

CM meets Nadda, sparks Cabinet expansion buzz



Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi meets BJP national president and Union Health Minister JP Nadda in New Delhi, Saturday

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Saturday met BJP national president JP Nadda in Delhi to discuss organisational matters and the current political situation in the state, triggering speculation over a possible expansion of his ministry and selection of the party's candidate for the upcoming Nuapada bypoll.

Majhi held the meeting in the presence of Odisha BJP in-charge Vijay Pal Singh Tomar.

The CM said the discussion also focused on the roadmap for the party's future initiatives in the state.

"Today in New Delhi, I had the privilege of calling on our party's Hon'ble National President and Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Ji. We discussed organisational matters, current political scenario, and the roadmap for future initiatives," Majhi said in a social media post.

According to party insiders, Majhi had three key objectives for the visit: selection of the BJP candidate for Nuapada bypoll, expansion of the state Cabinet, and appointments of senior leaders to various state-run corporations and boards.

"However, we are waiting to see which of the three issues is addressed before Diwali," a senior leader said.

Though Majhi took oath as CM along with 15 ministers June 12, 2024, six Cabinet berths remain vacant. Many senior leaders have been anticipating induction into the ministry, sources said.

Nuapada bypoll is seen as the first major political test for Majhi after the BJP formed its maiden government in Odisha.

In the 2024 Assembly elections, the BJP's performance in the Nuapada segment was dismal. While the seat was won by BJD's Rajendra Dholakia, BJP candidate Abhinandan Panda, son of former MP Basanta Panda, finished third. Party sources said a central

team of the BJP is currently in Nuapada to assess the local political landscape. Discussions are underway on whether to field Panda again or opt for a new face. Panda, meanwhile, has begun informal outreach in the constituency ahead of the official announcement.

Majhi's visit to Delhi is expected to be followed by a similar trip by state BJP president Manmohan Samal in the coming days, party sources added.

In another social media post, Majhi said during the visit, he met new Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan.

"Had the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on Hon'ble Vice President Shri @CPR_VP ji in New Delhi today. On this occasion, I shared details of our government's development initiatives, welfare programmes, and future roadmap for the state. I also presented the 'Odisha Vision 2036 | 2047', outlining Odisha's long-term goals. Grateful for his guidance and encouragement," Majhi said.

Killer cough syrup

A adulterated cough syrups have emerged as a major public health concern in India, following a series of tragic incidents where contaminated formulations caused deaths of children. In the latest case, at least a dozen children have died in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan due to kidney failure allegedly after consumption of cough syrups of a particular brand. Investigations by Central and state drug regulators have revealed that the cough syrup contained chemicals such as diethylene glycol (DEG), a toxic solvent used in industrial products that has been linked to fatal poisoning in several countries. DEG can cause kidney failure and death, especially in children. India has faced scrutiny over the quality of its pharmaceutical exports after the WHO linked cough syrups made by another company to the death of 70 children in Gambia in 2022.

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New Delhi, Oct 4: A specific cough syrup, Coldrif, has been found to contain diethylene glycol (DEG) beyond the permissi-



An official looks at bottles of the 'Coldrif' cough syrup after a raid by the Drug and Pharmaceuticals Department officials at Kataria Pharmaceuticals in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, Saturday

PTI PHOTO

ble limit, as part of an investigation into the deaths of nine children from kidney failure in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district, the Union Health Ministry said Saturday.

"The samples are found to contain DEG beyond the permissible limit," the Ministry said in a statement. DEG, a toxic solvent used in industrial products, has been linked to fatal poisoning in several countries.

The Madhya Pradesh Food and Drug Administration also analysed three of 13 samples collected, which were found free of contamination, the statement said. However, Tamil Nadu's drug regulator later confirmed DEG contamination in samples taken directly from Sresan Pharma's manufacturing site in Kanchipuram, it said. Authorities have launched inspections of 19 drug manufacturers across

six states to identify quality control lapses and recommend improvements to prevent future incidents, the Ministry said. The MP government Saturday banned the sale of Coldrif syrup following the death of nine children due to suspected kidney infection in Chhindwara district since September 7.

"The deaths of children in Chhindwara due to Coldrif syrup are extremely tragic. The sale of this syrup has been banned across Madhya Pradesh. A ban is also being imposed on other products of the company that manufactures the syrup," Chief Minister Mohan Yadav stated on X.

A team has also been constituted at the state level to investigate the matter, Yadav said, adding that the guilty will not be spared.

Apart from the deaths in MP, media reports claimed that two infants died in Rajasthan.

Kerala Saturday suspended the sale and distribution of Coldrif syrup, while Telangana issued a 'public alert' on the cough syrup. A day earlier, the Tamil Nadu government had banned the sale of the cough syrup.

Gill replaces Rohit as ODI captain

Ahmedabad: In a significant transition move, opener Shubman Gill was Saturday named captain of the Indian ODI team for the upcoming tour of Australia, replacing senior batter Rohit



Sharma at the helm. Rohit, along with Virat Kohli, has been named in the 15-member squad announced by the BCCI, signalling a gradual shift in leadership without fully sacrificing the experience. Shreyas Iyer has been named vice-captain for the three-match series. Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has been rested for the ODI leg of the tour to manage his workload, while promising left-hander Yashasvi Jaiswal has been recalled to the 50-over setup after a string of consistent performances in T20 internationals.

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IDF ordered to halt Gaza campaign

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Tel Aviv, Oct 4: Israel's army said Saturday that it would advance preparations for the first phase of US President Donald Trump's plan to end the war in Gaza and return all the remaining hostages.

The army said it was instructed by Israel's leaders to "advance readiness" for the implementation of the plan. An official who was not authorised to speak to the media on the record said that Israel has moved to a defensive-only position in Gaza and will not actively strike.

The announcement came hours after Trump ordered Israel to stop bombing Gaza once Hamas said it had accepted some elements of his plan. Trump welcomed the Hamas statement, saying: "I believe they are ready

Hamas to return hostages

Hamas says it is willing to return all remaining Israeli hostages held in Gaza and the bodies of the dead in accordance with President Donald Trump's peace plan. Under the plan, Hamas would release the remaining 48 hostages — around 20 of them believed to be alive — within three days. It would also give up power and disarm.

for a lasting PEACE."

Trump appears keen to deliver on pledges to end the war and return dozens of hostages ahead of the second anniversary of the attack Tuesday. His proposal unveiled earlier this week has widespread international support and was also endorsed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. On Friday, Netanyahu's of-

fice said Israel was committed to ending the war that began when Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, 2023 without addressing potential gaps with the militant group.

A senior Egyptian official says talks are underway for the release of hostages, as well as hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli detention. The official, who is involved in the ceasefire negotiations, also said Arab mediators are preparing for a comprehensive dialogue among Palestinians. The talks are aimed at unifying the Palestinian position toward Gaza's future.

On Saturday, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the second most powerful militant group in Gaza, said it accepted Hamas' response to the Trump plan. The group had previously rejected the proposal days earlier. P10

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Master plan soon to deal with landslides

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The state government has decided to prepare a comprehensive master plan to prevent loss of human lives due to landslides in hilly areas, Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari said here Saturday.

Speaking to mediapersons, Pujari said landslide has emerged as a new disaster in the state.

"Landslides, which are usually seen in north-eastern states of our country, have now been seen in some parts of Odisha. Gajapati district, which has a lot of hilly areas, is facing landslides," he said.

One person was killed due to a landslide in the district, and the death of another person in Gajapati is under investigation, he said.

To mitigate the suffering of the people due to that disaster, the state government is going to prepare a master plan, Pujari said.

The recent heavy rainfall under the impact of a deep depression has caused massive damage in Gajapati, Rayagada, Kalahandi, Ganjam and other districts, he said.

The minister further said that District Collectors concerned have been asked to assess the damage and submit reports. After getting the reports, compensation will be

provided to the affected people.

Pujari said the government will also identify low-lying roads vulnerable to waterlogging and take measures to ensure uninterrupted connectivity. A modern disaster management office will be constructed in Bhubaneswar to bring all related offices under one roof, he said. "This integration will enable seamless coordination and quicker decision-making during emergencies," Pujari noted.

The government has sanctioned Rs 200 crore for the project, which is expected to be completed in two years. The process has begun to identify the place for the modern building, he added.

Japan set to get first woman PM

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Tokyo, Oct 4: Sanae Takaichi, the newly elected and staunchly conservative head of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, is expected to become Japan's first woman prime minister, but that doesn't mean she's a feminist choice, analysts say.

Instead the 64-year-old, who won the party's leadership election Saturday, has positioned herself as a hardline leader focused on national defence and economic security.

She saw off competition from generational-change candidate Shinjiro Koizumi, the 44-year-old surfing son of a former premier, and the experienced-if-uncharismatic Yoshimasa Hayashi.

Once confirmed by parliament — seen as highly likely — Takaichi will become the country's first woman head of government and Japan's fifth leader in as many years.

Voters have been deserting the long-dominant LDP in droves because of inflation and a recent



slush fund scandal, while the anti-immigration Sanseito party has been gaining ground.

In an effort to claw them back, Takaichi has taken a tough stance on immigration and foreign tourists — both of which emerged as key issues in the LDP leadership race.

A former economic security minister, she has in the past been a vocal critic of China and its military build-up in the Asia-Pacific.

She's also been a regular visitor to the Yasukuni Shrine, which honours convicted war criminals

along with 2.5 million war dead, and is seen by Asian nations as a symbol of Japan's militarist past.

However, during the most recent LDP race, she notably softened her rhetoric — a sharp contrast to the vote last year when she pledged to visit Yasukuni as prime minister, and ultimately lost to outgoing premier Shigeru Ishiba.

Once a drummer in a college heavy metal band, Takaichi looks to the late British prime minister Margaret Thatcher as her political hero. But although her elec-

tion "would be a step forward for women's participation in politics", according to Sadafumi Kawato, professor emeritus of the University of Tokyo, she's shown little inclination to fight against patriarchal norms.

Takaichi's views on gender place her on the right of an already conservative LDP and she opposes revising a 19th-century law requiring married couples to share the same surname, a rule that overwhelmingly results in women taking their husband's name.

The issue "probably won't be resolved during her term", Kawato told AFP.

However, in her campaign speech she vowed to improve the gender balance in her cabinet to "Nordic" levels.

Japan ranked 118 out of 148 in the World Economic Forum's 2025 Gender Gap Report chiefly because of the underrepresentation of women in government, while Iceland, Finland and Norway occupied the top three places.

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Today, you want to do something for the environment. Ganesha says plant a tree, clean up your neighbourhood, ask for a paper bag. You wish to lead the world into a better place? Do it by all means, but one step at a time.

TAURUS
Anxiety will keep your nerves swollen for most part of the day, feels Ganesha. On the work front, you will face success later in the day. You will be a role model for business efficiency and people will try to follow in your footsteps. Your efforts will be validated with generous profits.

GEMINI
If you are embroiled in a legal dispute, an out-of-court settlement is likely, predicts Ganesha. You are a courageous person and you'll need a lot of it today. Don't back down from your decisions. You may have to be stern with a few people. Your resilience will pay off.

CANCER
Ganesha portends that you will remain invincible and unbeatable throughout the day. However, today will be as boring and uneventful as it gets. It will be just another day at office, and an equally simple day at home. There will not be any low points, but no high points either.

LEO
You will leave no stone unturned to satisfy and please your partner today. So your chances of slipping up are very slight. You will be able to impress your partner today. You need to be careful in all your financial dealings today, says Ganesha.

VIRGO
Communication is your best handgun and creativity your best bullet. Ganesha feels you are full of energy, enthusiasm and exuberance. Creativity, though, will be at its best in an atmosphere free of pressure and strain, cautions Ganesha.

LIBRA
It is your friends who prove to be lucky and beneficial for you today, especially if they happen to be walking the corridors of power, says Ganesha. Do not hesitate to start that new joint venture today. See your popularity grow by leaps and bounds as you get due recognition for your abilities and efforts.

