former Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister Majhi still chose to target Rahul Gandhi and the Congress without any factual basis.

The Congress spokesperson also recalled past instances where BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Modi, had made derogatory remarks against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, questioning why CM Majhi never objected to such comments. Mohanty reiterated the demand for an apology from the Chief Minister over his remarks against Rahul Gandhi and the Congress.

OSPCB to BMC: Reply on Sainik School TTS

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: The Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) Saturday wrote to the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) seeking an immediate response regarding the Temporary Transit Station (TTS) at the Sainik School campus.

In its letter, the OSPCB stated, “A public complaint has been received from residents living around the Sainik School Temporary Solid Waste Transfer Point. A copy of the complaint is enclosed, with a request to submit the point-wise compliance status by September 3, positively.”

The OSPCB issued the letter after the ‘Sainik School Banchao Alia Gada Hatao Abhiyan,’ have been protesting for the relocation of the Gadakana dumping yard from the Sainik School area, citing excessive pollution. They have also raised serious health concerns, alleging that emissions from the yard are causing skin diseases and respiratory problems among nearby residents.



calling for a solution and relocate the yard. It also warned of gheraoing the OSPCB office September 1 if no action was taken. Following this, the OSPCB asked the BMC to submit its response by September 3.

It may be noted that local residents, along with the ‘Sainik School Banchao Alia Gada Hatao Abhiyan,’ have been protesting for the relocation of the Gadakana dumping yard from the Sainik School area, citing excessive pollution. They have also raised serious health concerns, alleging that emissions from the yard are causing skin diseases and respiratory problems among nearby residents.

Body recovered from train toilet

Bhubaneswar: Police Saturday recovered the body of a man from the toilet of the Bhubaneswar-Tirupati Superfast Express at Bhubaneswar railway station, an officer said. The body was recovered during washing before the train’s scheduled departure. The deceased has been identified as Mohammed Nasim, aged about 41 years, based on a PAN card recovered from the spot, police said. The train had arrived at Bhubaneswar railway station from Tirupati late Friday night, said Government Railway Police (GRP) inspector in-charge, Ashok Kumar Gochhayat. He said cleaning staff found the body hanging from the train window with a belt inside the toilet. Gochhayat said the forensic team and GRP officers are investigating the matter. “Preliminary investigation indicates that it was a case of suicide,” he said.

CAG Research Foundation hosts state-level debate



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: The CAG Research Foundation Saturday hosted a state-level debate and discussion on the theme “Odisha: Rich in Resources, Poor in Outcomes – Who is Responsible? What Needs to Be Done?” at Gita Govinda Sadan here.

Several eminent personalities attended the event and shared their views, including former Union Minister Srikanth Jena, OPCC president Bhakta Charan Das, former ministers Prafulla Ghadai and Jayadev Jena, along with other dignitaries from diverse fields.

The essay competition drew 160 participants from 20 districts, with a majority of entries from female students—highlighting strong interest among

young women in issues of governance and equity.

The meeting was presided over by CAG Research Foundation secretary Chidananda Jena and founding member Akshay Kumar Mallick, while the foundation’s founder, Ravi Rajan, delivered a thematic presentation. Speakers unanimously noted that despite its rich natural and human resources, Odisha continues to lag in development due to weak political will, poor policy formulation and lack of sincere governance. The gathering also resolved to take the debate to different parts of the state to broaden public discourse on these issues.

The programme also featured a prize distribution ceremony for an essay competition on the theme “Is Odisha Lagging Behind in Social Justice?”

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Nobel laureate Kremer lauds state’s crop advisory model

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, August 30: Nobel laureate Michael Kremer and a 12-member team from University of Chicago visited Krushi Bhavan here Saturday, to discuss about ongoing research project on weather forecast dissemination system and its rationality, validity, and acceptability among the farming community in the state.

Agriculture and Farmers’ Empowerment department Principal Secretary Arabinda Kumar Padhee, Agriculture and Food Production director Shubham Saxena, Soil Conservation and Watershed Development director Subrat Kumar Panda, scientists from OUAT and members of the Climate Resilience Cell (CRC) were also present in the meeting.

Kremer appreciated depart-



ment’s Krushi Samrudhi Helpline (KSH) initiative and noted that the outreach of KSH is helping last-mile farmers in saving their crops from climate-related challenges. He also suggested introducing Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based forecasting, taking rainfall, temperature, and humidity into account, to better predict pest incidences. “Such forecasting would help farmers adopt precautionary and preventive measures to protect crops from abnormal weather occurrences,” he said, further

emphasising that integrating multiple weather forecasting models with the existing KSH system of DA and FE is the need of the hour.

On the occasion, Padhee highlighted the department’s holistic approaches, including comprehensive rice fallow management for enriching soil biomass, crop insurance, customised agro-advisories, digital crop surveys, farmer registry, the Krushak Odisha database, adoption of stress-tolerant crop varieties and digital pest monitoring.

PEO held for embezzling old-age pension funds

POST NEWS NETWORK

Jajpur, August 30: Vigilance sleuths Saturday arrested a panchayat executive officer (PEO) in Jajpur district for allegedly misappropriating ₹7.35 lakh of government funds meant for old-age pension beneficiaries.

The arrested official, identified as Santosh Kumar Jena, is currently attached to Daganagadi block. He had allegedly indulged in the misappropriation during his tenure in Pimpudia GP in Sukinda block.

A probe was initiated after allegations surfaced that Jena had siphoned off ₹7.35 lakh allocated for the distribution among old-age pension beneficiaries in Pimpudia GP, Vigilance officials said. A thorough investigation was conducted and it was found that the accused had not distributed the funds to the beneficiaries and had instead diverted those for his personal gains, they said.

WEATHER

	BBSR	CTC	FORECAST
Max Temp	33.3°	33.2°	Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershower
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Humidity	84%	87%	
Rainfall	NII	NII	

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Registration must to sell cotton at mandis



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhawanipatna, August 30: For the first time, cotton farmers in Kalahandi district must register before selling their produce in local mandis under a new regulation introduced by the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. to enhance transparency and streamline marketing.

Unlike paddy, which requires registration through primary agricultural cooperatives or women's self-help groups, cotton farmers previously sold their produce directly in mandis without any formalities.

Starting September 1, farmers can register via the 'Kapas Kisan' mobile app, with the registration process open until September 30, according to a letter received by Regulated Market Committee (RMC).

Kalahandi leads Odisha in cotton production with the fibre

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grown here considered among Asia's finest. The district's annual cotton output is valued at over ₹500 crore. Last year, cotton was cultivated on 71,700 hectares, yielding 1,50,426 metric tonnes. This year, cultivation has been expanded to 72,010 hectares. Despite this, the lack of infrastructure, such as spinning or weaving mills, has hindered the growth of ancillary industries, raising concern among farmers.

The district operates four RMC mandis – Kerlapada and Tuting under Bhawanipatna

RMC, Uchhala under Junagarh RMC, and Utkela under Kesin-ga RMC. The government-set minimum support price (MSP) for cotton is ₹7,121 per quintal, but traders often pay higher prices for resale. Kalahandi's cotton is supplied to states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, where companies and brokers process it for domestic and international markets, reaping substantial profits.

The absence of local spinning or weaving mills has left Kalahandi lagging in industrialisation despite abundance of raw material. Cotton cultivation in the district began around the government-established Konark Spinning Mill in Kesin-ga, which propelled Kalahandi to become the top cotton-producing region in state. However, the mill has since shut down. Bhawanipatna hosts Odisha's only cotton research facility, the All India Cotton Research Programme, supporting varieties like Rash 569, Tulasi Takat, Kanak, Bandi, and Raja.

Although the state government has not approved BT cotton, farmers remain enthusiastic. As an alternative to paddy, cotton offers higher profits; but the absence of government-owned mills means brokers transport much of the produce out of state. Reviving the Konark Spinning Mill could create significant opportunities for local farmers, boosting the district's economy.

Suspected B'deshi infiltrator carrying firearms detained

PNN & AGENCIES

Rajnagar, August 30: Odisha Police has detained a suspected Bangladeshi infiltrator carrying an unlicensed firearm, officials said Saturday.

The man, identified as Mrutyunjaya Mandal, appeared to be under the influence of alcohol when he was apprehended in a coastal village within Rajnagar police station limits.

Although Mandal claimed to be a native of Sandeshkhali subdivision in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas, he had migrated to Gupti village in Rajnagar in Kendrapara district to work as an agricultural labourer, police added.

