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ARIES



You will exhibit your worth in ample measure today. You will probably chalk out great plans and ideas at work, and this will be very beneficial. But despite this, Ganesha says, if you don't get the deserved recognition, don't lose heart.

TAURUS



Today Ganesha sees you overdoing your aggression, domination bit and urges you to keep your assertiveness in check. This day is not a favourable one for new ventures and undertakings. Don't therefore attempt anything new. Talk pleasantly. Harshness, roughness in your tone is only going to antagonize and alienate valuable friends. Above all, don't lose your temper.

GEMINI



A crucial social event at home is on the anvil, and it will demand most of your attention. Intense business negotiations, which were going on for a long time, will come to a logical conclusion. The results are likely to be stacked in your favour. This, coupled with after-office parties, will ease out the stress. You are likely to remain buoyant and energetic.

CANCER



Today, you are likely to achieve something that you have badly wanted for a long time. It is very likely that you will get very emotional in the moment of victory today, predicts Ganesha. Your arrogance and overconfidence can throw you off track. You had better keep your emotional balance once you are through the victory lap.

LEO



You will be very emotional and sentimental today. Your ego prevents you from expressing your true feelings at times. You need to keep this in mind when attempting to communicate with your beloved. It is a good day for romance, and for those seeking love, says Ganesha.

VIRGO



Ganesha predicts that you will be rewarded today for all the good work done earlier. You will prefer to manage things in your own way, rather than taking orders from others. However, Ganesha advises you not to throw your weight around, but to stay calm and composed.

LIBRA



Nothing comes for free – keep this in mind as you may have to pay your dues for the success you desire today, especially if it is a new project that you have undertaken. Be prepared to invest a considerable amount of time and effort in your endeavours.

SCORPIO



Your energy levels are high as you as you gear up for new events. However, there are chances that these events may not meet your expectations. But, don't lose hope and get disappointed. Keep your spirits high. Implement the first lesson learnt in school: try & try till you succeed!

SAGITTARIUS



Expect yourself to be hit with religious fervour. You may find yourself in the spotlight for an event or inauguration. Ganesha indicates travelling, so pack your bags for a long-distance business trip.

CAPRICORN



Success never comes easy, but in your case, it will make an exception, says Ganesha. You will meet with success in social as well as professional life, and this will also make heavy your treasure box. At work, prepare to get loaded with new assignments and simultaneously deal with existing work pressure.

AQUARIUS



Get ready for a gala evening as you will party at the smallest excuse! You may toast a friend's success, or may be ecstatic about finding your lost pet. Otherwise it's the usual, says Ganesha. You plan a bit and march ahead successfully in your business or profession.

PISCES



The apple of your eye is what you will have your sights set on today. It is likely that you will find yourself attending a Parent-Teacher meet, says Ganesha. However, fortunately, it is likely only to receive news about how proud your children are making you. Buy them something to make them happy, or take them out on a picnic.



EVA LONGORIA RECALLS HER STRUGGLE DAYS

Eva Longoria embraces her failures, saying they've shaped her success. The former *Desperate Housewives* star fondly recalls her early struggles to make ends meet, adding she has no regrets. The hardships, she says, made her more grateful for her achievements and the fulfilling life she enjoys today.

JONATHAN BAILEY NAMED SEXIEST MAN ALIVE 2025

Jonathan Bailey, the star of *Bridgerton* and *Wicked*, has been named *People* magazine's Sexiest Man Alive 2025. The selection of the title, which celebrates its 40th anniversary, was unveiled Monday night on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. Bailey played Lord Anthony Bridgerton on the Netflix series Regency-era romance drama *Bridgerton*.



Rashmika's wish Madhuri show turns disaster

Mumbai: Rashmika Mandanna recently shared a heartfelt wish during a lively Q&A session on X (formerly Twitter). When a fan asked if she would ever collaborate with Prabhas, widely referred to as India's biggest superstar by his admirers, Rashmika replied with both excitement and admiration. "I love it... I hope Prabhas sir sees this message and I hope we really do work together on something special soon!" she wrote, turning a fan's dream into her own sincere wish.

Fondly hailed as the "National Crush," Rashmika has carved a strong pan-India presence, acting alongside stalwarts like Amitabh Bachchan, Salman Khan, Ranbir Kapoor, Allu Arjun, Vijay and Mahesh Babu. Additionally,

the projects made ripples at the box office. She has recently been receiving love for her latest film, *Thamma*. The film, directed by Aditya Sarpotdar, also stars Ayushmann Khurrana, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, and Paresh Rawal in key roles.

Rashmika's upcoming line-up includes the highly anticipated Telugu romantic drama *The Girlfriend*, releasing November 7, and the action thriller *Mysaa*. Meanwhile, Prabhas is awaiting the release of his much-awaited action entertainer, *The Raja Saab*. With both stars riding high on success, fans are buzzing with anticipation, hoping this much-wished-for on-screen pairing becomes a reality soon.

AGENCIES



Mumbai: Actor Madhuri Dixit's recent live show, *Dil se.. Madhuri*, in Toronto has come under fire from disappointed attendees who called it "misleading" and poorly organised. Held at the Great Canadian Casino Resort November 2, the event was promoted as an energetic concert featuring Madhuri's iconic dance moves. However, many fans alleged it turned out to be more of a talk show, with Madhuri arriving nearly three hours late.

Social media users expressed their frustration, calling it the "worst" show they had ever attended. Some said there were no proper performances, just brief hook steps and chat, while others highlighted disrespect toward the audience's time. Several complained of a lack of clarity in advertising, claiming they expected a concert but got an unstructured event filled with prolonged stalling segments featuring influencers and guests.

"I left feeling completely scammed," one attendee shared, adding that Madhuri's brief appearance felt like a "glorified Q&A session." Others demanded refunds for the "waste of money."

A few defended the actor, blaming poor management for the fiasco. Madhuri, who recently starred in *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3*, is now gearing up for *Mrs. Deshpande*, a psychological thriller series directed by Nagesh Kukunoor.

AGENCIES

Huma defines women

Mumbai: Huma Qureshi, who is set to reprise her iconic character of Rani Bharti in the season four of *Maharani*, believes that being strong and being a woman are synonymous. The actress further said that her journey as an actor has strengthened her connection with humanity rather than altering her political outlook.

With the industry changing dramatically in terms of storytelling and representation of women, Huma told this news agency that she always wants to play real and three dimensional strong women on screen.

"I always want to play real, living, breathing, three-dimensional, strong women, and I think my career is a testimony to that," she said.

"I want to continue doing that in all the subsequent films and roles that I'm doing — whether it's Rani Bharti in *Maharani*, Meena in *Delhi Crime*, or Sin-

gle Salma. I think, for me, being strong and being a woman are synonymous," she added.

Having played diverse roles in women's leadership, how has this evolution shaped her own understanding and has she developed any curiosity about leadership, politics, or governance in real life, the actress told, "No, my political views have not changed."

She added: "I think I'm very much a humanist, and I think humanity is above all. In fact, doing the show has made me connect with my humanity on a much deeper level."

Huma will be seen in the fourth season of *Maharani*. The new season has brought in two new names Rajeshwari Sachdev and Darsheel Safary.

IANS



Mumbai: Actress Shehnaaz Gill, whose latest release *Ikk Kudi* is about finding the right partner, feels that perfection in relationships is a myth and talks about what really matters is the effort one puts in.

Asked what she feels is the mantra to a perfect marriage, relationship and a perfect partner, Shehnaaz shared her two cents and said that investing in a relationship is essential, even though the future remains uncertain.

Shehnaaz, whose chemistry with late star Sidharth Shukla in *Bigg Boss 13* was loved by all, told this news agency: "Nothing is perfect; it's not perfect. But I think the more perfect you can be in things, the better."

Nurturing the relationship is essential, feels Shehnaaz, who has stepped into producing

films with her latest release. "Invest in your relationship... It's very important. I think the most important thing is to search for things. Do as much as you can. A relationship you don't know how it will be in the future; maybe he

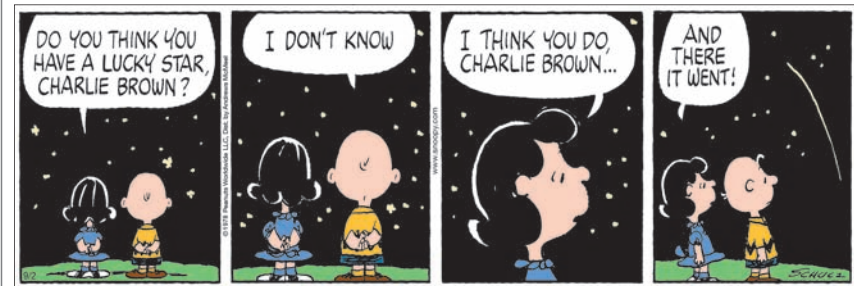
Shehnaaz on perfect relationship

may show his true self once the marriage is done... That is also possible. But you should be as safe as you can... It's your fate. If you are unlucky, you will meet a bad person; if you are lucky, you will meet a good person," Shehnaaz expressed.

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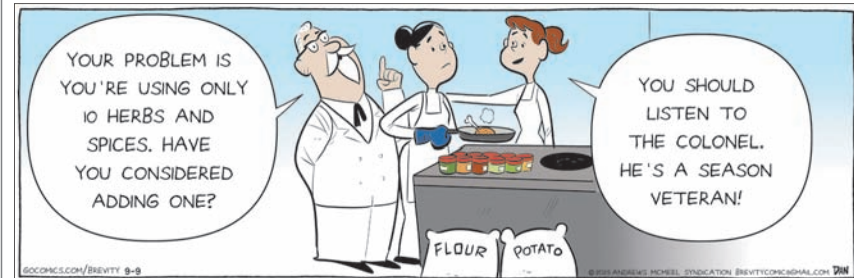
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SUDOKU

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

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SUDOKU

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Historic Bali Yatra kicks off today

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Cuttack, Nov 4: The millennium city of Cuttack is abuzz with festive fervour as the historic Bali Yatra is set to commence from November 5 to 12 along the picturesque banks of the Mahanadi. Celebrating Odisha's rich maritime heritage, the grand cultural fair is expected to attract lakhs of visitors from across the state and beyond.

To ensure safety and smooth movement during the festival, the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Commissionerate Police has implemented an elaborate traffic and security plan. Police Commissioner Suresh Dev Datta Singh has exercised powers under the Odisha Urban Police Act, 2003, and the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Police Commissionerate Regulations, 2008, to impose traffic restrictions from 2pm until dispersal each evening.

The movement of heavy and commercial vehicles will be curtailed during peak hours to keep routes clear for emergency and essential service vehicles.

Traffic personnel will be deployed at all major junctions, supported by real-time monitor-



CM Majhi extends greetings

BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi extended his greetings and best wishes to the people of Odisha, non-resident Odias across the world, and all those associated with the state's maritime heritage on the auspicious occasion of Bali Yatra. The CM described Bali Yatra as a shining symbol of Odisha's ancient maritime glory — a proud reminder of the state's historic trade and cultural links with distant lands. "From the glorious soil of Kalinga, our brave Sadhabas once set sail across the seas to countries like Sri Lanka, Japan, and the Indonesian islands of Bali, Java, Sumatra, and Borneo, fostering deep social, cultural, and economic ties," Majhi said. "As we celebrate this age-old festival that honours their courage and enterprise, let us take pride in our rich legacy and work together to revive the prosperous spirit of ancient Kalinga in today's Odisha," he added.

ing systems to ensure smooth vehicular movement throughout the Bali Yatra festivities.

To ease congestion near the fairgrounds, light vehicles and two-wheelers must adhere

to designated routes and park only at authorised locations. The designated parking areas include Krushak Bazaar Ground in Bidanasi, Bhuasuni Ground, Gorakabar Ground

for both two- and four-wheelers, Christian Ground near Anand Bhawan, Silver City Boating Club Parkings 1 to 4, Matamatha Ground, BOSE College Parking, Hadia Patha, and Upper Bali Yatra Ground Zones I and II for two-wheelers only. These arrangements are aimed at maintaining order and minimising traffic congestion during the festive period.

Shuttle buses will operate between the parking zones and the Bali Yatra venue to facilitate easy movement of visitors. Those found violating traffic regulations will face penalties under Section 96 of the Police Act. Authorities have also urged citizens to opt for public transport to help reduce congestion in and around the fairgrounds.

This year's Bali Yatra promises to be grander, greener, and more interactive than ever before. In a first, Indonesia joins as the partner nation, presenting an array of cultural performances, traditional handicrafts, dance forms, and authentic cuisine — rekindling memories of Odisha's ancient maritime links with Bali, Java, and Sumatra.