SCORPIO
You are likely to get overboard with your ambitions and be loud-mouthed, says Ganesha. But do not to be too forceful or severe lest you end up tarnishing your image. It is best to stay clear of conflicts in the larger scheme of things, advises Ganesha.

SAGITTARIUS
Wisdom in words and hero in deeds - this may well be your avatar today. Expect good news at work, especially related to a thicker pay package or an increase in office floor area. Accountants and franchisees - expect to crunch good numbers today!

CAPRICORN
Lack of proper planning is probably the reason for you not being able to get your work done in time. You'll realise this mistake and today, you will spend majority of time drawing a plan on paper, says Ganesha. You may hit a jackpot, but think twice before spending the money on anything unnecessary. You may come across some good career opportunities, grab them before it's too late.

AQUARIUS
Some days, you crave to know everything. Today is one such day. You will also prove a worthy opponent. You may upset your adversaries' plans, much to your own advantage. You have it in you to be a scholar. You will also prove the strength of your character, especially when the going gets tough.

PISCES
Your business associates will marvel at your business acumen, and will respect the insights you provide for them to work with. Meanwhile, you will be busy spending quality time with your family and showing them how much they mean to you today, says Ganesha.



REBEL DENIES 'MALICIOUS WEBSITES' ACCUSATION

Australian actress Rebel Wilson has denied an accusation that she ordered the creation of "malicious websites" about *The Deb* producer Amanda Ghost. Rebel, 45, is currently facing a defamation case over the issue brought against her by Charlotte MacInnes, 26, lead actress of *The Deb*.

ROBERT PATTINSON ENJOYS HANGING OUT WITH BABIES

Hollywood star Robert Pattinson, who welcomed a daughter with his fiancée Suki Waterhouse in March 2024, says he is 'surprised' that he has developed a lot more patience and that he genuinely enjoys hanging out with his babies.



'No one wants to hear us out'

MUMBAI: The debate surrounding insiders versus outsiders in Bollywood has been one of the industry's most discussed topics for years. While many actors from non-film backgrounds have often spoken openly about the difficulties of breaking into the industry without connections, star kids are frequently accused of having it easier because of their privileged upbringing. In a candid conversation with a movie journal, Janhvi Kapoor admitted that she doesn't like the division within the industry and acknowledged the unfairness of star kids publicly discussing their own struggles, given the very different realities outsiders face.

When asked about how the struggles of outsiders are often perceived as more significant and why

star kids rarely speak about their challenges, Janhvi explained, "No one is interested in listening. Because we come from a privileged background, nobody really wants to hear us out. And that's fair. I don't think we should even complain, because we are very grateful for whatever we've got. If we sit here and say, 'Oh, things have also been very difficult for us,' well, that's the case for everyone."

She further added, "I don't like this insider-outsider division, but the kind of struggles they face are very different, and we will never truly understand them. For us to complain that we've gone through a lot as well is just tone-deaf, and honestly, no one wants to listen to that."

MUMBAI: Television actor Abhinav Shukla turned a year older September 27, and leaving no stone unturned to make his day memorable, his better half, actress Rubina Dilaik organised a fun family camping adventure, reflecting the couple's well-known love for the wild.

Taking to her official Insta account, Rubina shared a video revealing what all went behind creating the special day for Abhinav.

The clip Rubina try-best to figure put up a tent, eventually in doing help of her friends. We see Abhinav at the venue, visibly elated to receive the kind of birthday his heart desired.

Rubina added the *Honthon Pe Lamha Lamha* track from *Saiyaara* in the backdrop.

She captioned the post, "This is my love language," along with a red heart emoji.

Monday, Rubina treated her Insta Fam with a couple of sneak peeks from the birthday celebration. Looking all handsome in a cowboy hat, Abhinav was seen cutting his birthday cake and celebrating his special day in the presence of his better half and twin daughters, Jeeva and Edhaa.

At the moment, the lovebirds are seen in the couple reality show, *Pati Patni Aur Panga*.



Rubina's love language

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SHRUTI SPOOKED OUT

Mumbai: It seems actress Shruti Haasan is quite unnerved after watching the biographical crime drama anthology series *Monster: The Ed Gein Story* as she said that she would never go on a date with someone who's slightly weird.

Taking to her Instagram stories, Shruti shared the poster of *Monster: The Ed Gein Story*, which focuses on convicted serial killer Ed Gein, played by Hollywood star Charlie Hunnam.

She wrote as the caption: "Ok so...No eating no sleeping. Also turning veg for a week. Never going on a date with someone who's slightly weird. Even. Yeah just NO."

The series explores the life of convicted murderer and body snatcher Ed Gein, whose crimes served as inspiration for several Hollywood films.

Talking about Shruti, she was last seen in *Coolie*, where she essayed the role of Preethi Rajasekar

in the film, which also starred the titans of Indian cinema like Rajinikanth, Nagarjuna Akkineni, Malayalam actor Soubin Shahir, and Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan in a cameo appearance.

Coolie follows the story of a former coolie union leader, who investigates the death of his friend which leads him to a crime syndicate.

The actress will next be seen in *Salaar Part 2: Shouryanga Parvam*. The first installment of *Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire* released in 2023.

The epic neo-noir action thriller film directed by Prashanth Neel.

IANS

SRK, Anand Pandit, Big B join showbiz's billionaires' club

MUMBAI: Like Forbes, which prepares the global list of millionaires and is one of the most trusted sources of its kind, Hurun India 2025 has released its list of Indians who entered the rich list this year. More than just the names, it's interesting to see how these multi-millionaires made their way into this elite circle.

This year, the list in India, topped by Roshni Nadar and this time too, some of the biggest contemporary names from Indian cinema have featured in the list as stalwarts of showbiz.

Among the prominent names is veteran producer Anand Pandit, the man behind one of India's leading production houses, Anand Pandit Motion Pictures. Not just as a producer who understands the pulse of the industry, he has also been



included in the list for his key position as one of India's leading real estate developers through The Lotus Developers, which has helped him maintain



a strong position in the annual ranking of the richest.

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan, with an estimated wealth of Rs 12,490 crores, has become



Bollywood's richest-ever star. Anand Pandit's presence, with a net worth of Rs 8,660 crores, clearly shows that success in the industry is no longer limited to those in front of the camera; producers, investors, and visionaries working behind the scenes are now part of the same league. Meanwhile, the legendary Amitabh Bachchan, with Rs 1,630 crores, also continues to hold a strong place on the list, reflecting his enduring legacy in Indian cinema.

From other Bollywood figures who made it to the list are Juhi Chawla and family, co-owners of Knight Riders Sports, with a net wealth of Rs 7,790 crores; Hrithik Roshan, who collaborates with the HRX brand, with Rs 2,160 crores; and Karan Johar of Dharma Productions, with Rs 1,880 crores.

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SUDOKU

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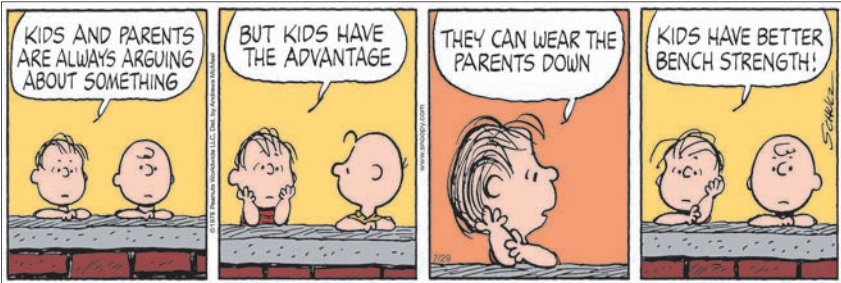
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CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS



BREVITY



BMC cleans all pandals in a single day

Krushishi Odisha 2025-26 prep meet held in City

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) completed an extensive post-Durga Puja cleanup drive across the City Saturday. Early in the morning, sanitation workers from all three zones conducted intensive cleaning at various puja pandals following a pre-planned schedule.

BMC Mayor Sulochana Das, Commissioner Chanchal Rana, Additional Commissioners Ratnakar Sahoo and Kailash Chandra Sahu, along with zonal and assistant commissioners, corporators, engineers, and senior officials, visited multiple pandals to oversee the cleanup drive. The entire operation was coordinated by Deputy Commissioner N. Ganesh Babu.

Members of puja committees and local residents actively participated in the city-wide sanitation drive. To restore normal



traffic and public movement, BMC teams removed temporary stalls, trolleys, and handcarts from roads and surrounding areas. Additional sanitation workers were deployed to ensure all pandals were cleaned within 24 hours of idol immersion, and two scrap dealers encroaching near the Sahid Nagar puja site were evicted.

BMC directed event management teams dismantling decorative gates and structures to exercise maximum caution to prevent accidents or electrical

hazards. Officials were instructed to coordinate with electricity department staff whenever necessary.

The civic body stated that the mass cleanliness drive has grown into a community-led public movement, expressing gratitude to residents and puja committees for their support.

Meanwhile, temporary ponds dug for idol immersion have been cleaned, and control rooms set up near each pond ensured smooth and safe immersion operations.

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: A preparatory meeting for Krushi Odisha 2025-26 was held in the City to plan the three-day event, scheduled to be celebrated with great enthusiasm from January 22 to 24.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister and Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, was attended by Principal Secretary Arabinda Kumar Padhee, director of Agriculture Shubham Saxena, director of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management Subrat Kumar Panda, and other senior officials.

During the meeting, officials discussed the ongoing preparations in detail and presented their suggestions for the successful organisation of the event. According to the reports,



from this year onwards, the Krushi Odisha Conference will be held annually on a fixed date in January, with participation from intellectuals, successful farmers, scientists, agricultural producers, and FPOs from

across the state and the country. The conference will feature over 250 stalls by agricultural entrepreneurs, self-help groups, and Mission Shakti members, and is expected to attract more than 10,000 farmers.

■The event to showcase over 250 stalls by agricultural entrepreneurs, SHGs, and Mission Shakti members, attracting more than 10,000 farmers

■Plans include a special exhibition on farm mechanisation and modern agricultural equipment, along with arrangements for accommodation and other facilities for farmers coming from distant areas

Five NCC cadets feted in Cuttack



POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Oct 4: The NCC Group Headquarters, Cuttack, Saturday felicitated five outstanding cadets for their exemplary achievements across diverse fields, celebrating their discipline, courage, and service to the nation. The ceremony was held under the leadership of Group Commander Colonel Satyabrata Swain.

The cadets who brought laurels through their dedication and perseverance include Cdt Bishal Palai of Paradip College (3 NU NCC), who won a Gold Medal in the All India Yachting Regatta (AIYR) 2025; L/Cdt Akash Kumar Sahoo of SJECT, Naharkanta (3 NU NCC), who received the VCOAS Commendation Card for outstanding contribution; Sgt Puspanjali Mohapatra of Rama Devi Women's University (1 Odisha Girls Bn NCC), who bagged Gold Medal in Application Service Shooting at TSC Girls 2025, New Delhi,

and at IDSSC 2024; Ex-Cdt Priyansha Hota of DAV Unit VIII, Bhubaneswar (1 Odisha Girls Bn NCC), who clinched four Gold Medals in the 9th East Zone Shooting Competition 2025 while representing Odisha and was earlier adjudged best cadet of Cuttack Group; and Cdt Rajesh Grahacharya of LN Mahavidyalaya, Korua (1 Bn NCC), who showed exceptional courage and humanity by attempting to rescue a drowning 70-year-old man at Kalubada Bridge, Korua, exemplifying the true spirit and values of NCC.

Speaking on the occasion, Swain lauded the cadets for their exemplary commitment, resilience, and achievements, noting that they stand as role models for their peers and truly embody the NCC's motto of "Unity and Discipline." The felicitation ceremony also underscored the vital role of NCC training in nurturing responsible citizens and future leaders of the nation.