He was nabbed with the firearm. Further investigation is underway as he has failed to furnish documentary proof of Indian citizenship, said Naresh Sahu, Inspector-In-Charge, Rajnagar police station. Possibility of the migrant worker being a Bangladeshi infiltrator cannot be ruled out, officials said, adding that police are cross-checking his nativity with West Bengal Police.

A case under the Arms Act has been filed, and if his Bangladeshi origins are confirmed, Mandal could also face charges under the Foreigners Act, police said.

Kendrapara, with 1,649 registered illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, has the highest number of infiltrators in the coastal district.

Female elephant found dead in Hindol forest



Satamile: A female elephant was found dead in Nuakot forest under Hindol forest range of Dhenkanal district Saturday, Forest department sources said. Members of elephant squad, who were on duty, spotted the carcass. The exact cause of the animal's death has not yet been ascertained. Senior forest officials and the Hindol veterinary officer reached the spot and conducted a post-mortem examination. An investigation is underway. Frequent jumbo deaths, apart from human fatalities and crop damage due to human-elephant conflict, have triggered growing resentment among residents of Hindol. Locals have accused the government and the Forest department of inaction and demanded immediate measures to address the crisis.

3-day residential monsoon bird census begins at Bhitarkanika



PNN & AGENCIES

Rajnagar, August 30: Authorities of Bhitarkanika National Park in Kendrapara district launched a three-day census Saturday to count the residential monsoon birds that flock to the park's wetland areas every year for nesting, officials said.

The count is being carried out by two teams of seven members each under the supervision of Divisional Forest Officer Bharadwaj Gaon. The teams include ornithologists and wildlife personnel from the national park.

Meanwhile, two teams assigned to Balidih under the Rajnagar range had to return without conducting the census due to heavy floodwater in the area.

According to Manas Das, Assistant Conservator of Forests, the teams are conducting the headcount of various avian species that arrive during monsoon. Monsoon triggers a delightful cacophony of chirps along the marshy wetlands of the park. "Although the rain was not uniform this year, leading to a delayed arrival of the birds, we are still witnessing a large congregation of these migratory species along the park's mangrove areas," officials said.

The enumerators will cover all the major congregation zones both in and outside the national park. Besides the core areas of the national park, peripheral wetland sites like Mathad-ih, Laxmiprasaddiha, and Durgaprasaddiha are also being taken up for the census, Das said. Lack of human interference, ideal climatic conditions, cool breeze and the river system here have emerged to the liking of these delicate chirpy winged species, he added.

Over a dozen types of local residential birds congregate in and around the national park for nesting and breeding every year. These include species like the Open-billed Stork, Little Cormorant, Intermediate Egret, Large Egret, Little Egret, Purple Heron, Grey Heron, Night Heron, Darter, White Ibis, and Cattle Egret, forest officials said.

As many as 1,30,123 monsoon residential birds belonging to 10 species were sighted in 27,282 nests on 1,300 trees during 2024 census, the official said.

3 sentenced to life for murder

POST NEWS NETWORK

Rayagada, August 30: A local court here sentenced three men to rigorous life imprisonment Saturday after convicting them in a 2023 murder case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Alpana Swain convicted Ashok Goud, Bhagirathi Goud and Bikram Goud under Sections 302/34 of the IPC and relevant provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The court also imposed a fine of ₹5,000 on each of them. In default of payment, they will serve an additional six-month term of rigorous imprisonment. This was stated here by additional public prosecutor Ramprasad Patra.

According to the prosecution, the case dates back to June 9, 2023, when Gajendra Naik of Kashnadora village in Kashipur block visited his

farmland to oversee ground leveling work being carried out with an earth mover by operator Raghu Jhodia and his assistants, Ananta Majhi and Chaitanya Majhi.

At that time, Bhagirathi, along with Ashok and Bikram, confronted Naik, asking him to show the boundaries of the land. They then attacked him with axes, striking his legs and back. As others at the site raised an alarm, the accused fled the scene. Naik was rushed to the Kashipur Community Health Centre in a critical condition, where doctors pronounced him dead.

Following a complaint filed by Naik's son, Mihir Kumar Naik, Kashipur police registered a case and launched an investigation. Police arrested the three accused June 12, 2023, and seized the three axes used in the crime.

Mass CPR training programme organised at MITS Rayagada



POST NEWS NETWORK

Rayagada, August 30: Majhighariani Institute of Technology & Science (MITS), Rayagada in collaboration with the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation successfully organised a Mass CPR Training Programme on its campus Saturday.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr LN Sahu from the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Rayagada along with trust members of the organisation Ravi Kishore and Sunil Kumar Mohanty. The inaugural session was held in the presence of Biswa-jeet Panda, Vice Chairman (MITS Group), Dr CV Gopinath, Director, and Professor Ramanuja Nayak, Principal.

More than 800 students, faculty, and staff from the MITS Group of Institutions (MITS, MIPS & MITC) actively participated and received training in life-saving CPR techniques.

The training was conducted by Brahma Mahadev Manda, Master Trainer, along with a team of four experienced trainers, who guided participants through practical demonstrations and hands-on sessions. The programme was well-structured, interactive, and impactful, equipping the participants with essential emergency response skills. The management and administration of MITS extended heartfelt thanks to the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation for their noble initiative and dedicated service towards spreading awareness and building life-saving skills among youth and professionals.

This Mass CPR initiative is part of the organisation's larger mission to train 2 lakh individuals in Odisha by 2025 to respond effectively to cardiac emergencies, thereby saving countless lives.

Teen migrant worker cracks NEET

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, August 30: The dream of becoming a doctor came true for 19-year-old student Subham Sabar, who has been working as a labourer in Bengaluru to support his family, as he cracked the NEET UG exams and secured admission to the MBBS course at a college here.

Sabar, who hails from a poor family in Mudulidih village under the Banpur block in Khurda district, was elated when he received a phone call from his teacher Basudev Moharana that he had cleared the entrance exams for getting admission to the MBBS course.

He ranked 18,212 in the Scheduled Tribe category and got admission to MKCG Medical College and Hospital here.

"Recently, while working at the construction site in Bengaluru, I got a call from my teacher who asked me to distribute sweets. I was surprised and asked him



about the reason. He smiled and informed me that I had cracked the NEET exams. It was like a dream come true. I could not hold my tears and returned home the next day with due permission of the contractor who engaged me in the work," Sabar told PTI. During his three-month work, the student earned ₹45,000, of which he could save ₹25,000.

Asked the reason behind his journey to Bengaluru as a migrant worker, Sabar said there was "no alternative but to support my family".

"I hail from a very poor family of five. As the NEET exam was over, I decided to earn some money to support my family. I contacted a local contractor who sent me

to Bengaluru. The savings I made helped me get admission to the medical college," he said.

Sabar also said he initially wanted to become a police officer, but started aspiring to be a doctor when he began preparing for higher studies.

"I am now on course to fulfil my dream of becoming a doctor and serve the people of Odisha," the medical student said.

His parents - Sahadeb and Rang - hoped that the government would extend financial support to him so that he could complete his four-year MBBS course.

"Since childhood, he has been very labourious and meritorious. He wanted to become a doctor. His hard work guaranteed the success," said Subham's mother, Rang.

"Subham grew up watching his parents and his siblings working hard day and night. He learnt how to work hard and succeeded," the elated mother said.

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WILFUL DEFAULTER NOTICE

Ref: Publication of photographs of Wilful Defaulters of NPA A/c. M/s. Nilachakra Marine Exporters Pvt. Ltd. with our Bhubaneswar Branch

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that Bank of Maharashtra has declared the following persons as wilful defaulters in accordance with the extent guidelines issued by the RBI as well as Board of Bank of Maharashtra after complying with the procedure stipulated and prescribed by RBI in this regard.

BHUBANESWAR BRANCH / Name & Address of the Borrower with Status (Borrower / Directors / Guarantors etc.)