Guv calls for roadmap to boost industry, entrepreneurship

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Bhubaneswar, Nov 4: Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati called for the formulation of a comprehensive strategic roadmap to boost entrepreneurship and accelerate industrial growth across Odisha. Chairing a review meeting on the functioning of the Industries and MSME departments at the New Abhishek Hall in Raj Bhavan Tuesday, the Governor stressed the importance of aligning departmental initiatives with the state's long-term industrial development goals.

He proposed establishing 147 MSME parks — one in each Assembly constituency — within the next five years, calling it a transformative initiative to boost entrepreneurship and generate employment at the grassroots level. "Several states have already initiated the development of MSME parks in every constituency," Kambhampati noted, urging officials to adopt a similar progressive model in Odisha.

Highlighting Odisha's po-



tential in the defence and aerospace sectors, the Governor noted that the Government of India has prioritised domestic procurement across multiple product categories.

He advised the Industries department to develop detailed project profiles for such items—encompassing aspects like land availability, investment needs, equipment, and technical specifications—to attract investors and strengthen local manufacturing capacity.

"These project profiles can be shared with students of technical institutes and skill development centres to inspire innovation among youth and

encourage them to set up new MSMEs," the Governor said.

He added that preparing such detailed profiles in the defence and aerospace sectors could pave the way for a new generation of entrepreneurs in Odisha.

Appreciating the government's efforts to promote entrepreneurship, the Governor discussed the Start and Improve Your Business –Entrepreneurship Development Programme (SIYB-EDP).

He suggested creating a tracking mechanism to assess how many trainees have successfully started their ventures, emphasising the importance of evaluating the real impact of such government initiatives.

OKCL launches Olympiad Movement

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Nov 4: In a move to transform education for Odia-medium students, the Odisha Knowledge Corporation Limited (OKCL) Tuesday launched the OKCL Olympiad Movement (OOM), with emphasis on the concept of 'learn by understanding, win by thinking' rather than relying on rote memorisation.

The hybrid launch event brought together hundreds of educators and students from across Odisha. While OKCL's District Level Coordinators (DLCs) and staff members attended the physical event at OKCL's Bhubaneswar headquarters, more than 800 authorised learning centres (ALCs) and numerous school students joined the ceremony virtually, marking one of the largest digital education gatherings in the state.

The OKCL Olympiad Movement is a major stride toward reshaping the learning environment in government and Odia-medium schools, Manoranjan Puthal, Managing Director, OKCL who inaugurated the event, said.

"OKCL aims to help students think beyond memorisation. The Olympiad Movement encourages them to understand concepts, apply knowledge, and develop creativity," he said.

He further added that the initiative would bridge learning gaps through OKCL's e-school content and reach out to more than 25,000 students in the current academic year.

He also said that OOM aligns with OKCL's broader mission to foster 21st-century skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, and digital literacy, thereby preparing students for a knowledge-driven future.

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Care Hospitals holds walkathon to mark World Stroke Day 2025



RESHMI YADAV, OP

Bhubaneswar, Nov 4: CARE Hospitals, Bhubaneswar marked World Stroke Day 2025 Tuesday with a walkathon from the hospital to Buddha Park to raise awareness on the theme "Every Minute Counts – Recognise Stroke, Act FAST."

Hospital's multidisciplinary neuro team participated in the event, underscoring the importance of awareness and coordinated care in stroke prevention and management. Experts advised individuals above 40, or those with lifestyle-related risk factors, to undergo regular health check-ups and follow the BE FAST rule — Balance loss, Eye changes, Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, and Time to seek emergency help.

Speaking on the occasion, clinical director and department head of neurosciences Bikash Kumar Mishra said, "One in six people worldwide suffer a stroke. Life is short—

take precautions and don't let a stroke take it away from you. If someone shows sudden facial drooping, arm weakness, or speech difficulty, seek immediate medical attention."

Zonal Chief Operating Officer Kislay Anand emphasised the importance of rapid response, saying, "Stroke management demands a multi-specialty approach involving neurologists, interventional radiologists, and neuro-critical care teams. At CARE Hospitals, we ensure advanced, comprehensive stroke care—because every minute counts."

The event witnessed participation from specialists including Atmaranjan Dash and Susant Das (Neurosurgery), Mitalee Kar and Sucharita Anand (Neurology), Vivekananda Sahu and Bimal Kumar Sahoo (Neuro Anaesthesia), Sambit Dash (Neuro Intensivist), Nihar Ranjan Mohanty (Radiology), Lagnajit Dash (Neuro Psychiatry), and K Sreenivasula Reddy (Emergency), along with the Neuro ICU team and non-clinical staff.

Special trains for Kartika Purnima rush

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 4: Keeping in view of the heavy rush of devotees traveling to Puri for the auspicious Kartika Purnima, the East Coast Railway (ECoR) announced to operate passenger special trains between Berhampur and Puri for three days starting Tuesday.

According to ECoR sources, these special trains have been introduced to accommodate the surge of pilgrims visiting Puri to take holy dips and participate

in various religious ceremonies associated with the festival.

As per the schedule, Train No. 08417 Berhampur-Puri Passenger Special departed from Berhampur at 8:35 pm November 4 (Tuesday) and is scheduled to arrive at Puri at 1:30 am November 5 (Wednesday).

Train No. 08418 Puri-Berhampur Passenger Special will depart Puri at 3:00 am November 5 (Wednesday) and will arrive at Berhampur at 7:15 am the same day.

Train No. 08448 Puri-Ber-

Australia WCC head Nalini Pati felicitated

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 4: Prof Nalini Pati, Australia head of the World Communicators Council (WCC) — a global initiative of the Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) — was felicitated at a ceremony held at Bhubaneswar Club recently.

The event was presided over by eminent PR professional Rabi Narayan Mahapatra, senior national vice-president of PRCI and former CPRO of Eastern and East Coast Railways.

Eminent journalist Ashok Panda, Odisha state head of PRCI and former head of The Times of India, Bhubaneswar, delivered the welcome address.



Veteran journalist Dilip Bisoi, vice-chairman of PRCI and former Information Commissioner of Odisha, attended the meeting as guest of honour.

Eminent poet and columnist Nirakar Das, chairman of PRCI Bhubaneswar chapter and former senior PRO, East Coast Railway proposed the vote of thanks.

Speaking on the occasion, noted haematologist and oncologist at Canberra Hospital, Australia,

Undertrial Azad ends 20-day hunger strike

Duna alias Azad ended his protest following the state's assurance to set up an independent court for speedy trial of his pending cases



POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Nov 4: After 20 days of protest, undertrial prisoner Duna Keshav Rao, alias Azad, ended his indefinite hunger strike at Jharpada Jail Tuesday. He withdrew the strike after the Odisha government informed the State Human Rights Commission (OHRC) of its decision to establish an independent court to expedite hearings in his pending cases. Rao's health is reported to be stable, and he remains under medical observation.

Rao, who has been in custody for 14 years, began his hunger strike October 15 demanding the speedy trial of all cases pending against him, in line with a Supreme Court directive. Earlier, the OHRC had

directed the State Home Secretary to submit a compliance report on the actions taken by October 31. When the report was not submitted, the Commission issued a reminder, extending the deadline to November 4.

The Supreme Court, on August 31, 2025, directed the governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh to establish independent courts to ensure Rao's right to a speedy trial under Article 32 of the Constitution. A Bench comprising Justice Suryakant and Justice Jaymalya Bagchi ordered that all cases against Rao be concluded within one year of the

formation of the special court.

During his hunger strike, Rao communicated his protest to the President, Chief Justice of India, the Chief Justices of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh High Courts, the National and State Human Rights Commissions, and state legal authorities. His family and legal advisors also staged symbolic protests outside Jharpada Jail.

Due to deterioration in his health condition, Rao was shifted to Capital Hospital on October 22, where senior advocates Vishwapriya Kanungo and Niranjan Mahanti met him and urged him to temporarily

suspend his hunger strike. However, Rao remained firm on continuing his protest until an official confirmation was received from the Odisha government regarding the establishment of an independent court for his cases.

Following the government's formal decision to create the special court and after obtaining financial approval from the State Finance department, Rao finally ended his 20-day strike Tuesday. He was assisted during the process by his younger brother Duna Kumar and legal advisor Kameshwar Rao, who had been closely monitoring his condition.

The Odisha government has now been instructed to submit a detailed action report to the OHRC within 15 days, outlining the steps taken to comply with the Supreme Court's directive. Meanwhile, the Andhra Pradesh government has reportedly begun initiating measures to set up a similar independent court in Srikakulam district to expedite trials in related cases.

MARKET WATCH

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EURO	102.28 ▲ 0.27	NIFTY	25597.65 ▲ 165.70	SILVER	₹145,055 ▲ ₹2,703

WEATHER

	BBSR	CTC	FORECAST
Max Temp	31.7°	30.2°	Partly cloudy sky.
Min Temp	20.8°	20.2°	
Humidity	79%	81%	
Rainfall	NII	NII	

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Montha rain dampens potato farmers' hopes

With cyclone-triggered rain soaking harvest-ready tuber crops, farmers fear quality loss

NARENDRA RAUT, OP

Koraput, Nov 4: Potato growers across Koraput district are grappling with an unexpected crisis after Cyclone Montha left large portions of farmland under water. The lingering effects of the storm have delayed harvesting and raised fears of rotting tubers, reduced quality, and financial losses.

According to the Agriculture department, potatoes were cultivated on nearly 3,500 hectares under the kharif plan across major potato-producing blocks including Dasmanthpur, Nandapur, Bandhugaon, Narayanpatana, Lamtaput, Semiliguda, Pottangi, and Laxmipur. The crop had reached the harvesting stage, but continuous rainfall from the cyclone inundated large tracts of farmland, halting operations completely.

For many small and marginal farmers who rely on potato cultivation as a key cash crop, the natural setback has been devastating. “We were ready to begin harvesting last week, but continuous rainfall filled our fields with water,” said Prakash Majhi, a farmer from Bandhugaon block. “The potatoes are still under the soil, but we can’t dig them out as the land is too wet. If this continues, the potatoes will begin to decay.”

Farmers say the issue is not only the delay but also the moisture level in the soil, which can affect the quality of the tubers. Normally, harvesting is done when the soil is firm and dry enough to allow easy extraction



without damaging the potatoes. Excess water reduces aeration, leading to fungal infections and a decline in both weight and storage quality.

“Farmers usually harvest tuber crops when the temperature is conducive and the moisture content is low,” said Narendra Pradhan, convenor of the Koraput Krushak Kalyan Manch. “However, the recent cyclone brought rainfall to potato-growing areas, affecting the process. We fear loss of quality and productivity due to this natural calamity.”

About 3,000 farmers procured subsidised potato seeds from the Odisha State Seeds Corporation (OSSC) under government assistance programmes this season. Many now worry that prolonged waterlogging will reduce returns and affect their ability to repay loans. Farmers also said they spent heavily on fertilizers, irrigation, and labor, expecting a good yield this year.

“We had a healthy crop and were expecting strong returns,” said Ramesh Dora, a farmer from Nandapur. “But now, the tubers are lying under standing water. If it doesn’t dry up soon, we could

lose much of our produce.”

The Horticulture department has stepped in to assess the situation. The office of the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Koraput, has directed all block-level officers to visit affected fields, monitor conditions, and guide farmers on draining water through small channels before resuming harvest. Officials have also been asked to assist with post-harvest management once conditions improve.

Deputy Director of Agriculture Sudam Charan Biswal said the situation remains under control. “We received reports of waterlogging in sporadic fields, but no major crop damage has been recorded. Overall, the crop condition is good, and we expect normal productivity this kharif season,” he said.

Agriculture experts, however, caution that even temporary waterlogging can impact yield if the soil remains wet for more than a week. They have urged farmers to take up immediate drainage measures to prevent tuber rot and disease once the rain stops. As weather conditions stabilise, farmers are anxiously waiting for the water to recede so they can resume harvesting. But uncertainty looms over the final output and quality of this year’s potato crop. The true extent of the loss will be known only after the fields dry up and harvesting resumes.

For now, farmers’ hopes rest on clear skies — and a break from nature’s fury that would allow them to salvage what’s left of their hard-earned produce.

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Nuapada: Turf war over Dholakia’s legacy

PITAMBAR SAHU,OP

Nuapada, Nov 4: The upcoming Nuapada by-election, necessitated by the death of four-time BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia, has intensified political activity in the region. With polling set for November 11, major political parties- the BJP, BJD and Congress along with independents, have launched door-to-door campaigns across villages under the constituency.