SWASTH NARI SASHAKT PARIVAR ABHIYAAN

Odisha 2nd in health screenings

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Under the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan (SNSPA), Odisha has positioned itself in the second rank, alongside the highest-screening state Madhya Pradesh (MP), with a total of 1,04,72,912 women availing free health checkups and screenings during the fortnight-long campaign (September 17 to October 2), according to national data portal.

The campaign aims to empower families through women's health and has set benchmarks in participation, screening, and community engagement. Odisha's achievements stand alongside high-performing states like MP, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan. While MP leads in total camps and screenings, Odisha's strengths lay in its gender-sensitive outreach and adolescent health initiatives.

The state has recorded significant success in cancer screenings and menstrual hygiene counselling, placing it ahead of several larger states. Available data showed that more than 71,132 intensive healthcare and awareness activities were conducted in the state. These camps were organised at Arogya Mandirs, primary health centres (PHCs), and community health centres (CHCs) across rural and urban areas. Odisha ranked fourth nationally in the number of camps conducted.

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The campaign collected 32,865 blood units through 523 voluntary blood donation camps across districts

ings, 12.2 lakh diabetes screenings, 3.2 lakh oral cancer screenings, 3.3 lakh breast cancer screenings, and 40,000 cervical cancer

screenings. Additionally, counselling on menstrual hygiene was provided to 6.5 lakh adolescent girls. The campaign also recorded the collection of 32,865 blood units through 523 voluntary blood donation camps held across districts. Odisha's women-centric approach resulted in the state recording the second-highest female footprint nationally.

Senior health officials credited Odisha's success to decentralised planning, district-level ownership of the campaign, adoption of digital tools for camp tracking and data capture, and active participation of ASHA workers and self-help groups.

'UPA didn't act after 26/11 due to foreign pressure'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: BJP MP Sambit Patra Saturday claimed the previous UPA government at the Centre did not take action against Pakistan after the 26/11 attack under foreign pressure.

Addressing a press conference in Bhubaneswar, he said that before 2014, the Indian Armed Forces had the valour, but the country's leadership lacked the political will to act against Pakistan.

He alleged that the then UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi might have asked then PM Manmohan Singh, under pressure from US secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, "not to take kinetic action against Pakistan", even as around 160 people were killed in the Mumbai attack.

To back his claims, Patra cited a recent interview of se-

nior Congress leader P Chidambaram.

He quoted Chidambaram as saying in the interview, "The whole world descended on New Delhi to stop the act of physical retributions against Pakistan."

He said Chidambaram's statement cannot be disregarded as he was the home minister of the country at that time.

"Before 2014, the Indian armed forces had the valour, but the country's leadership lacked the political will. This changed after 2014 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the nation got a strong armed force and a strong political will," he said.

Patra also claimed that former foreign minister Natwar Singh, in his autobiography, wrote that the UPA government used to pick Cabinet ministers after consulting the US.

INTACH Odisha chapter organises heritage quiz

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: In an attempt to provide exposure to young minds for the conservation of heritage, Odisha state chapter of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), conducted a state-level INTACH heritage quiz here recently.

The intellectually charged competition was conducted by Bhubaneswar chapter convener Anil Dhir. The students displayed an impressive depth of knowledge with a keen understanding of India's and Odisha's rich heritage, Dhir said.

More than 1,500 students

from 25 schools spread all over the state participated in the district rounds. A total of five teams from different schools of Baripada, Bolangir, Balasore and Bhubaneswar participated in the state level round.

The prize winning team of Rehan Ankit and SG Anul Selvan from DN Wisdom Tree Global School Bhubaneswar displayed an outstanding performance.

"The wealth of the treasure that we have in India, the heritage that we have inherited from our ancestors, we should act as custodians to pass it on to the future generation", said INTACH Odisha chapter convener Biswajit Mohanty.

Cultural intelligence in a multicultural world

Whether at school, at work, or during leisure, we regularly interact with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Cultural intelligence, or CQ, is the ability to understand and adapt to different cultural norms, making it an essential skill for promoting coexistence.

Traditionally, intelligence has often been measured by IQ through logic tests, problem-solving, or memory. However, as early as the 1920s and 1940s, psychologists such as Edward Thorndike, Louis Thurstone, and Raymond Cattell emphasised that intelligence takes multiple forms. In the 1980s, Robert Sternberg proposed that intelligence consists of analytical, creative, and practical dimensions.

According to Sternberg, true intelligence lies in achieving life goals by leveraging strengths and compensating for weaknesses within a given context.

Building on Sternberg's work, the concept of cultural intelligence emerged. Earley and Ang introduced it in 2003 to describe the ability to understand cultural differences, adapt to them, and interact effectively in multicultural environments. Initially, CQ was studied to explain why some expatriates perform better than others during international assignments.

Cultural intelligence includes being aware of one's own cultural biases and adjusting one's thinking and behavior accordingly. For instance, a French manager accustomed to giving direct criticism may recognize that a more indirect approach is required in another cultural context to maintain cooperation.

It also involves knowledge of other cultures' norms and practices, such as Japan's business card etiquette, Germany's strict punctuality, or the role of small talk in American business

meetings. Beyond awareness and knowledge, cultural intelligence requires motivation—the desire and confidence to engage with people from diverse cultures—and the ability to adjust behaviour, such as modulating speech, tone, or physical distance depending on the cultural setting.

Research has shown that cultural intelligence has significant benefits. It helps expatriates adapt and reduces anxiety, enhances leadership, improves the performance of multicultural teams, and fosters cooperation and innovation. While originally aimed at supporting executives abroad, CQ is now recognised as a vital skill in many contexts, including work, school, and daily life, wherever people from different

cultures meet. Importantly, CQ can be developed. Intercultural training through courses, role-playing, and simulations improves understanding, but immersive experiences, such as international projects or working in multicultural teams, are the most effective in strengthening cultural intelligence over the long term.

A study of engineering students highlights the practical impact of international exposure on cultural intelligence. By assessing students before and after international mobility experiences, researchers found that prolonged contact with another culture significantly improved their CQ, particularly for those with little prior exposure or who were initially less open to other cultures. This "first-time effect" shows that early immersive experiences encourage individuals to revise their assumptions and adapt more effectively.

(The Conversation)

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| Max Temp | 33.4° | 30.0° | Partly cloudy sky with possibility of rain or thundershowers |
| Min Temp | 25.4° | 22.8° | |
| Humidity | 94% | 89% | |
| Rainfall | 18.6mm | 11.2mm | |

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3-DAY-OLD GIRL CHILD SOLD OFF BY FATHER

POST NEWS NETWORK

Basudevpur, Oct 4: A 3-day-old girl child was allegedly sold off by her father in exchange of money at Badamalliksahi village under Khaira Binayakpur panchayat and this block in Bhadrak district.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from the district child protection unit (DCPU) and Childline launched an investigation into the matter Saturday.

The team members visited the village Saturday after receiving reports about the suspected child sale. However, the infant's father identified as Sanjay Malik had reportedly fled before the officials' arrival, while her mother escaped to her parental home in Tentulidih village under Chandbali block in the district. Their absence raised suspicion among the team members.

According to locals, Sanjay,



who already has an elder daughter, allegedly began harassing his wife Banita Das after she delivered another girl at Basudevpur hospital September 30. After being discharged, Sanjay is suspected of illegally handing over the newborn to a man from Pirahat police limits in Tihidi block in exchange of money.

An Anganwadi worker said she visited the house Saturday for a routine postnatal health checkup but found neither the mother nor the child present, raising her suspicion.

Acting on the direction of state child protection desk, the DCPU has launched a probe to determine how much money was involved and whether others were complicit. Officials including outreach worker Damayanti Das, case worker Chandrakanta Gochhayat, supervisor Digbijay Mohanty and counselor Lakshman Kumar Jena inspected the family's residence.

With both parents missing, investigators said the inquiry has slowed down but assured that all angles are being examined.

Truck driver arrested for abduction, rape of mentally challenged woman

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhadrak, Oct 4: A truck driver accused of abducting and raping a mentally challenged woman from Bhadrak before abandoning her on roadside has been arrested, police said Saturday.

The suspect, identified as Mohammad Saddam Hussein, 24, from the neighboring state of Jharkhand, was apprehended late Friday night at Jhumpura in Keonjhar district, according to Additional Superintendent of Police Arup Abhishek Behera.

Police rescued the woman Saturday morning at Randia near Bhadrak town, nearly 48 hours after she was abducted by the truck driver.

The woman, believed to be mentally challenged, was sent for medical examination after the driver confessed to have committed the crime with the intent to fulfill his sexual de-



sires. Her condition was reported as stable, Behera said adding that her identity was not released to protect her privacy.

According to police, the accused abducted the woman while returning from Dhamara Port. He later abandoned the victim between Barpada and Ganijang villages, Behera told reporters at a news conference held at the Bhadrak Town police station.

The abduction occurred late Wednesday during rainfall, when the woman had taken shelter under a shop's verandah near a highway intersection on National Highway 16.

CCTV camera footage showed the driver forcibly lifting the woman into his vehicle near Charampa reserve police lines in Bhadrak late Thursday night. The footage went viral on social media, triggering

public outrage and widespread concern over women's safety in the area.

Bhadrak SP Manoj Rout immediately deployed multiple police teams to trace the accused.

A case (587/25) was filed at the Bhadrak Town police station under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for kidnapping and rape. Led by Inspector-In-Charge Prabhanshu Mishra, a team reviewed footage from toll plazas and coordinated with truck drivers' and owners' associations to trace the vehicle.

Police seized the truck along with the clothes he wore at the time of the crime and brought Hussein to Bhadrak for questioning.

The victim, who appeared to be in a state of distress, has been placed at the Centre for Rehabilitation and Research in Bhadrak for further care and support.

Heavy rain disrupts life in Bhograi

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhograi, Oct 4: Continuous heavy to very heavy rainfall since Thursday morning through Saturday night has thrown life out of gear in this block of Balasore district. The incessant rainfall dampened the Dussehra festivities, with many cultural programmes cancelled after water accumulated at several pandals. Devotees who arrived at the last minute were disappointed after failing to get a glimpse of the goddess.

Bhograi block recorded 70 mm of rainfall from Friday till Saturday 8am, while Balasore district's total two-day rainfall was logged at 883 mm.

With the Bhograi block seeing seventh wave of floods this year, many roads in several low-lying villages were submerged up to



ankle level, severely disrupting movement. Rainwater entered several houses and kitchens, making cooking difficult. Village lanes turned into streams bringing normal life to a grinding halt.

In Anantapur village, water-logged roads and flooded houses for four consecutive days made life miserable for the residents with hardly any help arriving for

them. Residents called in the fire services to pump out the water, but fresh showers continued to worry locals.

Under the impact of a low-pressure system, winds blowing at 40 to 50 km per hour left the sea turbulent. High waves lashed the coast, crashing against stone embankments. The Fisheries department and district administration

have issued a two-day ban for the fishermen on venturing into the sea.

Meanwhile, 32 panchayats in South Bhograi have been inundated while residents continued to struggle in North Bhograi which is already flood-prone. Cultivation of vegetables such as pumpkin, greens and cucumbers has been destroyed. Fish ponds and enclosures have overflowed, causing heavy losses to farmers.

Bhograi MLA Goutam Budha Das, residents and local farmer unions have urged the state government to immediately implement the long-pending Subarnarekha Drainage Project, approved by the previous state government at a cost of ₹99.76 crore. The project is now lying in cold storage and awaiting execution, they said.

RSP achieves new H1 production milestone

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The Blast Furnaces of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) have set new production records during the first half (H1) of the current financial year 2025-26.