Borrower: M/s. Nilachakra Marine Exporters Pvt. Ltd., 1st floor, Plot No.: 974 B, Park Street, New Forest Park, Bhubaneswar- 751009

Director/Guarantor of M/s. Nilachakra Marine Exporters Pvt. Ltd.: Mrs. Diptimayee Senapati, Address-1: Flat No.: C-106, Ram Bhramar Palace, Cuttack Road, Bhubaneswar, Khordha - 751006, Address-2: Plot No.: 81, Indraprastha, Phase-II, P.O.: Pokhariput, Near Pokhariput Park, Bhubaneswar, Khordha- 751020

Director/Guarantor of M/s. Nilachakra Marine Exporters Pvt. Ltd.: Mr. Manoranjan Kumar Patra, Address-1: At: Rama Bhramar Palace, Cuttack Road, Rasulgurh, Bomikhal, Bhubaneswar - 751010, Address-2: Plot No.: 81, Phase-2, Aerodrome Area, Near Madhusudan Park, Bhubaneswar, Khordha - 751020, Address-3: M/s. Odisha Aqua Traders and Marine Export, 2nd Floor, Plot No.: 974 B, Park Street, Forest Park, Bhubaneswar-751009, Address-4: M/s. Odisha Aqua Traders and Marine Export, Plot No.: 81, Indraprastha, Phase - II, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar - 751020

Bank has sent suitable communication to the RBI as well as to the Credit Information Companies informing the above mentioned persons as Wilful Defaulters. We hereby publish the photographs of Wilful Defaulters for the information of public at large.

Place: Bhubaneswar **Zonal Manager**
Date: 31.08.2025 **Bhubaneswar Zone**

East Coast Railway

Tender No. eT-M-KUR-EnHM-CAP-311-25

NAME OF WORK : DAILY CLEANING AND SWEEPING OF CHATRAPUR RAILWAY STATION AND COLONY AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE FROM STATION AND COLONY OF CAP TO THE DUMPING YARD AS PER MUNICIPALITY AUTHORITIES FOR A PERIOD OF 01 YEAR.

Advertised Value (₹) : 90,37,972.87, **EMD (₹) :** 1,80,800.00, **Tender Document Cost (₹) :** 5,900/-, **Period of Completion :** 12 Months.

Bidding Start Date : 02.09.2025 **Closing Date & Time :** At 1530 hrs. of 16.09.2025.

Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer,
PR-537/Q/25-26 **Khurda Road**

East Coast Railway

File No. DRM/Engg/KUR/25-26/E-Tender/64

Dt. 25.08.2025

Tender No. etender-NorthKUR-179-2025

Dtd.: 21.08.2025

DESCRIPTION : RAIL STRUCTURE INTERACTION (RSI) ANALYSIS AND SUBMISSION OF REPORT USING MIDAS RAIL TRACK MODULE AS PER THE LATEST PROVISIONS OF UIC 7743R AND RDSO GUIDELINES FOR RSI AND RECOMMEND REMEDIAL SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGES OVER THE KHURDA ROAD DIVISION OF EAST COAST RAILWAY

Approx. Cost of the Work (₹) : ₹ 80.40 Lakh, **EMD :** ₹ 1,60,800/-, **Completion Period :** 08 (Eight) Months.

Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1500 Hrs. of 11.09.2025.

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 received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-Tender is available in website : www.ireps.gov.in

Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 10 (Ten) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) /
PR-536/Q/25-26 **Khurda Road**

East Coast Railway

File No. DRM/Engg/KUR/25-26/E-Tender/65

Dt. 26.08.2025

1) Tender No. e-TenderSouthKUR-223-2025, Dtd. 18-08-2025

DESCRIPTION : PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF STANDARD RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE POST BUILDING WITH ALL FACILITIES AT BRAHMAMUR RAILWAY STATION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.

Approx Cost of the Work (₹) : 140.17 Lakhs, **EMD (₹) :** 2,20,100.00

2) Tender No. e-TenderSouthKUR-221-2025, Dtd. 18-08-2025

DESCRIPTION : EXECUTION OF CTR(S) FOR A LENGTH OF 5.337 KMS IN DIFFERENT YARDS OF CHATRAPUR -PALASA SECTION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.

Approx Cost of the Work (₹) : 172.47 Lakhs, **EMD (₹) :** 2,36,200.00

3) Tender No. e-Tender-HqKUR-222-2025, Dtd. 18-08-2025

DESCRIPTION : SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TRACK MOUNTED AUTOMATIC (HYDRAULIC TYPE - 2KM CATEGORY) GAUGE FACE LUBRICATOR OF 46 NOS. CURVE LOCATIONS OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.

Approx Cost of the Work (₹) : 403.00 Lakhs, **EMD (₹) :** 3,51,500.00

Completion Period : 12 (Twelve) Months (for Sl. No. 1 & 2), 60 (Sixty) Months (for Sl. No. 3)

Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1500 Hrs. of 10.09.2025 (for all the tenders).

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 received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-Tender is available in website : <https://www.ireps.gov.in>

Note : The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 10 (Ten) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / Corrigendum issued for this tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg),
PR-538/Q/25-26 **Khurda Road**

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You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with Interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and cost. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Loan A/c. No. HE01XBJ00000068875

Name and Address of Borrower / Co- Borrower :

Applicant : Santosh Kumar Satapathy

S/o. Srikanta Satapathy, C/o. Srikanta Satapathy, Bada Danda Street, Sabulia Rambha, Near Jagannath Temple, District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin - 761028

Co-Applicants : Sarita Dash, W/o. Santosh Kumar Satapathy

C/o. Santosh Kumar Satapathy, Bada Danda Street, Sabulia Rambha, Near Jagannath Temple, District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin - 761028

Srikanta Satapathy, S/o. Balabhadra Satapathy, Bada Danda Street, Sabulia Rambha, Near Jagannath Temple, District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin - 761028

M/s. Santosh Kumar Satapathy, House No. 4, Balugaon, Fish Market, Chilika, P. S. - Balugaon, District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin - 752030

Description of the Immoveable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing Khata No. 547/2059 (Old No. 547/594), Plot No. 5560, Mouza - Sabulia, Area - 0.086 Decimil, Kisan - Gharabari, Near Jagannath Temple, Tahasil - Khallikote, District - Ganjam, Odisha, Pin- 761028.

Loan Amount : Rs. 75,00,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh only)

Date of Demand Notice : 06.08.2025

NPA Date : 04.08.2025

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 76,77,330.00 (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty only) as on 06/08/2025

Loan A/c. No. HE01XBE00000085068

Name and Address of Borrower / Co- Borrower :

Applicant : Sujit Kumar Rout, S/o. Bhagaban Rout, C/o. Bhagaban Rout Saragan, Near Shiv Temple, Post Office - Saragan, Baleswar, Odisha, Pin - 756002

Co-Applicants : Ipsita Rout, W/o. Sujit Kumar Rout Saragan, Near Shiv Temple, Post Office - Saragan, Baleswar, Odisha, Pin - 756002

M/s. Subarana Poultry Feed Firm And Swatik Chiken Center Plot No. 4/215/1026, Khata No. 265/1730, Mouza - Isani, Tahasil - Baleswar Near U. P. School, City - Baleswar, District - Baleswar, Odisha, Pin - 756002

Description of the Immoveable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing Plot No. 4/215/1026, Khata No. 265/1730, Mouza - Isani, Area - 0.10 Decimal, Tahasil - Baleswar, City - Baleswar, District - Baleswar, Pin - 756002, Odisha, near U. P. School. **Bounded by :** North - Biswajit Rout, South - Tilotamma Sahu, East - Road, West - Biswa Mohan Das.

Loan Amount : Rs. 75,00,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh only)

Date of Demand Notice : 06.08.2025

NPA Date : 04.08.2025

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 77,82,223.00 (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three only) as on 06/08/2025

Loan A/c. No. HE01XBE00000086520

Name and Address of Borrower / Co- Borrower :

Applicant : Bhaskar Manna, S/o. Sitaram Manna, Landmark - Near High School Village - Sartha, P. O. - Sartha, Tehsil & District - Baleshwar, Odisha, Pin - 756027

Co-Applicants : Sumitra Manna, W/o. Bhaskar Manna, Khadkhadi, Chaksartha, Village - Sartha, Post - Sartha, P. S. - Singla, District - Baleswar-756027 Landmark - High School, Mob: 8280725058

Bhagiratha Manna, S/o. Sitaram Manna, Village - Sartha, P. O. - Sartha Landmark - Near High School, Tehsil & District - Baleshwar, Odisha, Pin - 756027

M/s. Maa Lakshmi Marine, Through its Proprietor - Bhaskar Manna Plot No. 7036, Khata No. 510, Sartha, Chaksartha, Balasore, P. S. - Singla Landmark - High School, District - Balasore, Odisha, Pin - 756027

Description of the Immoveable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing, Plot No. 7038/ 11676/17000, Khata No. 2610/4972 (old) 2610/5923 (new), Area - 0.1850 Decimals, Kisan - Gharabari, Mauza & Village - Sartha, P. S. - Singla, P. S. No. 114, Tehsil & District - Baleshwar, Odisha, Pin - 756027. Near high school. **Bounded as :** North - Radhakrishna Jena, South - Rameshwar Manna, East - Road, West - Sudam Jena.