Initially, it was widely expected that Rajendra’s son, Jay Dholakia, would contest the seat on a BJD ticket. However, he later joined the BJP and was announced as its candidate. The BJD has instead of relying on the local leaders fielded former minister Sne-

hangini Chhuria of Atabira in the constituency. Interestingly, both the BJP and BJD are now invoking Rajendra Dholakia’s legacy. He was a popular leader in the constituency. His photos appear on posters and banners and in meetings of both the parties, leaving voters puzzled over which side truly represents his ideals.

Political confusion continues to swirl in Nuapada after the BJP began using the image of late Dholakia in its campaign materials. Since Jay Dholakia joined the BJP and was announced as a candidate, party’s posters and banners have featured Rajendra’s photograph, a move that raised eyebrows, as most voters still associate him with BJD.



Earlier, Nuapada district administration had instructed the BJD not to use Rajendra’s image for campaign purposes. However, the party objected to the order and continued to use his photos in defiance. During a campaign rally in Komna’s Tarbod, attended by BJD chief

Naveen Patnaik, Khariar MLA Adhiraj Panigrahi said Rajendra Dholakia was a lifelong BJD member, never joined the BJP, and had even served as a minister.

A day after Patnaik’s visit, Rajendra’s wife, Kalpana Dholakia, released a video accusing the BJD of neglecting her late husband. She claimed party leaders ignored him during his illness and never inquired about his health condition. Calling the party’s conduct insensitive, she said “My husband served the BJD for 24 years, and now it’s targeting my son. Using his photo without our consent is morally wrong. Our family alone has the right to decide how his image is used.”

Newborn found dead in drain

Jagannath Prasad: The body of a newborn was found floating in a roadside drain near Patadhar village under the Khamarpalli panchayat of Jagannath Prasad block in Ganjam district Tuesday, sparking shock and outrage among locals. According to reports, residents spotted the infant’s body in a drain behind a pump house along the roadside and alerted authorities. It is suspected that the baby, born only a few hours earlier, was thrown into the drain by unidentified individuals. A large crowd gathered at the scene as news of the incident spread. Local health workers and Anganwadi staff said they had not received any prior information about a childbirth in the area. When contacted, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) V. Manimala said she had visited the spot and begun an inquiry into the matter. Police and administrative officials are investigating how the newborn died and who was responsible for disposing of the body.

Pitabas Panda murder: Shooter among 2 held

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Berhampur, Nov 4: The Police Tuesday arrested two more persons, stated to be the key accused in the murder of the senior advocate and BJP leader Pitabas Panda last month.

The arrested two, Kurupati Bhuyan (35) and Uma Shankar Bisoi (33), were remanded to two days of police custody by a local court.

A total of 17 people were now apprehended in connection with the murder.

Bisoi was linked to the conspirators, while Bhuyan, a sharp shooter, had fired at Panda in close range October 6 night in his residence, said the police.

Both the accused persons were interrogated before they were produced in the sub-divisional judicial magistrate’s

court here.

Earlier, police said Chintu Pradhan rode the motorcycle and Bhuyan was sitting in pillion and went near the house of Panda October 6 night.

When Panda reached there, Bhuyan allegedly fired at him. They then fled and reached near Sitalapalli village where both changed their clothes and threw the clothes they were wearing during in crime and hid their guns. During the investigation, police recovered all these items, a police officer said.

Chintu was arrested October 22 along with some other accused persons, he said.

Among the arrested are former Berhampur MLA Bikram Kumar Panda and ex-mayor of the city Shiva Shankar Das, besides BJD corporator Malay Bisoi.

Infant dies after polio shot, medical negligence alleged

Basudevpur: A three-month-old girl died after allegedly receiving a polio injection in Nandapatana village under Balimunda panchayat of Basudevpur block in Bhadrak district, triggering allegations of medical negligence. According to a complaint lodged by the child’s father, Rajaram Jana, his daughter Rajashree was administered a polio injection Monday at the local Anganwadi centre in Nandapatana. Later that evening, she developed a fever and was admitted to the Basudevpur Community Health Centre for treatment. Doctors treated the infant, and she stayed overnight at the hospital with her mother. However, during a routine round Tuesday morning, the attending doctor found the child unresponsive and declared her dead. Following the incident, Rajaram filed a complaint with the Nayakanidhi police, who registered an unnatural death case (30/25) and launched an investigation.

Odisha’s Maritime Vision: Voyage of Heritage and Prosperity

Most festivals celebrate a story from the leaves of Purana and scriptures. Boita Bandana must be the only one which celebrates a tradition from the pages of history and a tradition which is still alive- the maritime tradition of Odisha. The maritime tradition of Odisha seems to have come a full circle from the days of yore when it traded with far off countries in the south east and far east to a time when it is once again the eastern gateway to India, not only for countries of south east Asia and far east but from countries as far as Australia New Zealand Middle East and South Africa.

What happened to Odisha in the intervening period, the period when the British and other European countries came to India and thereabout could be best forgotten. But now that we are back on the helm, holding the steering wheel of port development of this part of the country, we can dispassionately look at this period also. It is all about size of ships and depth at ports. The story of maritime development across the world is a story of depth and size. A bigger ship needs a bigger draught to enter a port. Those were years when breakwaters and dredging had not developed, not in this part of the world. Natural depth near river mouth, or any other calm entry point to sea, accompanied by little help from a high tide decided how big a ship could enter the port. The British or Europeans ships that came to India were not that big compared to modern ship sizes. They would be equivalent to barges today. Yet they were bigger than the boitas of those days. If boitas needed a meter or two, these ships needed three to five meters. None of the mooring points or river mouths of Odisha could have provided that. The river mouth of Hooghly did, where a ship could enter the river and sail as far into the land as where Kolkata is today. Rest is history. But history has a way of behaving like the sea. It can throw you back. The sizes of ships further increased. Many of them could no more enter the river. It needed a Paradip to come up in Odisha where bigger ships could lighterage their load before entering the river for Haldia and Kolkata. Paradip, a late entrant to the major port-club came to be recognized as a dependable all weather deep port on the eastern coast. The coastal movement of coal and import of coking coal in larger ships demanded more



efficiency and more depth. While Paradip met the challenge of efficiency by installing a world class fully automated cargo handling facility as part of its expansion, the newly built port at Dhamra came up with a nineteen-kilometer channel that gave a depth of eighteen meter without high tide. This author is proud to have been associated with both the developments. Soon after its commissioning, the port at Dhamra handled what was then the largest bulk carrier in the world, a 200000 dwt super cape size vessel that could visit India for the first time.

The 575 kilometer coastline of Odisha is the nearest access to sea with deep all-weather ports from the entire East North, just as Gujarat is to the West North of India, and is crucial to the growth of the economy of this region. A large part of Odisha’s coastline is within a dredge able distance of 20 kilometers from where the sea has a natural depth of eighteen meters. With three functional ports at Paradip, Dhamra and Gopalpur, and another two at Subarnarekha and Astaranga under concession, there is nothing to stop the Odisha coastline from becoming the most vibrant in the eastern side of the country. With an annual cargo turnover of 150 million tons, Paradip has already become

the number one major port of the country in terms of volume of cargo. Dhamra had a turnover of 46 million tons which is nearly as much as Haldia’s. The setting up of another 150 million ton port at Bahuda has been signed between Paradip Port and Vishakhapatnam port. Yet another seven locations have been identified for development of ports in future.

This year’s India Maritime Week 2025, held in Mumbai, provided the perfect platform to showcase this new wave of maritime confidence. Odisha’s State Pavilion — themed “Voyage of Heritage and Prosperity” — received national acclaim for creatively portraying the State’s timeless maritime traditions alongside its forward-looking infrastructure vision. The pavilion highlighted Odisha’s evolving port ecosystem, shipbuilding potential, and initiatives in logistics, cruise tourism, and coastal community development. The discussions at the Odisha State Session on Port-led Development underscored that Odisha’s maritime ambitions are not aspirational—they are actionable, backed by vision, investment, and leadership.

Odisha’s recent focus on shipbuilding, ship repair, and marine component manufacturing signals a strategic pivot

toward high-value, employment-intensive sectors. The State is leveraging its strong steel and aluminium base to provide affordable inputs for shipyards, while promoting modern vessel designs, repair facilities, and port-support industries. The vision is clear: to evolve from a cargo-handling coastline into a manufacturing and maritime innovation hub that drives regional and national growth.

Odisha’s approach also rightly integrates sustainability and culture. The same seas that carried Kalinga’s ships are ecological treasures that demand stewardship. As the State modernizes its ports, it is equally investing in mangrove restoration, shore power facilities, oil-spill readiness, and green-port certification. Baliyatra itself could evolve into an International Maritime Week—showcasing Odisha’s ports, shipyards, tourism, and cultural diplomacy on a global platform, attracting investors and partners while preserving its heritage soul.

Santosh Kumar Mohapatra, IAS (retd.)
(Former Chairman Paradip Port, Former CEO of Adani Dhamra and Adani Vizhinjam Ports)

OCEAN OF OPPORTUNITY



From the historic voyages of Kalinga's sailors to the shipbuilding hubs of tomorrow, Odisha's maritime journey is both ancient and futuristic

Odisha, in 2025, stands at a historic confluence. Its cultural wellspring—Bali Jatra, Kartika Purnima, Boita Bandana—remains alive, not as romantic nostalgia but as the DNA of an emergent maritime vision. The state's port-led industrial economy and blue tourism drive are not divergences from its past but direct continuations—realising anew what the “Sadhabas” understood: greatness comes from openness, adaptability, and integration of land, sea, and people.



Charudutta Panigrahi

ODISHA'S COASTLINE IS NOT JUST AN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR—IT IS A LIVING ECOSYSTEM

On the luminous night of Kartik Purnima, thousands of paper boats carrying flickering lamps are set afloat on rivers across Odisha. The people do not merely celebrate a festival—they invoke a civilisational memory. Bali Jatra commemorates the voyages of Kalinga's uniquely enterprising seafarers who once sailed to Java, Sumatra, Bali, and beyond. These journeys carried not only spices and textiles but also ideas, art, and faith, binding Odisha to the wider world.

Today, that same spirit of maritime ambition is being reimaged for the 21st century. The Odisha government is positioning the state as the Eastern Maritime Gateway of India, anchoring the nation's entry into the global blue economy. As a cultural economist, I commend and welcome this vision—but I also ask: how will this translate into real, inclusive, and ecologically balanced outcomes?

Odisha's coastline stretches 575 km, with 14 identified port locations. The state has set an ambitious target: to expand port capacity from 80 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) to 500 MTPA by 2047. Two transformatioal projects lie at the heart of this vision: the ₹21,500 crore Bahuda Port in Ganjam district, with a planned capacity of 150 MTPA; and the ₹24,700 crore Shipbuilding Cluster at the Mahanadi mouth, designed to position Odisha as a global shipbuilding hub. Together, these projects promise to turn Odisha's coast into a dynam-

ic hub of trade and industry, creating vast opportunities for investment and employment. If implemented with integrity, they could generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs, especially in logistics, shipbuilding, and allied services.

Paradip Port, already one of India's foremost maritime gateways, is being modernised and developed as a Green Hydrogen Hub. We are aware that non-major ports at Dhamra, Gopalpur, Subarnarekha, and Astaranga are steadily expanding capacity.

The state's maritime ambitions are underpinned by a governance framework: i) Odisha Port Policy 2022 ensures policy stability and investor confidence; ii) The Odisha Maritime Board (OMB) acts as a single-window authority, streamlining approvals and oversight; iii) Innovative models like BOOST (Build, Own, Operate, Share, Transfer) and Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) — the first of its kind among Indian coastal states — aim to create a transparent and investment-ready environment.

But what is required to make this effective? Governance must move beyond policy documents to field-level coordination, timely clearances, and community engagement. The success of these frameworks will depend on how they empower local stakeholders, protect coastal ecology, and ensure that employment reaches the youth of Odisha—not just the investor's balance sheet.

society, between trade winds and cultural currents.

From the historic voyages of Kalinga's sailors to the shipbuilding hubs of tomorrow, Odisha's maritime journey is both ancient and futuristic. The Mohan Majhi government's drive, as expressed, to make Odisha the Eastern Maritime Gateway is not just about ports and tonnage—it is about reclaiming a legacy and projecting it into the 21st century.

As the paper boats float on Kartik Purnima, they symbolise not nostalgia but renewal—a reminder that Odisha's destiny has always been tied to the sea. Today, with bold investments, cultural imagination, and ecological mindfulness, Odisha is poised to turn its coast into a global hub of trade, tourism, and transformation.