Blast Furnace-1 and Blast Furnace-5 produced 5,55,524 tonnes and 15,93,968 tonnes of hot metal respectively in the first six months, registering their best-ever April-September performance. The state-of-the-art Hot Strip Mill-2 (HSM-2) operated in tandem, rolling 13,05,557 tonnes of HR coils during the same period, its best-ever H1 performance, marking a growth of 3.2 per cent over the corresponding period last year (CPLY).

The Sheet Shearing Line (SSL) also recorded its best H1 performance with a production of 1,52,415 tonnes. The New Plate Mill (NPM) rolled 5,03,933 tonnes of plates, surpassing its previous best of 4,65,198 tonnes achieved during April-September 2023-24. Direct dispatches from the plant reached an all-time high of 15,87,547 tonnes during H1 of 2025-26, exceeding the previous best of 15,81,275 tonnes recorded in the same period last year.

In September 2025, RSP achieved several new milestones by producing 3,46,567 tonnes of saleable steel — its highest-ever for the month of September.

4 drown, one missing in separate incidents

POST NEWS NETWORK

Hemgir/Udala/Chhatrapur, Oct 4: In a tragic series of incidents across Odisha, four people, including two brothers, an elderly woman and a 3-year-old child, died in separate drowning cases within 24 hours, while a teenage boy remains missing after being swept away in a river.

In Sundargarh district, two siblings drowned while bathing in a pond Friday evening at Chitkenadipatha village under Hemgir police limits. The deceased were identified as Chhita Makar, 40, and Debashis Makar, 20.

According to police, the brothers went missing after going for a bath. When they failed to return home, their family filed a missing persons report. A joint search operation by police and fire services led to the recovery of their bodies around 10pm Friday. The bodies were sent to Hemgir hospital for autopsy. Preliminary investigation confirmed accidental drowning.

In a separate incident in Mayurbhanj district Satur-

day morning, a 3-year-old boy drowned in a pond near his house in Bisipur village under Udala police limits. The child, identified as Himraj Singh, was playing near the pond unsupervised when he accidentally fell in. His mother discovered him floating and rushed him to Udala community health centre, where he was declared dead.

In Ganjam district, a 17-year-old boy, Shubham Pradhan, went missing Saturday morning after reportedly being swept away in the Rushikulya river at Podapalli village under Mundamarai panchayat. A student of Vedyvas College in Berhampur, Shubham is suspected to have slipped while bathing. Search operations by fire service teams and local officials are ongoing.

Additionally, in Chhatrapur, a 65-year-old woman, identified as Manu Das of Arjunapalli village, died after slipping into a pond while bathing Saturday morning. She was rushed to Chhatrapur sub-divisional hospital but was declared dead on arrival. Police have registered a case of unnatural death and launched an investigation.



Man kills wife in front of daughter; arrested

POST NEWS NETWORK

Oupada, Oct 4: A man in Balasore district allegedly battered his wife to death after brutally assaulting her in front of their 3-year-old daughter following a domestic dispute, Friday night.

The incident took place at Harijan Sahi of Pratappur village under Oupada police limits. The victim was identified as Bishama Mana, wife of the accused Nishakar Mana.

According to police, Nishakar had married Bishama, daughter of Kunu Bag of Purnachandrapur in Mayurbhanj district, five years ago. The couple had a 3-year-old daughter.

Nishakar reportedly assaulted his wife Friday night over an unknown reason. He allegedly picked her out of the house, brutally thrashed her and later battered her on ground.

Hearing her screams, neighbours rushed to the spot and rescued her. She was taken in an unconscious state to Khaira hospital by Nishakar and a relative.

As her condition deteriorated, she was referred to Bhadrak District Headquarters Hospital. However, she died on the way in an ambulance.

Her family members lodged a complaint at Oupada police station late at night, accusing Nishakar of murder.

Police registered a case (158/25) and arrested him. The body was seized in the presence of Magistrate Prangya Paramita and sent for post mortem. A scientific team visited the spot for further investigation. Nishakar was produced in court Saturday, police added.

Limping elephant calf sparks concern over delayed remedy

POST NEWS NETWORK

Keonjhar, Oct 4: A limping baby elephant from a 29-member herd roaming in the Champua area of Keonjhar district has raised concern among wildlife lovers and locals over the Forest department's inaction.

The elephant has been limping for some time due to an injury to its front left leg. Though the exact cause of the injury is unknown, it is suspected the calf hurt itself while running to keep up with the herd. Forest officials said the herd is moving slowly to accommodate the injured calf, and they have urged villagers not to chase the animals. However, in attempts



to protect their crops and property, villagers are reportedly using various methods to drive the elephants away, causing the herd to

scatter and inadvertently injuring more animals.

"The sick calf is gradually falling behind, and if it can't keep up,

the herd will eventually abandon it," said an elephant expert.

Forest officials maintain that the elephant cannot be treated until it separates from the herd, fearing that intervention could provoke aggression from the other elephants.

"We are in touch with experts, and the elephant will be treated at the appropriate time," said Keonjhar DFO Dhanraj HD.

Wildlife expert Subhendu Mallick criticised the delay, warning that the baby elephant's condition is serious. "If not treated soon, the calf may die. What is the use of a post-mortem after that?" he asked, urging immediate rescue and treatment at Nandankanan Zoo.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The project Nilakhamar Decorative Stone Mine over an area of 4.740 Ha.in Village Nilakhamar under Chitrakonda Tahasil of Malkangiri District has been accorded Environmental Clearance vide EC Identification No – EC24C0108OR5497934N and File No – 491249/106 – MINB2/08 – 2024 ,dated 22.09.2025 . The copy of the EC letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and website of MoEF & CC. (www.parivesh.nic.in)

BRAHMAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
No.14077 XXiX(E.9)9/17 Date : 03.10.2025
No.C-1200 : Sealed Quotation / Tender are invited to be reached by Speed Post / Registered Post / Courier / By hand at Single Window counter of BeMC office for “Providing of Manpower to Brahmapur Municipal Corporation”. The detailed terms & conditions are available at our official website www.berhampur.gov.in. The Last date of receipt of Quotation / Tender in this office by 23.10.2025 by 5.00 P.M. and will be opened on Dt.24.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. in the office chamber of undersigned.
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1. Name of the Work : Building Work, 2. No. of Works : **01 No.** 3. Estimated Cost : **Rs.86.01 lakhs.**
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Form No. STK - 6
PUBLIC NOTICE
[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]
Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2025-26/1255
Reference:
In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (12) companies in the state of Odisha under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

| S. No. | Work Item | CIN | Company Name |
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| 1 | AB6422186 | U62099OD2023OPC044366 | CHINTAMANI RATH (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 2 | AB6258653 | U70200OD2025PTC047758 | BIZDDS SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 3 | AB6034532 | U70200OD2024PTC045321 | AUMEERA GLOBAL PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 4 | AB6055176 | U92490OR2022PTC039759 | FAMENET PLUS PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 5 | AB6123643 | U08101OD2023PTC043880 | NEELADRI OVERSEAS PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 6 | AB6219402 | U47739OD2023PTC043960 | ARAVADITYA MULTITRADE PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 7 | AB6250518 | U70101OR2011PTC013087 | J G HOMES & RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 8 | AB6319631 | U51420OR2011PTC013079 | J G METALS AND MINERALS PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 9 | AB6495213 | U47912OD2023PTC043864 | NABK BUUKIFFY BOOK TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 10 | AB6594372 | U46209OD2023PTC042290 | HYRAL CONSUMER PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 11 | AB6033709 | U15127OR2019PTC030801 | BOBANZA FOOD & BEVERAGE PRIVATE LIMITED |
| 12 | AB6094189 | U94120OD2023PTC042323 | PREETECH ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED |

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name(s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application(s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.
3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.
4. Any Person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Raunak Agrawal
Deputy Registrar
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit
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FOCUS CLIMATE RISKS

COMPLACENT MARKET



The 2008 financial crisis shocked the world and demonstrated that nothing can be taken for granted. The stakes now are far higher, and there can be no bailouts

tiently endured years of expensive recovery before value was restored and dividends resumed. If the banks had gone, so, too, would those holdings, and most of today’s financial system with them. The post-crisis era was marked by collective humility and acceptance of systemic risk. This was reflected in the Financial Stability Board’s recognition in 2015 of climate change as perhaps the greatest systemic threat of all. Ten years later, however, our systems and processes remain ill-equipped to measure and manage the systemic risks posed by climate change. With the focus on climate issues slipping down investors’ agendas, this is a dangerous lapse. From broken supply chains and damaged assets to infrastructure shocks, public health crises, and community disruption, many businesses are already feeling the profound impact of climate change. Nor is the problem confined to headline-grabbing disasters. Subtle, chronic effects are quietly eroding value, often in ways that our systems are ill-

equipped to detect or manage. Once again, the fundamentals are not right. Data from NASA underscores this point. US satellites show that the intensity of extreme weather events is now double the average recorded in the 2003-20 period. The global economy is also taking a beating. Research by the World Economic Forum finds that weather-related damage to businesses, infrastructure, and other fixed assets may have almost tripled since 2000. The bill for the last decade topped \$2 trillion, with costs in 2022-23 alone reaching \$451 billion. Yet rather than take steps to mitigate these risks, many investors, corporations, and governments continue to incentivize activities that compound them. Leading companies must battle to convince their boards and investors to buy into forward-looking strategies. Markets are getting things very wrong once again. One exception is the insurance industry. Experts at pricing risk, these firms are learning fast. Between 2023-24, climate-related disasters

forced insurers to shell out \$143 billion in claims payments. More and more of them are doing the math and concluding that climate coverage simply doesn’t add up. They must either hike premiums to exorbitant levels or exit the disaster-risk market altogether. The latter scenario is all too likely. The parallels to past crises are clear. Again, expressions of concern are being drowned out. This time, though, the stakes are higher, the effects are more widespread, and the consequences will be irreversible. The global economy has a massive blind spot, and unlike in 2008, there is no one on the winning side of the short bet. We all will lose. Of course, there is a difference between a systemic blind spot and an ordinary one. We know the spot is there, but our financial system cannot address it until it is translated into monetary terms. For this, we need to mobilize executive action across the private sector to improve how we measure, manage, and respond to climate risks. Working with capital providers, standard setters, and policymakers, we need to align actionable information with the need to allocate capital toward climate-change mitigation and adaptation. The 2008 financial crisis shocked the world and demonstrated that nothing can be taken for granted. The stakes now are far higher, and there can be no bailouts. We must pursue pre-emptive action, and we must do it immediately. *The writer is Vice President of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.* © PROJECT SYNDICATE

BUSINESSES AND INVESTORS MUST CREATE AND MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY FOR RAPID CHANGE WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND ACROSS OUR VALUE CHAINS AND SPHERES OF INFLUENCE



Fiona Watson

As business, government, and nonprofit leaders debate the future of climate action ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Brazil, the global economy remains vulnerable to acute and chronic climate-driven shocks whose impact could be more severe than that of the 2008 global financial crisis. At a time when many governments and businesses continue to underestimate and under-price physical climate risk, we must remember that neither financial markets nor regulators are always right. What if their current complacency about climate risks is catastrophically wrong? The 2008 financial crisis and its aftermath showed how fast our expectations can be shattered. In the mid-2000s, deregulation and simplification were the norm: balance sheets were run thin, and profits and losses ran high. Financial engineering boomed as risks were packaged, diluted, and obfuscated, and as credit was given where it hadn’t been earned. In the face of all this, expressions of concern were drowned out by the din of transactions. But the signs were there. The fundamentals were not right. By late 2008, the global economy was teetering on the brink of collapse. In the space of days, longstanding banking giants were swept away. Only government bailouts prevented the entire financial system from melting down. The post-crisis banking sector looks very different than the one that preceded it. Owing to tougher rules and tighter oversight, good governance and resilience restored trust in the banking sector. Long-term investors – pension funds and insurance companies – pa-