Loan Amount : Rs. 72,00,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh only)

Date of Demand Notice : 06.08.2025

NPA Date : 04.08.2025

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 75,39,285.00 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five only) as on 06/08/2025


Date : 30.08.2025

Place : Ganjam, Baleswar, Balasore (Odisha)

Authorised Officer

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

True knowledge is not attained by thinking. It is what you are; it is what you become.



Diplomatic Delusion

To be able to correct a problem, we first have to acknowledge that a problem exists. If we do not make this acknowledgement, then we will not address the problem and it will not be corrected. The first step is to accept that there is an issue and then we can move on to resolving it.

The problem we are discussing today is the effectiveness of personalised diplomacy of the sort that we have seen since 2014. It is centred around such things as physical interaction and displays of affection, grand events in honour of guests, and the idea that the ‘friendship’ that is produced by these actions will help resolve issues.

Why are we discussing this today? It is of course that the government of India is today struggling to find its place in the world. Nations it was convinced were friends if not allies have spanked it gratuitously, and it has been forced to turn to nations it saw till a few days ago as rivals if not enemies.

This is the problem. To address it, we will first have to acknowledge that it exists. This will not be easy for this government because it has rested its entire performance on the genius of one individual. To accept there is a problem is to acknowledge that the genius has not worked as had been presumed. But one of the jobs of the columnist is to offer unsolicited opinion and in times of crisis especially we must put our shoulder to the wheel.

At the root of the matter is a simple fact that has become clear: Our prime minister is not good at personalised diplomacy. He is, as we will see, spectacularly bad at it. Note that this is a separate matter from whether or not personalised diplomacy by itself works. It well might. Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger used it to bring China onside with the United States, and keep Mao from aligning with the Soviets.

When he was hosting foreign dignitaries, Pakistan’s prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto would sometimes personally receive an individual at the airport. In the memoirs of his associates, Iqbal Akhund and Rafi Raza, they write that this sometimes yielded results. However that is not what we are on here.

When the clash at Galwan happened, it collapsed the sense of a camaraderie that had been promoted by the prime minister himself. In September 2014, he coined one of his famous acronyms, speaking about bilateral ties with China as moving ahead from ‘INCH’ (India and China) towards ‘MILES’ (Millennium of Exceptional Synergy).

The report that published this news ended with this paragraph, and remember this is 2014: ‘Modi’s remarks came amid local authorities in Leh claiming that Chinese civilians in government vehicles had entered Indian territory in Demchok in Ladakh and were preventing locals from working on an irrigation project there. The contentious boundary dispute will be among the issues to be discussed by Modi and Xi.’

Modi met Xi a total of 18 times before the clash at Galwan in 2020. Young Indian couples in arranged marriages meet fewer than 18 times but are able to suss out the other individual as being suitable as a life partner or not. Our prime minister was not able to do so, despite all the hugging and jhoola-swinging. Xi is an individual led by a harder calculus and would scoff at melting over gestures.

That we did not know this was our failure. The reaction to his actions was also personalised at our end: after Galwan, Modi has avoided meeting Xi till now. Actual personalised diplomacy would have required him picking up the phone to ask why Xi was acting the way he was, rather than sulking, but as has been noted, he’s not actually good at this stuff that he is thought to be good at.


Our diplomats are today unsure of why Trump has been manhandling India but there is a precedent for this. In his first term, Trump forced Modi to stop buying oil from Tehran. We complained that our refineries were calibrated for Irani crude but though there was no UN sanction in operation, we complied with Trump then.

The easiest explanation for why Trump has been harsh with us on tariffs is to be found not in the theory that he is upset that India has not acknowledged his ending of our war with Pakistan (he doesn’t care what we think). The explanation is to be found in all schoolyards across the world. The bully does not want to be fighting everyone all the time. The bully wants to make an example of one individual in public so that the others comply without fighting. That is what has happened here in front of the eyes of the world.


Our giant rallies for Trump in Houston and Ahmedabad did not save us because he is a selfish bully who looks after his own interests first and last. That is his character. It is our fault that despite our assumed closeness to him we did not comprehend what was so obvious to Xi and everyone else in positions of power.

If we were to acknowledge that this is why we are where we are then we might be able to correct it. But it is more likely, given the record, that we will continue down the path we have been since 2014 because it is impossible at this juncture to convey that our great leader can ever be anything less than totally competent.


The worst enemy of truth and freedom in our society is the compact majority.



You cannot engrave on water nor wound it with a knife, which is why the river has no fear of memories.



Happiness always looks small while you hold it in your hands, but let it go, and you learn at once how big and precious it is.



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1751:** Robert Clive of Britain seized Arcot, India, and then withstood a 53-day siege that began a few weeks later.
- 1850:** King Kamehameha III officially declared Honolulu a city and the capital of his kingdom.
- 1864:** During the American Civil War, the Confederate evacuation of Atlanta began, shortly before Union troops led by William Tecumseh Sherman occupied the city, providing a much-needed victory for the North.
- 1991:** Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan declared independence from the Soviet Union.

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There are signs that Brazil, India, South Africa, and China are set to forge a cohesive climate agenda ahead of COP30 in Belém, which is focused on collective action



Maiara Folly and Jayati Ghosh

WESTERN COUNTRIES MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AT COP30 FOR THEIR HISTORIC EMISSIONS AND UNMET CLIMATE-FINANCE PROMISES



Aakar Patel

OUR GIANT RALLIES FOR TRUMP IN HOUSTON AND AHMEDABAD DID NOT SAVE US BECAUSE HE IS A SELFISH BULLY WHO LOOKS AFTER HIS OWN INTERESTS FIRST AND LAST. THAT IS HIS CHARACTER

SPECTRUM

INDO-POLAND TIES

Time to build regional security



Piotr Opalinski

A COMMON FACTOR BETWEEN POLAND AND INDIA IS THAT BOTH NAVIGATE GREAT-POWER COMPETITION AS CONFIDENT MIDDLE POWERS

India’s strategic vision today extends well beyond South Asia. New Delhi recognises that stability in Europe and Eurasia directly influences the balance of power in the Indo-Pacific. As NATO’s eastern anchor, Poland offers India lessons, opportunities, and a channel into European security debates.

Although the Polish-Indian dialogue on defence is still developing, it has great potential. For India, closer cooperation with Warsaw is not only about bilateral ties but about strengthening its influence in Europe, where decisions increasingly affect the Indo-Pacific as well.

Since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Warsaw has taken on responsibilities far beyond its size in NATO. Defence spending has surged to over 4% of GDP, the highest share in NATO, and the armed forces are undergoing rapid modernisation with American HIMARS, Abrams tanks, F-35 jets, as well as South Korean K2 tanks and K9 howitzers.

For India, this is notable in two respects. First, it shows how a mid-sized state can quickly reshape its military posture in response to existential threats – an experience India can relate to. Second, Poland’s strong voice

within NATO ensures that deterrence against Russia remains central to the Alliance’s strategy, stabilising Europe and freeing up American resources for the Indo-Pacific. A secure Europe creates opportunities for deeper India-Europe cooperation in defence production and logistics.

Few European states understand Russia as deeply as Warsaw does. Centuries of partitions, Soviet domination, and Cold War subjugation have forged in it, a strategic culture of caution toward Moscow. Since 2022, it has emerged as one of Ukraine’s staunchest supporters, providing weapons, training, and humanitarian assistance. It has also driven EU sanctions against Russia and coordinated logistics for Western aid.

India should see it as an example of how middle powers can shape continental responses to aggression. While India maintains a balanced approach to Moscow, it recognises that Poland plays a vital role in preventing instability in Europe – instability that would complicate New Delhi’s delicate balancing act between Russia, the West, and China.

Defence ties between Poland and India go back decades. During the Cold War, Poland

supplied equipment and expertise to upgrade Soviet-origin systems in India. Polish companies have since worked with Indian partners on tank modernisation, aviation components, and naval equipment. In recent years, this cooperation has gained momentum. And for New Delhi, pursuing Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, it could consider ties with a practical partner: capable of technology transfer, cost-effective solutions, and joint ventures.