Yet the lesson of Kartik Purnima is also that prosperity must be cyclic, tuned to seasons and tides, never predatory or static. Odisha's path forward must defend the blue against the unchecked “brown”—balancing investment with conservation, commerce with culture, and speed with reflection. As the Odisha Chief Minister noted at India Maritime Week 2025: “What we are building is not just infrastructure; it is a foundation for a prosperous, resilient, and globally connected future.”

We are with the government—as long as we all believe sincerely that Odisha's future is blue, illuminated by the golden light of Kartik Purnima. And yet, the responsibility does not rest with the state alone. The onus of preserving Odisha's coastline — its ecology, its heritage, its dignity — lies equally with its citizens and civil society. We must come together under this initiative to give tangible shape to the mission: Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi — development with dignity, progress with preservation. Only then will the boats we set afloat carry not just dreams, but direction.

The writer is a thinker and a cultural economist.

IN JEST THIS

Return gifts may help keep city clean

My house sits beside a fairly busy road, which means that I occasionally have to pick up litter from my yard. It usually comes from passing motorists who think it's okay to throw fast-food wrappers and other trash out of their windows. I wish I could record them on video, go to their homes and return their trash to them. “I think this belongs to you,” I'd say. “It came from your car. Is there any reward for returning it?”

At a minimum, I'd want these litter bugs to be fined or at least be forced to pick up trash around town. But they always get away with their misdeeds, mostly because it's hard to catch them in the act. It's just not worth the trouble for me to install cameras, review the video and try to spot the license plates of the perpetrators.

Even if I gathered some incriminating evidence, I don't think my local police depart-

ment would take it too seriously. They're too busy dealing with crimes such as robberies, assaults, and illegal u-turns.

Littering is certainly not a major crime, but it wouldn't surprise me to learn that some of the people who toss litter out of their cars also dump large amounts of garbage in the forest and other places they shouldn't.

That's why I'm happy to hear about the initiatives undertaken by the Greater Bangalore Authority to keep the city cleaner. According to an NDTV report, the GBA has launched a “Garbage Dumping Festival,” warning residents that if they dump garbage into the streets, the garbage will be dumped right back onto their doorsteps.

“To create awareness, this is a sort of a return gift,” said Kari Gowda, CEO of the Bangalore Solid Waste Management Company Limited (BSWML).

Just picture a BSWML worker knocking on a door after dumping a pile of garbage on a doorstep.

Resident: “Excuse me, what is this doing here?”

Worker: “It's a return gift.”

Resident: “A return gift?”

Worker: “Yes, we are returning the gift that you gave to the city. We appreciate your generosity, but we just can't accept it. Even on our birthday, we can't take such gifts.”

Resident: “What will I do with it?”

Worker: “Give it to your in-laws.”

Resident: “But I like them.”

Worker: “And you don't like the city?”

In addition to returning garbage to people who dump, the city is imposing a ₹2,000 fine, even for first offenses. The city previously levied a ₹500 fine for first offenses, ₹1,000 for second offenses and ₹2,000 for third offenses, but the fines will no longer be staggered.

Some people on social media have called it “bizarre” to return garbage to residents, but Gowda told NDTV: “This is not a bizarre activity. We have our workers going to each house educating people to segregate waste. We are creating awareness on social media and also requesting people not to throw garbage on the road.”

You may be wondering how the GBA is going to catch offenders. Well, the GBA will rely on any video recordings, including videos taken by ordinary citizens. To that end, the GBA is offering ₹250 to anyone who records and shares videos of people dumping garbage. If you're visiting a friend in Bangalore and happen to record the friend throwing garbage in the street, you may ask yourself if it's worth exposing your friend for ₹250?

No, it's not. But you may want to assume the role of a BSWML worker and give your friend a return gift.

WISDOM CORNER

Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference.

ROBERT FROST

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm.

ALDOUS HUXLEY

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1605: Gunpowder Plot. Celebrated with fireworks as Guy Fawkes Day, this English holiday marks the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot, when Roman Catholics led by Robert Catesby tried to blow up Parliament, the king, and his family this day in 1605.

1838: Honduras declared its absolute independence, seceding from the United Provinces of Central America.

1872: Susan B. Anthony, a leader in the American women's suffrage movement, cast a ballot in the presidential election, and she was later arrested for voting illegally and convicted in a trial she called “the greatest outrage history ever witnessed.”

1914: France and Britain declared war on Turkey, widening the conflict of World War I.

1940: Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented third term as president of the United States.

1943: Vatican City bombed. Vatican City was bombed by a fascist Italian aircraft breaching the neutrality of Vatican during the second World War

1998: The journal Nature published a report that DNA testing had confirmed (still disputed by some) that a member of Thomas Jefferson's family had fathered a child with the slave Sally Hemings; the testing, however, was unable to definitively prove that Jefferson was the father.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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of the day quote

Attempts are being made to finish the university in a systematic way by the BJP and the RSS

CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI | FORMER PUNJAB CM

Fake birth certificates are being prepared by agencies linked to the Trinamool Congress to manipulate the electoral process

SUVENDU ADHIKARI | LEADER OF OPPN IN WB ASSEMBLY

The world knows little about His Holiness the sixth Dalai Lama... It is now our duty to let the world know about his life, his philosophy, and his time-less words

PEMA KHANDU | ARUNACHAL CM

SHORT TAKES

Death toll rises to 8 in car-truck collision

Barabanki (UP): Two persons who had sustained serious injuries in the head-on collision between a car and truck near Bishunpur village of Barabanki district November 3 succumbed to their wounds in Lucknow during treatment Tuesday morning, taking the accident toll to eight, officials said. According to police, the incident took place around 10 pm when a speeding truck collided with an MUV without a number plate on the Kalyani River bridge, which has a single-lane road, under the Deva police station limits.

2 killed as tanker collides with car

Panaji: A top office-bearer of a national association of a sport and its international referee were killed after a speeding tanker jumped a road divider and crashed into their car on a highway in North Goa district Tuesday morning, police said. The police arrested the tanker driver under the culpable homicide charge, they said. The victims were identified as President of All India Sepak Takraw Association Yogender Singh (42) and an international referee of the sport Ankit Kumar Baliyan (34), the police said.

Seven arrested for cheating US citizens

Kolkata: Seven people were arrested for allegedly duping US citizens through an illegal call centre in Kolkata's Tiljala area Tuesday, police said. Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided an apartment on Chandra Nath Roy Road in the early hours and found those arrested making Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) calls to US citizens, they said.

2 cancer patients jump to death

Gurugram: Two cancer patients, both in their 60s, allegedly committed suicide in two saperate incidents in Gurugram, police said Tuesday. The first incident took place in the Sector 56 area at around 6 am Tuesday, they said. According to police, Jyoti Wadhwa (62) had been suffering from cancer for several years and despite treatment had reached an advanced stage, causing her severe mental distress. When the rest of the family was sleeping, Wadhwa, at around 5.45 am, left her bedroom and went to the terrace on the third floor and allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the terrace. Family members rushed her to a nearby private hospital where doctors declared her dead, police said. Family members said she couldn't sleep even after taking painkillers at night. The police said the family was asleep at the time of the incident and were unaware of anything and CCTV confirms her going alone.

Strict action will be taken against any transport, police, or public works department officer found negligent in enforcing road safety

BHAJANLAL SHARMA | RAJASTHAN CM

2011 MUMBAI TRIPLE BLASTS CASE ACCUSED, 65, GETS BAIL

The Bombay High Court Tuesday granted bail to a 65-year-old man arrested in connection with the July 2011 triple bomb blasts in the metropolis, taking note of the prolonged trial, the accused's old age and his ailments



Mamata leads TMC anti-SIR stir

The political activities, coupled with fresh reports of multiple deaths during the day allegedly provoked by citizenship trauma, signalled that the voter roll revision process would serve as the primary battleground for the assembly elections due next year

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Banerjee, alleged that the BJP and the EC were “colluding to disenfranchise two crore voters from West Bengal” as part of a larger plan to capture power. The TMC supremo also involved leaders across religious communities and celebrities from the television and sports fraternities of the city in her four-km march which she undertook with a copy of the Indian Constitution in her hand. Adhikari, on the other hand, led a rally named ‘Parivartan Yatra’ and covered a two-km distance from Sodepur to Agarpara in the northern fringes of the city as BJP activists in large numbers carried placards and shouted slogans slamming the TMC for opposing SIR and “passing off every death in Bengal as one caused by fear of SIR and deportation to detention camps”. At least two deaths by suicide were reported Tuesday, one from Howrah and another from Murshidabad, where the deceased allegedly ended their lives on account of complications in electoral rolls and apprehension of deportation. The alleged SIR-related death toll in Bengal currently stands at five although Mamata Banerjee claimed that seven people have already succumbed. Jahir Mal, a resident of Khalisani in Uluberia, was found hanging at his residence. Police said that the family alleged that

he was under severe stress after discovering a spelling error in one of his official documents and his visits to local offices concerned to rectify the mistake proved unsuccessful. In Kandi, farmer Mohan Sheikh, died after consuming pesticide. His family alleged he was under stress for the past few days after finding his name missing from the 2002 rolls and apprehended deportation. Holding the SIR exercise responsible for the panic, the Bengal CM alleged, “The BJP is behind this chaos. People are dying because of the fear they are spreading.” Banerjee warned that the fall of the Narendra Modi government would be “inevitable” if even a single eligible voter was deleted from the state’s rolls during the SIR. “The BJP is conducting SIR in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, but not in Assam, Tripura or other north-eastern states. Why this bias? This is discrimination aimed at helping the ruling party at the Centre,” she thundered before a charged crowd. Taking a swipe at Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, whom she mockingly called “kursi babu,” Banerjee said, “In 2002, Bengal’s last SIR took two years to complete. Why this rush now to finish it within a month? Only to make

Modi Babu and Amit Shah happy?”

Mocking the BJP’s electoral strategy for West Bengal, the CM added: “If you think you can win 294 seats by cutting down 2-3 per cent votes, you are living in a fool’s paradise.” Speaking at the rally, Abhishek alleged that the BJP-led Centre was using the SIR to “intimidate and disenfranchise” voters, and warned of a massive protest in New Delhi over deaths reportedly linked to the exercise. “The 2026 state polls isn’t only about making Mamata Banerjee the chief minister four times in a row, it is also about reducing the BJP to zero,” he said. Adhikari, who commenced his rally from the area where one of the suicides took place, said the tragic death of the Agarpara resident last week was not related to any fear about SIR or NRC, as the person had voted in 2002 and had his name in the electoral rolls of that year. He alleged the TMC was falsely linking his death with the SIR to derail the EC’s process. Daring the TMC to try to stop the exercise, Adhikari said, “Those whose parents have residential, birth proofs in India, need not worry.” “If any more death is caused due to misplaced panic about SIR, the chief minister would be held responsible for every such death, and we will level charges against her for misleading people and causing the tragedies,” he said. Referring to reports of sudden attempts to cross over to Bangladesh by people on this side of the border, Adhikari said that the SIR was akin to use of carboic acid to flush out snakes from their holes, equating “Bangladeshi/Rohingya illegal migrants” to the reptiles. Adhikari mocked Banerjee’s assertion in TMC’s July 21 Mar-tyrs’ day rally of not allowing SIR in Bengal.

India, Israel ink major defence agreement

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New Delhi, Nov 4: India and Israel Tuesday inked a defence pact that will facilitate sharing of advanced technologies and promote co-development and co-production of key weapon systems and military hardware, in a major move to further bolster their already robust strategic ties.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Tel Aviv following a meeting of India-Israel joint working group (JWG) on defence coop-eration.

The MoU on defence coop-eration was signed to provide a “unified vision and policy di-rection to deepen the already strong defence cooperation be- tween the two countries”, the defence ministry said. The pact also provides for cooperation in the areas of artificial intelligence, cyber security, defence research and innovation and industrial collaboration.

India is a leading buyer of Israel’s military hardware and the latter has been supply- ing various weapon systems, missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles over the last few years. However, the transactions have largely remained behind the curtains.

“India-Israel defence partner- ship is long-standing based on deep mutual trust and shared security interests,” the min- istry said. The signing of the MoU came when Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar is on a three-day visit to India. In a statement, the defence ministry said a wide range of areas for cooperation have been identi- fied in the MoU that will benefit both countries.

“Important fields include strategic dialogues of mutu- al interest, training, defence industrial cooperation, and capabilities including science and technology, research and



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development and technol- ogy innovation, artificial in- telligence and cyber security cooperation,” the ministry said. “The MoU will enable the sharing of advanced technol- ogy and would promote co-de- velopment and co-production,” it said.