SPECTRUM NATION

Student suicides: A collective failure

The future of a nation is often measured by the vibrancy and hope in the eyes of its youth. Yet, in India, a chilling statistic from the NCRB Report 2023 paints a starkly different, terrifying picture: every 38 minutes, the country loses a young student to suicide. This is not just a number; it is a profound national tragedy, a silent epidemic where the very individuals expected to drive India’s growth are instead crumbling under an unbearable weight. With 13,892 students taking their own lives in 2023, accounting for a shocking 8.1 per cent of all suicides in the country, the crisis demands an immediate, radical re-evaluation of our education system and societal values. The most visceral point of failure is undoubtedly academic performance. The NCRB data reveals a distressing spike in students losing their lives over examination failure, with the toll rising from 2,095 in 2022 to 2,415 in 2023, a concerning 15.3 percent increase. This single metric screams volumes about the toxic emphasis we place on marks and ranks, turning education into a pathway to knowledge into a high-stakes, win-or-perish competition. We have created a system where a single exam

result is perceived not just as an assessment of learning, but as a final, irreversible verdict on a student’s entire worth and future potential. The problem, however, extends far beyond the syllabus. Our students are trapped in a high-pressure cooker environment fueled by multiple stressors. Parental pressure remains a significant, often unspoken burden, where well-meaning but over-ambitious parents project their unfulfilled dreams onto their children, turning love into a conditional reward based on performance. This is amplified by the hyper-competitive culture of entrance exams like NEET and JEE, which fuels the rise of multi-million dollar coaching industries. These centres, while promising success, often strip away the student’s identity, replacing it with a relentless, isolated grind that leaves no room for hobbies, relaxation or emotional development. Further compounding the issue is the pervasive stigma surrounding mental health. In a society that still views psychological distress as a character flaw or a lack of effort, students are terrified of admitting their struggle. They fear judgment from their peers, disappointment

from their families and a lack of understanding from their teachers. This forces them to suffer in isolation, silently battling overwhelming emotions until the despair becomes unmanageable. This silence is often the final, fatal barrier to seeking help. To stem this tide, India must move beyond mere hand-wringing and enact systemic changes that place well-being on par with academic achievement. First, the education system needs an immediate human touch. Mandatory, high-quality counselling services must be integrated into every school and university, staffed by trained professionals, not just overburdened teachers. These centres must be accessible, non-judgmental spaces, promoted openly to normalize seeking help. Second, there must be a shift in societal perspective, beginning with parents and educators. We must celebrate effort, resilience, and ethical values over purely quantitative results. Educational reforms should focus on holistic assessment, reducing the singular focus on high-stakes final examinations. Third, a massive, sustained national campaign to de-stigmatise mental health is crucial, using public figures and social media to encour-

age open conversations about stress and emotional struggles. Finally, institutions must foster environments of support, implementing strong anti-bullying and anti-ragging policies and training staff to recognise and respond to warning signs like social withdrawal, drastic changes in behaviour or falling grades. The NCRB 2023 report serves as a harsh report card on our collective failure to safeguard the psychological health of our youth. The daily loss of 38 young lives is an unsustainable hemorrhage of talent and potential that India cannot afford. The time for pointing fingers is over; the time for systemic, compassionate intervention is now. We owe it to these young souls to reform a system that currently values a rank on a piece of paper more than the life of the person who earns it. The silence of the suffering student must be replaced by a chorus of support, allowing them to finally breathe, thrive and contribute to the nation they are meant to inherit. *The writer is former Principal and Founder of Supporting Shoulders, an Organization for Mental Health of Students, Jeypore, Odisha.*



Bhaskar Nath Biswal

THERE MUST BE A SHIFT IN SOCIETAL PERSPECTIVE, BEGINNING WITH PARENTS AND EDUCATORS

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa Post are most welcome to contribute letters (100 words), articles and columns (between 600-1000 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID. They may also send in their valuable comments, opinion and suggestions, preferably by email, to: edit@orissapost.com

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Noisy festivities

Sir, On the last and final day of Navratri, the noise produced by loudspeakers and DJs was just unbearable. As the idols of goddess Durga were taken out in a procession, the high decibel levels broke all records. Cops who were on duty had to stuff cotton into their ears as a protective measure. It was a clear indication that even those who were entrusted with the task of keeping things under control (noise level included, of course) were in a state of abject surrender before an event that had religious overtones. People had to suffer the onslaught of loud music from the puja pandals in their respective colonies --- all justified, because it was after all, a “religious” matter. Nobody protested, or even dared to do so. I wonder why all our festivals are so noisy and boisterous? It is obvious that the authorities are in no mood to impose curbs on the deafening noise levels during all and sundry “religious” functions. Or is India on the verge of becoming a banana republic where the authorities are just too scared to do what is expected of them? Vishwaguru (?) Bharat very badly needs to set its own house in order.

Avinash Godbole, DEWAS(MP)

A spoilsport called Pakistan

Sir, The Asia Cup has been the worst tournament when it comes to disrespecting the sport. Time and again, the sport was violated. Missing press conferences, getting a game delayed by an hour, Pakistan did everything possible to push cricket to the brink. Talking about Mohsin Naqvi, here was someone who had posted on X multiple times with the airplane celebration mocking the Indian armed forces. He had justified Pakistan’s disrespectful acts time and again. He was persona non grata for the Indians. Stealing the trophy was the cheap behavior in the open. Pakistan’s embarrassing and childish behavior at the Asia Cup, including celebrating excessively, and stealing the trophy, highlights their status as a rogue terrorist state.

Jayanthy CK Maniam, COIMBATORE

“Be fearless and resolute, all obstacles will melt away before you.”

THE MOTHER

List of Lowlights

At the end of every year, the organisation I represent puts out a report on human rights in India. This is part of Amnesty International’s global assessment, which focusses on violations mostly, though not exclusively, by states around the world. I was going through the draft of this year’s report, which is updated to September, and thought readers would be interested to know where we stand. This will be a list of highlights, or to be more accurate a list of lowlights. In January Uttarakhand passed rules enforcing a Uniform Civil Code. It mandates the registration of live-in relationships with the state authorities supposedly to combat religious conversions via fraudulent marriages. The rules were passed without considering the report of a nine-member panel appointed by the government on the rules. In February, Rajasthan introduced a Bill criminalizing consensual inter-faith marriages that involved conversion and proposed ten years in jail for those Muslims marrying Hindus and vice versa. Maharashtra passed a resolution aimed at blocking inter-faith marriage. Also in the same month, Malvan Municipal Corporation demolished the scrap shop of the father of a minor boy accused of saying something after India’s win against Pakistan in the Champions Trophy cricket match. In March, Maharashtra police filed an FIR against Kunal Kamra in connection with his stand-up show called ‘Naya Bharat’ (New India). Violence against the venue followed. This was but one of a series of episodes where freedom of expression, a fundamental right, was abused by the state. The previous month, Delhi police detained twelve students of Jamia Millia Islamia university who were protesting against the show cause notices issued to two PhD students for allegedly sloganeering “without permission or intimidation to university authorities” in 2024. Also in March, Assam state police arrested journalist Dilwar Hussain Mozumdar for reporting on a protest over alleged financial misconduct at a bank run by the state government. He had consistently reported on financial issues at the bank where the state’s chief minister is a director. In April, came an FIR against folk singer Neha Singh Rathore in Lucknow for her comment on the militant attacks in Pahalgam that killed 26 people. In May, India cancelled the Overseas Citizenship of India status of British-Kashmiri academic Nitasha Kaul. She has regularly spoken against the rising authoritarianism in India. Also in May, Nagpur police filed an FIR against three people including Pushpa Sathidar, the wife of late activist Vira Sathidar for reciting the poem Hum Dekhenge by Faiz Ahmed Faiz. Haryana Police registered two FIRs against Ali Khan Mahmudabad, associate professor at Ashoka University over social media posts on “Operation Sindoor”. Nagpur police arrested 26-year-old Rejaz M Siddique for allegedly insulting Operation Sindoor on Instagram. He was subsequently charged with the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Between April 22 to May 8, the Association of Protection of Civil Rights documented at least 184 hate crimes targeting Muslims after the Pahalgam attack. In June, India withheld the Instagram account of The Savala Vada, a satirical meme page inspired by The Onion. Then Mumbai police detained 19 people who had gathered at Azad Maidan to join a rally in support of Palestinians. In July, India ordered X (formerly Twitter) to block more than 2,000 accounts, including two belonging to Reuters News. The same month, came the Maharashtra Special Public Security Act which criminalizes dissent under the guise of public safety. In August, Kashmir banned 25 books written by journalists, historians, feminists and peace scholars accusing them of ‘glorifying terrorism and inciting violence’. Also in August, Guwahati Police summoned journalists Siddharth Varadarajan and Karan Thapar in connection for a sedition case without sharing more details. The next month, a court in Gandhinagar issued notices to journalists Abhisar Sharma and Raju Parulekar for reporting on the sale of a vast area of land to the Adani group for a small amount in Assam. Our torture of the vulnerable proceeded apace. In May, 40 Rohingyas were blindfolded and flown to the Andaman and Nicobar Island and then thrown into the sea and made to swim to an island in Myanmar. And after the Pahalgam attack, at least 300 Muslims were ‘pushed back’ to Bangladesh from Assam. In May, Assam announced it will provide arms licenses to people, especially those in Muslim-majority districts. In the first half of July some 1800 families were left homeless after Assam carried out an eviction drive in Goalpara. Most of those affected were Muslims. In the second half of July Assam launched a large-scale eviction drive in Uriamghat, largely populated by Muslims, to reclaim over 11,000 bighas of forest land. The drive was halted by the Supreme Court on account of multiple due process violations. In September, India repealed four earlier laws and now classifies asylum seekers as “illegal migrants”. We are still in October, and more will follow, of course. Umar Khalid and other Muslim student activists remained in pre-trial detention for their alleged involvement in the February 2020 North East Delhi violence that claimed the lives of 53 people – 38 of them Muslims. The United Nations’ High Commissioner for Human Rights also puts out a report and he said the following: “I am concerned by the use of restrictive laws and harassment against human rights defenders and independent journalists resulting in arbitrary detention and a diminished civic space, including in Kashmir. I also call for stepped-up efforts to address violence and displacement in Manipur, based on dialogue, peacebuilding and human rights.” India’s response to this concern was to put out a story on Doordarshan whose headline was ‘India Slams UN Human Rights For Unfounded And Baseless Comment On Kashmir And Manipur’.



Aakar Patel

In August, Kashmir banned 25 books written by journalists, historians, feminists and peace scholars accusing them of ‘glorifying terrorism and inciting violence’

WISDOM CORNER

- “I put my heart and my soul into my work, and have lost my mind in the process.”

VINCENT VAN GOGH
- “To be truly cosmopolitan is to embrace the stranger

HOMI J BHABHA
- “The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



ETHNIC VIOLENCE

Post back in Manipur’s Churachandpur after over 2 years

While the resumption of postal services is a significant milestone, officials acknowledge that the district continues to face challenges in returning to full normalcy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Churachandpur, Oct 4: Postal services resumed in Manipur’s Churachandpur, with a mail van entering the district for the first time since the ethnic violence broke out in Manipur in May 2023, officials said Saturday.

The vehicle reached the district headquarters at 11.30 am Friday, unloaded letters, parcels and other consignments, and returned to Imphal around 12.40 pm, they said.

Regular mail delivery had remained suspended in Churachandpur since the onset of the violence, in which over 260 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless. The resumption of service marks a significant step towards restoring normal communication



channels in the region.

Residents and businesses in Churachandpur are expected to benefit immediately, with the return of postal deliveries easing the exchange of information and essential goods. Authorities have expressed hope that the restoration of these services will support broader reconciliation and recovery efforts in the district.

The revival of postal operations is part of a wider initiative to restore essential services and infrastructure in the region. In recent months, improvements in road connectivity and law-and-order management under

President’s Rule have paved the way for this development.