A common factor between Poland and India is that both navigate great-power competition as confident middle powers. While Warsaw relies on NATO and the EU to enhance its security, New Delhi builds coalitions like the Quad, BRICS, and SCO to expand its strategic space. Despite different geographies, both prioritise sovereignty, deterrence, and resilience.

The war in Ukraine and tensions in the Indo-Pacific highlight a simple truth: regional conflicts carry global consequences. India faces it on its Himalayan border and across the Indian Ocean. There is need to share lessons, coordinate policies, and strengthen the global security architecture. Encour-

aging is that signs of stronger Polish-Indian partnership are already visible. High-level visits, growing trade, and academic exchanges have created a favourable environment. Yet defence cooperation remains the most promising vector.

Both countries leadership should realise that while the two may be geographically distant, their strategic trajectories are converging. Poland, as NATO’s eastern shield, and India, as the Indo-Pacific’s central power, both confront assertive neighbours, invest in deterrence, and seek to shape a multipolar but stable world. For Indian readers, the message is clear: Deepening ties with Warsaw would complement India’s partnerships with France, Germany, and the United States, while adding a Central European dimension to its global strategy. In today’s uncertain world, both countries stand as natural allies – bound not by historical accident, but by shared recognition that security is indivisible, and that cooperation across continents is essential for a more stable order.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Unwarranted remarks

Sir, The recent comments of Peter Navarro, dismissing India as an “oil money laundromat” and calling the Ukraine conflict “Modi’s war,” are both factually misleading and diplomatically unhelpful. Mr. Navarro, currently without any official responsibility beyond his association with the MAGA platform, has little authority to make such damaging statements on behalf of Washington. It must be remembered that the United States itself has continued indirect imports of Russian crude, while several NATO partners remain dependent on Russian gas through pipelines. Singling out India, which has acted within the bounds of international law and the G7 price-cap framework, is neither fair nor constructive. The Ukraine crisis is not of India’s making; its roots lie in long-standing geopolitical rivalries between NATO and Russia. India’s priority remains energy security and balanced diplomacy. Responsible commentary, not inflammatory rhetoric, should guide discussions among partners.

Gopalaswamy J, CHENNAI

Spinning success

Sir, Every ending will have a new start as this goes right in case of Ravichandran Ashwin, the tall lanky off spinner from Tamil Nadu bid a farewell to IPL cricket and that is the end of cricket in Indian soil for the successful spinner after Anil Kumble. “My time as an IPL cricketer comes to a close today but my time as an explorer of the game around various leagues begins today” he said. The former India off-spinner has retired from the Indian Premier League (IPL) and plans to play in other franchise leagues across the world. Ashwin, 38, played for five franchises including the Chennai Super Kings - where he won the title twice in 2010 and 2011 - and is fifth on the all-time wicket-taker list with 187. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) does not allow any player in Indian international or domestic cricket to feature in overseas leagues. Nothing succeeds like success and Ashwin achieved his success in fine measure claiming the 200, 300 and 400 wickets tally as the first bowler to complete in record time. Let us wish and hope that Ashwin achieves his success all the way.

Jayanthy Subramaniam, MUMBAI

A group of people, including a man in a white shirt and a man in a blue shirt, standing behind a car. The man in the white shirt is pointing towards the camera. The man in the blue shirt is wearing sunglasses. There are other people in the background, some wearing traditional Indian clothing. The car is a dark-colored sedan. The background is a green, leafy area, possibly a park or a street with trees.

Arar, the district headquarters of Bhojpur, Gandhi criticised the central government for the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, claiming that the exercise was an “attack on the Constitution and the democratic system of the country”.

“The ‘Voter Adhikar Yatra’ that started from Bihar will become a country-wide movement against the stealing of votes of people,” he said.

He accused the BJP, the RSS and the Election Commission of “indulging in ‘vote chori’ (stealing of votes) in the country”.

“The NDA government succeeded in stealing votes in Maharashtra and other parts of the country. But we will not allow the BJP and the EC to steal even a single vote in Bihar,” Gandhi, the leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, claimed.

“The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) expresses its strong disappointment that in the recent round of appointments to the Supreme Court, no woman judge from the Bar or the Bench was elevated, despite the fact that since 2021, no woman judge has been appointed to the Supreme Court. At present, there is only one woman judge serving on the bench of the Supreme Court,” the bar body said.

“Landed in Tianjin, China. Looking forward to deliberations at the SCO Summit and meeting various world leaders,” the prime minister said in a social media post, shortly after arriving here from Japan.

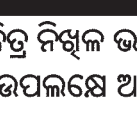
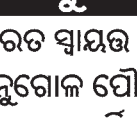
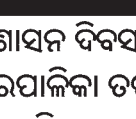
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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, REDHAKHOL FOREST DIVISION

Notice No. 15 of 2025-26, Date. 25th August, 2025


Application Invited for Engagement as Legal Advisor

No.MM-173 : Redhakhol Forest Division invites application only from qualified candidates for the post of Legal Advisor for purely contractual basis for one year to provide legal inputs to the management.

The interview date shall be intimated to the candidate after completion of preliminary scrutiny of the application and shall be notified through mail. The application along with terms & conditions shall be available in <https://sambalpur.odisha.gov.in/> / <https://odishaforest.in/www.redhakholforest.com>.

Name of the Post	Legal Advisor
Educational Qualification	<p>3. Bachelor's Degree in Law (LL.B.) from a recognized university.</p> <p>4. Preference will be given to candidates with Master's Degree in Law (LL.M.) / Ph.D. especially with specialization in Environmental Law / Forest Law / Criminal Law.</p>
Bar Council Registration	Candidate must be a registered advocate with the Bar Council of India / State Bar Council.
Working Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience as an Advocate in handling Criminal Cases, Forest & Wildlife offence cases, Environmental matters and Writ Petitions in Sub-ordinate Courts/District Courts/High Courts. • Experience in government litigation or as a Legal Advisor in any government department/PSU is preferred.
Emoluments	50,000/- per month
Age	Upper age limit 35 years as on 01.01.2025, including age relaxation up to 5 years in case of SC/ST/SEBC candidates.
Last Date and Time for Submission	07.09.2025 at 6:00 PM
Email for Submission of Resume	legal.recruitment@redhakholforest.com

The candidate should submit the **resume** through the email provided and **online form** through scanning the QR code/ link (<https://forms.gle/A8P1Kcd9PDuuU7CWA>). For enquiry, candidates can mail to helpdesk@redhakholforest.com



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Peru is a cradle of ancient cultures and it has important archaeological remains such as the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu and the mysterious giant lines and figures of Nazca, located in a desert area on the central coast of the country.

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of the day quote

The Centre, along with various stakeholders, was actively working overtime to cushion the export sector from the tariffs imposed by the United States

ANANTHA NAGESWARAN | CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR

The strong GDP growth of 7.8 per cent demonstrates the resilience and potential of our economy

SNEKHAR PATEL | CREDAI NATIONAL PRESIDENT

India is full of resilience, confidence and is raring to continue to be the fastest growing economy for the next 22 years

PIYUSH GOYAL | UNION COMMERCE MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Ather Energy unveils new 2W platform

Bangalore: Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy Saturday unveiled a new two-wheeler platform for a new generation of electric scooters across multiple segments. The company also announced a series of other significant product and technology developments, including showcasing a concept moto-scooter Redux, and AtherStack 7.0, which would alert riders to share live location, report on potholes and crashes, update them on tyre pressure, among others. Built for versatility, scalability, and cost optimisation, the new e-scooter platform is the first vehicle architecture since the launch of Ather 450, the company announced at an event here. This platform-first approach enables faster innovation and improved efficiency, serviceability, and rider experience; he said adding the latest platform reflects years of learning, deep R&D, and engineering. A vehicle platform is the underlying structure and integrated systems shared by multiple vehicle models. The structure, which includes the chassis, powertrain, underbody, and electronic architectures, serves as the common foundation for the design and engineering. The company has two manufacturing plants in Hosur (Tamil Nadu), one each for vehicle manufacturing and battery manufacturing.