The JWG reviewed the ongo- ing defence cooperation initia- tives and agreed that both the nations have benefited from each other’s strengths, the min- istry said. “The two sides dis- cussed the potential areas for future collaboration in the field of technology as well as enhanc- ing operational capabilities,” it said. The signing of the pact came amid reports that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Net- anyahu is likely to visit India in the next couple of months.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Israeli counterpart Sa’ar held exten- sive talks in New Delhi Tues- day that focused on working for a global approach of “zero tolerance” to combat terrorism. The two sides also decided to enhance cooperation in areas of trade, infrastructure and connectivity.

SNIPPETS

Maha Cabinet takes 21 decisions in one go

Mumbai: The Maharashtra cabinet took 21 decisions Tuesday, an unusual number for a single meeting, including the closure of the state’s asset reconstruction company Maha ARC Ltd and authorisation of guarantee for a Rs 2,000 crore HUDCO loan for a transport corridor. The cabinet decisions were taken hours before State Election Commissioner Dinesh Waghmare announced that polls to 246 municipal councils and 42 nagar panchayats in Maharashtra will take place December 2 and votes will be counted December 3. According to an official statement issued by the Chief Minister’s Office (CMO), the Finance Department’s proposal to wind up Maha ARC Ltd was approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. The company was established in September 2022, modelled on the Centre’s National Asset Reconstruction Company, but could not commence operations as the Reserve Bank denied it a licence in 2023. The cabinet authorised a state guarantee for a Rs 2,000 crore HUDCO loan to the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation for land acquisition for the Virar-Alibaug transport corridor. The corridor will be 126.06 km long and the first phase, covering 96.41 km from Navghar to Balawli, will be taken up on a build, operate and transfer basis.

4 militants killed in gun battle with security forces in Churachandpur

Imphal/Churachandpur: At least four militants, belonging to a banned outfit, were killed in a gunfight with security forces in Manipur’s Churachandpur district Tuesday morning, police said. Based on inputs about the presence of armed cadres belonging to the proscribed United Kuki National Army (UKNA), an operation was launched around 5.30 am at Khanpi village under Hengle sub-division in the district, a senior officer said. UKNA is not a signatory to the Suspension of Operations pact signed between the Centre, the state government and the Kuki and Zomi militant groups. During the operation, a fierce gunfight broke out between army personnel and the militants, the officer said. “At least four militants were killed during the exchange of fire while several others managed to flee the spot,” the officer said, adding that the identities of the deceased are yet to be established.

5 IITs, DU, IISc among top 100 institutes in Asia: QS Rankings

New Delhi: Five Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and Delhi University figured in Asia’s top 100 institutes, according to the QS University Rankings announced Tuesday. IIT-Delhi, IIT-Madras, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Kanpur and IIT-Kharagpur were in the list of top 100 Asian institutes. “Seven Indian institutions rank in the top 100 in QS World University Asia rankings, 20 in the top 200 and 66 in the top 500,” London based QS said in a statement.

Campaign for 1st phase of Bihar elections ends

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Patna, Nov 4: The high-voltage campaign for the first phase of the Bihar assembly elections, covering 121 constituencies, ended Tuesday evening, after weeks of acrimonious exchanges, personal attacks, and divisive rhetoric. Electioneering began in earnest a couple of weeks after the polls for the 243-member assembly were announced October 6, with most parties having final- ised their seats and candidates, and the momentum peaked after the festivities of Diwali and Chhath were over. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the blitzkrieg on be- half of the ruling NDA, with as many as eight rallies, two of which were held on the pen- ultimate day of campaigning, besides a roadshow in Patna, and digital interactions with

booth-level workers, and also with women, on the final day of electioneering. Modi had begun his cam- paign with a rally at Samasti- pur, where he also visited the ancestral house of Bharat Rat- na Karpoori Thakur. He shared the stage with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the JD(U) pres- ident, who vies with arch-rival Lalu Prasad, the RJD president, in claiming to be the true ideol- ogical heir to the EBC (extreme- ly backwards classes) icon. The 75-year-old PM pulled no punches in charging the RJD-Congress combine, the two largest consti- tuents of the INDIA bloc, with “protecting infiltrators” and cautioned the people against “a return of jungle raj”. Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, also held as many as seven rallies, the last three falling on the concluding day of the campaign.

Muslim man’s 1st wife should be heard on 2nd marriage: HC

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Kochi, Nov 4: The Kerala High Court here has ruled that if a Muslim man wants to register his second marriage under the Kerala Registration of Mar- riages (Common) Rules 2008, while his earlier one is still in existence, his first wife should also be heard on whether she is agreeable to it or not. While making the ruling, Justice P V Kunhikrish- nan also said that in such sit- uation religion is secondary and constitutional rights are supreme. Therefore, “customary law is not applicable when the question of registering a second marriage arises”, the judge said. Justice Kunhikrishnan also said, “I don’t think that the Holy Quran or the Muslim

Law permits an extramarital relationship with another lady when his first wife is alive and his first marriage with her is in existence, and that also, without the knowledge of his first wife.” The court’s observations came while declining to en- tertain a plea moved by a man and his second wife seeking direc- tions to the state government to register their marriage. The court declined to en- tertain the plea as the man’s first wife was not a party in the proceedings. It said that a second mar- riage was permissible under the Muslim Law, “but only in specific situations”. It further said that a Muslim first wife cannot be a silent spectator to the registration of her husband’s second marriage. “The first petitioner (man)



can marry again if his person- al law permits him to do so. However, if the first petitioner wishes to register his second marriage with the second pe- titioner (second wife), the law

of the land will prevail, and in such a situation, an opportu- nity of hearing for the first wife is necessary.” “In such situations, reli- gion is secondary and consti-

The court’s observations came while declining to entertain a plea moved by a man and his second wife seeking directions to the state government to register their marriage

tutional rights are supreme. This court cannot ignore the feelings, if any, of the first wife when her husband reg- isters his second marriage in accordance with the law of the land,” the court said. The judge further said that

he was sure that 99.99 per cent of the Muslim women would be against their husband’s second marriage when their relation- ship with him is in existence. In the instant case, the man had fallen in love with another woman and married her while his first marriage was in exis- tence. He had claimed in his plea that he married for the second time with the consent of his first wife. However, when he tried to register his second marriage, the concerned local body de- clined to do so. The court said that the mar- riage registration officer can hear the first wife, and if she objects to her husband’s sec- ond marriage, stating that it is invalid, the parties can be referred to a competent civil court to establish the validity of the second marriage.

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The productivity performance that we inherited from the last government is weaker than we first thought. We're putting in more, we're getting out less

RACHEL REEVES | UK TREASURY CHIEF

China opposes interference by any country in the internal affairs of other nations under the pretext of religion or human rights and opposes the arbitrary use of sanctions and threats of force

MAO NING | CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON

We all spy on each other, but we don't conduct wholesale intellectual property theft. We don't actually interfere with political systems and we don't undertake high-harm activity

MIKE BURGESS | DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

SHORT TAKES

Sudan war out of control: UN chief

Dubai: The United Nations secretary-general warned Tuesday that the war in Sudan is “spiralling out of control” after a paramilitary force seized the besieged and famine-stricken Darfur city of el-Fasher. Speaking in Qatar, Antonio Guterres called for an immediate ceasefire in the two-year conflict that’s become one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises. “Hundreds of thousands of civilians are trapped by this siege,” Guterres said. “People are dying of malnutrition, disease and violence.” He noted “credible reports of widespread executions since the Rapid Support Forces entered the city.” The paramilitary RSF reportedly killed more than 450 people in a hospital and carried out ethnically targeted killings of civilians and sexual assaults while seizing the city last week. It had besieged el-Fasher for 18 months, cutting off most food and other supplies needed by tens of thousands of people. The war between the RSF and the Sudanese military began in April 2023. More than 40,000 people have been killed, according to UN figures, but aid groups say the true death toll could be many times higher.

Ex-US Vice President Dick Cheney dies

Washington: Dick Cheney, the hard-charging conservative who became one of the most powerful and polarising vice presidents in US history and a leading advocate for the invasion of Iraq, has died at age 84. Cheney died Monday night due to complications of pneumonia and cardiac and vascular disease, his family said in a statement. “For decades, Dick Cheney served our nation, including as White House Chief of Staff, Wyoming’s Congressman, Secretary of Defence, and Vice President of the United States,” the statement said. Dick Cheney was a great and good man who taught his children and grandchildren to love our country, and to live lives of courage, honour, love, kindness, and fly fishing. We are grateful beyond measure for all Dick Cheney did for our country. And we are blessed beyond measure to have loved and been loved by this noble giant of a man.” The quietly forceful Cheney served father and son presidents, leading the armed forces as defence chief during the Persian Gulf War under President George H.W. Bush before returning to public life as vice president under Bush’s son George W. Bush. Cheney was, in effect, the chief operating officer of the younger Bush’s presidency.



Just as President Park Chung-hee paved the highway for industrialisation and President Kim Dae-jung built the highway for the information age, we must now construct the highway for the AI era to open a future of progress and growth

LEE JAE MYUNG | SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT

8 ANCIENT SITES DISCOVERED IN PAK

Eight new ancient sites have been discovered across Pakistan’s northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province stretching from Swat to Taxila during the ongoing excavation and exploration work in the region. The discoveries were made by Italian archaeologists in collaboration with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Directorate of Archaeology.



US goes to polls; all eyes on NYC



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New York, Nov 4: Polls opened Tuesday across the US as the country headed to a crucial poll, with all eyes set on the important New York City mayoral election, where Democratic nominee Zohran Mamdani is emerging as a front-runner.

November 4 is election day across the US, with polls opening from 6 am to 9 pm. The early voting period, which commenced on October 25, ended Sunday. This is the first national election in the second term of Donald Trump’s presidency, and the results will also shine a spotlight on the country’s mood towards the current White House administration.

Apart from the NYC mayoral election, ballots for the governor of New Jersey and Virginia will also be closely watched.

Mamdani, 34, born in Uganda

and raised in New York City, is a New York State Assembly member and democratic socialist running for Mayor.

The Democratic nominee will face off against former New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is running as an independent candidate and the Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa on the ballots. Current New York City Mayor Eric Adams, whose administration has been plagued by scandals, dropped out of the mayoral race in September.

Mamdani has been leading Cuomo in the polls in the race up to the ballots, with most surveys showing him up by double digits.

Mamdani, the son of renowned Indian filmmaker Mira Nair and Mahmood Mamdani, a Ugandan author of Indian ancestry, upset Cuomo in the Democratic primary race for

New York City mayor and was declared victorious in June.

As the New York City mayoral race entered its final lap, President Trump officially endorsed the former New York State Governor, saying in a post on Truth Social, “Whether you personally like Andrew Cuomo or not, you really have no choice. You must vote for him and hope he does a fantastic job. He is capable of it, Mamdani is not!”

With New Yorkers going to the polls, Trump warned voters that the city would be a “complete and total economic and social disaster” and would not survive if Mamdani won the mayoral race.

“If Communist Candidate Zohran Mamdani wins the Election for Mayor of New York City, it is highly unlikely that I will be contributing Federal Funds, other than the

Typhoon leaves 26 dead in Philippines



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manila, Nov 4: Typhoon Kalmaegi has left at least 26 people dead in the Philippines, mostly in flooding set off by the storm, which barreled across the central part of the country on Tuesday, disaster response officials said. Floodwaters trapped scores of people on their roofs and submerged cars.

A Philippine air force helicopter with five personnel on board crashed in a separate incident in southern Agusan del Sur province while flying to help provide humanitarian assistance to provinces battered by Kalmaegi. The Super Huey chopper crashed near Loreto town, and efforts were underway to locate the air force personnel aboard, the military’s Eastern Mindanao Command said in a statement.

Military officials didn’t immediately provide other details about the crash, including the condition of the five air force personnel aboard and what could have caused the crash.

Kalmaegi was last spotted

over the coastal waters of Jordan town in the central province of Guimaras with sustained winds of 130 kph (81 mph) and gusts of up to 180 kph (112 mph). It was forecast to blow away into the South China Sea late Tuesday or early Wednesday after hitting the western province of Palawan.

Bernardo Rafaelito Alejandro IV, deputy administrator of the Office of Civil Defence, said that at least 26 people were reported killed, many in flooding in Cebu province and other central island provinces pummeled by Kalmaegi, the 20th tropical cyclone to batter the Philippine archipelago this year. Details of those typhoon deaths were still being verified, he said.

Among the dead was an older villager, who drowned in floodwaters in Southern Leyte, where a province-wide power outage was reported after the typhoon made landfall around midnight in one of its eastern towns. A resident died after being hit by a fallen tree in central Bohol province, provincial officials said.