While the resumption of postal services is a significant milestone, officials acknowledge that the district continues to face challenges in returning to full normalcy. Monitoring and support efforts are ongoing to ensure safety and stability for the local population.

For the residents of Churachandpur, the return of the postal system is more than a logistical convenience; it represents a tangible sign of hope and progress after a prolonged period of disruption and uncertainty.

Army completes Mount Gorichen expedition

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Itanagar, Oct 4: In a remarkable display of courage, endurance, and teamwork, a team of the Indian Army completed the expedition to Mount Gorichen in Arunachal Pradesh showcasing the grit, discipline, and adventurous spirit of the soldiers in the challenging terrain of the Eastern Himalayas, officials said Friday.

Defence spokesman Lt Col Amit Shukla said that the expedition was flagged off by the GOC, Spear Head Division Lt Gen AS Pendharkar from Likabali Military station August 20.

He said that the advance party had moved earlier August 13 for reconnaissance, liaison, and coordination.

The team, thereafter, moved through Missamari, Tenga, and Senge, carrying out systematic acclimatisation and preparatory training up to Senge (9,500 feet).

This phase ensured that the soldiers were physically conditioned and operationally ready for the demanding climb ahead, the spokesman said, adding that commencing the climb from Mago Road Head (12,200 feet) on September 1, the expedition advanced via Merathang Base Camp, Chokarsum, Camp-I, and Summit Camp.

Braving harsh weather, icy ridges, and thin air, the team steadily moved upwards, establishing the intermediate camps, fixing ropes, and carrying load ferries en-route, the official said.

On September 19, the soldiers of Spear Corps successfully scaled Mount Gorichen (21,286 feet/6,488 m), unfurling the National Flag at the summit, symbolising indomitable courage and pride.

The successful conduct of the Mount Gorichen Expedition 2025 reaffirms the adventure ethos of the Indian Army while epitomising physical endurance, mental resilience, and operational excellence in extreme altitudes and unforgiving terrain, the Defence PRO said.

Liquor demand drives Delhi’s excise growth

The capital's excise revenue records 12% growth in first half of FY26



■Excise revenue including VAT was Rs 3,731.79cr during April-Sept 2024-25. It grew to Rs 4,192.86cr in the first half of FY26

■Excise revenue target was set at Rs 7,000cr in the budget 2025-26 but was later reset to Rs 6,000cr in view of sales related estimates

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New Delhi, Oct 4: With rise in liquor sales, the Delhi government has registered over 12 per cent growth in excise revenue collection in the first half of the current financial year as compared to the same period last year, officials said Saturday.

As per official figures, the excise revenue including value added tax (VAT) was Rs 3,731.79 crore during April-September 2024-25. It grew to Rs 4,192.86 crore in the first half of the current financial year.

The excise revenue of the first half of 2025-26 is likely to rise further with updates as VAT figures were available up to September 16 only, said an excise department official.

The rise in sale has led to crossing the half mark of excise revenue target of Rs 6,000 crore in 2025-26. With festival season kicking in, peak in sales around Diwali and New Year will hopefully help crossing the annual target, the official added.

According to data, the cumulative monthly excise receipts

(excluding VAT) in April-September 2024-25 were Rs 279.81 crore. It rose to 517.26 crore, up 84.86 per cent in the current year.

The revenue excluding VAT in April-September 2024-25 was Rs 2,598.04. In the current year, it rose by over 17 per cent to Rs 3,043.39 crore.

The department has issued instructions to the government corporation run vends to ensure timely orders and keeping the stock ready for the festival season, officials said. The city has over 700 retail liquor outlets that are run by four corporations of the Delhi government. The excise revenue target was set at Rs 7,000 crore in the budget 2025-26 but was later reset to Rs 6,000 crore in view of sales related estimates, they added.

The Delhi government has formed a high-level committee headed by PWD minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma, which is framing a new excise policy. The government aims to boost excise revenue through the new policy, which it intends

to be transparent, consumer friendly and socially responsible, officials said.

The committee is likely to come up with a draft of the policy in coming months. In the meetings of the committee in recent past, various issues like stagnant prices, legal age of drinking, and role of private players in retail trade have been discussed with stakeholders including liquor manufacturers as well as retailers, sources said.

The excise tax rate in Delhi has not been revised since 2014 and MRP was last updated three years ago, a source said. Pricing of liquor including fixed margins per bottle are certain issues being deliberated as part of drafting the policy, the source added.

The fixed margins per bottle in Delhi put all kinds of liquor in one segment, encouraging retail vendors to stock cheaper, less popular brands. This also encourages brand pushing and unavailability of more popular brands and high end liquor, the sources added.



A fisherman casts a net in the Yamuna river partially covered in toxic foam, in New Delhi, Saturday

PTI PHOTO

Kejriwal’s bungalow to become guesthouse

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New Delhi, Oct 4: The Delhi government is planning to convert the bungalow, which was renovated for Arvind Kejriwal when he was the chief minister and was at the centre of corruption allegations, into a state guest house featuring a cafeteria, senior government officials said Saturday.

The bungalow at 6, Flagstaff Road in Civil Lines may soon house a canteen serving traditional cuisines, similar to those in other state Bhawans across the city. The facility would be open to the general public, they said.

According to a senior government official, the proposal

includes building a parking space, a waiting hall and other amenities.

"The government is close to finalising a state guest house at this Bungalow No 6, which has been lying unoccupied as the former chief minister's residence. It will have a food outlet, parking space and other amenities," the government official said.

Just as in other state guest houses where officials and ministers who visit for meetings and training workshops stay there and pay for the rooms, the same will be done here. The final approval for this plan is yet to be given by higher authorities, the official said.

From hills to homes: Meghalaya crafts new story of tourism

For a state that blends breathtaking landscapes with rich cultural traditions, the push to become a \$16 billion economy by 2032 has tourism at its heart

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shillong, Oct 4: Meghalaya’s story is no longer just written in its clouds and hills. It lives in the voices of its people, the warmth of its homes, and the traditions that turn the state into a living heritage.

Nestled in the misty hills and valleys, Meghalaya — aptly called the “abode of clouds” — is carving out a new identity as both a cultural and adventure hub.

While its rolling tea gardens, waterfalls, and living root bridges have long charmed visitors, the state government is now consciously weaving a tourism story that goes far beyond the scenic beauty.

The focus is on homestays, music festivals, eco-tourism, and even hosting the National

Games in 2027, all integrated into a pipeline of initiatives designed to generate jobs, empower citizens, and transform Meghalaya into a high-value destination.

A key part of this strategy is the homestay initiative, which moves away from the conventional “Games Village” model for the upcoming sporting event. Instead, athletes, officials, and visitors will be hosted in homestays across the state — ensuring long-term benefits for local communities once the games are over.

“Music has a unique power to unite, and here in Meghalaya, where people are naturally musically inclined, the atmosphere is perfect for such experiences,” says Vera, who runs Risa Forest Green Homestay. “Hosting events like Bryan Adams and Ed Sheeran has been truly commendable —



our property saw a full house with guests arriving from across India,” he said.

Like her, many homestay owners across the state are witnessing the ripple effects of Meghalaya’s tourism push — from extended guest stays to steady revenue streams that outlast marquee events. The initiative reflects a conscious effort to marry hospitality with sustainability, giving tourists not only quality accommodation but also immersive cultural experiences, from the local cuisine to traditional art and music.

The state already has more than 820 registered lodging facilities, 300 recognised tourist

sites, and more than 50,000 livelihoods linked to tourism.

The chief minister has repeatedly stressed that the homestay model is a “concrete pillar” of Meghalaya’s strategy to enhance accommodation capacity while promoting employment and environmental responsibility.

Known as the “Rock Capital of India,” Shillong is now also emerging as the country’s music capital, with international concerts and festivals like the Cherry Blossom Festival, Winter Tales, and Shillong Literary Festival drawing lakhs of visitors.

In FY24, these events alone

attracted 3.37 lakh people, creating nearly 5,000 jobs. “Tourists extended their stay post events, leading to additional nights of occupancy and a steady revenue stream,” says Farah of Belmont Homestay, underlining the economic impact of concert tourism.

As homestays expand, music and cultural festivals grow, infrastructure strengthens, and global artists continue to arrive, Meghalaya’s story is shifting. It is no longer just the “abode of clouds” but a destination where hospitality, heritage, and harmony meet — and where the world is being invited to stay a little longer.

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No.C-1209 : Subject: Prohibition and Removal of Unauthorized Hoardings, Bamboo-based Structures, and Advertisements in Bhawanipatna Municipality Area.
Dt.26.09.2025

OFFICE ORDER
Whereas, it has been observed that unauthorized advertisement hoardings, bamboo-based structures, and boards have been erected within the jurisdiction of Bhawanipatna Municipality, including on public roads, footways, drains, electric poles, statues, and other public places, without any permission from this Municipality;

And whereas, under **Section 252 of the Odisha Municipal Act, 1950**, no person shall erect any fence, structure, obstruction, projection, or encroachment in or over any public road without the permission of the Municipality;

And whereas, under **Section 255 of the Odisha Municipal Act, 1950**, no projection or structure over public roads, including hoardings or boards, shall be erected without licence from the Municipality;

And whereas, unauthorized hoardings also amount to nuisance under **Section 3(18)** of the said Act, being injurious to public convenience, safety, and aesthetics;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under **Section 254 of the Odisha Municipal Act, 1950**, it is hereby ordered **ex parte** that:
1. **No unauthorized hoardings, bamboo-based hoardings, or advertisement boards shall be erected or displayed in any part of Bhawanipatna Municipality without prior written permission/ licence from this Municipality.**
2. **No hoardings shall be fixed on electric poles, statues, or similar public structures under any circumstances.**
3. All existing unauthorized hoardings and bamboo-based hoardings must be removed by the concerned persons/agencies on or before **02.10.2025**.
4. If any person/agency claims that a hoarding (other than those fixed on iron-rod established advertisement points duly approved by the Municipality) should not be removed, such representation must be made in writing to the undersigned on or before **02.10.2025**. No claim shall be entertained thereafter.
5. In case of failure to comply, Bhawanipatna Municipality will summarily remove such unauthorized hoardings and recover the cost of removal from the concerned parties, as per provisions of the Act.
6. Further prosecution may also be initiated as per law for continued violation.
This order shall come into force with immediate effect.
Issued under my hand and seal on this 26th day of September, 2025.
Sd./- Executive Officer,
Bhawanipatna Municipality
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of the day

quote

Upon arrival in Bihar, I notice a heavy downpour. On this day, Bihar has also been showered with gifts. Largesse (saugaat) from the prime minister were spectacular (adbhut) and unprecedented (abhutpurv)

SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN | UNION MINISTER

Launched September 17 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the two-week-long #Swasth-NariSashaktParivar Abhiyaan concluded 2nd October after achieving historic milestones of screening 6 crore 50 lakh women, through nearly 18 lakh health camps organised across the country

J P NADDA | UNION HEALTH MINISTER

As per the DFS (Department of Financial Services), ₹1,84,000 crore is lying there. It is safe. I can assure you it is absolutely safe. You come when you want with proper papers. Money will be given to you. The government is the custodian for it. It can be through the bank or through SEBI. It can be through any other agency. But it is lying there in safe custody

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | UNION FINANCE MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Elephant electrocuted

Ramanagara (Karnataka): A tusker, aged around 40 years, died of electrocution after coming in contact with a live electric wire in a farm at Chennapatna in Bangalore South district, forest officials said Saturday. According to Deputy Conservator of Forests Ramkrishnappa Sagar, the elephant was attempting to feed on the fronds of a coconut palm when it touched an overhead electricity line Friday. “The tusker was electrocuted on the spot,” he said. Forest officials rushed to the spot and conducted a preliminary inquiry.