IOC's investment

New Delhi: Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the country's largest oil firm, plans to invest ₹1.66 lakh crore over the next five years to expand its core operations in oil refining and fuel marketing, along with ventures in petrochemicals, natural gas, and renewable energy, its chairman Arvinder Singh Sahney said Saturday. The firm is scaling up its capacity to refine crude oil into fuels like petrol and diesel from the current 80.75 million tonnes per annum to 98.4 million tonnes by 2028, with major expansions at Panipat, Gujarat, and Barauni, he said at the company's annual shareholder meeting. To move this energy swiftly and sustainably, IOC is expanding its pipeline network - the country's most extensive - to 22,000 km with 21 projects under execution. These include pipeline extensions and new storage facilities in Nepal. Alongside refining and pipelines, IOC is targeting petrochemicals as the next growth engine, expanding capacity from the current 4.3 million tonnes per annum to over 13 million tonnes capacity by 2030, with a sharp focus on specialty chemicals to reduce import dependence and enhance margins. The firm will continue to expand its 40,000-plus fuel retailing network, adding new-age sources such as EV chargers, battery-swapping stations and CNG and LNG dispensing outlets.



A uniform 18 per cent GST will not only secure this leadership but also enable India to dominate the global electric two-wheeler market. By achieving scale in EVs, India can establish itself as the world's hub for next-generation mobility

SIDDHARTHA LAL | EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, EICHER MOTORS

SBI AND AFD SIGN LINE OF CREDIT TO BOOST GREEN FINANCING IN INDIA

The country's biggest lender State Bank of India (SBI) on Saturday said it has signed a Line of Credit agreement of EUR 100 million with Agence Française de Développement (AFD) at its GIFT City branch at Gandhinagar. The funds mobilised through this partnership will be utilised in climate mitigation actions aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions to slow down global warming and climate adaptation measures designed to adjust systems, and to minimise the damage caused by climate change



FUEL TRANSITION FEUD

The use of E-20 gives better acceleration, better ride quality and most importantly, lowered carbon emissions by approximately 30 per cent as compared to E10 fuel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 30: Usage of 20 per cent ethanol-blended petrol (E20) on vehicles can lead to a marginal decline of 2-4 per cent in fuel efficiency but the overall gains by the nation outweigh the additional expenses incurred on fuel by individual customers, officials of automotive and petroleum industries and testing agency ARAI said Saturday.

Auto industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) also asserted that E20 fuel-related insurance and warranty claims issues are "misplaced" and asserted that vehicle manufacturers will "honour the warranty without any ifs and buts".

"The mileage related challenges, there is admittance, clearly, that (due to the) intrinsic nature of the fuel there is marginal drop, but it accrues the huge benefit to the nation, to the society, to the farmer, to the environment, to the exchequer and all of us," SIAM Executive Director PK Banerjee told.

Refuting claims by customers that fuel efficiency has dropped



by 20-50 per cent, he said, "It is all a misplaced misinformation campaign."

Citing results of different tests, Banerjee said, "The range (of drop in mileage) we found was 2 to 4 per cent depending upon whatever vehicles we have tested."

He noted that there is only 6 per cent less energy in E20 due to the intrinsic nature of the calorific value of the ethanol, which is 30 to 35 per cent lower compared to petrol, but added fuel efficiency is subject to various factors, including driving style, traffic and usage of air conditioners, among others.

When asked about issues on warranty and insurance due to usage of E20 fuel on non-E20 vehicles, Banerjee said, "The E20 fuel-related insurance and warranty, any claim, whoever is spreading is misplaced. There will be honouring of the warranty without any ifs and buts (by OEMs)."

On the question of the impact

of the usage of E20 fuel on vehicle engines, which are non-compliant with the latest fuel, He said that till date, "millions of vehicles are running and plying E20 for quite some time now, not a single vehicle breakdown has been reported".

Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) Director Reji Mathai, citing two studies done in 2016 and 2021, stated that "in the testing we have found them not to have any adverse impact...they have been accepting the E20 fuel".

When asked for details of the reports, Mathai said it has been submitted to the "concerned authorities" but not made public due to the confidentiality of data of the OEMs involved.

Highlighting the benefits of ethanol blending in petrol fuel, Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) Advisor PS Ravi claimed it has helped in driving rural prosperity, helping farmers to earn more, with ₹40,000 crore payments made for etha-

OUTR organises workshop on "Energy Conservation Building Code"



Bhubaneswar: Odisha University of Technology and Research (OUTR) hosted a one-day workshop on "Energy Conservation Building Code" on 30th August 2025, focusing on its impact on household electricity consumption. PM Mishra, EIC-cum-Principal Chief Electrical Inspector, Bhubaneswar, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, while B B Biswal, Vice Chancellor of OUTR, presided over the programme as the Chief Guest. The event was further enriched by the presence of the Dean,

SRIC, and Lokanath Tripathy, HoS, Electrical Sciences. It was coordinated by Santanu Sen, School of Electrical Sciences. The inaugural session was followed by insightful technical sessions that shed light on the growing importance of energy conservation and the practical implementation of energy-efficient measures. The programme served as an effective platform to disseminate knowledge, exchange ideas, and create awareness about sustainable energy practices among participants.

Govt hikes gunny bags usage charges by 40%

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 30: The government has increased usage charges for gunny bags by nearly 40 per cent, bringing financial relief to state governments and union territories (UTs).

The government has revised usage charges from ₹7.32 per used bag to ₹10.22 per used bag or the actual cost incurred by the state government/UT, which ever lower.

The usage charges for used gunny bags are increased in proportion to increase in cost of new gunny bags from KMS 2017-18 to KMS 2024-25.

The revised rate is applicable from KMS 2025-26 onwards.

According to Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Joshi, the decision is aimed at ensuring smooth procurement operations thereby, supporting sustainable packaging practices while strengthening Centre-State cooperation in foodgrain procurement and distribution.

The Centre received requests from various states and UTs for the revision following which, the Department of Food and



Public Distribution, GoI, constituted a committee.

The committee comprised of members from state governments/UTs and Food Corporation of India (FCI) for comprehensive review of packaging charges.

Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana provided their suggestions to the committee.

Earlier this week, as part of continuous efforts to moderate prices of wheat before the upcoming festive season, the Central Government decided to reduce the wheat stock limit applicable to wholesale and retail traders as well as processors in all States and Union Territories

SEBI bars GTL promoters for irregular fin practices

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 30: Golden Tobacco Limited (GTL) and its promoters has been subject of a new order from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which cited fund diversion, account misstatement, and disclosure violations. The order, which was issued following a thorough investigation, focuses on years of improper use of company assets and irregular financial practices.

Due to his violations of the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) Regulation and the Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices (PFUTP) Regulation, SEBI has banned Sanjay Dalmia, the promoter of GTL, from the securities market for two years and fined him ₹30 lakh.

Another promoter and director, Anurag Dalmia, was fined ₹20 lakh and banned for a period of one and a half years.

Additionally, Ashok Kumar Joshi, the former director, was ordered to pay a penalty of ₹10 lakh and was banned from the capital market for a year.

The order states that between FY10 and FY15, GTL made loans and advances totalling ₹175.17 crore to Golden Real Estate Infrastructure Limited (GRIL), a subsidiary. SEBI discovered that the remaining funds were transferred from GRIL to promoter-related entities, even though only ₹36 crore was paid back.

The regulator also observed

that GTL's promoters and directors entered into agreements involving prime land assets of the company without making proper disclosures to shareholders. A number of agreements with outside parties for land sales or leases were either not optimal for the business or did not provide clear information to the stock exchanges.

The promoters profited from the money diversion, according to SEBI's Quasi-Judicial Authority N Murugan.

He did clarify, though, that neither GTL nor the promoter-affiliated entities were parties to the current proceedings and that no explicit orders could be made against them.

However, according to the order, the money that was diverted was indirectly attributable to shareholders, meaning that they suffered a notional loss.

Once well-known for its cigarette brands, including Chancellor and Panama, GTL has steadily turned its focus to real estate, amassing sizeable land holdings in Delhi and Mumbai.

The company was admitted into insolvency proceedings in 2022 by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Ahmedabad, using the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP).

In this case, SEBI has already taken action, issuing adjudication orders against Sanjay and Anurag Dalmia in October 2013 and against other people in February 2014.

India's first tempered glass manufacturing facility unveiled

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Noida, August 30: Union Electronics and IT Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Saturday inaugurated the nation's first tempered glass manufacturing plant here which is a joint venture of Opti-temus Infracore, an Indian electronic products manufacturer, and Corning, the world's leading innovator in materials science.