9 climbers killed in Nepal avalanches

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Kathmandu, Nov 4: At least nine climbers, including two Nepalese guides, have been killed in two separate avalanches in Nepal, officials said Tuesday.

Seven climbers were buried in an avalanche near Mt. Yalung Ri (6,920m) under Gaurishanker Rural Municipality at around 10 am on Monday while attempting to scale the peak, said Deputy Superintendent of Police Gyan Kumar Mahato.

A joint rescue mission have been mobilised to retrieve the bodies of the seven climbers, he said.

The deceased climbers include two Nepali citizens, two Italians identified as Paolo Cocco and Marco Di Marcello, a Canadian, a French, and a German national.

Five others, including three Nepalis and two French nationals, were injured and airlifted to hospitals in Kathmandu. Four more climbers with minor injuries were also rescued from the site.

In a separate incident, two Italian climbers, Stefano Far-



ronato and Alessandro Caputo, who had been missing after heavy snowfall since October 28, were found dead inside their tent at Camp I of Mt. Panbari (6,887m) in the Manaslu region.

Their bodies were recovered Tuesday from an altitude of 5,242 metres, police said.

Another Italian climber, Velter Paralion, who was stranded with them, was rescued Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Nepal Tourism Board has issued a condolence message on the demise of the mountaineers in the Himalayas of Nepal.

Ukrainian drones reach deep inside Russia

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moscow, Nov 4: Ukrainian long-range drones attacked an industrial plant around 1,300 kilometres (800 miles) inside Russia, local officials said Tuesday, while Ukraine’s army remained locked in an intense battle to hold back a Russian push on the key city of Pokrovsk in the eastern Donetsk region.

Two drones targeted an industrial facility in Sterlitamak, a city in Russia’s Bashkortostan region, regional Gov. Radiy Habirov said in an online statement. He didn’t specify what facility was targeted, but he said that both drones were shot down. There were no casualties, and the facility was operating normally, he said.

Meanwhile, the city administration reported an explosion at the Sterlitamak Petrochemical Plant caused the plant’s water treatment facility to partially collapse, adding that the cause of the explosion was not known. The plant, which makes rubber and aviation fuel, is not known to have been attacked before.

Ukraine’s daring strikes deep inside Russia using do-



mestically produced drones have embarrassed Moscow, with officials being unforthcoming about any damage, and unnerved Russians. Ukraine has taken aim at manufacturing plants, oil refineries and military logistics hubs in a bid to disrupt Russia’s war effort almost four years after Moscow launched an all-out invasion.

Explosions were also heard at an industrial area of the

Nizhny Novgorod region, some 800 kilometres (500 miles) from Ukraine, where an oil refinery and a petrochemical plant are located, Russian media reported. Officials did not confirm the reports.

Both Bashkortostan and Nizhny Novgorod are among the regions where the Russian Defence Ministry said Tuesday that Ukrainian drones were shot down, claiming that

85 were intercepted overnight. Ukrainian officials said Russia bombarded the south-eastern Dnipropetrovsk region of Ukraine with drones, missiles and artillery overnight, killing one person and injuring 11 others, including two children.

Russia fired seven missiles of various types and 130 strike and decoy drones at Ukraine during the night, Ukraine’s air force said.

‘Hara hachi bu’: Japanese concept of eating until 80% full

THE CONVERSATION

Cardiff (UK), Nov 4: Some of the world’s healthiest and longest-living people follow the practice of “hara hachi bu” — an eating philosophy rooted in moderation. This practice comes from a Japanese Confucian teaching which instructs people to only eat until they’re around 80 per cent full.

More recently, it’s been gaining attention as a strategy for weight loss. But while hara hachi bu might emphasise eating in moderation and stopping before you’re full, it shouldn’t really be as seen as a method of dietary restriction. Rather, it represents a way of eating that can help us learn to have awareness and gratitude while slowing down at mealtimes.

Research on hara hachi bu is limited. Previous studies have evaluated the overall dietary patterns of those living in regions where this eating philosophy is more commonplace, not the “80 per cent rule” in isolation.

However, the available evidence does suggest hara hachi bu can reduce total daily calorie intake. It’s also associated with lower long-term weight gain and lower average body mass index (BMI). The practice also aligns with healthier meal-pattern choices in men, with participants choosing to eat more vegetables at mealtimes and fewer grains when following hara hachi bu.

Hara hachi bu also shares many similar principles with the concepts of mindful eat-



ing or intuitive eating. These non-diet, awareness-based approaches encourage a stronger connection with internal hunger and satiety cues. Research shows both approaches can also help reduce emotional eating and enhance overall

diet quality.

Hara hachi bu may also have many advantages that go beyond losing weight.

For instance, hara hachi bu’s focus on awareness and eating intuitively may offer a gentle and sustainable way of support-

ing long-term health changes. Sustainable health changes are far easier to maintain in the long-term. This may improve health and prevent weight regain, which can be a risk for those who lose weight through traditional diet approaches.

The ethos of hara hachi bu also makes perfect sense in the context of modern life and may help us develop a better relationship with the food we eat.

Evidence suggests that around 70 per cent of adults and children use digital devices while eating. This behaviour has been linked to higher calorie intake, lower fruit and vegetable intake and a greater incidence of disordered eating behaviours including restriction, binge eating and overeating.

Being more aware of the food we eat and taking time to taste, enjoy and truly experience it as hara hachi bu emphasises, can allow us to reconnect with our bodies, support digestion and make more nourishing food choices.

Importantly, hara hachi bu is not meant to be a restrictive eating approach. It promotes moderation and eating in tune with your body – not “eating less”.

While often reduced to a simple “80 per cent full” guideline, hara hachi bu reflects a much broader principle of mindful moderation. At its core, it’s about tuning into the body, honouring hunger without overindulgence and appreciating food as fuel — a timeless habit worth ado

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of the day quote

You must have heard this expression of twin balance sheet problem in 2012-13 and to correct that, it took us nearly six years. Now I am confident to say our Indian banks stand out exemplary in terms of the asset quality, credit and deposit growth

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

We need more deep-sea sensors, buoys, and unmanned aerial vehicles to improve real-time data coverage....adding that, advanced data integration and analytics are crucial for sustainable ocean governance.

S SOMANATH | FORMER ISRO CHAIRMAN

India negotiates with advanced countries and is keen to contribute to their future, as we would like them to contribute to our future for a Viksit Bharat.

PIYUSH GOYAL | UNION COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

APSEZ net rises

New Delhi: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), Tuesday reported a 29 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 3,120 crore for the quarter ended September 2025, driven by strong growth in the logistics, marine and international operations. The consolidated net profit of the company stood at Rs 2,413 crore in the quarter ended September 30, 2024, the company said in a regulatory filing.

IndiGo posts loss

New Delhi: The country's largest airline IndiGo, Tuesday reported a loss of Rs 2,582.10 crore in the September quarter. The airline, which had a loss of Rs 986.7 crore in the year-ago period, said hedging actions and more revenues in foreign currencies from international operations, will help cushion the currency movements. It had a profit of Rs 2,176.30 crore in the June quarter.

IHCL net tanks

New Delhi: Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), Tuesday reported a 45 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit of Rs 318.26 crore for the second quarter ended September 2025. In the year-ago period, the country's biggest hospitality player had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 582.71 crore. The decline is despite revenue growth during the July-September quarter under review, as revenue from operations stood at Rs 2,040.89 crore, as against Rs 1,826.12 crore a year ago, according to a regulatory filing.

Suzlon net jump

New Delhi: Renewable energy solutions provider Suzlon's consolidated net profit witnessed a nearly six-fold jump to Rs 1,279 crore in the September quarter of this financial year, compared to the year-ago period. The company has reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 200.60 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2024, it said in a regulatory filing.

SBI Q2 jumps

Mumbai: The State Bank of India (SBI), Tuesday reported a 6.84 per cent jump in consolidated net profit for the September quarter at Rs 21,137 crore, helped by a gain of Rs 4,593 crore from its stake sale in Yes Bank. The country's largest lender reported a 10 per cent increase in the July-September quarter profit to Rs 20,160 crore, up from Rs 18,331 crore in the year-ago period.

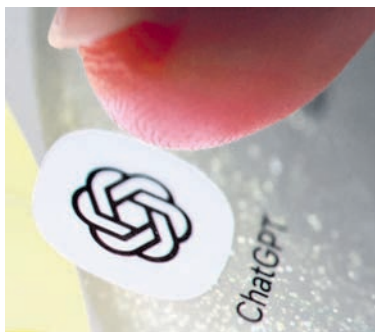


Low prices of steel in the market now is a problem for small companies, especially when the government is aiming to increase capacity of this important sector in the next five to seven years

SANDEEP POUNDRIK | STEEL SECRETARY

CHATGPT GO 1-YEAR FREE IN INDIA

OpenAI's ChatGPT Go subscription service went live in India, Tuesday, offering one-year free access to users in India who sign up during the limited-time promotional period. The promotion is available now for redemption from the ChatGPT web or the Google Play store, and will be available to redeem next week from the Apple app store. ChatGPT Go is OpenAI's recently launched subscription tier that offers increased message limits, image generation, and file uploads for users in India



NCLAT lifts CCI ban on WhatsApp

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 4: Appellate tribunal NCLAT, Tuesday set aside a section of a Competition Commission of India (CCI) order that had banned WhatsApp from sharing data with Meta Platforms for advertising purposes for five years.

Modifying the order passed by the CCI, November 18, 2024, the NCLAT set aside section 247.1 of the 158-page-long order. However, the tribunal retained the Rs 213 crore penalty on the company and the rest of the order.

"We are setting aside the findings of the Commission insofar as it holds breach of Section 4 (2)(D) and setting aside the directions in paragraph 247.1, (which stated) WhatsApp will not share user data collected on its platform with other data companies or advertising purposes for a period of five years from the date of receipt of this order," said NCLAT bench while pronouncing its order orally in the open court.

"In respect of such sharing of data for advertising purposes,



the rest of the impugned order is upheld. The order dated 18 November 2024 is modified accordingly," said a two-member bench comprising Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan and Arun Baroka, Member.

A detailed copy of the judgement on this is awaited.

Earlier in September, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) reserved its order after completing its hearing over the petitions filed by Meta Platforms and WhatsApp against the orders of the CCI, in which the fair trade regulator had imposed a penalty on both

social media major Meta for unfair business ways with respect to the WhatsApp privacy policy update done in 2021.

Both technology companies had also challenged a penalty of Rs 213.14 crore on the social media major for unfair business practices with respect to the WhatsApp privacy policy update done in 2021.

In November last year, the CCI imposed a penalty of Rs 213.14 crore on social media major Meta with respect to the WhatsApp privacy policy update done in 2021.

Meta Platforms and

WhatsApp had challenged this order before the NCLAT, which in January this year passing an interim order, stayed the five-year ban imposed by the CCI on data-sharing practices between WhatsApp and Meta for advertising purposes, offering a breather to the tech giant.

According to a CCI order, Meta and WhatsApp have also been asked to implement certain behavioural remedies within a defined timeline to address the anti-competition issues.

The regulator has called for implementing various remedial measures, including barring WhatsApp from sharing data collected on its platform with other Meta companies or Meta company products for advertising purposes for five years.

Among other directions, CCI has said that sharing of user data collected on WhatsApp with other Meta companies or Meta company products for purposes other than for providing WhatsApp services shall not be made a condition for users to access WhatsApp services in India.

Hyundai unveils All-New VENUE and VENUE N Line

SAMBALPUR: Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) marked a major milestone with the global debut of the all-new Hyundai VENUE and VENUE N Line, redefining the compact SUV segment with a bold design, advanced technology, and thrilling performance. Priced from Rs 7.89 lakh (ex-showroom), the new VENUE lineup embodies Hyundai's philosophy of "Tech up. Go beyond," offering enhanced connectivity, superior safety, and dynamic styling. Unsoo Kim, Managing Director of HMIL, said, "The all-new VENUE marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter as the first product from our Pune plant and among 26 new models to be launched by 2030. It represents our commitment to India, backed by an investment of Rs 45,000 crore." TarunGarg, Whole-Time Director & COO, added, "Since its 2019 debut, the VENUE has sold over seven lakh units, becoming one of India's top compact SUVs. The new VENUE, exclusively made in India for global markets, strengthens Hyundai's SUV leadership and showcases our 'Make in India for the World' vision." The redesigned VENUE stands out with its assertive stance, wider dimensions, and confident road presence, setting new benchmarks for compact SUVs.