4 killed as goods vehicle overturns

Shillong: Four teenage girls were killed and three others injured after a goods vehicle ran over them in Meghalaya’s Ri-Bhoi district and overturned, police said Saturday. The accident happened in Thadrang village near Mawlasnai police outpost Friday, they said. The dumper was heading to Bhoirymbong from Jowai in the West Jaintia Hills district when it hit the pedestrians, they added. Three people died on the spot, while another succumbed to the injuries later, police said.

Decomposed body of man found

Bangalore: The decomposed body of a man was found at an under-construction building here in the city, police said Saturday. The deceased has not been identified yet, they said. The matter came to light Friday after a labourer who visited the building located in an area that falls under Kothanur Police Station limits spotted the body and alerted the police, they added.

CBI arrests five in HPZ crypto fraud

New Delhi: The CBI has arrested five individuals in connection with the HPZ Crypto Currency Token fraud case, in which cyber criminals duped victims of hundreds of crores through loan, job, investment, and cryptocurrency schemes, officials said Saturday.

Zubeen poisoned in S’pore, alleges arrested bandmate

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Guwahati, Oct 4: In a startling claim, Zubeen Garg’s bandmate Shekhar Jyoti Goswami has alleged that the singer was poisoned in Singapore, which led to his death, according to official documents with the police. Goswami alleged that Garg was poisoned by his manager Siddharth Sharma and festival organiser Shyamkanu Mahanta in Singapore, according to the ‘Detailed Grounds of Arrest’ or remand note accessed by PTI. The festival organiser, Garg’s manager and two band members – Goswami and Amritprabha Mahanta – have been arrested in the case and sent to 14 days of police remand. Garg died under mysterious circumstances in Singapore while swimming in the sea. He had gone to the Southeast Asian nation to attend the 4th edition of the NorthEast India Festival, organised by Shyamkanu Mahanta and his company. “During the critical moments when Shri Zubeen Garg was gasping for breath, almost drowning, Siddharth Sharma was heard shouting ‘Jabo de, jabo de’ (let him go, let him go). The witness emphasised that Zubeen Garg was an expert swimmer... and therefore, could not have died due to drowning.”

“He (Goswami) alleged that Shri Sharma and Shri Shyamkanu Mahanta had poisoned the victim and deliberately chosen a foreign venue to conceal their conspiracy. Shri Sharma also instructed him not to share the yacht videos with anyone,” stated the note, signed by SIT member and senior SP Rosie Kalita. A nine-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the CID is currently probing the death of Garg in Singapore. The Assam government has also set up a one-man judicial commission to investigate the case.



The festival organiser, Garg’s manager and two band members – Goswami and Amritprabha Mahanta – have been arrested in the case and sent to 14 days of police remand

Zubeen’s wife returns postmortem report

Guwahati: Singer Zubeen Garg’s wife Garima Saturday returned the postmortem report of her husband to the police, saying that it is not her “personal document” and wthe investigators will be the best judge to decide whether it should be made public or not. Speaking to reporters after CID Additional SP Moramee Das, who had come to hand her over the report left her residence, Garima also said she had full confidence in the ongoing investigation to unearth the exact circumstances leading to the singer’s death in Singapore last month.

Sources in the CID have confirmed the veracity of the remand note.

Shyamkanu Mahanta is the younger brother of former DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, who is presently the chief information commissioner of the Assam State Information Commission. Another brother of the festival organiser is Nani Gopal Mahanta, who was the education advisor to the CM before becoming the vice chancellor of Gauhati University.

“The statement of witness Shri Shekhar Jyoti Goswami... revealed that prior to the death of Zubeen Garg, a conspiracy was formulated to portray his death as accidental. He stated that Shri Siddharth Sharma, who stayed with him... in Singapore, had displayed suspicious

conduct,” the note said.

Quoting Goswami, the document also stated that Sharma forcibly took control of the yacht from its sailor, causing it to wobble dangerously in mid-sea, thereby endangering all passengers.

When Garg was frothing by the mouth and nose, Sharma dismissed it as acid reflux and assured others that there was nothing to worry about “instead of providing necessary medical facilities”, the remand note said.

“Material evidence collected during investigation, including documentary records, financial transactions, and witness statements, prima facie establishes his (Sharma’s) culpability,” the ‘Detailed Grounds of Arrest’ stated.

MODI TO INAUGURATE NAVI MUMBAI INT’L AIRPORT OCT 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first phase of the Navi Mumbai International Airport, built at a cost of ₹19,647 crore, on October 8, a senior Maharashtra government official said Saturday



Amit Shah rules out talks with Naxals

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Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh), Oct 4: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Saturday ruled out talks with Naxals and said they will have to lay down weapons and accept the government’s “lucrative surrender and rehabilitation policy”.

Addressing the ‘Bastar Dussehra Lokotsav’ and ‘Swadeshi Mela’ in Jagdalpur, the headquarter of Chhattisgarh’s Bastar district, he asserted that March 31, 2026 has been set as the deadline to bid farewell to the menace of Naxalism.

“I want to tell all my tribal brothers and sisters to persuade the youth of their villages to lay down their arms. They should shun violence, join the mainstream, and become part of the development of Bastar,” he said.

Security forces, including the CRPF and Chhattisgarh police, will give a befitting reply if ultras disrupt peace in Bastar, Shah warned. Shah said he visited the renowned Maa Danteshwari Temple here and had prayed that security forces get strength to free the entire Bastar region from “red terror” by March 31 next year.

Notably, anti-Naxalite operations intensified in Chhattisgarh after the BJP came to power in 2023. Security forces have gunned down over 450 Naxalites in a string of encounters, mostly centred in the Bastar region, since January last year.

“Some people have called for talks (with Naxals). Let me make it clear again that both the Chhattisgarh and Central governments are committed to development across Bastar and all Naxal-affected areas. What is there to talk about? A lucrative surrender-and-rehabilitation policy has been put in place. Come forward and lay down your weapons,” Shah said. “Some people in Delhi used to spread misinfor-



mation for years that the birth of Naxalism was for the fight for development. But I have come to tell my tribal brothers that the entire Bastar has been deprived of development. The root cause of this is Naxalism,” he said.

Today, electricity, drinking water, roads, toilets in homes, health insurance of up to ₹5 lakh and 5 kg free rice have reached every village in India but Bastar has been deprived of such development, Shah said.

“The Chhattisgarh government has made the best surrender policy in the country. More than 500 people have surrendered in a single month. Everyone should surrender. As soon as a village becomes Naxalite-free, the state government will give it ₹1 crore for development. Naxalism will not benefit anyone,” he said.

“Narendra Modi govt has given more than ₹4 lakh crore to Chhattisgarh for development works in 10 years. On behalf of the PM, I want to assure you that after March 31, 2026, Naxalites will not be able to stop your development. They will not be able to stop your rights,” he said.

Shah described the 75-day-long Dussehra festival as one of the world’s longest and culturally significant festivals, honouring the region’s tribal heritage.

10 MILITANTS HELD FROM 3 DISTRICTS OF MANIPUR

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Imphal, Oct 4: Security forces have arrested 10 militants belonging to various proscribed outfits in Manipur during separate operations over the last few days, officials said.

Personnel of the Assam Rifles arrested a “senior commander” of a banned outfit and five other militants from the jungles of Churachandpur district, the paramilitary force said Saturday.

The militants were apprehended October 1 during an operation, it said. “Assam Rifles in a daring jungle operation codenamed ‘Operation Songkot’ October 1 apprehended senior commander SS Lt Jamkhogin Guite Lupho alias Pepsi of United Ku-

The militants were apprehended October 1 during an operation

ki National Army,” it said in a statement.

Five others were also arrested during the operation, it said. “The successful operation has dealt a crippling setback to UKNA’s networks in Churachandpur and Jiribam, reaffirming Assam Rifles’ relentless commitment to peace and security in the region,” the statement said. Officials in Manipur said the UKNA commander was allegedly involved in the killing of four members of the Meitei community, including a father and son, in Bishnupur district in January 2024.



Artistes perform ‘Nati’, a traditional folk dance, at the International Dussehra festival in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

PTI PHOTO

Uddhav hits back with ‘namak haram’ barb

ty, which was “creating walls within the country.”

“India is a beautiful country. It has a great culture. However, these people (the BJP) have vitiated the entire atmosphere and made it hell. These people have created walls within the country. I have been working hard to prevent further deterioration.”

“I have said time and again that the BJP cannot run governments in the state or at the Centre. The Narendra Modi government has failed to address issues in Kashmir and Manipur,” the former Maharashtra chief minister alleged.

The BJP is taking the country on the path of dictatorship, Thackeray added. Attacking Fadnavis, he said, “I don’t consider anybody as an enemy, not even the prime minister. But considering the state’s current situation, the



chief minister looks ‘hatbal’ (helpless) despite (BJP-led Mahayuti) having a brute majority. Despite several instances of corruption, the CM is helpless to act against corrupt individuals,” he claimed.

Thackeray alleged the Fadnavis government had failed to help farmers, hit by heavy

rains and floods.

“They have still not been able to give a farm loan waiver. When I was CM, I had given loan waivers to farmers,” he said.

Responding to criticism that he had abandoned the Hindutva fold (after his alliance with the Congress and NCP (SP)

in 2019), the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader claimed it was the BJP that had started ‘Saugat-e Modi’ campaign to appease Muslims. Thackeray slammed the Centre over the arrest of Ladakh activist Sonam Wangchuk under the National Security Act.

“I do not want to respond to gaddars (traitors) and ‘namak harams (disloyal persons)’”, Thackeray said when asked to comment on Ramdas Kadam’s remarks.

“When did Shiv Sena pramukh (Bal Thackeray) die? Why was Shiv Sena pramukh’s body kept at Matoshree for two days? I slept on a bench at Matoshree for eight days (when Bal Thackeray was seriously ill)”, Kadam had said while addressing the Shiv Sena’s Dussehra rally Thursday.

Thackeray said Maharashtra knows the value of the Thacker-

PM Modi takes ‘Jan Nayak’ dig at Rahul

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New Delhi, Oct 4: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday blamed the “devastated state of education” during the RJD rule as a major reason for the large scale migration from Bihar and lauded the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government for improving the situation and setting the state on a path to progress.

Speaking at the inauguration of a host of education and skilling initiatives for the youth, including several projects for the poll-bound state, Modi took a veiled swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is often lauded by his party members as ‘Jan Nayak’, an honorific associated with respected OBC leader and former Bihar chief minister Karpoori Thakur.

The people of Bihar should be vigilant to attempts by some to “steal” the honour long associated with Thakur, Modi said, without naming Gandhi.

Thakur was not bestowed the title of Jan Nayak by social media trolls, but it is a reflection of people’s love for him, he added.

The Modi government had honoured the late OBC leader with Bharat Ratna last year.

Modi also unveiled various youth-focused initiatives worth more than ₹62,000 crore, with a special emphasis on Bihar, which is likely to go to polls by the end of October or November. Modi launched PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skillling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs), a centrally sponsored scheme with an investment of ₹60,000 crore.

Cyclone Shakhti churns up Arabian Sea off Gujarat coast

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New Delhi, Oct 4: Cyclone Shakhti, the first cyclonic storm of the post-monsoon season in the Arabian Sea, is churning up the sea, packing a wind speed of 100 kmph and gusting, officials said Saturday.

Shakhti, which has intensified into a severe cyclonic storm, was moving further into the Arabian Sea and lay centred about 420 km away from Dwarka in Gujarat, the weather office said.

It is likely to move west-southwestwards and reach the northwest and adjoining west-central Arabian Sea by Sunday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said, adding that Shakhti will recurve and move east-northeastwards from Monday morning, weakening gradually.

Under the influence of the cyclonic storm, sea conditions are likely to be rough to very rough along and off the Gujarat-North Maharashtra coast and the Pakistan coast until Sunday.