"We are pleased to see the partnership between Opti-temus and Corning, and the commencement of production today. The overall ecosystem for components is developing rapidly in India. Over the last 11 years, electronics manufacturing has grown sixfold, and today it is around ₹11.5 lakh crore industry, with exports of around ₹3.5 lakh crore; an impressive achievement and a testament to the prime minister Narendra Modi's vision," Vaishnaw said.

This is a landmark moment for the Indian electronics manufacturing industry and the 'Make in India' vision. Despite being one of the world's largest mobile phone markets, India has relied on imports for tempered glass.

Govt reforms, fiscal prudence play key role in GDP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 30: The five-quarter high Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 7.8 per cent in April-June is an outcome of a slew of reforms undertaken by the Modi-led government over the last decade, coupled with its fiscal prudence, India Inc said Saturday.

Industry leaders expressed that India's economy will be able to weather global headwinds emanating from US tariffs, on the back of strong domestic demand and is on a sustained growth trajectory.

Indian economy grew by 7.8 per cent in April-June -- the highest in the past five quarters. India remains the fastest-growing major economy, as China's GDP growth in the April-June period was 5.2 per cent.

"India's growth story reflects the underlying strengths of the Indian economy, strong fiscal boost through increased government expenditure, great

performances by services and manufacturing, and of course, continued reforms. At 7.8 per cent GDP growth, not only would India be the fastest growing, but this would also be standout growth in the face of many global headwinds," CII President Rajiv Memani said.

"India's real GDP growth of 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of FY2025-26 is a remarkable achievement ... This outcome reinforces India's position as the fastest growing large economy in the world, at a time when global growth is facing significant headwinds," CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said.

Importantly, CII's analysis of new project announcements data shows encouraging signs of a revival in private capital expenditure, complementing the government's infrastructure push and creating the conditions for a new investment cycle. This will not only add to growth but also generate large-scale employment.



"CII remains confident that with industry and government working closely together, India will continue to deliver resilient, inclusive, and world-leading growth," Banerjee said.

FICCI President Harsha Vardhan Agarwal said the GDP growth number for the first quarter of the current fiscal at 7.8 per cent has come as a pleasant surprise, beating all expectations.

"The income tax relief provided in the budget, cut in the

policy repo rate by 100 basis points, good progress seen in the monsoon and the forthcoming resetting of the GST rates will support domestic demand and provide us with the necessary buffers to counter the expected weakness in exports on account of the reciprocal and penal tariffs imposed by the US," he observed.

FICCI Senior Vice President Anant Goenka said the GDP numbers for the first quarter clearly indicate the strength

of the Indian economy and the improving momentum, which is being supported by domestic demand.

"India is amongst the fastest growing major economies in the world and with our Government pressing the accelerator on reforms in close collaboration with states, we could see many new enablers of growth and demand being set in motion in the months ahead," he added.

PHDCCI President Hemant Jain said the economy is resilient today because the government has undertaken significant structural reforms in the last decade. "The reforms have been across sectors, be it in infrastructure, ease of doing business, GST or manufacturing, among others. As a result of all these reforms, we are sure that in the times to come, despite the ongoing geopolitical challenges and tariff headwinds, the Indian economy will be on a sustained growth trajectory," Jain said.

He expressed confidence that

India's economy would achieve a growth rate of 7 per cent in the current financial year.

"India's GDP growth of 7.8 per cent in Q1 is very encouraging. It reflects strong domestic demand and resilient manufacturing. For the auto component industry, this momentum reinforces confidence to invest, localise, and expand exports, even as we navigate global headwinds. The fundamentals remain strong for building a globally competitive mobility ecosystem," said Vinnie Mehta, Director General, ACMA.

Assocham Secretary General Manish Singhal said reforms like income tax exemptions announced in the Budget, which played a huge role in boosting consumption, are showing up, and the next big reforms like GST will further boost growth prospects.

He observed that GDP growth of 7 per cent for the full financial year is well within reach on the back of reforms being undertaken by the government.



REDEMPTION FOR SATWIK-CHIRAG

The pair stuns nemesis Chia-Soh to heal Olympic heartbreak, assures India of World Championships medal

Feeling really good. It was a rematch of sorts from the Olympics. And I think we finally got some redemption. It was the same court, same arena. A year back exactly. Olympics and now World Championships
CHIRAG SHETTY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Paris, August 30: Star Indian shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty assured India of a medal at the World Championships after defeating their nemesis, Malaysia's two-time Olympic medallists Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, in the men's doubles quarterfinals here.

A year after the heartbreak in Paris, where they lost to the same pair and missed out on an Olympic medal, the world No 3 duo produced a commanding 21-12, 21-19 win in 43 minutes to avenge that loss and storm into the semifinals late Friday night.

"It's always a pleasure playing against them. We've always had some really tough

battles. At the biggest of events. And really happy we could win today," Chirag said after the match.

The Asian Games champions will next face 11th seeds Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi of China.

Asked if the Chinese will be underdogs, Satwik said: "Not at all. Playing semi-finals, no underdogs."

Chirag added: "Just like any other match that we played in this tournament. Take it one match at a time. They are a good, formidable pair. We played against them before. Really looking forward to tomorrow."

Only hours earlier, PV Sindhu's exit in the quarterfinals had denied India a medal in women's singles. By the time Satwik and Chirag walked onto

It will be Satwik and Chirag's second medal at the prestigious event after their 2022 bronze, extending India's streak of podium finishes at every edition since Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa's breakthrough bronze in 2011

the court, the weight of expectations was unmistakable against opponents who had repeatedly broken Indian hearts.

Chia and Soh had beaten the Indians in Singapore and China this year after crushing their Olympic medal dream in Paris last year.

On Friday night, however,

the world No 9 Indians turned the script on its head with a dominating show.

Chirag opened with a drive-serve winner before a 59-shot rally, the longest of the match, and ended with his thundering mid-court smash to put India 4-2 ahead. Satwik's booming serves and the pair's seamless rotation saw them reel off six straight points to lead 9-3.

The top seeds went into the mid-game interval 11-5 ahead after Satwik conjured a deft cross-lift. Chia and Soh managed to take another marathon 49-shot rally, but the Indians quickly wrested back the momentum.

From 15-8, the Indians tightened the screws. Chirag's sharp net play and Satwik's clever

serve helped India keep things in grip.

Chirag then earned nine game points with a deceptive return and they sealed it with another aggressive return.

After the change of ends, the Indians dished out blistering attack to carry their momentum from the opening game, racing to a 10-5 lead with Satwik's sharp serves and Chirag's booming backcourt smashes setting the tone.

The Indians had a four-point advantage after Soh sprayed in to the net.

"In the second game, even when we were leading, I knew it wouldn't be that easy. We have played them many times before and every time we have won in straight games, it has gone neck and neck," Satwik said.

SHORT TAKES

RCB announces ₹25L for stampede victims

Bangalore: Reigning IPL champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru Saturday announced a compensation of ₹25 lakh each to the families of those who lost their lives in the June 4 stampede that marred the team's title celebrations at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. The franchise said the financial support was being extended under its new initiative "RCB Cares". The tragedy had occurred when nearly two-and-half-lakh people thronged the M Chinnaswamy stadium to catch a glimpse of RCB cricketers after their maiden IPL trophy victory. The resultant chaos led to the death of 11 people, besides leaving several others injured. In the aftermath of the stampede, RCB had announced a financial support of ₹10 lakh to each of the 11 families of the deceased.

Rana, others fined for code of conduct breach

New Delhi: Five cricketers, including India player Nitish Rana, were Saturday fined between 30 and 100 percent of their match fees for code of conduct breach in the Delhi Premier League match between South Delhi Superstarz and West Delhi Lions. On Friday, West Delhi Lions skipper Nitish Rana's blistering century propelled West Delhi Lions into Qualifier 2 of the DPL as they outclassed South Delhi Superstarz by seven wickets in the Eliminator at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. West Delhi Lions' Krish Yadav has got the maximum punishment, being fined 100 per cent of his match fee for a code of conduct violation relating to audible obscenity during the match.

Pak to visit India for Jr Hockey World Cup

Rajgir: Pakistan will travel to India later this year to compete in the FIH Junior World Cup, Hockey India secretary general Bholanath Singh confirmed Saturday. Pakistan opted out of the ongoing Asia Cup in Bihar following the military conflict between the two countries, citing security concerns. It had raised doubts if the team from the neighbouring country will compete in the Junior World Cup to be held in Southern Indian cities of Chennai and Madurai in November-December.