Vedanta, Odisha Police to promote cybersecurity awareness

JHARSUGUDA: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest aluminium producer, in collaboration with Odisha Police, organised a session of the state government's Cyber Security awareness campaign - Odisha 2025 at its Jharsuguda operations to promote safe digital practices under the theme "Stop. Verify. Be Secure." The event aimed to spread awareness about cyber threats such as phishing, OTP/OR scams, identity theft, and deepfake manipulation, while encouraging responsible online behaviour and secure digital transactions. Eminent officials from Odisha Police, including G R Raghvendra, IPS, Superintendent of Police; Madhusmita Mishra and James Samad, Additional SPs; Jyotsnamayee Pradhan, Uma Shankar Singh, and Rajendra Sial, were present along with Vedanta employees, partners, and township residents. Speaking on the occasion, C Chandru, CEO, Vedanta Jharsuguda, said, "At Vedanta, safety extends beyond our plants into our digital lives. Awareness and vigilance are our first lines of defence." SP GR Raghvendra emphasized that cybercrime prevention is a collective responsibility and urged citizens to adopt the "Stop. Verify. Be Secure" habit.



New low for Gold

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 4: Gold prices plunged by Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,24,100 per 10 grams in the national capital, Tuesday amid weak global cues after comments from several US Federal Reserve officials dampened expectations of another rate cut next month.

The precious metal of 99.5 per cent purity declined by Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,23,500 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes), extending its losses for the second straight session. It had settled at Rs 1,24,700 per 10 grams, Monday.

In the local bullion market, gold of 99.9 per cent purity had finished at Rs 1,25,300 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

"Gold fell, Tuesday, pressured by a strong US dollar and hawkish remarks from several Federal Reserve officials, who dismissed the possibility of another interest rate cut next month," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

Silver also fell sharply by Rs 2,500 to Rs 1,51,500 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes), Tuesday from the previous close of Rs 1,54,000 per kg, Monday.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Nov 4: The government Tuesday launched the third round of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for speciality steel to attract investment in the sector, as part of its objective to boost domestic output and reduce imports.

Union Steel Minister H D Kumaraswamy launched the scheme buoyed by the investment commitment of around Rs 44,000 crore in the first two rounds.

He informed that the PLI scheme for speciality steel was approved by the Union Cabinet in July 2021 to encourage production of high-value, high-grade steels used in sectors such as defence, aerospace, energy, automobiles, and infrastructure.

The scheme with a total outlay of Rs 6,322 crore aims to add about 26 million tonnes of speciality steel capacity over the next few years.

"So far, the PLI scheme has attracted investment commitments worth Rs 43,874 crore... and is expected to add 14.3 million tonnes of new specialty steel capacity in India," Kumaraswamy said.

These pillars form "the institutional and scientific base essential for sustaining the targeted 5 per cent agricultural growth rate and achieving the national vision of 'Viksit Krishi aur Samruddh Kisan' (Developed Agriculture and Prosperous Farmer) - the core philosophy of 'Viksit Bharat'.

"India's agricultural education and training system today reflects a well-integrated approach linking education, research, technology, and field-level skill development," the government said in an official statement.

Recognising modern farming requirements, the government has also prioritised capacity



According to the latest data, as of September 2025, companies participating in the first two rounds have already invested Rs 22,973 crore and generated 13,284 jobs.

"The response to the first two rounds has been highly encouraging. The success demonstrates the strength of India's reform-oriented and industry-driven policy framework," the minister said.

Kumaraswamy said the 'PLI 1.2' is designed to accelerate India's journey towards becoming a global hub for high-grade steel production.

"It will attract new investments in emerging and advanced categories such as super alloys, CRGO steel, stainless steel long and flat products, tita-

nium alloys, and coated steels, materials that are essential for next-generation industrial and defence applications," he added.

The third round will also open up new avenues for both existing and new players, including MSMEs, who have expanded or upgraded their investment plans after the earlier rounds.

"Through this initiative, we aim not just to produce steel for India, but to supply the world from India," the minister noted.

When asked about the expected investment in the third round, Steel Secretary Sandeep Poundrik said it would be known over the next few months. He said there have been some relaxations in the

Sensex tanks over 519 pts on foreign fund outflows



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 4: Benchmark Sensex tanked 519 points and broader Nifty settled below the 25,600 level, Tuesday due to profit-taking in utility, metal and IT shares triggered by weak global trends and foreign fund outflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 519.34 points, or 0.62 per cent, to settle at 83,459.15 with 25 of its constituents ending lower and five with gains. During the day, it tanked 565.72 points, or 0.67 per cent, to 83,412.77.

The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 165.70 points, or 0.64 per cent, to 25,597.65. It hit a low of 25,578.40 due to losses in bluechip shares such as PowerGrid, Eternal and Adani Enterprises.

Among Sensex firms, Power Grid fell the most by 3.13 per cent after the utility posted a decline in the September quarter profit. Eternal dropped 2.79 per cent, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle by 2.53 per cent, Tata Steel by 1.86 per cent, Maruti by 1.76 per cent and Bharat Electronics by 1.69 per cent.

However, Titan was the biggest gainer, rising by 2.28 per cent on strong Q2 financial results. The company reported a 59 per cent jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,120 crore

for the September quarter of FY26. Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra, and State Bank of India were the gainers.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,883.78 crore, Monday, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs), however, bought stocks worth Rs 3,516.36 crore in the previous trade.

The BSE smallcap gauge dropped 0.69 per cent and mid-cap index dipped 0.26 per cent.

Utilities tumbled the most by 1.56 per cent, followed by metal 1.40 per cent, commodities (1.11 per cent), BSE Focused IT (1.08 per cent), IT (1.06 per cent), power (0.99 per cent) and realty (0.83 per cent).

Telecommunication jumped 0.93 per cent and consumer durables climbed 0.11 per cent.

A total of 2,549 stocks declined while 1,618 advanced and 162 remained unchanged on the BSE.

Stock markets would remain closed, Wednesday for Guru Nanak Jayanti.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index settled lower.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 1.34 per cent to \$64.02 a barrel.

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, Nov 4: The rupee recovered from the record low level and settled with a gain of 7 paise at 88.70 against the US dollar, Tuesday, boosted by a correction in global crude oil prices.

Forex traders said a firm dollar, foreign fund outflows and subdued domestic equity markets prevented a sharp gain in the Indian currency.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 88.55 and hit the intra-day high of 88.28 against the greenback. The unit finally closed at 88.70, up 7 paise from its previous closing level.

Monday, the domestic unit declining for the third consecutive session, ended 7 paise lower at 88.77 against the US dollar, near its all-time closing level.

The rupee had recorded its lowest-ever closing level of 88.81 against the dollar, October 14. Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said the rupee started the session on a strong note, "likely supported by intervention".

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.09 per cent to 99.80.

Strengthening India's agricultural backbone: Govt

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Nov 4: Strengthening the synergy between education, innovation, and skilling is crucial to India's agricultural progress, said the government, Tuesday.

Agriculture provides the primary livelihood for nearly half of India's population and contributes about 18 per cent of GDP.

To raise productivity, reduce costs, and achieve national goals, building human capacity is vital. This can be achieved via higher education, research, and hands-on training, the government said, while also calling these "key pillars of the sector".

These pillars form "the institutional and scientific base essential for sustaining the targeted 5 per cent agricultural growth rate and achieving the national vision of 'Viksit Krishi aur Samruddh Kisan' (Developed Agriculture and Prosperous Farmer) - the core philosophy of 'Viksit Bharat'.

"India's agricultural education and training system today reflects a well-integrated approach linking education, research, technology, and field-level skill development," the government said in an official statement.

Recognising modern farming requirements, the government has also prioritised capacity



building to help farmers adapt to technological innovations, climatic and market transformations.

Programmes such as the Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY), Sub-Mission on Ag-

ricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PM-KVY), and initiatives through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (VKVKs) and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)

are equipping farmers with practical knowledge and vocational expertise for sustainable agriculture practices.

"The continuous emphasis on quality education, accreditation reforms, and farmer-centric training is helping bridge the gap between scientific research and practical application," the government said.

In addition, the inclusion of technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and precision farming tools is driving a significant shift toward modern and data-based agriculture.

Through initiatives like the Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA),

Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY), and the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), farmers and rural youth are being equipped with essential technical and entrepreneurial skills, fostering employment and self-reliance in villages.

"Together, these efforts are contributing to higher productivity, better incomes, and sustainable use of resources. As India aims for self-reliance in food production and a resilient rural economy, strengthening this synergy between education, innovation, and skilling will remain central to the nation's agricultural progress," the government said.

Never stop dreaming: Harmanpreet

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New Delhi, Nov 4: Still quite overwhelmed by emotions, India's newest World Cup-winning captain Harmanpreet Kaur has recalled how picking up her sports tragic father's "big" cricket bat as a kid ignited the dream that is now a reality.

After leading India to a 52-run win over South Africa in the women's World Cup summit clash in Navi Mumbai Sunday, Harmanpreet, in a video posted by the BCCI, recalled her childhood and also had one advice for aspiring young players – "Never stop dreaming. You never know where your destiny will take you."

"Ever since, I was a kid, I've always had a bat in my hand. I still remember we used to play with a bat from my dad's kit bag. The bat was very big. One day, my dad carved a small bat for me out of one of his old bats. We used to play with it."

"Whenever we used to watch a match on TV, or watch India play, or watch the World Cup, I used to think, I need an opportunity like this. At that time, I didn't even know about women's cricket," Harmanpreet said.

Harmanpreet's father Harmandar Singh Bhullar dabbled in cricket and football before settling for a clerk's job at a local judicial court in Punjab's Moga, the city where she was born and brought up.

With the firm support of her father, the journey which began as a child culminated into a World Cup trophy for Harmanpreet Sunday. None of it came easy but Harmanpreet said she wasn't the one to get bogged down by the challenges that were integral to women's cricket.

"I was dreaming, when will I wear this blue jersey? So I



think this means a lot to me, a young girl who didn't know about women's cricket, but still dreamt, that one day, I want to bring that change in our country.

"And I think, it all shows that you should never stop dreaming. You never know where your destiny will take you. You never think, when will it happen, how will it happen. You only think, this will happen."

"So, I think, that was my self-belief, that this can be possible. And that is exactly what happened." The 36-year-old stalwart said she is feeling relaxed and humbled after realising her childhood dream.

TEAM ARRIVES IN DELHI TO MEET PM MODI

The victorious Indian women's cricket team led by Harmanpreet Kaur touched down in the national capital Tuesday evening for its meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday.

The squad members along with head coach Amol Muzumdar got a warm reception at the Mumbai airport where a sizeable crowd came to see them off.

However, at the General Aviation Terminal (GA), a specialised dedicated facility at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, there was only a posse of mediapersons present with general public not allowed due to security protocol.

Star Air, a regional airline, operated a special charter flight (S5-8328) to carry the team to Delhi from Mumbai. Upon arrival at IGI, the Indian team members left for the hotel and are scheduled to meet the prime minister Wednesday evening, before dispersing for their respective home towns. PM Modi will felicitate the triumphant Indian team during the meeting.

My job was to apply finishing touches, says Richa Ghosh



MUMBAI: India's World Cup-winning team was built on trust and role clarity, feels dashing keeper-batter Richa Ghosh, who was assigned the finisher's role by head coach Amol Muzumdar.

"My main job was to finish innings strongly by scoring quickly in the final overs," the 22-year-old said on JioStar's Follow The Blues.

"Whenever I got the chance to bat, my focus was on applying the finishing touches. I aimed to maintain a high strike-rate and put pressure on the opposition bowlers.

"Scoring those extra runs reduces the pressure on our team and gives us a better chance to win," added Richa who played a blistering 34 off 24 balls in the final batting at No 7 to lift India to 298/7. In reply, South Africa folded for 246.

She further credited head coach Amol Muzumdar for creating an environment where every player knew exactly what was expected of them.

"Amol sir made everyone's role in the team very clear."

"For me, it was to play fearless cricket, look for the big shots and finish the innings strongly," she said, adding that Muzumdar's reassurance to "take time to settle in" gave her the confidence to back her strengths under pressure.

Richa, who often walked in during the final overs, said she had worked hard in the lead-up to the tournament to balance aggression with patience.

Mandhana, Jemimah, Deepti in ICC Women's WC Team of Tournament

Dubai: The title-winning Indian stars expectedly dominated the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Team of the Tournament with Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma making it to the line-up announced Tuesday.

Runners-up South Africa also have three of their players in the side, with skipper Laura Wolvaardt chosen to captain the Team of the Tournament following her sensational efforts with the bat where she amassed a whopping 571 runs



at an average of 71.37 to break the record for the most runs at any single edition of the Women's World Cup.

Annabel Sutherland, Ash Gardner and leg-spinner Alana King feature from the Australian team that reached the

semi-finals, with standout wicket-keeper Sidra Nawaz of Pakistan the only player named in a side to miss out on the final four, stated an ICC press release.