The weather office has warned fishermen not to venture into the northwest Arabian Sea, adjoining areas of the northeast Arabian Sea, central Arabian Sea and along and off the Gujarat-north Maharashtra coasts until Tuesday.

Future of ODI: Gill takes captaincy reins from Rohit

Rohit has been one of India's finest captains in the white-ball formats, guiding the team to two ICC titles and a runner-up finish at home in the 2023 WC at home while cementing his place as an all-time great

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Ahmedabad, Oct 4: In a significant transition move, the Indian selectors Saturday removed Rohit Sharma from ODI captaincy and expectedly handed over the reins to young Shubman Gill, keeping the 2027 World Cup in mind.

Rohit is the only skipper apart from Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who led India to three

ICC white ball finals, winning ODI World Cup and Champions Trophy titles. He had a runners-up finish at the T20 World Cup.

As an ODI skipper, he won 42 out of the 56 ODIs that he captain with a winning percentage of 76. The selection panel's move also underlines Gill's transition as an all-format leader.

Rohit, though features in the 15-member squad for the upcoming Australia Tour along with other stalwart Virat Kohli as the selection panel chose not to fully sacrifice the experience.

Shreyas Iyer has been named vice-captain for the three-match series.

The ODIs are scheduled to be played in Sydney, Adelaide, and Melbourne between October 19 and 25 and will be followed by a five-match T20 series.

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has been rested for the ODI leg of the tour to manage his workload, while promising left-hander Yashasvi Jaiswal has been recalled to the 50-over setup



END OF AN ERA

India's record at ICC tournament under Rohit: World Test Championship 2021-23 final - Runners-up, ODI World Cup 2023 - Runners-up, T20 World Cup 2024 - Winners, ICC Champions Trophy 2025 - Winners

Overall ODI captaincy record:

Rohit Sharma captained India in 56 ODIs, out of which the team won 42 matches, lost 12, tied one, and had one no-result. This translates into an extraordinary win percentage of 75% (72.35% as per some records), the highest ever by any Indian captain who has led the team in more than 50 matches.

Captains with most wins at ICC men's tournaments:

Rohit (27) is currently third and only behind MS Dhoni (41) and Ricky Ponting (40)

after a string of consistent performances in T20 internationals. Chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar confirmed that Rohit

has indeed been communicated about the change in captaincy but kept it open-ended when asked if both him and Kohli will

play the 2027 ODI World Cup. "Yes. I mean that is the format they are playing at the moment and we (have) picked

Jadeja fashions dominating win

Rampant India crush West Indies to win first Test by innings and 140 runs, take 1-0 lead

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Ahmedabad, Oct 4: Vice-captain Ravindra Jadeja, India's most valuable player in red ball cricket ran displayed his all-round credentials capping his unbeaten hundred with a four wicket haul as the hosts crushed West Indies by an innings and 140 runs inside three days in the first Test to take 1-0 lead.

Trailing by a massive 286 runs after India declared on their overnight score of 448 for 5, West Indies performed even worse in their second essay being bowled out for 146 in 45.1 overs. Jadeja was pick of the bowlers with 4 for 54 in the second innings.

The second Test will be played in New Delhi from October 10-14.

With the outcome of the match and the series tilted heavily in favour of the formidable hosts, India outclassed the struggling West Indies in all facets on a track that behaved differently on all three days.

If it was a lively track assisting pacers on Day One exploited to the tilt by Mohammed Siraj (4/40 and 3/31) and Jasprit Bumrah (3/42), the pitch offered a little to bowlers on Day Two



Though Jadeja missed out on a five-wicket haul, he did have a memorable Test through an unbeaten 104

as batters made merry.

By the end of it, India, who had amassed a lead big enough to impose an innings defeat on the troubled visitors, ensured there was no change to the script for the huge win in the first of their four home Tests

this season.

Opener KL Rahul (100) ended his nine-year-long century drought at home, wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel (125) notched his maiden Test ton and Jadeja (104 not out) stretched his purple patch with

Honestly, I think this was the perfect game for us. Three centuries, and we fielded really well so no complaints

SHUBMAN GILL | CAPTAIN

the bat as India flexed batting muscle, condemning the West Indies for the hard grind to take wickets.

On Day Three, hoping to extract some assistance early in the morning India declared at their overnight total but it was the Jadeja-led Indian spinners who exploited the grip off the surface and rough patches to ran riot.

While Nitish Reddy's athleticism handed Siraj the first wicket among pacers, it was Jadeja (4/54) who followed up his unbeaten ton with a three-wicket burst to initiate a swift end to West Indies' plight, reducing them to 66/5 at lunch.

In fact, Jadeja, with his century and a four-for in the second innings, narrowly missed the feat of hitting a ton and taking a five-for in a Test, which he has done twice in the past.

Siraj then produced a two-wicket over post lunch dismissing Justin Greaves (25) and Jomel Warrican (0), shortly after Washington Sundar (1/18) caught-and-bowled

the last of the recognised batters, Alick Athanaze, who batted well for his 38.

Kuldeep Yadav (2/23) took a sharp return catch of Jayden Seales (22) who had struck some meaty blows to bring an end to the game shortly after drinks in the second session.

Jadeja was menacing on a track offering turn as he ran through the West Indies top-order. While the left-arm spinner wrecked havoc in that frail batting order which fell like a pack of cards once again, Kuldeep Yadav (1/15) and Siraj (1/16) also had their share of contributions. It all began with India's declaration, which expedited the inevitability as only one result was possible given the state of the West Indies team.

And it did not take long for the floodgates to open.

Brief Scores:

WEST INDIES 162 and 146 in 45.1 overs (Alick Athanaze 38, Justin Greaves 25; Ravindra Jadeja 4-54, Mohammed Siraj 3-31) lost to **INDIA** 448/5 declared in 128 overs (Dhruv Jurel 125, Ravindra Jadeja 104 not out; Roston Chase 2-90, Jayden Seales 1-53) by an innings and 140 runs

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Women in Blue to test squad depth against Pak

After three Sundays of India-Pakistan men's Asia Cup matches, it's time for the women to take centrestage, though the record suggests little suspense about the outcome

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Colombo, Oct 4: A battle high on emotional quotient and less on cricketing acumen will feature India as overwhelming favourites against a dishevelled Pakistan trying to find balance and rhythm in a Women's World Cup game amid continuing geopolitical tensions between the two bitter neighbours.

India and Pakistan have played 27 times in women's internationals across formats. India hold a commanding 24-3 advantage, with Pakistan's three wins coming only in T20 cricket.

In ODIs, India have a 100 per cent record, winning all 11 matches between the two sides.

Both teams began their World Cup campaigns in contrasting fashion. Hosts India defeated Sri Lanka by 59 runs.

In contrast, Pakistan, collapsed against Bangladesh, losing by seven wickets in a match where they struggled against both pace and spin.

India currently occupy the fourth spot after all teams have played a game each. The Women in Blue will eye the opportunity to boost their net run rate, which becomes crucial at the fag end of the tournament.



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Harmanpreet Kaur and Co will head into the fixture high on confidence. The squad depth was on full display in the opener when despite staring down the barrel at 124 for 6, the lower middle order rose to the occasion putting up a 250 plus target in 47 overs.

India's batting remains their biggest strength despite the blip against Sri Lanka but better application from batters is required against teams with better bowling units.

On the other hand, Pakistan's main concern is their batting, which faltered badly in the opener. The side lost wickets in clusters, including a hit-wicket dismissal, and failed to build partnerships.

World Para Athletics: India's best-ever show

The country added a silver and two bronze, to take their tally to 18 (6-7-5), their best performance at the Worlds with a day to go

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New Delhi, Oct 4: There was a tinge of sadness in Praveen Kumar's walk following his bronze in high jump, while Ekta Bhyan looked at the positive side after failing to retain her title and settling for silver in the club throw event on the penultimate day of World Para Athletics Championships here Saturday.

India added a silver and two bronze, to take their tally to 18 (6-7-5), their best performance at the Worlds with a day to go. Their previous best was in 2024 Kobe, Japan, where they won 17 medals (6-5-6). Brazil continued



to top the charts with 37 medals (12-18-7).

India's third medal on the day came in men's shot put F57 category with 42-year-old army man Soman Rana bagging the bronze with a season's best of 14.69m. The Hangzhou Asian Games silver medallist Temurbek Giyazov who recorded a personal best in the fourth attempt.

Paris Paralympic gold-medallist Praveen, a favourite for

the top spot in men's T64 high jump, recorded a season's best of 2.00 metres but it was not good enough on the day as the star Indian para athlete finished behind Uzbekistan's 2018 Asian Para Games gold medallist Temurbek Giyazov who recorded a personal best of 2.03m to take gold.

Bhyan settles for silver

Ekta Bhyan saw the posi-

tive side of it after failing to defend her 2024 Worlds club thrower F51 gold here with her season's best of 19.80m in the sixth and final attempt. The 40-year-old Indian, who has a personal best of 21.66, was outdone by an athlete who has been the undisputed leader for several years, winning three World Championships gold and the top-podium finish at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Soman Rana takes bronze

Army man Soman Rana, who lost his right leg in a mine blast in 2006, won the biggest medal of his international career, securing bronze in men's shot put F57 category with a throw of 14.69m, while the other two Indians Hokato Hotozhe Sema (14.35m) and Shubham Juyal (13.72m) finished sixth and seventh respectively in the event, which has individuals with significant leg length differences or limb deficiencies.

CHINA OPEN

Ruthless Anisimova outclasses Gauff

The win also gave the 24-year-old American a 2-1 edge in her head-to-head record against compatriot Gauff



REUTERS

Beijing, Oct 4: US Open runner-up Amanda Anisimova advanced to her second WTA 1000 final of the year Saturday, outclassing defending champion Coco Gauff 6-1 6-2 in the semi-finals of the China Open.

Seeded third in Beijing, Anisimova continued her stellar season, which includes runner-up finishes at Wimbledon and the US Open. The win also gave the 24-year-old American a 2-1 edge in her head-to-head record against compatriot Gauff.

Anisimova bludgeoned her way to a 5-0 advantage in the opening set before second seed Gauff got on the board to make it 5-1.

The second set unfolded in a similar fashion, with Anisimova building a commanding 5-0 lead. Although Gauff fought back to win the next two games, Anisimova sealed the victory in just 58 minutes.

"I was just excited to play here in my first semi-final. I was able to put on a really good performance and I knew I was going to have to play really well against Coco if I wanted to get the win. I'm really excited to be in the final," Anisimova said.

"I've been saying every time I've walked on court and won my match that I love playing here and the crowd support has been so amazing since the first day I got here. I really think that's carried me through this entire tournament. "Hopefully everyone can come out and support me in the final."

Next up for the world number four is either American fifth seed Jessica Pegula or Czech 26th seed Linda Noskova, who play in the second semi-final later Saturday.

Bhullar stays on track

Jakarta: Indian golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar carded a one-under 69 to grab a share of the three-way lead with Wade Ormsby (67) of Australia and Scott Vincent (62) of Zimbabwe, going into the final round of the Jakarta International Championship, here Saturday. Bhullar, a five-time winner in Indonesia, was left to rue one costly mistake on ninth hole, when he double bogeyed the hole despite sitting at the middle of the fairway after another perfect drive.

Marsh's first T20 ton

Mount Maunganui: Mitch Marsh posted his first Twenty20 century, carrying Australia past New Zealand in a three-wicket win that clinched the Chappell-Hadlee series 2-0 Saturday. The captain reached a century from 50 balls and held together an innings that faltered dramatically in the middle overs to see his team surpass New Zealand's total of 156-9 with two overs to spare. Marsh carried his bat through the Australian innings and was 103 not out as the visitors finished with 160-7.

SPURS END LEEDS' UNBEATEN HOME RUN



"We now go to represent our country and come back with the

same focus. This is a big step in the right direction."