Ankit, Dhull tons extend North Zone's dominance

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Bangalore, August 30: Centuries by skipper Ankit Kumar and Yash Dhull powered North Zone to a commanding position against East Zone, as they reached 388/2 in 90 overs at stumps on Day Three of their Duleep Trophy clash at the BCCI COE Ground 1 here Saturday.

Ankit remained unbeaten on 168 off 264 balls, laced with 16 fours and a six, and shared a solid 240-run partnership with Dhull, who hit 133 off 157 deliveries, including hitting 14 fours and three sixes, as North Zone extended their dominance with a lead standing at a staggering 563 runs.

On a cloudy day, East Zone had no respite as their bowling line-up came under the pump due to Ankit, Dhull, and Badoni. What also hurt them was that they didn't have the services of pacer Mukesh Kumar due to a possible hamstring strain.

Supporting Ankit in the run-making party is Ayush Badoni, who's unbeaten on 56 off 78 balls, laced with three



boundaries. In the morning, North Zone chose not to enforce the follow-on, and with East Zone bowlers not getting their line and length right, Ankit and Shubham Khajuria shared a 54-run opening stand before the latter was dismissed by Suraj Sindhu Jaiswal.

While Ankit raised his fifty off 74 balls, Dhull was proactive in taking the attack to spinners Manishi and Riyan Parag, and eventually reached his fifty in just 49 balls. The duo were largely untroubled throughout their partnership, with Dhull scoring a century off 112 balls, while Ankit raised his ton off 155 deliveries.

But Dhull's stay ended soon after the tea break when he was

trapped lbw by Parag, while attempting to pull a short ball that skidded through. With the likes of Mohammed Siraj, Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Jasprit Bumrah, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Akash Deep, Jitesh Sharma, Shardul Thakur, B. Sai Sudharsan, and Karun Nair in attendance, Ankit got past 150 while Badoni went past fifty before stumps were called on a super productive day for North Zone.

BRIEF SCORES:

North Zone 405 and 388/2 in 90 overs (Ankit Kumar 168 not out, Yash Dhull 133; Suraj Sindhu Jaiswal 1-37, Riyan Parag 1-63) lead East Zone 230 all out in 56.1 overs (Virat Singh 69; Auqib Nabi 5-28) by 563 runs

EXTREME HEAT Asia Cup match timings delayed by 30 minutes

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Dubai, August 30: 18 of the 19 matches at the upcoming Men's T20 Asia Cup, including the final, will now begin at 6:30pm local time - half an hour later than originally scheduled - to avoid sweltering heat conditions in the region.

With daytime temperatures in the UAE expected to touch 40s in September, as per the predictions by weather forecasters, it has led to all day-night fixtures in the eight-team competition being revised from 7:30 pm IST (6 pm local time) to 8 pm IST (6:30 pm local time).

The only game unaffected by the change is the lone day fixture between UAE and Oman September 15 at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi, starting on 5:30 pm IST (4 pm local time).

The tournament will open September 9 in Abu Dhabi, with Afghanistan facing Hong Kong in the curtain-raiser of the eight-team competition. Dubai will host 11 games, including the final September 29 while Abu Dhabi will host eight matches.

Asian Championship

Shooters dominate with best-ever show

India ended the championship just short of the 100-medal mark, with 26 silver and 23 bronze medals to go with the 50 gold

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 30: Curtains were drawn on the 16th Asian Shooting Championship (All events) in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, and after 12 exhilarating competition days, the Indian team registered a historic best-ever showing, finishing with an unprecedented 50 golds to top the tally- also a first in the history of the premier continental championship.

Particularly pleasing was the senior team's performance in the 15 Olympic events across the rifle, pistol, and shotgun disciplines, where Indian shooters won six gold, two silver, and three bronze medals, finishing behind global powerhouse China, which won eight gold medals, with hosts Kazakhstan picking up the other.

"It is a spectacular performance, and it is quite clear that the confidence of the shooting ecosystem is sky-high and significantly boosted by our performance at the Paris Olympics. Particularly pleasing is the performance of the juniors, which tells you that Indian shooting has just begun and greater things are sure to come in the near future," said a pleased Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, President, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), on the performance.

India ended the championship just short of the 100-medal mark, with 26 silver and 23 bronze medals to go with the 50 gold. The hosts were second with 70 medals and 21 gold, while China was third overall with 15 gold and 37 medals.

The highlight of the senior's performance being two-time Olympian Elavenil Valarivan's



second Asian crown (she won a double gold partnering Arjun Babuta in the mixed team event) in women's air rifle with an Asian record score, Neeru Dhandra's first ever Asian championship gold for India in women's trap, Sift Kaur Samra's first Asian title in women's 50 rifle 3-position (3P) and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar's defense of his men's 3P title.

Indian junior shooters also demonstrated the depth of the country's talent in the sport by completely dominating all the Olympic events, winning 10 gold, four silver, and three bronze medals each.

The other gold medals came in the youth competitions and team events, as well as in non-Olympic events. Former world champion Ankur Mittal, for example, won the men's Double Trap gold with a world record score of 107, while Rio Olympian Gurpreet Singh struck gold in the men's 25m Standard Pistol event.

Djoko, Alcaraz cruise; Sabalenka strikes back

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

New York, August 30: Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic edged closer to a semi-final showdown at the US Open Friday as Aryna Sabalenka avenged the memory of a bitter defeat to power into the last 16.

Spanish second seed Alcaraz and Serbian legend Djokovic both booked their passage into the last 16 with comfortable victories and now stand just two wins away from meeting in the last four.

Alcaraz breezed past Italian 32nd seed Luciano Darderi in emphatic fashion, winning 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 on the Arthur Ashe Stadium while Djokovic, who is chasing a record 25th Grand Slam singles title, took care of Britain's Cam Norrie 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-3.

Alcaraz's one hour 44-minute victory sends the 2022 US Open champion into a meeting on Sunday against France's Arthur Rinderknech, who defeated compatriot Benjamin Bonzi 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. The five-time Grand Slam singles champion admitted he had been nervous about having to open the day's play at 11.30am local time.



DJOKOVIC MILESTONE

Djokovic, 38, meanwhile was clinical in his win over Norrie in the evening session, which sends him into a fourth round tie against German veteran Jan-Lennard Struff.

"Coming into any match you really want to win in straight sets without any drama but obviously that's not possible," said Djokovic after becoming the oldest man to reach the US Open last 16 since Jimmy Connors in 1991.

Djokovic's fourth round opponent Struff dealt a blow to American hopes of a first home US Open champion since 2003 with a 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (9/7) defeat of popular 17th seed Frances Tiafoe.

Dravid's Rajasthan Royals exit: Was he aligned with franchise on captaincy for Riyan?

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, August 30: Offered a broader role but still decided to quit. Rahul Dravid's exit as Rajasthan Royals' head coach has more than what meets the eye given that the IPL franchise is dealing with precarious leadership choices that may not have had the former India captain's "approval".

The 52-year-old had rejoined the franchise only last year on a multi-year contract but has decided to quit the team which he also represented as a player from 2011 to 2013. He went on to serve

as a Director and mentor in the following two years.

The press release issued by RR Saturday categorically states: "As part of the franchise structural review Rahul had been offered a broader position at the franchise, but has chosen not to take this."

What it doesn't state is that Dravid was actually being offered an elevation that would limit his role in strategic decisions as far as the main team was concerned.

"If you have ever worked with any IPL team, just know one thing. Whenever a head coach is offered a broader

role, it is like a punishment promotion. It means you have no role in actual team building process," a noted Indian coach, who has worked in support staff of a couple of IPL teams, told PTI.

With long time skipper Sanju Samson already staring at the exit door, Royals might have to take a few tricky calls about a new full-time captain after a disastrous 2025 season that saw them finish ninth on the table.

Riyan Parag, the biggest sporting name to have emerged from the state of Assam, captained Royals

last season in Samson's absence due to fitness issues and is believed to be the top contender for full-time leadership.

But given that the team has a significantly more decorated player in Yashasvi Jaiswal in the same line-up, was Dravid actually on same page with the Royals management with regards to ascension of Riyan as the leader?

Despite the nightmare run this year, it is hard to believe that the Royals management wanted to get rid of a T20 World Cup-winning

coach just after one season during which they also missed Samson.

Samson's exit must have also rattled 'The Wall' who has always considered the dashing Kerala batter as his protege.