England's Sophie Ecclestone was also included following some strong efforts that helped her

side reach the semi-finals, while compatriot Nat Sciver-Brunt is named as the 12th player.

TEAM
Smriti Mandhana (India), Laura Wolvaardt (c) (South Africa), Jemimah Rodrigues (India), Marizanne Kapp (South Africa), Ash Gardner (Australia), Deepti Sharma (India), Annabel Sutherland (Australia), Nadine de Klerk (South Africa), Sidra Nawaz (wk) (Pakistan), Alana King (Australia), Sophie Ecclestone (England)

SHORT TAKES

India to face Thailand in U-23 friendly Nov 15

New Delhi: The Indian Under-23 men's football team will travel to Bangkok to play an international friendly against Thailand U-23 November 15 during the FIFA international match window. The Blue Colts will assemble for a preparatory camp in Kolkata from November 7 before departing for Thailand. The match will be held at the Thammasat Stadium in Pathum Thani November 15. India U-23s had earlier travelled to Tajikistan in June to play against the hosts and Kyrgyz Republic, followed by two matches against Iraq in Malaysia in August ahead of the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers. In October, the Blue Colts played two away games against Indonesia, winning 2-1 and drawing 1-1. Head coach Naushad Moosa has named a 25-member list of probables for the upcoming friendly.

Sir David Beckham receives knighthood

Berkshire: Former England captain Sir David Beckham received a knighthood at Windsor Castle Tuesday. The football star was honoured for his services to sport and charity. Earlier this year, Sir David said he was "immensely proud" of being recognised in the King's Birthday Honours. "I couldn't be prouder," said Beckham. "People know how patriotic I am - I love my country." The former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder earned 115 caps for England and captained the Three Lions for six years, from 2000 to 2006.

Rybakina stuns Swiatek

Riyadh: Elena Rybakina qualified for the WTA Finals semifinals for the first time after overcoming Iga Swiatek 3-6, 6-1, 6-0 Monday. That result and Amanda Anisimova's win over Madison Keys in the first professional matchup of the Americans, meant Swiatek and Anisimova will play Wednesday for a spot in the semifinals. Swiatek beat Anisimova in the Wimbledon final 6-0, 6-0 but Anisimova ousted Swiatek in the US Open quarterfinals 6-4, 6-3.

Judy Bell dies at 89

Colorado Springs (USA): Judy Bell, whose devotion to golf led her to become the first female president of the US Golf Association, died Monday at her home in Colorado after spending 15 months in hospice care, the USGA said. She was 89.

ASIA CUP SKIRMISHES

SKY fined 30%, Bumrah handed demerit point; Rauf suspended

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dubai, Nov 4: India's T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav and Pakistan pacer Haris Rauf were Tuesday fined for "bringing the game into disrepute" during the Asia Cup in September with the latter also copping a two-ODI suspension for accumulating four demerit points during the tournament.

Rauf was handed financial penalties of 30 per cent of his match fee for two incidents in two separate games against India, leading to a two-match ban in the ODI series against South Africa that began Tuesday. The next game is November 6 and he will sit out of that as well.

Rauf accumulated four demerit points for the two incidents which were converted into two suspension points as per ICC rules.

Suryakumar was penalised 30 per cent of his match fee for his comments supporting the Indian armed forces and showing solidarity with victims of the Pahalgam terror attack after the September 14 game between the two sides.



Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah was also handed one demerit point for making a "plane down" gesture after yorking Rauf in the final.

Pakistan batter Sahibzada Farhan was also handed a demerit point but Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh was let off without a fine or demerit point. **ICC meet: Naqvi unlike to attend**

"Domestic political issues" might prevent Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Mohsin Naqvi from attending the ICC's Executive Board meeting in Dubai where the BCCI is set to raise the issue of the Asia Cup trophy

not being presented to India.

The four-day meeting began Tuesday and Naqvi, who is also the chairman of the Asian Cricket Council, was to face the BCCI's ire for not handing the trophy after the winning players refused to accept it from him due to his anti-India statements.

The PCB source did not specify the exact political issues that would come in the way of his attendance. Naqvi also holds the interior minister's position in his country and has not attended ICC meetings after Jay Shah was elected Chairman of the world body last year.

The Asia Cup Trophy lies locked in the Asian Cricket Council headquarter in Dubai despite the final being held back in late September.

The Pakistan minister was at the centre of the trophy controversy when he had it sent to the ACC secretariat in Dubai. He has since insisted that the Indian team must accept the trophy from him and has ordered the ACC staff not to move the silverware without his permission.

DDCA sacks Ashu Dani

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New Delhi, Nov 4: The Delhi and Districts Cricket Association Tuesday sacked controversial former opener Ashu Dani from the chairman's post of U-19 selection committee for his alleged involvement in Indian Heavens Premier League (IH-PL), a privately organised T20 tournament in Kashmir, which amounts to conflict of interest.

While Dani had denied his involvement in the organisation of the league calling his designation as the league president "symbolic", the non-payment of salaries to former international players like Chris Gayle, Jesse Ryder and Kashmir's very own Parvez Rasool has still tarnished his image.

Multiple videos have surfaced with Dani addressing the press conference along with another Delhi stalwart Surinder Khanna, who was also allegedly involved in the league. The tournament was called off after three games and the organisers, led by Dani, didn't even pay for the five-star facility where the players were put up.

"We have already sacked Ashu Dani from U-19 chairman of selector's post. After we sacked him he did send his resignation letter. As far as former India batter Surinder Khanna is concerned, he will not continue further as CAC chairman since the panel will be dissolved," DDCA secretary Ashok Sharma told PTI.

12-year-old 'Messi of Chess' Oro Faustino stuns GM Vidit

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Panjim, Nov 4: Indian Grandmaster Vidit Gujrathi was held to a draw by 12-year-old Argentine sensation Oro Faustino in the first game of the second round of the FIDE World Cup here Tuesday.

Called the 'Messi of Chess' back home due to his extraordinary talent and rapid rise in the sport, Faustino, who famously defeated higher ranked Ante Brkic of Croatia in the opener, came up with another impressive performance with his black pieces.

The Argentine prodigy started off with the Berlin defense and Gujrathi went for the middle game which gave an easy equality to Faustino. The Indian did try to find some flaws in black's position but decided against any undue risk and repeated the position three times.

The game lasted 28 moves. In the return game under Classical time format, Gujrathi will play with the black pieces on Wednesday and if the deadlock continues, the players will play games under shorter duration to determine the winner.

This is Gujrathi's last attempt to find a place in the Candidates tournament of 2026 for

Dilip Tirkey Invitational

Divesh & Umed joint lead after Round 1

AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Nov 4: The Haryana duo of Divesh Rana and Umed Kumar fired scores of five-under 67 to take the joint lead in round one of the PGTI NEXGEN's Dilip Tirkey Invitational 2025, being played at the Bhubaneswar Golf Club.

Saurav Rathi and Bipin Mukhiya were placed two shots behind the joint leaders in tied third place at PGTI's first-ever event being played in the state of Odisha.

Pradeep Bhagat was the highest-placed among the local professionals at the INR 20 lakh event after he shot a 77 to be tied 37th in the 58-man field.

The 27-year-old Divesh Rana, who hails from Faridabad, collected four birdies on the first 10 holes as he landed a couple of shots within two feet of the flag. After dropping a bogey on the 13th, the strongly-built Divesh regained his touch with a brilliant tee shot on the Par-4 15th that stopped just half a foot from the pin, resulting in an eagle for him.

Divesh said, "It was a great experience playing here at the Bhubaneswar Golf Club for the first time. The greens at this course are in top shape. Importantly, I was very consistent off the tees, which helped me negotiate the narrow fairways well."

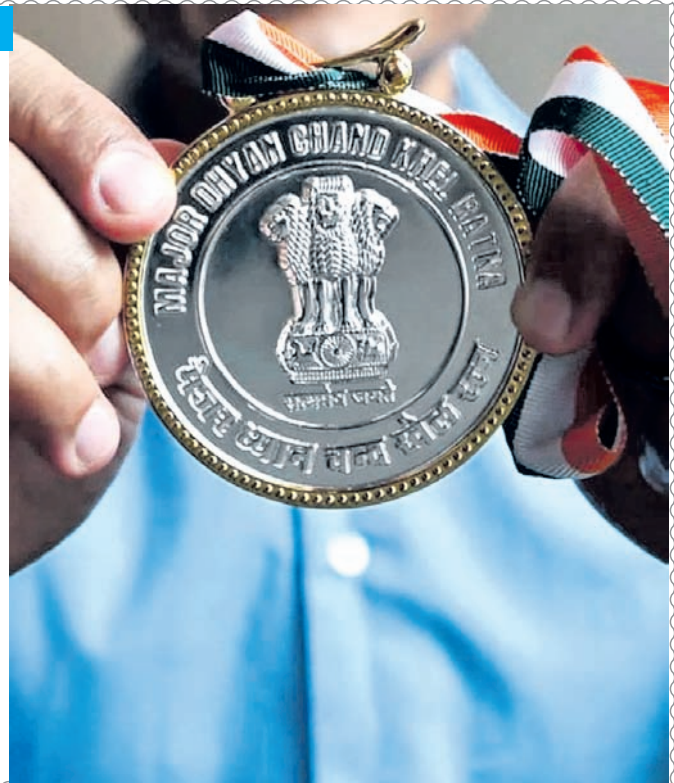
Umed Kumar of Chandimandir, a winner on the NEXGEN this year and currently placed second in the Order of Merit, also carded a 67 featuring six birdies and a bogey to join Divesh at the top. The 24-year-old Umed said, "I made most of the fairways today, and my approach shots were excellent. That set up a good score for me. This course is a lot like my home course in Chandimandir, so I'm quite comfortable playing here."



which the top three from here would qualify.

INDIAN RESULTS ROUND 2 GAME 1

D Gukesh Nogerbek Kazybek (Kaz); Martin Petrov (Bul) Arjun Erigaisi; R Praggnanandhaa Temur Kuybokarov (Aus); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) beat Surya Shekhar Ganguly; Diptayan Ghosh Ian Nepomniachtchi (Fid); Levon Aronian (Usa) beat Aronyak Ghosh; Vidit Santosh Gujrathi drew with Oro Faustino (Arg); Karthik Venkataraman Aravindh Chithambaram; Kourkoulos-Arditis Stamatis (Gre) Nihal Sarin; Nesterov Arseniy (Fid) P Harikrishna; Nguyen Thai Dai Van (Cze) Pa Niyan; Idani Pouya (Iri) Murali Karthikeyan; S L Narayanan drew with Nikita Vitiugov (Eng); Dmitriy Kollars (Ger) M Pranesh; Aryan Tari (Nor) V Pranav; Robert Hovhannisyan (Arm) Raunak Sadhwani.



MAJOR DHYAN CHAND KHEL RATNA AWARD

Frame criteria to consider hearing impaired sportspersons: HC to Centre

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New Delhi, Nov 4: The Delhi High Court has directed the Centre to expeditiously frame appropriate criteria for conferring the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2025 on hearing impaired sportspersons, noting that the existing criteria discriminates against them vis-a-vis para sportspersons.

The high court said the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 leaves no scope of discrimination between persons having hearing impairment vis-a-vis those

having physical or locomotor disability.

However, in the context of the 'Scheme of Cash Awards for Medal Winners' in international sports events, lack of opportunity for deaf sportspersons has the impact of creating a discriminatory regime, it said.

Justice Sachin Datta, in an order passed Monday, said the criteria be framed expeditiously to enable the deaf sportspersons to submit applications for the purpose of award, and directed that the deadline, which was October 28, for submission of applications be extended suitably.

The court was hearing a plea by Virender Singh, internationally renowned hearing impaired wrestler, multi-time Deaflympics gold medalist and an Arjuna Awardee, along with another deaf sportsperson.

The petitioners, represented by advocate Ajay Verma, challenged exclusion of deaf athletes from key government sports schemes and alleged discriminatory treatment vis-a-vis para-athletes and sought parity between deaf and para-athletes.

It was stated that while framing the criteria for conferring the Major Dhyan Chand Khel

Ratna Award 2025, no dispensation is created for hearing impaired sportspersons.

After going through the criteria, the court observed that there is no scope for hearing impaired sportspersons to even apply or be considered for conferment of the award, making it discriminatory against deaf sportspersons vis-a-vis para sportspersons.

"In the above conspectus, there is merit in the contentions of the petitioner/ applicant that the aforesaid criteria discriminate against deaf sportspersons vis-a-vis para sportspersons," it said.